



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 1 SAMUEL 3:3B-10, 19

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you, "Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am, "he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep." At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry. And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. Sacrifice or offering you wished not, but ears open to obedience you gave me. Holocausts or sinofferings you sought not; then said I, "Behold I come."

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, O my God, is my delight, and your law is within my heart!"

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I announced your justice in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

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READING II 1 CORINTHIANS 6:13C-15A, 17-20

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

ALLELUIA

JOHN 1:41, 17B

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL JOHN 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" which translated means Teacher —, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.







SOCIAL DISTANCING

- 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.

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 (Repeat)
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, 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.

WELCOME FATHER BRETT

Please welcome Father Brett Lapeyrouse as our new parochial vicar. Ordained in 2019, Father Brett has been serving the diocese as associate pastor at St. Genevieve in Thibodaux.

PARISH NEWS

CRUCIFIX IN SANCTUARY

The community came together in a wonderful way to provide a crucifix to aid in our worship of Almighty God at no cost to the church. The new corpus was donated and installed by Pelican Contractors. It was painted by Regina Annes, the fee for which was donated by two anonymous persons. The crucifix was blessed this past weekend at mass. It is with great gratitude to these generous donors and the volunteers of Holy Cross Parish, especially our Worship & Welcome Team, that Holy Cross now has a crucifix clearly visible to everyone who enters our church as a reminder of what the Mass really is and how deeply God truly loves each of us. The image of Christ which originally hung in front of the cross is scheduled to be installed in the Yvonne Anne Adams Life Center.

COURT MASSABIELLE #1134 CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

First Quarter Meeting dates: January 20, February 10, March 17 6:30 PM ROSARY January 20 6:00 PM Sacred Heart Cafeteria 318 Third St. M.C. Covid-19 safety protocol: masks, social distancing, and sanitizing

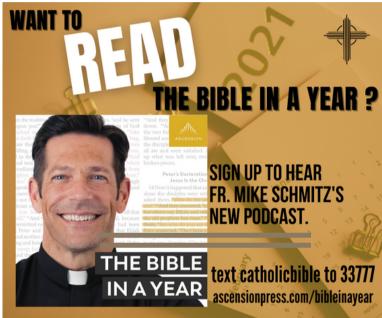
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PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US

Men's Rosary | Fridays | 6:45 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary FOR ALL Saturdays | 4:55 PM Before 5:30 Mass





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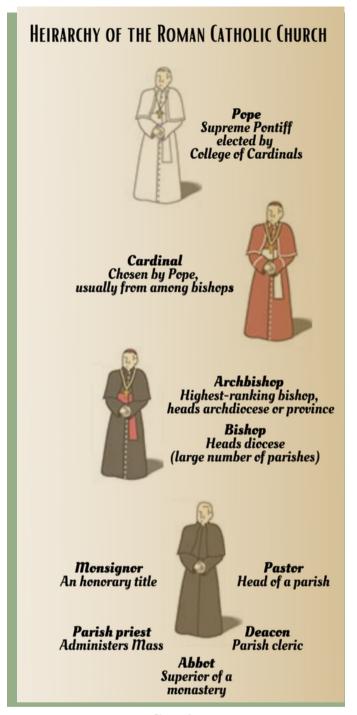
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The Church Hierarchy

The fact that we have been rescued from sin by the Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. is. in fact, good news (Greek euangelion). But how will people learn of their opportunity for freedom from sin and from death and from Hell unless there is someone to preach this good news (English gospel) to them. And once they have received it, who will bring them into its mystery by Holy Baptism (Acts 2:37-42)? Who will strengthen them with the Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands (Acts 8:14-17)? Who will feed them with the Body and Blood of the Savior (1 Corinthians 11:23-36)? For this purpose, our Lord Jesus, a good father, left for us Bishops, Priests, and Deacons to act in His person--with His power--for teaching and sanctifying and governing His Church. Thus Jesus established His Church to lead by Himself through the agency of priests (Matthew 16:18, 18:18) -- "hierarchy" is Greek for "priest-lead". Pray for your bishop, your priests, and your deacons that they might faithful lead you in the person of Christ.

For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when some of his sheep have been scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness... I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the crippled, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will watch over; I will feed them in justice. -(Ezekiel 34:11-12, 16)



Reflection

- Do I recognize Jesus in my priest at Mass?
 - When I approach the Sacrament of Confession?
 - As I pray with him at Baptisms?
- Ask Jesus for the grace to see Him reflected through the particular personality of the man who is your bishop and your priest and your deacon. Pray for him, that he might more fully show forth Christ the priest and Christ the servant in each and every one of his actions.



MARY SHANNON

HOSPITALITY

BUNKIE. LA

- How do you serve Holy Cross? Hospitality and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- Favorite thing about Louisiana: Hospitality we never meet a stranger!
- Favorite saint: St. Maria Goretti
- Favorite type of music: All from Cajun to Classical
- Favorite holiday: Any holiday that calls for a lot of cooking. My favorite would probably be Thanksgiving family, friends, and lots to be thankful for.
- Favorite hymn: Be Not Afraid
- Favorite pizza topping: Pepperoni, sweet Italian sausage, olives, cheese, anchovies, onions, bell peppers
- Favorite quote: "It is what it is."
- Farthest you've been from home: Hawaii and Alaska
- Favorite foreign food: Italian
- Favorite book: Gone with the Wind
- Last concert: Celine Dion
- Advice you would give your 18 year old self: Respect yourself and don't lose sight of Jesus.
- Invite three people (dead or alive) to a dinner party: My parents and my brother... all deceased.
- What do you think heaven is like? Indescribable! I just hope I get there and all my loved ones are there. My image is tranquility and love, the blue in glaciers, the blossoms of the night blooming cereus, and the fragrance of confederate jasmine.

JOHN DUBOIS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



MORGAN CITY, LA



- How do you serve Holy Cross? Grand Knight for Knights of Columbus, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Usher
- Favorite thing about Louisiana: The culture
- Bucket list: Travel the country in an RV
- Favorite type of music: Country, 70s, Swamp Pop
- Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving -a time for families to be together and it kicks off the Christmas season.
- Favorite hymn: Ave Maria and the traditional holy Christmas songs
- Favorite Christmas movie: Christmas Vacation
- Favorite pizza topping: Super Supreme
- Favorite quote: "Never Give Up" speech by Jimmy Valvano
- Farthest you've been from home: Lisbon, Portugal
- Advice you would give your 18 year old self: Don't change your family/marital decisions but change your professional decisions and a whole lot of other minor
- Invite three people (dead or alive) to a dinner party: My dad because I miss him every day, John F. Kennedy because when I was growing up he was larger than life to me, Neil Armstrong to pick his brain on being the first human to step on the moon.
- What do you think heaven is like? Believe it or not, I got a glimpse of it in a dream when my dad visited me after his death. I really hope it is exactly like that when I get there because it was spectacular.

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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

MASS VOLUNTEERS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16TH

George Williams Family, M/M Curtis Verret, Jason Hotard, Zack Turner, Sherry Williams, Joe Young, Lee J. Guarisco, Mr. & Mrs. Oswald Verret, Paul & Marie Vella, Louis J. "Billy" & Pat Adams Family living & deceased, Virgie Watkins,

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

SUNDAY, JANYARY 17

Donald & Leona Smith, Smith & Wilma Alpha, Hal Thomas, Max Griffin, Gracie Andrews, Tim Gilmore, Rudy Mendoza

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

Holy Cross Parish, Evelyn Willis

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

Holy Cross Parish, Norman H. Breaux, Sr. Family living and deceased, Governale & Resignola Families, David Robicheaux, Joseph & Esther Birdsall & Family, Evans & Haidee Hebert, Bena Arnie.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

Nora Romano, Evelyn Willis

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ashlee Jimenez, Jerry Acosta Jr., Gwen Trahan, Thien Nguyen, Ronald & Debbie Leonard, Gary Vining, 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 IN 2021.

WEEKEND OF: JANUARY 16-17

SATURDAY 5:30PM Lector: Andrea Ziegenbusch

Bulletins: Andrea Ziegenbusch

Ushers: Melina Michel Sanitizer: Jolene Holt

SUNDAY 8:00 AM Lector: Marie Minton

Bulletins: Marie Minton Ushers: Thaddeus Marcell Sanitizer: Jay Prestenbach

SUNDAY 10:30 AM Lector: Carrie Stansbury

Bulletins: Lynette Aulds

Ushers: Randy Aulds, David Irwin

Sanitizer: Randy Aulds

SUNDAY 5:30 PM Lector: Kellye Patterson

Bulletins: Kellye Patterson Ushers: Selena Shannon Sanitizer: Katie Fryou

WEEKEND OF: JANUARY 23-24

SATURDAY 5:30PM Lector: Lori Jo Case

Bulletins: James Hale Ushers: James Hale Sanitizers: Diane Irwin

SUNDAY 8:00 AM Lector: Kendra Thomas

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

SUNDAY 10:30 AM Lector: Bill Bourgeois

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



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