



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 Sunday 5:30 PM | in church

Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | 5:30 PM

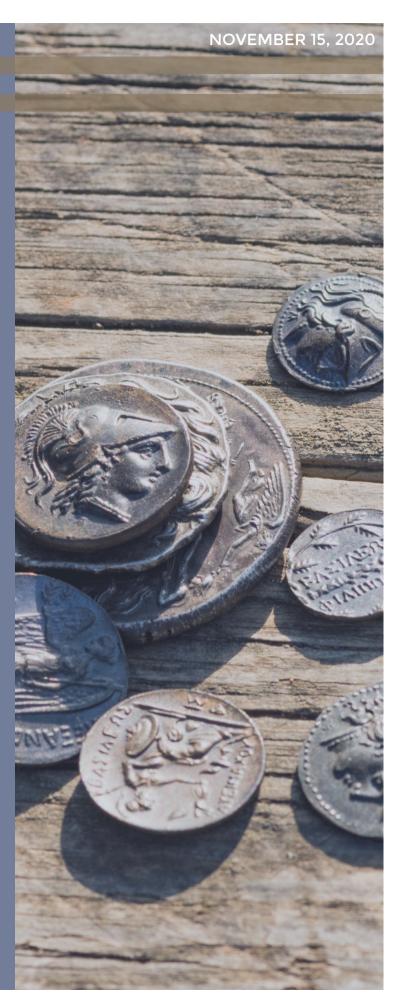
CONFESSION: St. Jude Chapel prior to all masses

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

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







READING 1 PROVERBS 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Blessed are you who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored. **R** Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; Your children like olive plants around your table. **R.**

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. **R.**

READING 2 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-6

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.



ANTIPHONS



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.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 25:14-30

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one--to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money." After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth."

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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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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.

PARISH NEWS

CHURCH CLOSURE

Holy Cross Church will be closed on Thursday November 19th until Saturday November 21st at 4 PM. Therefore, there will be no Men's Rosary on Friday November 20.

SMALL GROUPS

Join a small group this Advent! Holy Cross Connections is back and better than ever! Use QR code to register or the link in our weekly email!



SMALL GROUPS LEADER TRAINING

Monday | November 16 | 6:15-8:00 PM Holy Cross Church Office Think about leading a small group with your family or friends this Advent. Attend the training to find out if this would enhance your preparation for the coming of Christ this Christmas.

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US

Men's Rosary | Fridays | 6:45 AM (No Men's Rosary on Friday, November 20) Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary FOR ALL Saturdays | 4:55 PM Before 5:30 Mass

Come | Worship | Belong

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card. We invite all faithful parishioners to complete a card as our parish goal is 100% participation! You may return your card by: mailing it using the pre-addressed envelope included with the letter, bringing it to Mass, or visiting our parish website. All cards need to be returned to the parish by Sunday, November 29.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

Holy Cross will be distributing food baskets for Thanksgiving. Parishioners are asked to bring non-perishable food items and place them in the baskets in the church foyer or bring to church office during office hours. Monetary donations for the purchase of perishable items will be accepted. Deadline is Friday, November 20th. Sample Items: flour, sugar, rice, canned fruit, veggies & yams, pasta, peanut butter, canned juice, boxed dinners, cereals, oatmeal, grits, canned & cream soups- tooth brushes & paste, soap, shampoo & conditioner, brushes & combs, paper towels, Kleenex, dishwashing liquid.



Surviving the Holidays

You are not alone in dealing with your grief, especially during the holidays. If you missed our session on November 9, another offering of this seminar will take place Monday, December 7, 6-8 PM at the Yvonne Adams Life Center.

For More Information: Call 384-3551

BOX OF JOY

More information is available in church foyer or at crosscatholic.org/boxofjoy. Drop off shoeboxes at Siracusa Gym November 13-15 | 3:00-5:00 PM

Reditus

God is always and everywhere pouring himself out in love for us (exitus), that we might return to him in worship all that he has given to us, and even more importantly, freely give of ourselves to him (reditus). But the concept of reditus does not simply mean we give back to God everything he has bestowed on us. In fact, the understanding of reditus encapsulates the actual theosis of man; in essence, the deification of all mankind: he Word became flesh to make us "partakers of the divine nature":78 "For this is why the Word became man, and the Son of God became the Son of man: so that man, by entering into communion with the Word and thus receiving divine sonship, might become a son of God."79 "For the Son of God became man so that we might become God." [Saint Athanasius] "The only-begotten Son of God, wanting to make us sharers in his divinity, assumed our nature, so that he, made man, might make men gods." [Saint Thomas Aquinas] (CCC 460). We are meant to be fully ourselves, fully united with God, after this reditus, and lifted above our earthly flaws. It's a "return" to the Father, but it is a return unlike any other, for it is a return that brings us fully into the divinity of the Godhead.



The creature, existing in his own right, comes home to himself, and this act is an answer in freedom to God's love. It accepts creation from God as his offer of love. And thus ensues a dialogue of love, that wholly new kind of unity that love alone can create. The being of the other is not absorbed or abolished, but rather, in giving itself, it becomes fully itself...This reditus is a 'return', but it does not abolish creation; rather, it bestows its full and final perfection.-Joseph Ratzinger, Spirit of the Liturgy

Reflection

- What am I giving back to the Lord?
- How have I grown in holiness this year?
- Where have I failed?
- This week, do an examination of your conscience before Mass. Ask the Lord to help you give of yourself more fully to him in the year to come.

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







CATHERINE NINI

ADULT FORMATION

MORGAN CITY, LA

- How do you serve Holy Cross Parish: Parish Implementation Team - Adult Formation, Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- Favorite thing about Louisiana: The beauty and serenity of our bayous and wildlife. I love the hospitality and hearts of our people.
- Favorite saint: My mom always talked about St. Padre Pio, and the story of his stigmata fascinated me. He teaches us the power of prayer and reminds us to pray, hope, and don't worry.
- A bucket list item: To explore Alaska
- Favorite holiday: Christmas means family, traditions, cherished memories, and welcoming Jesus into our hearts again.
- Favorite hymn: You were There by Avalon
- Favorite Christmas movie: It's a Wonderful Life
- Favorite pizza topping: Hawaiian Pizza
- Favorite quote: "Jesus, I trust in You."
- Farthest from home: Pilgrimage to France and Italy
- Favorite Book: Left to Tell by Immaculee Llibagiza. It's an incredible story of survival, faith, and forgiveness.
- Last Concert: Big Daddy Weave
- Advice you would give your 18 year old self: Invite Jesus into your heart and experience the difference it will make for the rest of your life. Ask Him for wisdom, truth, and the ability to see yourself and others through His eyes.

DONNA VORENKAMP

ADULT FORMATION

GRETNA. LA



- How do you serve Holy Cross Parish: Parish Implementation Team - Adult Formation
- Favorite thing about Louisiana: The culture
- Favorite saint: St. Teresa, the chosen confirmation saint of my grandmother, mother, sister, daughter, and me.
- A bucket list item: To bring my entire family with me to vacation in Italy.
- Favorite holiday: I love Christmas! Everyone is in such a wonderful mood and our family watches classic Christmas movies together all season long.
- Favorite hymn: Be Not Afraid because in my darkest moments of life, this song gave me hope.
- Favorite Halloween costume: I was Mary Poppins and my husband was Bert!
- Favorite Christmas movie: The Bishop's Wife with Cary Grant
- Favorite Quote: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" and "Expect Nothing and Appreciate Everything."
- Farthest you've been from home: Europe
- Favorite book: The Five Love Languages because it completely opened my eyes on how to give and receive love. It helped me in my marriage, my relationships with my children, even my students.
- Invite three people (dead or alive) to a dinner party: Jesus and my maternal grandparents whom I have never met, but heard about my entire life.

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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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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, Mr. & Mrs. Oswald Verret, Peter L. Guarisco, Luella, Emily & Willie Smith, Cathy Ballay, Dot Myers, Marie & Paul Vella, Frank & Josephine Resignola St. Rosalie: Howard Thibodaux, Rosemary Cutrera, Jerry Acosta, Sr., Brandon Terry

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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, Blake James Melancon, Sam Lorenzo, Dot Myers, John Ritchie, Henry Swiber, Sr., Marie Mae Swiber, David Swiber, Henry Swiber, Jr., Diane Swiber, Rudy Mendoza

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, Barbara Greer, Trey Smith, Dot Myers, Danny Peterson, Frank Guarisco

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Holy Cross Parish, Norman H. Breaux, Sr. Family living and deceased, Governale & Resignola Families, Roy & Sadie Adams, C. J. Vaccarella, Sherel Martin, David Robicheaux

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, Calvin LeLeux, Edward Patterson, Jr., Leonard & Darby Families

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Nelda Comeaux, Antoinette Spinella, Bernie Hunter, Jerry Acosta, Jr., Aline Bertrand, Lois & Lester Fryon, 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, Emmett Matassa, Nikki Fromenthal, John Thompson, Evelyn B. Willis, Ferris & Margaret Romaire, Heidi Darby, Ronald & Debbie Leonard, Chasitiy Stansbury, Dawn Costa, Mable Lester, Chelesa All, Sandra Fromenthal Cox, Patrick Falgout, Noah Fruge, James Anslum, Pearl Haase, Nettie Acosta, Miko Katsura, Brian Melancon, Sandi Guarisco, Neldra & Larry Giroir, Ashlee Jimenez, Regina Noble, Steven Insler, Jim Mestepey, Madison Anne Wagner, Gary Mouillet, Sr., and anyone affected by Covid-19.

MASS VOLUNTEERS

WEEKEND OF: NOVEMBER 14-15

SATURDAY 5:30 PM Lector: Camille Izaguirre

Bulletins: Camille Izaguirre

Ushers: James Hale Sanitizer: Diane Irwin

SUNDAY 8:00 AM Lector: Sophia Saleme

Bulletins: Jay Prestenbach Ushers: Jay Prestenbach Sanitizer: Jennifer Young

SUNDAY 10:30 AM Lector: Stacey Landry Bulletins: Shelley Morrell, Maria Barbier

Ushers: Randy Aulds, Paul Michel

Sanitizer: Shelley Morrell

SUNDAY 5:30 PM Lector: Catherine Nini

Bulletins: Lee Anne Landry

Ushers: John Dubois Sanitizer: Christine Myers

WEEKEND OF: WEEKEND 21-22

SATURDAY 5:30 PM Lector: Lori Jo Case

Bulletins: Melina Michel Ushers: Melina Michel Sanitizer: Melina Michel

SUNDAY 8:00 AM Lector: Kendra Thomas

Bulletins: Kendra Thomas Ushers: Ray Prestenbach Sanitizer: Ray Prestenbach

SUNDAY 10:30 AM Lector: John Russo

Bulletins: Judy Russo

Ushers: Randy Aulds, David Irwin

Sanitizer: Lynette Aulds

SUNDAY 5:30 PM Lector: Kellye Jo Patterson

Bulletins: Selena Shannon Ushers: Kenny Duval Sanitizer: Selena Shannon

WEEKLY COLLECTION

November 7-8



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