DECEMBER 13, 2020





MASS SCHEDULE

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

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM | in church | livestreamed | In-car mass and communion Sunday 8:00 AM | in church Sunday 10:30 AM | in church | live-streamed | In-car mass and communion Sunday 5:30 PM | in church

Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | 5:30 PM Friday | 12:10 during Advent

CONFESSION: In St. Jude Chapel prior to all weekday and weekend masses

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

ST. ROSALIE CHAPEL (Stephensville) Saturday 4:00 PM Confession prior to mass.



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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

READING 1 ISAIAH 61:1-2A, 10-11 The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God. I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

RESPONSORIAL LUKE 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed:

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

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WEAR A MASK

SOCIAL DISTANCING NO PHYSICAL CONTACT

• 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. You may set up recurring payments on our website holycrossmc.org or use PayPal or Venmo @holycrossmc to support the church.

• We ask that there be no congregating in church after Mass.

READING 2

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil. May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.



CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near

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.

Kyrie

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Ky`rie ele`ison, Ky`rie ele`ison You came to call sinners: Christe ele`ison, Christe ele`ison

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Ky`rie ele`ison, Ky`rie ele`ison

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.

Offertory Antiphon

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

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'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

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

Lamb of God

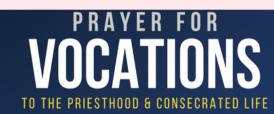
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, misere`re nobis

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, misere`re nobis

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, dona nobis pacem.

Communion Antiphon

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.



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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIPS AND SAFETY PROTOCOL

- Come early and enter through front door of church building.
- Wear a mask.
- Enter through designated doors of communion aisles only.
- Some pews will be reserved for families of 4-6 and some for families of 6 or more. See ushers for safe seating.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

Donations for floral decorations for Christmas in memory of your loved ones are being accepted. Envelopes may be found in the church foyer. Place in collection baskets at mass or bring to church office during weekday office hours. Memorials received by December 11 will be posted in the December 20 Bulletin.

2021 MASS BOOK

The Mass Book for 2021 is now open. Please list all names and mass dates of those you wish to remember at masses throughout the year. Mail requests to the church office, place them in the collection basket at mass marked Mass Intentions, or bring to office during weekday office hours.

IN-HOME COMMUNION

If you or someone you know needs to receive in-home communion, please call the office (985-384-3551) to be placed on the Homebound Communion List.

BOOK SIGNING AND SPECIAL SALE

Father Brice will hold a Book Signing January 3 after 10:30 Mass. For your convenience, you can preorder his book, Daily Lessons From the Saints, for a special price of \$15 each. 100% of proceeds benefit Holy Cross.



Preorders may be picked up and paid for after 10:30 Mass on January 3. Preorder using QR code or sign-up in the church fover by December 21.



PARISH NEWS

ADVENT SCHEDULE





ADVENT 2020

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 16 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Holy Cross Church



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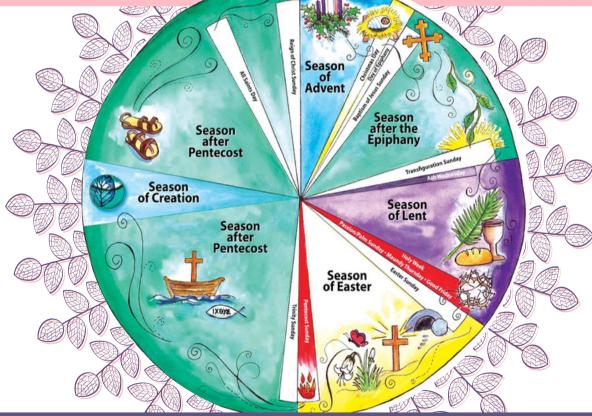
LITURGICAL SEASONS PART I

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The great acts by which we have been redeemed merit special celebration and special preparation. Therefore as in the natural order, there are Summer and Fall and Winter and Spring; so too in the supernatural order, there are Advent and Christmas and Lent and Easter and Ordinary Time -- and also the Sacred Paschal Triduum. We human beings cannot think of all things at all times; we are too small for that. Instead, the liturgical seasons focus us on particular aspects of the mystery of the God who loves us.

"THE PASCHAL MYSTERY'S
CELEBRATION IS OF SUPREME
IMPORTANCE IN CHRISTIAN
WORSHIP, AS WE ARE CLEARLY
TAUGHT BY THE SACRED SECOND
VATICAN COUNCIL,
AND ITS MEANING IS UNFOLDED
OVER THE COURSE OF DAYS,
WEEKS, AND THE WHOLE YEAR."

POPE SAINT PAUL VI, APOSTOLIC LETTER GIVEN MOTU PROPRIO ON THE UNIVERSAL NORMS ON THE LITURGICAL YEAR AND THE GENERAL ROMAN CALENDAR



REFLECTION

Do I sometimes try to do everything at once? Where am I limited? How I might find freedom in embracing the natural rhythm of life, the rhythm into which God has placed me as a gift?

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



AUSTIN AUCOIN

FINANCE COUNCIL

MORGAN CITY, LA

- Favorite thing about Louisiana: Offshore fishing
- Early Bird or Night Owl? I like to stay up late.
- Strongest sense? Sight
- Favorite saint: Saint Anthony is my favorite saint. From a young age, I can remember praying to him to help me find things I lost or misplaced.
- A bucket list item: African safari
- Favorite type of music: Hip Hop
- Favorite holiday: Christmas because everyone is in good spirits.
- Favorite hymn: I'm Trading My Sorrows
- Favorite Christmas movie: Home Alone
- Favorite pizza topping: Supreme!
- Favorite quote: "The harder you work; the luckier you get."
- Farthest you've been from home: Shanghai, China
- Favorite team sport: Football
- Favorite foreign food: Greek & Lebanese
- Last concert: DJ Khaled
- Advice you would give your 18 year old self: Learn how to tie a tie!
- Invite three people (dead or alive) to a dinner party: Jesus, Mary, and my grandmother Francis who passed away before I was born.
- What do you think heaven is like? Constant happiness without worries or fears.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Hours | Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM *closed 12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM

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FINANCE COUNCIL

MANY, LA

- Early Bird or Night Owl? Get up early
- Favorite thing about Louisiana: Southern Hospitality
- Strongest sense? Touch
- Favorite saint: St. John
- A bucket list item: To retire
- Favorite type of music: 50's music
- Favorite holiday: Christmas because of the family excitement.
- Favorite hymn: Amazing Grace
- Favorite Christmas movie: It's a Wonderful Life
- Favorite pizza topping: Pepperoni
- Favorite quote: To err is human. To forgive is divine.
- Farthest you've been from home: California
- Star Wars or Star Trek: Star Wars
- Favorite team sport: Football
- Roller coasters? They are okay.
- Last concert: Faith Hill and Tim McGraw
- Advice you would give your 18 year old self: Get the best education possible.
- Invite three people (dead or alive) to a dinner party: Thomas Jefferson, Ronald Reagan, and Donald Trump
- What do you think heaven is like? Heavenly

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Central Catholic Elementary 985-384-1933 Amanda Talbot | Principal

Central Catholic High School 985-385-5372 Peter Boudreaux | Principal

ST. ROSALIE CHAPEL Stephensville | 985-384-3551

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Performed 3rd Sunday of each month. *Matrimony:* Couples must register on our website and make arrangements at least 6 months prior to marriage.



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

Patience LaFleur Bryant, Michael S. LaFleur, Rowena LaFleur, Harold Smith, George Williams Family, M/M Curtis Verret, Jason Hotard, Zack Turner, Sherry Williams, Joe Young, Rock Guarisco, Sr., Claudia Dugas, Logan Sr., Irene & Gwen Fromenthal, Norbert & Elise Templet, Marie & Paul Vella

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

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, Rudy Mendoza

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, Edward Patterson, Jr.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Holy Cross Parish, Norman H. Breaux, Sr. Family living and deceased, Governale & Resignola Families, David Robicheaux, Ellis Braus Sr., Fr. Clyde Mahler, Aline Adams, John Ritchie, Trey Smith, Dot Myers, Joseph & Esther Birdsall Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, Danny Peterson, Leonard & Darby Families

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Nelda Comeaux, Antoinette Spinella, Bernie Hunter, Jerry Acosta, Jr., Aline Bertrand, Lois & Lester Fryon, 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, Nikki Fromenthal, John Thompson, Evelyn B. Willis, Ferris & Margaret Romaire, Heidi Darby, Ronald & Debbie Leonard, Chasitiy Stansbury, Dawn Costa, Mable Lester, Chelesa All, Sandra Fromenthal Cox, Patrick Falgout, Noah Fruge, James Anslum, Pearl Haase, Nettie Acosta, Miko Katsura, Brian Melancon, Sandi Guarisco, Neldra & Larry Giroir, Ashlee Jimenez, Regina Noble, Steven Insler, Jim Mestepey, Madison Anne Wagner, Gary Mouillet, Sr., Stephanie Smith, Brian Guidry, Gary Vining, Elizabeth Smith, and anyone affected by Covid-19.

MASS VOLUNTEERS

WEEKEND OF: DECEMBER 12-13

SATURDAY 5:30 PM Lector: Linda Arceneaux **Bulletins: James Hale** Ushers: James Hale Sanitizer: Diane Irwin SUNDAY 8:00 AM Lector: Sophia Saleme **Bulletins: Jay Prestenbach** Ushers: Jay Prestenbach Sanitizer: Jennifer Young SUNDAY 10:30 AM Lector: Claire Guarisco Bulletins: Shelley Morrell, Maria Barbier Ushers: Randy Aulds Sanitizer: Shelley Morrell SUNDAY 5:30 PM Lector: Catherine Nini Bulletins: Lee Anne Landry Ushers: John Dubois Sanitizer: Christine Myers

WEEKEND OF: DECEMBER 19-20

SATURDAY 5:30 PM Lector: Lisa Thibodeaux **Bulletins: Melina Michel** Ushers: Keith Thibodeaux Sanitizer: Keith Thibodeaux SUNDAY 8:00 AM Lector: Kendra Thomas **Bulletins: Kendra Thomas** Ushers: Ray Prestenbach Sanitizer: Ray Prestenbach SUNDAY 10:30 AM Lector: John Russo **Bulletins: Judy Russo** Ushers: Randy Aulds, David Irwin Sanitizer: Lynette Aulds SUNDAY 5:30 PM Lector: Kellye Jo Patterson Bulletins: Selena Shannon Ushers: Kenny Duval Sanitizer: Selena Shannon

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