



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Obligation has been dispensed in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux until further notice.

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM | in church | live-streamed | In-car mass and communion for at risk parishioners Sunday 8:00 AM | in church

Sunday 10:30 AM | in church | live-streamed | In-car mass and communion for at risk parishioners

Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | 5:30 PM

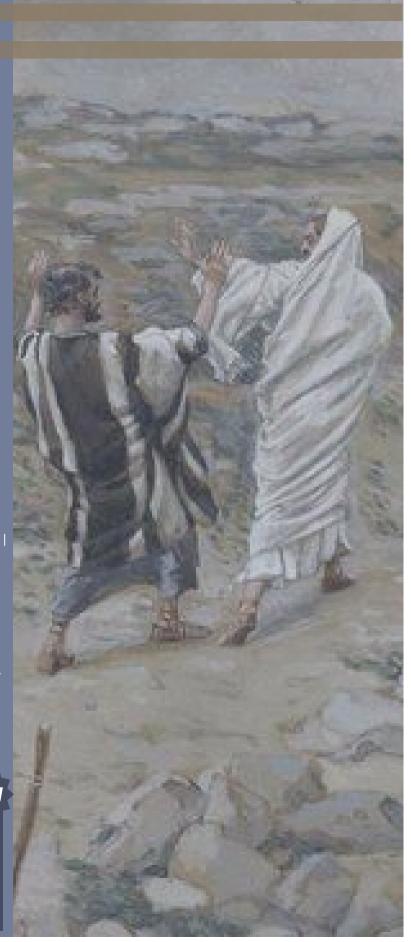
CONFESSION: St. Jude Chapel prior to all masses

ADORATION | Tuesday 6:00 AM - 5:00 PM

ST. ROSALIE CHAPEL (Stephensville) Saturday 4:00 Mass resumes September 5







READING 1 JEREMIAH 20:7-9

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me. Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day. I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

RÉSPONSORIAL PSALM 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my

flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, For your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

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ANTIPHONS in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O, come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON: The angel of the Lord will encamp around those who fear him, and he will rescue them: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, says the lord.

READING 2 ROMANS 12:1-2

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

ALLELUIA

MATTHEW 11:29AB

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 16:21-27

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."







SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Hand sanitizer is available. You may also bring your own sanitizers. Please clean your area before and after mass.
- Please receive Communion on your hand, holding it out flatly so that the priest can distribute without contact.
- There will be no offertory procession. Place your offerings in the designated baskets as you arrive or depart Mass. As always, you may set up recurring payments on our website holycrossmc.org or use PayPal or Venmo @holycrossmc to support the church.
- We respectfully ask that there be no congregating in church after Mass. Please depart immediately after Mass is concluded.

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have **greatly** sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, **through my fault**, **through my fault**, **through my most grievous fault**; **therefore** I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you. People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Mystery of Faith

A - We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

B - When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, **O Lord**, until you come again.

C - **Save us, Savior of the world, for** by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.

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VOCATIONS

TO THE PRIESTHOOD & CONSECRATED LIFE

Good and gracious God,

You call all your children to a life of holiness and to faithfully follow you.

You continue to provide for the needs of the faithful by calling men and women by name to lead your Church.

Bless our parish, Holy Cross, and the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as priests and in consecrated life.

Inspire us to know you better and to hear your call.

We ask all of this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Beauty: Claritas

The final characteristic of something that we would categorize as beautiful is claritas. Claritas is somewhat dependent on integritas and consonantia because in order for something to reveal itself completely, it must be whole and proportional. Claritas is "the radiant clarity of the reality of a thing" according to McNamara. Perhaps it is easiest to think of claritas in action: if I can drive by a church and say to myself "that looks like a church;" or if I can walk into a chapel mid-Mass, encountering the "smells and bells" of the Mass, and say "this is worship," then those things have accomplished what they were meant to accomplish, and thus have claritas. According to St. Thomas Aguinas, when a thing expresses two of the three of these characteristics of Beauty, it can be categorized as pleasant. In order for it to be categorized as fully beautiful, it must express all three. While we can certainly like things that may not express all three of these criteria, this shows us that Beauty is not something that is subjective. Objectively, Beauty shows forth Truth. Thus, theologically, we know what Beauty must do: it must raise our eyes to God with all that it is. Beauty is not something ephemeral, or something simply to be relished (or coveted) for a short amount of time. Beauty itself is slightly alien to us, and should be something that helps us to realize that there is a vastness of wonder behind the door of "Beauty" that we cannot fully comprehend on our own. Beauty is that which points us to what Jesus Christ himself said about who he is: "there is something greater here".



"Since we have the ability to perceive earthly things, the question settles not so much on knowing of their existence, but on the degree to which they convey the deepest sense of what they are and are meant to be. In this way, claritas depends on integritas and consonantia, since a thing without all of its parts doesn't manifest its essence as well as one that has them."

-Dr. Denis McNamara, Catholic Church Architecture and the Spirit of the Liturgy

Reflection

- Now knowing the three characteristics of Beauty: which parts of the Mass can I now more fully understand the Beauty of?
- Is the Mass that we celebrate at my parish beautiful in every way?
- Is my participation in the Mass beautiful?

Jennifer Ely and Brice Higginbotham, Liturgia, (Unpublished).



You have received the seal of the Holy Spirit, which marks your total belonging to Christ. You are now authentic, consecrated soldiers who are sealed with God himself.





MAEGAN MARTIN

DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION

CUERO, TX

- Favorite thing about Louisiana: the INCREDIBLE hospitality
- Favorite saint: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
 she is a woman of strong convictions + she
 preaches the truth about femininity
- Bucket list item: a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome
- Favotite holiday: Easter SO MUCH JOY!!!
- Favorite hymn: Salve Regina I love love love Latin!
- Favorite Christmas movie: ELF
- Pizza Topping(s): pepperoni + bacon
- Favorite type of foreign food: Mexican
- Favorite quote: "Let them have coffee before meditation." Venerable Fulton Sheen
- Farthest you have been away from home: Passau, Germany
- Last concert you attended: Judah and the Lion
- If you could invite three people (dead or alive) to a dinner party, who would they be? Lin-Manuel Miranda, Venerable Fulton Sheen and Servant of God Dorothy Day
- What do you think heaven is like? a very aesthetic dinner party with mounds of coffee

MARY GUIDRY

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

MORGAN CITY, LA



- Early Bird or Night Owl: Get up early
- Favorite thing about Louisiana: the cuisine
- Favorite saint: St. Anthony

 The saint of lost things. Also his undying love and devotion to the poor and the sick.
- Bucket List: Visit Italy
- Favorite hymn: Ave Maria
- Favorite Christmas Movie: Home Alone
- Pizza Topping(s): Supreme all toppings
- Favorite type of foreign food: Mexican
- Favorite quote: "The best & most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched-they must be felt with the heart."

 -Helen Keller
- Farthest you've been from home: Christ Church, New Zealand
- Favorite music: Music from the seventies and eighties
- Last concert you attended: Paul McCartney
- Favorite team sport: basketball
- How do you feel about roller-coasters?
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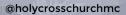
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MASS INTENTIONS

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St. Rosalie: Howard Thibodaux, Rosemary Cutrera, Jerry Acosta, Sr.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, Mike, Jonathan, Rudy & John Percle, Alfred/Percle Families & Judy Aucoin, Donald & Leona Smith, Smith & Wilma Alpha, Hal Thomas, Max Griffin, Gracie Andrews, Murray & Margie St. Romain, Rodney St. Romain, Pat St. Romain, Blume Roy & Thelma Roy Brassette, David Family, Willie & Julie Bradberry, Justin Trimm, Jude Hebert, Ronnie Trimm, Carolyn Barbier, Mary Besse, Marie Mae Swiber, Edward Patterson, Jr., Archer Hayes Askew, Tyler Black, Blake James Melancon, Logan, Sr., Irene & Gwen Fromenthal, Norbert & Elise Templet, Carlo Gagliano, Sr.

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc,

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Holy Cross Parish, Norman H. Breaux, Sr. Family living and deceased, Governale & Resignola Families, Violet & Haidee Hebert, Bena Arnie, Carlo Gagliano, David Robicheaux, Marie Swiber, Edward Patterson, Jr., Archer Hayes Askew, Jason Anthony Belanger, Neville Hebert, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, Henry Swiber, Sr., Marie Swiber, Archer Hayes Askew, Angelo Michael Junius, Betty & Merlin Broussard, Jr.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Shonet Vedros, Nelda Comeaux, Antoinette Spinella, Bernie Hunter, Jerry Acosta, Jr., Aline Bertrand, Lois & Lester Fryon, Dot Myers, Calvin Blanco, Irma Blanco, Betty Boudreaux, Todd Watson, Jr., Orelia Degraffenaried, Delannie Howard, Ruby Beadle, Leslie LaBatut, Diana Greenwood, Roger Liner, Ray LaHoste, Ethan Marcel, Richey Garrett, Becky Gaudin, Steve Johnson, Jay Morell, Evelyn B. Willis, Caroline Noble, Michael McAdams, Sr., Lawrence Pennison, Edward Cedotal, Chantel Cortez, Rick Cuvillier, Betty Guidry, Red Cuvillier, Emmett Matassa, Yvonne Verret, Nikki Fromenthal, John Thompson, Evelyn B. Willis, Ferris & Margaret Romaire, Heidi Darby, Elaine Gussman, Ronald & Debbie Leonard, Chasitiy Stansbury, Dawn Costa, Mable Lester, Irene Mouton, Chelesa All, Sandra Fromenthal Cox, Patrick Falgout, Noah Fruge, James Anslum, Mary Ellen Stegall, Pearl Haase, Nettie Acosta, Miko Katsura, and anyone affected by Covid-19.

PARISH NEWS





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September 23 | Wednesday | 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 30 | WEDNESDAY | 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

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