FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT





LENT 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 | Incar 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 Sunday 5:30 PM | in church

Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Friday 5:30 PM Thursday 12:10 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS | FRIDAY 6:00 PM

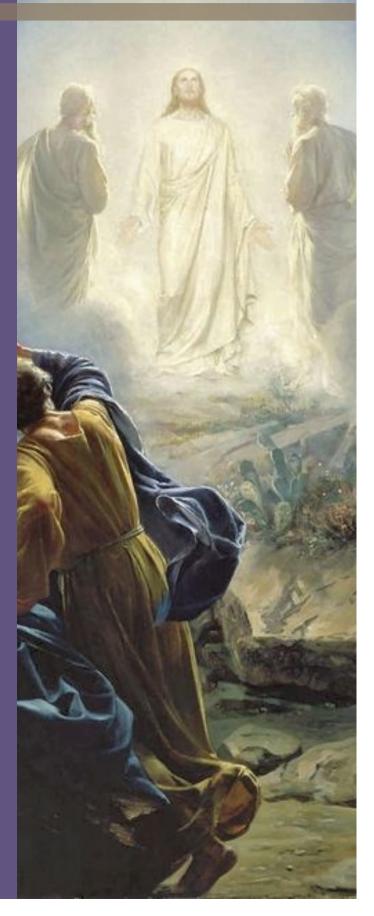
CONFESSION: St. Jude Chapel prior to all masses

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

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







READING I GENESIS 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you." When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son. Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing—all this because you obeyed my command."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

I believed, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted." Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your handmaid; you have loosed my bonds. To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people, In the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Ierusalem.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

READING II

ROMANS 8:31B-34

Brothers and sisters:

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised— who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

GOSPEL MARK 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.



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 • We respectfully ask that there be no congregating within the church.

Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. Hide not your face from me.

Kyrie

Kýrie, eléison, Kýrie, eléison Christe eléison, Christe eléison Kýrie, eléison, Kýrie, eléison

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

Praise the Lord, for he is good. Sing a psalm to his name, for he is delightful. The Lord does whatever he wills, in heaven and on earth.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dóminus Deus Sábaoth. Pleni sunt cæli et terra glória tua. Hosánna in excélsis. Benedíctus qui venit in nómine Dómini. Hosánna in excélsis.

The Mystery of Faith

Mortem tuam anuntiamus Domine, et tuam resurrectionem confetemur, donec venias.

Lamb of God

Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccáta mundi: miserére nobis, Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccáta mundi: miserére nobis, Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccáta mundi: dona nobis pacem

Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.



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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

OPERATION LENT

Help Holy Cross Parish supply St. Mary Outreach with needed items this Lent! Please place suggested items in the baskets at church entrances. Thank you!

- First Week of Lent February 20-21: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste
- <u>Second Week of Lent February 27-28:</u> Shampoos, Conditioners, Deodorants, Lotions
- Third Week of Lent March 6-7: Underwear and socks (men, women children)
- Fourth Week of Lent March 13-14: Soups and Canned Meats
- <u>Fifth Week of Lent March 20-21:</u> Children's pajamas

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

- 1. Thursdays 9:30 AM in Life Center: This will be an in person Bible Study. Safety protocols will be in place. To join, meet in the Life Center.
- 2. Thursdays 5:30 PM via Zoom: This will be a virtual Bible Study on Zoom. To join, use the link on our website.

All are invited to participate.



2021 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL ALL GIFTS PROVIDE HOPE

Holy Cross Parish is pleased and extremely thankful with the early response to the 2021 Annual Bishop's Appeal. Thus far, we have achieved 31.52% of our \$30,000 goal; however, we know that there are still many who have yet to make their commitment. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the Annual Bishop's Appeal by returning your commitment card in the offertory or mail it to the diocese in the provided envelope. You may also visit htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal. Every gift, no matter how big or small, makes a difference across our diocese. Your prayers and gifts support:

- 11 Seminarians' education
- Caring for our 17 retired priests,
- Youth formation and religious education
- Catholic education through our Catholic Schools Office.

For more information, please contact the Annual Bishop's Appeal Office at 985-850-3122 or email nbernard@htdiocese.org.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE FOR LENT

Good Friday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. All parishioners 18-60 years of age are required to fast and abstain from meat unless prevented by ill health, pregnancy, or nursing. Additionally, all Fridays in Lent are days of Abstinence.

PARISH NEWS

40 DAYS: A LENT ENCOUNTER

Our first Encounter Night was amazing. We hope you can join us this Wednesday! Check out all the innfo on our Lent page holycrossmc.org/lent

ENCOUNTER NIGHTS DAILY PRAYER SMALL GROUP Lent: February 17—April 3 Encounter Nights Wednesdays 6:30—8:30 PM February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24



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New Student Registration March 1 - March 12, 2021



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CHURCH BUILDING: PHYSICAL PART II

When we think of a church building,

many different versions might come to mind. One of the most prevalent might be that of our cathedrals: huge, vaulted ceilings; gold washed tabernacles; marble and polished stones; flawless statues and stained glass. Why all the grandeur? Why not use the money for something else? The answer is simple: we are not made for this world. In fact, we are made simply to bring greater glory to God. And if that is true, then all of the riches and beauty that have been gifted to us by the Lord must be given back to him in exuberant praise. And so we give to him our finest gifts of gold, of jewels, of soaring ceilings covered in the finest of murals. And we detach

ourselves from these things in order to focus on the One who is deserving of all of our love.

REFLECTION

- When I look around my church, do I see heaven?
- Do I want to give of my own gifts, both monetary and spiritual, to enrich the church and give glory to God?
- Do I see the glorification of God as the most important part of life?

"The church building,
with its liturgical art, tells us
in a way that nothing else can,
what heaven looks like, who is there,
and what the redeemed creation might
be like. In short, it gives us a 'foretaste' of
the realities by way of image."

-DENIS MCNAMARA
CATHOLIC CHURCH ARCHITECTURE
& THE SPIRIT OF THE LITURGY



HALLIE AUTIN

MUSIC MINISTRY

MORGAN CITY, LA

- Favorite thing about Louisiana: <u>Definitely the food!</u>
- Favorite saint: St. Cecelia, the patron saint of music.
- A bucket list item: To travel to Bora Bora
- Favorite type of music: Christian Contemporary, Folk
- Favorite holiday: Easter -I love the Lenten season. It's a time where I really challenge myself to find new areas to grow in my faith life.
- Favorite hymn: Right now, it is Brokenness Aside by All Sons and Daughters
- Favorite Halloween costume: I was a cheese grater.
- Favorite Christmas movie: The Grinch
- Favorite pizza topping: Pepperoni, bacon, banana peppers
- Favorite quote: "Today you are you, that is truer than true.

 There is no one alive who is youer than you." Dr. Seuss
- Farthest you've been from home: Washington D.C.
- Favorite book: If I Stay because the whole book has you locked in, just waiting to see what happens next.
- Last concert: Lauren Daigle
- Advice you would give your 18 year old self: With every year of your life, you're going to take everything that you're going through now and use it to grow. This part of your life is going to be a big part of shaping who you're going to become in the future, so don't be so hard on yourself and grow through what you go through.
- Invite three people (dead or alive) to a dinner party: Lauren Daigle (favorite Christian artist), Demi Lovato (favorite secular artist). Anne Frank (to listen to the stories of the Holocaust from someone who lived it).
- What do you think heaven is like? I've always pictured it in the clouds, sun peeking through the cracks with angelic music-harps, violins, pretty singing, etc. I see Jesus sitting surrounded by kids and everyone just being super happy.

JAMES HALE

USHER

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- How do you serve Holy Cross? Usher, KCs, and anyway I can help. I have even painted lines in the parking lot.
- Early Bird or Night Owl: Stay up late!
- Favorite thing about Louisiana: Food and Football
- Strongest sense? Smell
- Favorite saint: St. James
- A bucket list item: Travel to Europe
- Favorite type of music: Country and Pop
- Favorite holiday: New Years because it's the start of a new year.
- Favorite hymn: Amazing Grace
- Favorite Halloween costume: I dressed up as Kat Williams one year.
- Favorite pizza topping: Meat Lovers
- Favorite quote: It is what it is.
- Farthest you've been from home: Alaska, Jamaica, **Grand Caymans**
- Star Wars or Star Trek: Star Wars
- Favorite team sport: Football
- Favorite foreign food: Mexican
- Rollercoasters?: I love them.
- Last concert: Garth Brooks
- Advice you would give your 18 year old self: Be humble.
- Invite three people (dead or alive) to a dinner party: My mom, dad, and Chris Brockman
- What do you think heaven is like? Peaceful

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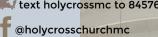
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Baptism: 3rd Sunday of each month. Matrimony: Couples must register on our website and make arrangements at least 6 months prior to marriage.



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

George Williams Family, M/M Curtis Verret, Jason Hotard, Joe Young, Lee J. Guarisco, Mr. & Mrs. Oswald Verret, Paul & Marie Vella, Louis J. "Billy" & Pat Adams Family living & deceased, Nelson & Eldred Durocher, Patience LaFleur Bryant, Michael S. LaFleur, Rowena LaFleur,

St. Rosalie: Jerry Acosta, Sr., Brandon J. Terry

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Donald & Leona Smith, Smith & Wilma Alpha, Hal Thomas, Max Griffin, Gracie Andrews, Rudy Mendoza, Al Belaire, Justin Trimm, Jude Hebert, Ronnie Trimm, Maria Nguyen, Dominico Nguyen, Maria Thi, Dominico Hien, Agnes K. Robicheaux

MONDAY, MARCH 1

John Vidos, Kirby Arceneaux, Kevin Collins, Georgia Carbin, Jeanne & Marvin Proctor

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

Holy Cross Parish, Norman H. Breaux, Sr. Family living and deceased, Governale & Resignola Families, Joseph & Esther Birdsall & Family, Keith Burton, Georgia Carbin, Patsy Haeuber, Austin Adams Family, Roy & Sadie Adams, Peter Vaccarella & Family, Grant Dozar Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

Frank Streva, Nelson & Eldred Durocher, Blake James Melancon, Violet, Evans & Haidee Hebert, Bena Arnie, Maria Nguyen, Dominico Nguyen, Maria Thi, Dominico Hien

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ashlee Jimenez, Jerry Acosta Jr., Gwen Trahan, Ronald & Debbie Leonard, Gary Vining, Jane Webster, Lucy Lacasse, Carol Bergeron, Herverd Martin, Rella Fontenot, Andrea Turner, Ferris and Margaret Romaire, Bobby Acosta, Ellen Ruiz, Gunnar Tisdale, and everyone affected by Covid-19.

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE (985-384-3551) OR REPLY TO THE WEEKLY EMAIL TO PLACE SOMEONE ON THE SICK LIST.

Total

MASS VOLUNTEERS

WEEKEND OF: FEBRUARY 27-28

SATURDAY 5:30PM Lector: Camille Izzaguirre

Bulletins: Camille Izzaguirre

Ushers: James Hale Sanitizers: Diane Irwin

SUNDAY 8:00 AM Lector: Sophia Saleme

Bulletins: Thaddeus Marcell Ushers: Thaddeus Marcell Sanitizers: Jennifer Young

SUNDAY 10:30 AM Lector: Lori Jo Case

Bulletins: Maria Barbier Ushers: David Irwin Sanitizers: Peggy Lafleur

SUNDAY 5:30 PM Lector: Kellye Patterson

Bulletins: Mary Domangue Ushers: John Dubois Sanitizer: Selena Shannon

WEEKEND OF: MARCH 6-7

SATURDAY 5:30PM Lector: Camille Izaguirre

Bulletins: Camille Izaguirre

Usher: James Hale Sanitizer: Jolene Holt

SUNDAY 8:00 AM Lector: Tony Saleme

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

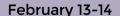
SUNDAY 10:30 AM Lector: Claire Guarisco

Bulletins: Mary Shannon Usher: David Irwin Sanitizer: Peggy Lafleur

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