



## MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Obligation has been dispensed in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux at this time.

**Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM** | in church | live-streamed | 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

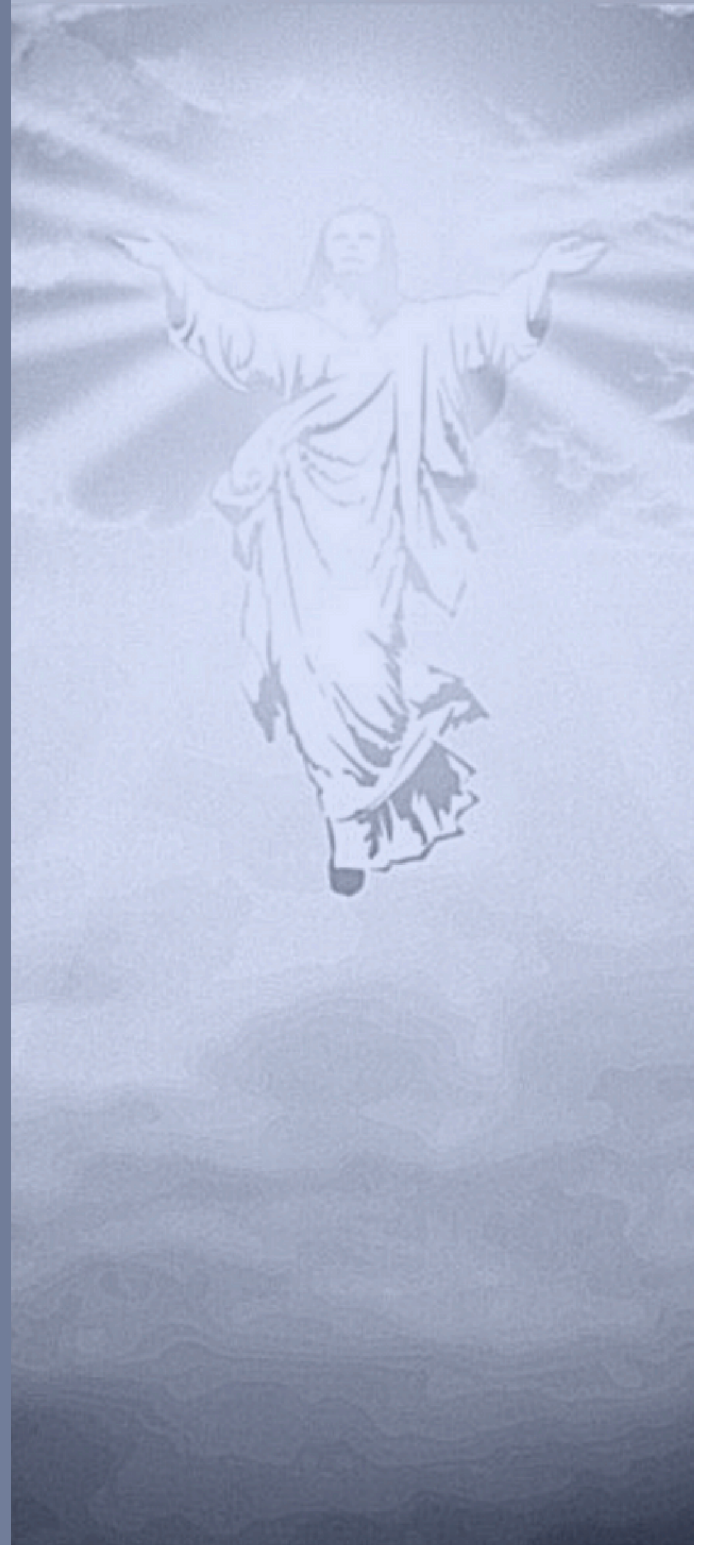
**Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday** | 5:30 PM

**CONFESSION** | Prior to all masses

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

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

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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### READING I

### ACTS 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

**R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness, For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome, is the great king over all the earth. **R.**

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the LORD, amid trumpet blasts. Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

For king of all the earth is God; sing hymns of praise. God reigns over the nations, God sits upon his holy throne. **R.**

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SOCIAL DISTANCING



NO PHYSICAL CONTACT

- Masks are encouraged, but not mandatory.
- Hand sanitizer is available. You may also bring your own.
- 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 [give.holycrossmc.org/give](http://give.holycrossmc.org/give)

### READING II

### EPHESIANS 4:1-13

Brothers and sisters,

I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Therefore, it says:

He ascended on high and took prisoners captive;  
he gave gifts to men.

What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended into the lower regions of the earth? The one who descended is also the one who ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things. And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature to manhood, to the extent of the full stature of Christ.

### ALLELUIA

### MATTHEW 28:19A, 20B

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;  
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### GOSPEL

### MARK 16:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples:

*“Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”*

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES FOR EASTER SEASON

### **Entrance Antiphon**

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia, alleluia.

### **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.

### **Offertory Antiphon**

The earth trembled, and was still, until God arose in judgment, alleluia.

### **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.

### **Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us (Repeat)  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

### **Communion Antiphon**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia.

# PARISH NEWS

## CATHOLIC ESTATE AND LEGACY PLANNING WEBINARS

MAY 18th ~ 12pm - 1pm  
MAY 20th ~ 12pm - 1pm

Holy Cross Parish and the Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana invite you to an Estate and Legacy Planning Webinar! Join one of the FREE Estate & Legacy Planning informational sessions led by local estate planning and elder law attorney, John Sirois of Thibodaux. These webinars address how to protect and provide for your loved ones, avoid probate, provide a Catholic prospective on health care directives, select your trustee and power of attorney, what is needed to update or create an estate plan, will, living trust, long-term care planning considerations, and more. Please visit catholicfoundationsl.org to register for ONE of the free webinars or call 985-850-3116.

## PARISH HEALING RETREAT THE FATHER'S HOUSE

May 21-23, 2021  
Cost: \$80 | \$40 Parishioners Please register by May 16 at: [www.holycrossmc.org/the-fathers-house-retreat](http://www.holycrossmc.org/the-fathers-house-retreat)

## ELEMENTARY YOUTH FORMATION

To celebrate a great year in Youth Formation, elementary students were treated to a pizza night, that included a station rotation of games, crafts, music and fun. The games revolved around choosing to be in God's Army!

## ROSARY TO HONOR MARY

Sunday, May 16, 2021 2:00 PM

Please bring a chair and your rosary and join us in honoring our Blessed Mother in this month of May. The Rosary will take place around Mary's Garden. In case of inclement weather, the rosary will be moved to the church.


## COMMUNICATION UPDATE WEEKEND

Please complete and return your card:  
• at mass OR  
• mail it using the envelope provided OR  
• complete the electronic version by either scanning the QR code or using the link on our website.

Holy Cross Communication Update



**Confirmation**  
Sunday, May 23, 2021 | 5:30 PM Mass



### THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD | BELIEVING WITHOUT SEEING

The Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ was the final action completing his Paschal Mystery on earth. It can sometimes leave us with a burdened heart as we meditate on it: Why did he leave? Why am I not one of the privileged few who got to see him, touch him, speak with him? This is a beautiful desire, to see the face of Jesus, and yet, St. John Chrysostom reminds us that we are beyond privileged in what we do receive: “How many of you say: I should like to see His face, His garments, His shoes. You do see Him, you touch Him, you eat Him. He gives Himself to you, not only that you may see Him, but also to be your food and nourishment.” The Ascension was necessary so that Jesus might send the Holy Spirit to be the soul of the Church. But he did not leave us empty-handed. The work of the Holy Spirit is ever to draw our hearts more deeply into the liturgy, that by His power, through the work of Christ the Son, we might be united with the Father. Theology is faith seeking understanding. We must take the leap of belief in order to become little theologians and liturgists through the mysteries of the liturgy. Such a leap can be terrifying; but we will always land in the hands of our loving Father.



#### Reflection

- Do I see myself as a liturgist or a “little theologian”?
- Do I allow the Liturgy, particularly the Mass, to enrich my life and absorb my thoughts? This week, pull one aspect of the liturgical action out for meditation: a word, a gesture, a small prayer, and discover the delight of knowing that you are putting your faith into practice.

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



“I WOULD LIKE TO PRIMARILY CALL BY THE NAME ‘LITURGIST’ THE ONE WHO COMMITS LITURGY, AND ONLY SECONDARILY THE ONE WHO STUDIES IT OR DIRECTS IT...THE CHURCH IS MADE UP OF LITURGISTS...MAN AND WOMAN WERE CREATED AS RATIONAL LITURGISTS OF THE MATERIAL WORLD AND PLACED AT THE APEX OF THE SYSTOLIC ACTION IN ORDER TO TRANSLATE THE PRAISE OF MUTE MATTER INTO SPEECH AND SYMBOL.”

-David Fagerburg,  
*Theologia Prima: What is Liturgical Theology?*

## Hail, Holy Queen

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,  
our life, our sweetness and our hope.  
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.  
To thee do we send up our sighs,  
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.  
Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy  
towards us, and after this our exile  
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!  
Pray for us. O Holy Mother of God,  
that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.  
Amen.

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PARISH REGISTRATION



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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  
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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## MASS INTENTIONS

## MASS VOLUNTEERS

### SATURDAY, MAY 15

George Williams Family, M/M Curtis Verret, Jason Hotard, Joe Young, , Paul & Marie Vella, Louis J. "Billy" & Pat Adams Family living & deceased, Virgie Watkins, Patience LaFleur Bryant, Rowena LaFleur, Michael S. LaFleur, Rudy Mendoza, Becky Lipari  
St. Rosalie: Jerry Acosta, Sr., Brandon J. Terry

### SUNDAY, MAY 16

Donald & Leona Smith, Smith & Wilma Alpha, Hal Thomas, Max Griffin, Gracie Andrews, Marie Nguyen, Marie Thi, Dominico Hien, Dominico Nguyen, Thomas Frere McNulty, Carolyn Barbier

### MONDAY, MAY 17

Lynn Bernucho & Steven Hall Families living & deceased, Georgia Carbin, Sidney Michel, Jr., Ridley Blanchard, Stephanie Fremin

### TUESDAY, MAY 18

Holy Cross Parish, Norman H. Breaux, Sr. Family living and deceased, Governale & Resignola Families, Joseph & Esther Birdsall & Family, Elizabeth Adams, Darby & Leonard Families

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

Marie Nguyen, Marie Thi, Dominico Hien, Dominico Nguyen, Louie Stuer, Margaret Bergeron, Shane Cheramie

## 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 Romaine, Bobby Acosta, Ellen Ruiz, Gunnar Tisdale, Pearl Haase, Alanna Sloane, Myrl Barrouse, Earline Suire, Marjorie Barras, Judy Solar, Lee Anne LeBlanc, Frances Gilmore, Brian Melancon, 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.

### WEEKEND OF: MAY 15-16

**SATURDAY 5:30 PM** Lector: Andrea Ziegenbusch  
Bulletins: Andrea Ziegenbusch  
Ushers: James Hale  
Sanitizer: Andrea Ziegenbusch  
**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: Nathan Rhodes

### WEEKEND OF: MAY 22-23

**SATURDAY 5:30 PM** Lector: Lori Jo Case  
Bulletins: Melina Michel  
Ushers: Melina Michel  
Sanitizers: Andrea Ziegenbusch  
**SUNDAY 8:00 AM** Lector: Kendra Thomas  
Bulletins: Kendra Thomas  
Ushers: Thaddeus Marcell  
Sanitizers: Jennifer Young  
**SUNDAY 10:30 AM** Lector: Vera Judycki  
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Sanitizers: Peggy Lafleur  
**SUNDAY 5:30 PM** Lector: Colleen Hunter  
Bulletins: Mary Domangue  
Ushers: Mary Domangue  
Sanitizer: Nathan Rhodes

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

MAY 8-9

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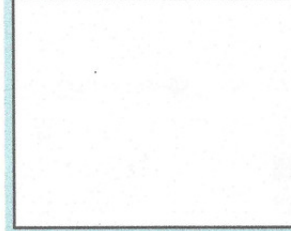
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