





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.





READING 1 ISAIAH 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14 R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land. **R.**

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven. **R.**

The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps. **R.**

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• 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 2 PETER 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

GOSPEL MARK 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."



Entrance Antiphon

O people of Zion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations.

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.

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.



PARISH NEWS

HOLY CROSS ENCOUNTER NIGHT THE LIGHT IS ON!

Wednesday, December 16 | 6:00-8:00 PM | Yvonne Anne Adams Life Center Join us for a night of prayer and reflection with Adoration and Confession.

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.



CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

Donations for floral decorations for Christmas in memory of your loved ones are now 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.

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.

Surviving The Holidays December 7 6:00-8:00 PM Yvonne Anne Adams Life Center

The holidays can be extremely difficult when you are grieving the loss of a loved one. There is help and hope in surviving the Christmas season. Holy Cross offers a two hour seminar to help you learn...

- how to deal with the many emotions you will face during the holidays
- what to do about traditions and other obvious changes
- helpful tips for surviving the holidays and how to discover hope for you future

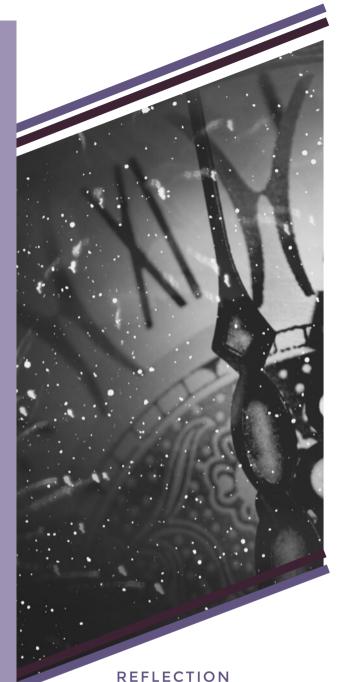
Please consider attending to start your healing. You are not alone; let your church help you. Safety protocols will be in place for the seminar.

TIME

In the beginning, when God brought forth time and space out of nothing, "the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and made it holy" (Exodus 5:8, RSV-2CE, adapted). From the very rhythm of the times of the human life. We rise to Spring and back to Summer. We enter into the wisdom of structure of the world as we live the rhythm of time. Not only that, but time marks for us the most important events of life. We reunions and the like. And, deeper, we celebrate our Savior born for us on December 25. We remember our God who died for us on that Friday which we call good and who rose victorious over death on Sunday, the third day. Each Christmas we give gifts in commemoration of His birth. Each Sunday, we rest from our work, offer Him our Thankful praise at Mass, and feast with those whom we love. And each Friday we do penance in remembrance of His passion, penance in reparation for our sins and in intercession for our neighbors. We have been May we embrace it, being lead each Sunday into

"AS THE WEEKLY 'SOLEMNITY'... SUNDAY WILL CONTINUE TO SHAPE THE TIME OF THE CHURCH'S PILGRIMAGE, UNTIL THAT SUNDAY WHICH WILL KNOW NO EVENING."

POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II, DIES DOMINI, §87



- How is my relationship to the rhythm of times and seasons?
- Do I embrace it, or do I fight against it?
- Are my Sundays filled with rest and joy?
- Are my Fridays accompanied by penance and intercessions?
- Do I work diligently on the other days of the week so that I have the time to rest and rejoice on Sunday?



KELLYE JO PATTERSON

BEREAVMENT

MORGAN CITY, LA

- How do you serve Holy Cross Parish? Youth Formation High School Leader, Bereavement Ministry, Memorial Mass, Funerals, and Lector
- Favorite thing about Louisiana: Friendliness
- Strongest sense? Taste
- Favorite saint: St. Teresa because she cared so much for every human being.
- Favorite holiday: Christmas because families always come together.
- Favorite hymn: Indescribable by Chris Tomlin (and many more!!)
- Favorite Christmas movie: Rudolph
- Favorite pizza topping: Buffalo Chicken and blue
- Favorite quote: "To thine own self be true."
- Farthest you've been from home: Victoria, British Columbia, Canada
- Favorite team sport: Baseball
- Rollercoasters? I hate them.
- Advice you would give your 18 year old self: Live and love each day to the fullest.
- Invite three people (dead or alive) to a dinner party: My dad (deceased), my mom, and a journalist to document everything.
- What do you think heaven is like? Indescribable!

LISA **THIBODEAUX**

COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA

GRETNA. LA



- How do you serve Holy Cross? Communications and Media, Marriage Preparation Coordinator, Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- Favorite thing about Louisiana: the entire culture the people, the food, and the festivals!
- Favorite saint: St. Teresa of Avila. I chose her for confirmation and visited her shrine in Spain. She is also the patron saint of sick people.
- Bucket list: One item left ride in a hot air balloon.
- Favorite holiday: Easter because Jesus has risen, it's Spring so everything is fresh, and it doesn't have the stress of many other holidays.
- Favorite hymn: Amazing Grace & On Eagles Wings
- Favorite Christmas movie: White Christmas
- Favorite pizza topping: Pineapple and Ham
- Favorite quote: "To love another person is to see the face of God" from Les Miserables
- Farthest you've been from home: Greece
- Favorite team sport: FOOTBALL! I married a football coach!
- Favorite book: Alive by Piers Paul Read, a true story of survival about a Rugby team lost in the Andes.
- Advice you would give your 18 year old self: Never ever settle! Believe in true love.
- Invite three people (dead or alive) to a dinner party: Mary Magdalene, George W. Bush, and my dad.
- What do you think heaven is like? Complete peace and true happiness with my loved ones and animals.

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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 5

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, Anne Provost, Lee J. Guarisco, Catherine Brown, Paul Dugas, Dot Myers St. Rosalie: Howard Thibodaux, Rosemary Cutrera, Jerry Acosta, Sr., Marie & Paul Vella

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

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, Edward Patterson, Jr., Rudolph Mendoza, Red Arceneaux, Roland J. Barras, R. L. & Edith LeBlanc, Barbara Greer, Blake James Melancon, John B. & Tracie Hover Family, Dot Myers

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, Trey Smith, Dot Smith, Frank Guarisco, Danny Peterson

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

Holy Cross Parish, Norman H. Breaux, Sr. Family living and deceased, Governale & Resignola Families, David Robicheaux, Betty & Merlin Broussard, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, David Swiber, Edward Patterson, Ir

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, and anyone affected by Covid-19.

MASS VOLUNTEERS

WEEKEND OF: DECEMBER 5-6

SATURDAY 5:30 PM Lector: Linda Arceneaux

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

SUNDAY 8:00 AM Lector: Lori Jo Case

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

SUNDAY 10:30 AM Lector: Claire Guarisco

Bulletins: Lynette Aulds

Ushers: Randy Aulds, David Irwin

Sanitizer: Peggy LaFleur

SUNDAY 5:30 PM Lector: Kellye Jo Patterson

Bulletins: Selena Shannon Ushers: Kenny Duval Sanitizer: Katie Fryou

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: Carrie Stansbury

Bulletins: Shelley Morrell, Maria Barbier

Ushers: Randy Aulds Sanitizer: Shelley Morrell

SUNDAY 5:30 PM Lector: Catherine Nini

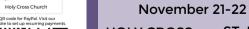
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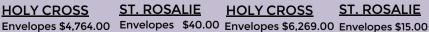
Bulletins: Lee Anne Landry Ushers: John Dubois

Sanitizer: Christine Myers

November 28-29

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