



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 | 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 PM Confession prior to mass.







READING 1

JOB 7:1-4, 6-7

Job spoke, saying: Is not man's life on earth a drudgery? Are not his days those of hirelings? He is a slave who longs for the shade, a hireling who waits for his wages. So I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me. If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?' then the night drags on; I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope. Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

Praise the LORD, for he is good; sing praise to our God, for he is gracious; it is fitting to praise him. The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; the dispersed of Israel he gathers.

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He tells the number of the stars; he calls each by name.

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; to his wisdom there is no limit. The LORD sustains the lowly; the wicked he casts to the ground.

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.









WEAR A MASK SOCIAL DISTANCING NO PHYSICAL CONTACT
• Hand sanitizer is available. You may also bring your own sanitizers.
Please leave kneelers down for ease in sanitizing 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 also set up recurring payments at holycrossmc.org/giving or use our PayPal and Venmo @holycrossmc to support the church.
- We respectfully ask that there be no congregating within the church after Mass.

READING II 1 **CORINTHIANS 9:16-19, 22-23**

Brothers and sisters: If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! If I do so willingly, I have a recompense, but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my recompense? That, when I preach, I offer the gospel free of charge so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible. To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.

ALLELUIA

MATTHEW 8:17

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ took away our infirmities and bore our diseases. **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL MARK 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

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Entrance Antiphon

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

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

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.

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, misere're nobis (Repeat)

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

Communion Antiphon

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

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.

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Confession: 7:30-8:00 AM Mass 8:00 AM No 5:30 mass Monday (15) or Tuesday (16)

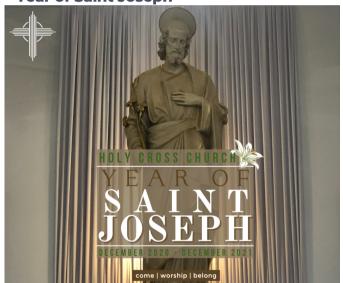
No Adoration on Tuesday, February 16

PARISH NEWS

COURT MASSABIELLE #1134 CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

First Quarter Meeting dates: February 10, March 17 | 6:30 PM | Sacred Heart Cafeteria 318 Third St. M.C. I Covid-19 safety protocol: masks, social distancing, and sanitizing.

To mark the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis proclaimed December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021 as the "Year of Saint Joseph"



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 17, 2021

Confession: 11:00 AM - Noon

Mass 12:10 PM

Confession: 12:45 - 2:00 PM Confession: 4:00-5:30 PM

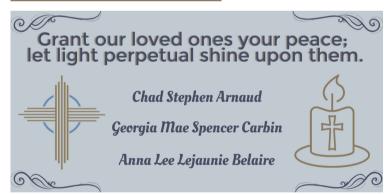
Mass 5:30 PM

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

For the distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday, the priests will use the ancient practice of sprinkling dry ashes over the heads of recipients while making the Sign of the Cross. This practice of sprinkling ashes, while not typically used in the U.S., is commonly used in some European countries.

40 DAYS: A LENT ENCOUNTER Save the dates: Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24!

Holy Cross will offer a three part series for Lent with Encounter Nights, Daily Prayer prompts, and Small Group reflections. Booklets will be provided with notes, prompts, and journaling to deepen your encounter with Jesus this Lent.



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SACRAMENTS

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

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION

God is the primary actor in the liturgy. Our participation in the liturgy is just that—we get to have a part in the work of God. What a gift! Because God became man, died on a cross, rose from the dead, and left us the Sacraments, we who are Baptized can have a part in His work! And how do we do that? We pray. Realizing that He is God and we are not; realizing that each of us is just a speck in the universe, but a speck infinitely loved, we beg that we might enter into His sacrifice and into the life of the Resurrection--Heaven itself. From this interior space of humble focus on God, the liturgist extraordinaire, flows any external actions. We utter the responses because God has spoken and we are in love. We sing with the angels and saints—present before us in Heaven. Thus every word, every movement, and every gesture becomes an opportunity not for mere human activity but for entry into communion with almighty God.



"THE REAL 'ACTION" IN THE LITURGY IN WHICH WE ARE ALL SUPPOSED TO PARTICIPATE IS THE ACTION OF GOD HIMSELF. THIS IS WHAT IS NEW AND DISTINCTIVE ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN LITURGY: GOD HIMSELF ACTS AND DOES WHAT IS ESSENTIAL."

-JOSEPH CARDINAL RATZINGER, THE SPIRIT OF THE LITURGY, 173

REFLECTION

- How "big" is my image of God?
- Do I sometimes think that God's love depends upon my action?
- This week, try praying: "Jesus, I love you. Show me the depth of Your love for me."

Jennifer Ely and Brice Higginbotham, Liturgia, (Unpublished)

Excerpt from USCCB President's Statement on the Inauguration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., as 46th President of the United States of America

My prayers are with our new President and his family today. I am praying that God grant him wisdom and courage to lead this great nation and that God help him to meet the tests of these times, to heal the wounds caused by this pandemic, to ease our intense political and cultural divisions, and to bring people together with renewed dedication to America's founding purposes, to be one nation under God **committed to liberty and equality for all.** Catholic bishops are not partisan players in our nation's politics. We are pastors responsible for the souls of millions of Americans and we are advocates for the needs of all our neighbors...When we speak on issues in American public life, we try to guide consciences, and we offer principles. These principles are rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the social teachings of his Church... (T)he bishops and Catholic faithful carry out Christ's commandment to love God and love our neighbors by working for an America that protects human dignity, expands equality and opportunities for every person, and is open-hearted towards the suffering and weak... (O)ur duty to love and our moral principles lead us to prudential judgments and positions that do not align neatly with the political categories of left or right or the platforms of our two major political parties. We work with every President and every Congress. On some issues we find ourselves more on the side of Democrats, while on others we find ourselves standing with Republicans. Our priorities are never partisan. We are Catholics first, seeking only to follow Jesus Christ faithfully and to advance his vision for human fraternity and community. I look forward to working with President Biden and his administration, and the new Congress. As with every administration, there will be areas where we agree and work closely together and areas where we will have principled disagreement and strong opposition. Working with President Biden will be unique, however, as he is our first president in 60 years to profess the Catholic faith. In a time of growing and aggressive secularism in American culture, when religious believers face many challenges, it will be refreshing to engage with a President who clearly understands, in a deep and personal way, the importance of religious faith and institutions. Mr. Biden's piety and personal story, his moving witness to how his faith has brought him solace in times of darkness and tragedy, his longstanding commitment to the Gospel's priority for the poor — all of this I find hopeful and inspiring. At the same time, as pastors, the nation's bishops are given the duty of proclaiming the Gospel in all its truth and power, in season and out of season, even when that teaching is inconvenient or when the Gospel's truths run contrary to the directions of the wider society and culture. So, I must point out that our new President has pledged to pursue certain policies that would advance moral evils and threaten human life and dignity, most seriously in the areas of abortion, contraception, marriage, and gender.

Of deep concern is the liberty of the Church and the freedom of believers to live according to their consciences. Our commitments on issues of human sexuality and the family, as with our commitments in every other area — such as abolishing the death penalty or seeking a health care system and economy that truly serves the human person — are guided by Christ's great commandment to love and to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters, especially the most vulnerable. For the nation's bishops, the continued injustice abortion remains the "preeminent priority." Preeminent does not mean "only." We have deep concerns about many threats to human life and dignity in our society. But as Pope Francis teaches, we cannot stay silent when nearly a million unborn lives are being cast aside in our country year after year through abortion. Abortion is a direct attack on life that also wounds the woman and undermines the family. It is not only a private matter, it raises troubling and fundamental questions of fraternity, solidarity, and inclusion in the human community. It is also a matter of social justice. We cannot ignore the reality that abortion rates are much higher among the poor and minorities, and that the procedure is regularly used to eliminate children who would be born with disabilities. Rather than impose further expansions of abortion and contraception, as he has promised, I am hopeful that the new President and his administration will work with the Church and others of good will. My hope is that we can begin a dialogue to address the complicated cultural and economic factors that are driving abortion and discouraging families. My hope, too, is that we can work together to finally put in place a coherent family policy in this country, one that acknowledges the crucial importance of strong marriages and parenting to the wellbeing of children and the stability of communities. If the President, with full respect for the Church's religious freedom, were to engage in this conversation, it would go a long way toward restoring the civil balance and healing our country's needs. President Biden's call for national healing and unity is welcome on all levels. It is urgently needed as we confront the trauma in our country caused by the coronavirus pandemic and the social isolation that has only worsened the intense and long-simmering divisions among our fellow citizens. As believers, we understand that healing is a gift that we can only receive from the hand of God. We know, too, that real reconciliation requires patient listening to those who disagree with us and a willingness to forgive and move beyond desires for reprisal. Christian love calls us to love our enemies and bless those who oppose us, and to treat others with the same compassion that we want for ourselves. We are all under the watchful eye of God, who alone knows and can judge the intentions of our hearts. I pray that God will give our new President, and all of us, the grace to seek the common good with all sincerity...

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

George Williams Family, M/M Curtis Verret, Jason Hotard, Joe Young, Mr. & Mrs. Oswald Verret, Paul & Marie Vella, Louis J. "Billy" & Pat Adams Family living & deceased, Paul Giroir, Barbara Greer, Roland J. Barras, Barbara Russell, R. L. & Edith LeBlanc, Harold Smith, Sr., Rocky Guarisco, Patience LaFleur Bryant, Michael S. LaFleur, Rowena LaFleur, Joe Young St. Rosalie: Jerry Acosta, Sr., Brandon J. Terry

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Donald & Leona Smith, Smith & Wilma Alpha, Hal Thomas, Max Griffin, Gracie Andrews, Rudy Mendoza, Al Belaire, John Vidos, Blake James Melancon, Maria Nguyen, Dominico Nguyen, Maria Thi, Dominico Hien, Justin Trimm, Jude Hebert, Ronnie Trimm

MONDAY, FEBRURY 8

P.U. Melancon, Kirby Arceneaux, John Vidos, Kevin Collins, Georgia Carbin

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Holy Cross Parish, Norman H. Breaux, Sr. Family living and deceased, Governale & Resignola Families, Joseph & Esther Birdsall & Family, Keith Burton, Patsy Haeuber, Jules Adams, Al Adams Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Maria Nguyen, Dominico Nguyen, Mari Thi, Dominico Hien, Justin Askew

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ashlee Jimenez, Jerry Acosta Jr., Gwen Trahan, Thien Nguyen, Ronald & Debbie Leonard, Gary Vining, Jane Webster, Lucy Lacasse, Carol Bergeron, Herverd Martin, Rella Fontenot, Andrea Turner, Ferris and Margaret Romaire, 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.

MASS VOLUNTEERS

WEEKEND OF: FEBRUARY 6-7

SATURDAY 5:30PM Lector: Lori Jo Case

Bulletins: Amber Monceaux

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: William Bourgeois

Bulletins: John Dubois Ushers: John Dubois Sanitizer: John Dubois

WEEKEND OF: FEBRUARY 13-14

SATURDAY 5:30PM Lector: Lisa Thibodeaux

Bulletins: Keith Thibodeaux

Ushers: James Hale Sanitizer: Diane Irwin

SUNDAY 8:00 AM Lector: Kendra Thomas

Bulletins: Kendra Thomas Ushers: Thaddeus Marcell Sanitizer: Jennifer Young

SUNDAY 10:30 AM Lector: John Russo Bulletins: Judy Russo, Maria Barbier

Ushers: Randy Aulds

Sanitizers: Lynette and Randy Aulds **SUNDAY 5:30 PM** Lector: Catherine Nini

Bulletins: John Dubois Ushers: John Dubois Sanitizer: Christine Myers

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