

READING 1 GENESIS 15:1-6; 21:1-3

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saving: "Fear not, Abram! I am your shield; I will make your reward very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what good will your gifts be, if I keep on being childless and have as my heir the steward of my house. Eliezer?" Abram continued, "See, you have given me no offspring, and so one of my servants will be my heir." Then the word of the LORD came to him: "No, that one shall not be your heir; your own issue shall be your heir." The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness. The LORD took note of Sarah as he had said he would; he did for her as he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time that God had stated. Abraham gave the name Isaac to this son of his whom Sarah bore him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 105: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name; make known among the nations his deeds. Sing to him, sing his praise ,proclaim all his wondrous deeds. **R.** Glory in his holy name; rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD! Look to the LORD in his strength; constantly seek his face. **R.**

You descendants of Abraham, his servants, sons of Jacob, his chosen ones! He, the LORD, is our God; throughout the earth his judgments prevail. **R.** He remembers forever his covenant which he made binding for a thousand generations which he entered into with Abraham and by his oath to Isaac. **R.**

READING 2 HEBREWS 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Brothers and sisters: By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age--and Sarah herself was sterile--for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore. By faith

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READING 2 CONTINUED...

Abraham when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name." He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

GOSPEL LUKE 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant goin peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted —and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Entrance Antiphon

A child is born, and a son is given to us.

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.

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Offertory Antiphon

Yours are the heavens, and yours is the earth. You have founded the world and its fullness; justice and judgement are the foundation of your throne.

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

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

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (Repeat)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Communion Antiphon

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

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.

YOUTH FORMATION RETURN DATES

Youth Formation sessions will begin again in January as follows:

Elementary | January 13 | 5:30-6:30 PM Junior High | January 10 | 4:00-6:30 PM High School | January 9 | 9:00 AM-4:00 PM **High School students have a Saturday** retreat 1-9-21 to begin the second semester.

PARISH NEWS

2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Please contact the office for a copy of your contribution statements for 2020. 985-384-3551 holycrosschurch@htdiocese.org



OPPORTUNITY FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Married couples can benefit from a FREE online program Be Light: Year of Belonging by Witness to Love. The goal is to draw married couples closer together in Christ while being transformed into family missionary disciples. It highlights 12 Witness Couples from around the country exploring various topics that unpack the Sacrament of Matrimony. Find out more and register at https://witnesstolove.org/belight







- 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.

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.

IN-HOME COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND

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.

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.

2021 Pray for Sick List

Our Pray for the Sick list will begin again in January. Please call the office (985-3551) or reply to the weekly email to remain on the list.





PROGRESSIVE SOLEMNITY

The idea of "progressive solemnity" when it comes to liturgical music is rather new. Simply, this states that, on particularly high holy days, we increase the amount of singing during the Mass. While singing is desirable in every celebration of the Mass, for reasons enumerated previously, adding to this customary amount of song serves to increase our understanding that, on this particular day, we feast: by celebrations with food and drink, and by celebrations of song and praise. Adding special distinction to these high holy days elevates and focuses our minds all the more on that great Feast, the Heavenly Banquet, which is to come.



"AND THEY SING THE SONG OF MOSES,
THE SERVANT OF GOD, AND THE SONG OF
THE LAMB, SAYING, "GREAT AND
WONDERFUL ARE THY DEEDS, O LORD
GOD THE ALMIGHTY! JUST AND TRUE ARE
THY WAYS, O KING OF THE AGES!"

- REVELATION 15:3

REFLECTION

- How focused am I when I sing at Mass?
- What is my focus; is it heaven?
- Do I sing for joy at the thought of being with Christ for eternity?

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

Holy Cross

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St. Rosalie

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- Favorite thing about Louisiana: Our beautiful history
- Favorite saint: St. Benedict because I love the motto -"Work and Pray."
- A bucket list item: To visit the Grand Canyon.
- Favorite type of music: All types of good and healthy
- Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving because you don't have to buy gifts.
- Bing Crosby
- what you want to be.

- Favorite book: The Holy Bible, The Clowns of God, 33 Days to Morning Glory.
- Advice you would give your 18 year old self: Just be
- Invite three people (dead or alive) to a dinner party: St. Benedict, St. Padre Pio, and St. Joseph would give

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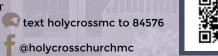
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SACRAMENTS

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 26

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, Mr. & Mrs. Oswald Verret, Virgie Watkins, Vivian & Ferris Romaire, Sr., Cathy Ballay, Marie & Paul Vella, Helen & Bill Sheffield, Dickie & Elizabeth Colgin Family living and deceased, esp. Dickie & Kristi Colgin

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

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, Rudolph Mendoza, Tim Gilmore, Blake James Melancon, Dickie & Elizabeth Colgin Family living and deceased, esp. Dickie & Kristi Colgin

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, Jessie Voisin, Dickie & Elizabeth Colgin Family living and deceased, esp. Dickie & Kristi Colgin

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

Holy Cross Parish, Norman H. Breaux, Sr. Family living and deceased, Governale & Resignola Families, David Robicheaux, Ashton & Allie Adams, Joseph & Esther Birdsall & Family, Wendel Henry Family, Dickie & Elizabeth Colgin Family living and deceased, esp. Dickie & Kristi Colgin

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, Catherine Brown, Edward Patterson, Jr., Nora Romano, Dickie & Elizabeth Colgin Family living and deceased, esp. Dickie & Kristi Colgin

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, Kevin Voisin, and anyone affected by Covid-19.

MASS VOLUNTEERS

WEEKEND OF: DECEMBER 26-27

SATURDAY 5:30 PM Lector: Andrea Ziegenbusch

Bulletins: Andrea Ziegenbusch

Ushers: James Hale Sanitizer: Diane Irwin

SUNDAY 8:00 AM Lector: Marie Minton

Bulletins: Marie Minton

Ushers: Jay Prestenbach, Thaddeus Marcell

Sanitizer: Jennifer Young

SUNDAY 10:30 AM Lector: Stacey Landry Bulletins: Lynette Aulds, Maria Barbier Ushers: Randy Aulds, David Irwin

Sanitizer: Randy Aulds

SUNDAY 5:30 PM Lector: Bill Bourgeois

Bulletins: Mary Domangue

Ushers: John Dubois Sanitizer: John Dubois

WEEKEND OF: JANUARY 2-3 SATURDAY 5:30PM Lector: Linda Arceneaux

Bulletins: James Hale Ushers: James Hale Sanitizer: Jolene Holt

SUNDAY 8:00 AM Lector: Tony Saleme

Bulletins: Ray Prestenbach Ushers: Thaddeus Marcell Sanitizer: Ray Presetenbach

SUNDAY 10:30 AM Lector: Claire Guarisco

Bulletins: Lynette Aulds

Ushers: Randy Aulds, David Irwin Sanitizer: Peggy Lafleur, Randy Aulds SUNDAY 5:30 PM Lector: Colleen Hunter

Bulletins: Colleen Hunter Ushers: John Dubois Sanitizer: John Dubois



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