



## 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 |

In-car 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

**Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | 5:30 PM**

**CONFESSION:** St. Jude Chapel prior to all masses

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

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## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### READING 1

### 1 KINGS 3:5, 7-12

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Solomon answered: "O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?" The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. So God said to him: "Because you have asked for this—not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right—I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you."

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

#### R. Lord, I love your commands.

I have said, O LORD, that my part is to keep your words. The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

#### R. Lord, I love your commands.

Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise to your servants. Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight.

#### R. Lord, I love your commands.

For I love your command more than gold, however fine. For in all your precepts I go forward; every false way I hate.

#### R. Lord, I love your commands.

Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple.

#### R. Lord, I love your commands.

## ANTIPHONS in Ordinary Time

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

**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.

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

### READING 2

### ROMANS 8:28-30

Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

### ALLELUIA

### MATTHEW 11:25

#### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; for you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

#### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

### GOSPEL

### MATTHEW 13:44-52

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. "Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

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NO PHYSICAL CONTACT

- 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. As always, you may set up recurring payments on our website [holycrossmc.org](http://holycrossmc.org) or use PayPal or Venmo @holycrossmc to support the church.
- We respectfully ask that there be no congregating after Mass. Please depart immediately after Mass is concluded.

## The Mass: Liturgy of the Eucharist III

“Why doesn’t Father look at us when he’s praying at Mass?” This is a fair question that often gets asked by Catholics who have become perceptive of their priest’s mannerisms at Mass. Why, when he prays from the Missal, does the priest choose instead to look up, or to close his eyes briefly, but (usually) not to look out at the Body of Christ present there with him? The simple answer: He’s not talking to us. Father is liturgically acting in the person of Christ the head (in persona Christi capitis) and so is speaking directly to the Father, and acting through the power of the Holy Spirit. All liturgical prayers (with rare exception) are addressed to the Father, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Jesus Christ is constantly pouring himself out in love to the Father, who in turn pours himself out in love to the Son. Thus, when we pray at Mass, all of us are directing our prayers to the Father. All of us are calling out to him as the head and the body. And so we all “face the same way” in our prayer, toward what Joseph Ratzinger calls the “Liturgical East”. Our churches might no longer all face east, but we all look *together* toward the dawn of heaven, toward the Rising Son. This is why it is still permissible for the priest to face the same way as the congregation; he does not “turn his back” on his people, but rather “faces east” with them, as we all pray as the head and body to the Father. Nowadays, the priest often faces the people (called in Latin “versus populum”, meaning “facing the people”), wherein our Liturgical East becomes the cross which stands on the altar (for it is Christ on which we fix our gaze); but the priest may also turn and join the congregation in their facing east (called in Latin ad orientem, meaning “toward the East”).

*On the other hand, a common turning to the East during the Eucharistic Prayer remains essential. This is not a case of accidentals, but of essentials. Looking at the priest has no importance. What matters is looking together at the Lord.*

-Joseph Ratzinger,  
Spirit of the Liturgy



### REFLECTION

- Do I direct my liturgical prayers to the Father?
- Can I hear the words with a deeper understanding in knowing to whom they are directed?
- Does my heart face the “Liturgical East” in my prayer, as I await the coming of the Son?

Jennifer Ely and Brice Higginbotham, *Liturgia*, (Unpublished).

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*Baptism*: Performed 3rd Sunday of each month.

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# MASS INTENTIONS

## SATURDAY, JULY 25TH

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, Logan Sr., Irene & Gwen Fromenthal, Nobert & Elise Templet  
St. Rosalie: Brandon Terry, Howard Thibodaux, Rosemary Cutrera

## SUNDAY, JULY 26

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, Oswald Verret, Mary Besse, Catherine Brown, Jerrel Frederick

## MONDAY, JULY 27

Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, Sostenes Ruiz

## TUESDAY, JULY 28

Holy Cross Parish, Norman H. Breaux, Sr. Family living and deceased, Governale & Resignola Families, Jerry Fabre, Carlo Gagliano, David Robicheaux

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, Fred & Gazel Sewart

# PRAY FOR THE SICK

Shonet Vedros, Nelda Comeaux, Antoinette Spinella, Bernie Hunter, Jerry Acosta, Jr., Aline Bertrand, Lois & Lester Fryon, Dot Myers, Calvin Blanco, Irma Blanco, Betty Boudreaux, Todd Watson, Jr., Orelia Degraffenaried, Delannic 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, Jessica Guidry, Emmett Matassa, Yvonne Verret, Nikki Fromenthal, John Thompson, Evelyn B. Willis, Ferris & Margaret Romaire, Heidi Darby, Elaine Gussman, Ronald & Debbie Leonard, Chasitiy Stansbury, Dawn Costa, Mable Lester, and anyone affected by Covid-19 virus

## Final Class and Practice for Confirmation

Sunday, August 9, 2020 2:30-5:30 PM

Practice with Sponsors 4:30 PM

Conclude the day together with Special Mass 5:30 PM

**CONFIRMATION MASS: August 16 5:30 PM**

# PARISH NEWS

## Register NOW for YOUTH FORMATION

To register for Youth Formation, please fill out all sections of the registration form. A separate form must be filled out for each student being enrolled, whether the student attends public or private school. You will need dates and places for Baptism and First Communion (if applicable) to complete the form. Scan the QR code with your phone camera to be taken directly to the form, or go to our website: [www.holycrossmc.org/youth-formation](http://www.holycrossmc.org/youth-formation)



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## PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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**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.

**Preface Dialogue**

Priest: The Lord be with you.  
 People: **And with your spirit.**  
 Priest: Lift up your hearts.  
 People: We lift them up to the Lord.  
 Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
 People: **It is right and just.**

**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**

**A - We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

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

**C - Save us, Savior of the world, for** by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.

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**PRAYER FOR 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  
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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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