



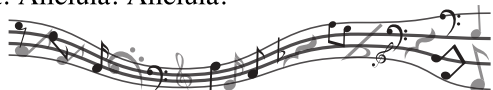
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## ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, by a road before untrod Ascends unto the throne of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O risen Christ, ascended Lord, All praise to you let earth accord: Alleluia! Alleluia! You are, while endless ages run, With Father and with Spirit one. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



### We Walk by Faith

We walk by faith, and not by sight: No gracious words we hear Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, But we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side Nor follow where he trod; Yet in his promise we rejoice, And cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, And my our faith abound; To call on you when you are near, And see where you are found:

That when our life of faith is done In realms of clearer light We may behold you as you are In full and endless sight.

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## PHASE 1 MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Obligation has been dispensed until further notice. Holy Cross offers six in-church masses as well as two live-stream masses per week.

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 | overflow in Life Center if needed | In-car mass and communion for at risk parishioners

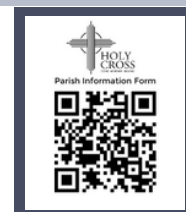
Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | 5:30 PM | in church  
\*Confession In- car on Sundays 9:45-10:15 AM in high school parking lot or by appointment.

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

ST. ROSALIE CHAPEL (Stephensville)  
No masses in Phase 1 due to limited capacity

Please complete the Parish Information Form on website or use QR Code.

Text holycrossmc to 84576 for updates on masses and Covid-19 protocol.



## SAVE THE DATES

June 13	First Reconciliation and Practice	2-4 PM
June 14	First Communion	2:00 PM
August 9	Confirmation Class & Practice	3:30-6:30 PM
August 16	Confirmation	6:30 PM

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### SACRAMENTS

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

*Matrimony:* Couple must register and make arrangements at least 6 months prior to marriage.

Please check website and call office for all sacraments.

## 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 the 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.**

### READING II EPHESIANS 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters:

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

### GOSPEL MATTHEW 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”



**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 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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**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.**

or

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


or

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


**Lamb of God**

Priest: **Behold** the Lamb of God, **behold him** who takes away the sins of the world. **Blessed are** those called **to the supper of the Lamb.**

**All:** Lord, I am not worthy **that you should enter under my roof**, but only say the word and **my soul** shall be healed.



PRAYER FOR  
**VOCATIONS**



TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND 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,  
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.



## PHASE ONE MASS PROTOCOL

Come I Worship I Belong

### WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT FROM MASS IN PHASE 1?

- At all times, a six-foot social distance will have to be maintained between households. To help with this, certain pews are taped off and pews designate seating areas. Multiple households can sit in a pew as long as the six-foot distance is maintained.
- Masks are to be worn at all times. No one will be admitted to church without a mask. They must be taken off so that you might receive Holy Communion, but otherwise they must be worn for the entire time.
- Hand sanitizer will be available and should be used regularly. You may also bring your own sanitizers or wipes to clean your area before and after mass.
- You are asked to receive Communion on your hand, holding it out flatly such that the priest can distribute without any physical contact.
- Parents with small children should remember that cry rooms will not meet the social distancing criteria.
- Music will be limited to one instrumentalist and one cantor. Choirs will not be allowed. There will be no altar servers.
- There will be no offertory procession. There will be a designated basket, in which you may place your offerings as you arrive to or depart from Mass. As always, you may set up recurring payments on our website [holycrossmc.org](http://holycrossmc.org) or use PayPal or Venmo @holycrossmc
- The Sign of Peace must be given without physical contact.
- We respectfully ask that there be no congregating after Mass. Please depart immediately after Mass is concluded.

### REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

- As you process to receive Holy Communion, a six-foot distance must be maintained.
- As you approach the priest, remove your mask. If you are wearing gloves, you must remove the gloves before receiving Holy Communion. Place mask back on your face after you receive communion.
- Considering the health risks associated with the pandemic and its transmission and health of those distributing Holy Communion, you are strongly urged to receive Holy Communion in the hand, without physical contact.

### HOW CAN I HELP MY PARISH?

- First and foremost, pray for our parish and pray for our priest! These are extraordinary circumstances and difficult guidelines to enforce. No one enjoys having to do this. For example, limiting the number of people at each Mass is difficult for us. Your prayers and patience are greatly appreciated.
- Offer to assist! Ushers and hospitality ministers will be more important than ever and will have to be present at each mass. Offer to volunteer your time or any particular gifts you have to assist your parish in these new endeavors.
- Follow the guidelines and take proper hygiene measures.
- Continue to offer your financial support to your parish. Only together can we continue to move forward! We are grateful for your generosity.

## 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?

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, MAY 23

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, Lee J. Guarisco, H. S. & Marie Hover, M/M E. J. Lemoine Family living and deceased, Sam Spitalo  
 St. Rosalie: Brandon Terry, Howard Thibodaux, Rosemary Cutrera

### SUNDAY, MAY 24

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, Marie & Paul Vella, Sr., Willie & Julie Bradberry, Justin Trimm, Jude Hebert, Ronnie Trimm, A. J. & Hilda Mayon, Joe & Shirley Baker, George & Maizie Carolyn Barbier, Blake James Melancon, Vernice Verrett, Eugene Morgan

### MONDAY, MAY 25

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

### TUESDAY, MAY 26

Holy Cross Parish, Norman H. Breaux, Sr. Family living and deceased, Governale & Resignola Families, Allie Adams, Sr., Lori Keles & Family, Horace Beach

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, Yvonne Orlando

## 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, Delannie 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, Bill Darce, and all those affected by Covid-19 virus

## MONTH OF MARY

### Our Lady of Good Success

- 1594-1634
- Quito, Ecuador
- Appeared to: Mariana de Jesus Torres, Conceptionist nun
- Apparition: Our Lady and Our Lord appeared and gave her many revelations that included prophecies, many that are relevant today. Considered the most significant of all the prophecies: that of the crisis of the Church.



### Our Lady of Knock

- August 21, 1879
- Knock, Ireland
- Appeared to: 2 women named Mary
- The Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, and St. John appeared together
- The apparition lasted for nearly 2 hours while witnesses prayed the Rosary in the pouring rain. The area around the apparition remained dry.
- The apparition was silent. It occurred during a cultural crisis when language was shifting from Gaelic to English, possibly the reason for silence.

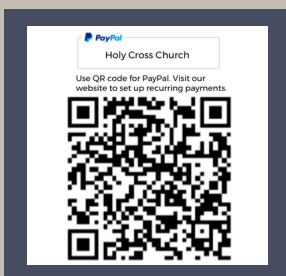


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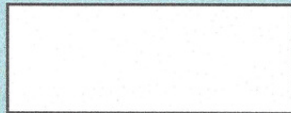
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