OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 22, 2020





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

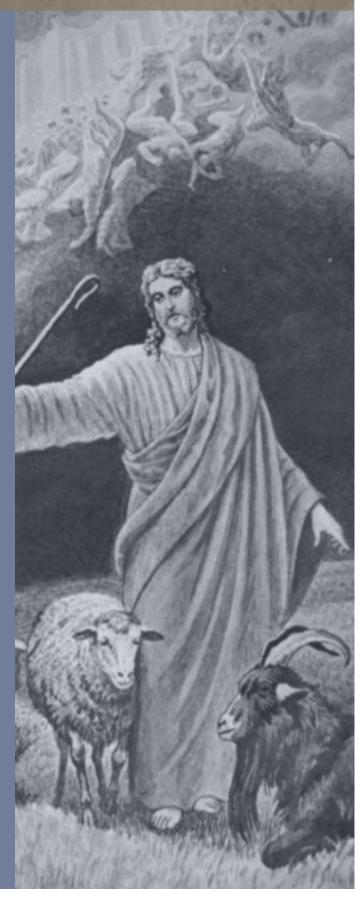
Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | 5:30 PM

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.





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READING 1 EZEKIEL 34:11-12, 15-17

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep .I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly. As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose. **R**. Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. **R**.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **R.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come. **R**.

READING 2 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-26, 28

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right,' Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

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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.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES FOR MASS

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,

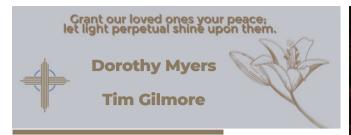
You call all your children to a life of holiness and to faithfully follow you.

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 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.



DAILY MASS ADDED FOR ADVENT Starting December 4, there will be a daily mass on Friday at 12:10 PM for the Advent season.

PARISH NEWS

Surviving the Holidays

Monday, December 7 | 6-8 PM | Yvonne Adams Life Center For More Information: Call 384-3551

Come | Worship | Belong

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card. If you have not returned your card, you may: mail it using the pre-addressed envelope, bring it to Mass and place in baskets, or visit our parish website. All cards need to be returned to the parish by Sunday, November 29.



Thanksgiving Week Schedule

Monday 5:30 PM Mass Tuesday Adoration 6 AM-5 PM Tuesday 5:30 PM Mass Wednesday 5:30 PM Mass Thursday 8:00 AM Mass

Confession offered prior to every mass. Church Office Closed Thursday and Friday

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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!



PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US

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







SOCIAL DISTANCING

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 or use PayPal or Venmo @holycrossmc to support the church.

• We respectfully ask that there be no congregating in church after Mass.

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe | Liturgical Significance

The study of the ritual actions of our worship and of the structures of our liturgical prayers is called euchology. This branch of theology is one that requires a deep devotion and deference to the guidance of the Magisterium, but which, when done with orthodoxy and charity, can help us to dive deeply into the mysteries of what we pray, basking in the ever present love of the Father. Today, let us look at the Collect, or opening prayer of the Mass, for the Solemnity of Christ the King: Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son. the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. There are many points of this prayer on which we could focus for quite some time. For the sake of brevity, here are a few points for deeper meditation: "Whose will is to restore all things through your beloved Son": God the Father sent his only Son to die as explation for our sins (Jn. 3:16), but not so that we might be restored to our original state of goodness; rather, he sent Christ his Son so that we might, in fact, be raised up by him to an even greater life eternal with him ("The enemy led you out of the earthly paradise. I will not restore you to that paradise, but I will enthrone you in heaven. I forbade you the tree that was only a symbol of life, but see, I who am life itself am now one with you. I appointed cherubim to guard you as slaves are guarded, but now I make them worship you as God." (from An Ancient Homily for Holy Saturday))."King of the Universe": Christ is not simply the King because we declare him to be. God the Father has given all to him as his dominion (Dn. 7:11-14; Mt. 25:16-20; 1 Cor. 15:22-28), and thus he in his compassion and strength rules over the world, having conquered it and all sin by his Passion, Death, and Resurrection (Jn. 16:33). His Kingship is from eternity and to eternity, unending and unbroken."Set free from slavery...": We, in our human frailty, find ourselves often in the grips of sinful actions. We can feel when we are far from the Lord due to our sin because the Spirit pricks our consciences, and we do our best to repair our relationship with God. And so, knowing that we have gained access to heaven by the merits of Christ, but also aware that we are weak and still find ourselves snared by evil on occasion, we groan for heaven and await the total freedom from sin that final union with God will provide (Rom. 8:18-25).

My heart overflows with noble words. To the king I must speak the song I have made, my tongue as nimble as the pen of a scribe. You are the fairest of the children of men and graciousness is poured. upon your lips: because God has blessed you for evermore. O mighty one, gird your sword upon your thigh; in splendor and state, ride on in triumph for the cause of truth and goodness and right. Take aim with your bow in your dread right hand. Your arrows are sharp, peoples fall beneath you. The foes of the king fall down and lose heart. Your throne, O God, shall endure for ever. A scepter of justice is the scepter of your kingdom. Your love is for justice; your hatred for evil. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above other kings: your robes are fragrant with aloes and myrrh. -Psalm 45:1-8



Reflection

- Does Christ the King have full dominion over my life?
- How has my liturgical knowledge grown over this past year?
- How can I continue to grow, particularly by way of more deeply studying liturgical prayers?



WILLIAM "BILL" BOURGEOIS

MAJOR LIFE MOMENTS

MORGAN CITY, LA

- How do you serve Holy Cross? Parish Implementation Team - Major Life Moments, Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- Favorite thing about Louisiana: The variety of really good, well-seasoned food.
- Favorite saint: St. Teresa of Calcutta Mother Teresa is a real person to me, who embodied Christ's command to love, especially the unborn. My former priest, Fr. Joe, in Monroe worked with her and relayed many stories about working with her. I feel close to her through him. After she became a saint, he could say that he had hugged a saint!
- Bucket list: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Italy.
- Favorite holiday: Christmas. It's Jesus' birthday and such a joyous season. My wife and I both love the season, with all of its traditions, food, drink, decorations and time with friends and family.
- Favorite Christmas movie: It's a Wonderful Life
- Favorite pizza topping: "Sweep the Kitchen" hold the anchovies from Johnny's a supreme with everything.
- Favorite quote: "Anyone can count the seeds in an apple, but only God can count the number of apples in a seed." by Robert Schuller & "Desiderata" by Max Ehrmann
- Advice you would give your 18 year old self: Don't take things too seriously. Maintain a sense of humor. Trust in God and everything will work out in the end.
- Invite three people (dead or alive) to a dinner party: St. Paul - to better understand his life. St. Peter - to better understand Jesus' time on earth. Father Brice - to translate and teach.

SELENA SHANNON

COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA



GALLIANO, LA

- How do you serve Holy Cross? Parish Implementation Team - Communications and Media
- Favorite thing about Louisiana: The culture, the people, and the deep traditions.
- Favorite saint: St. Teresa of Calcutta. She held so much love in her eyes, especially when she was around children.
- Bucket list: Travel, more so now, because it is very limited in these times (pandemic).
- Favorite holiday: Easter. I love the holiness of the Triduum that leads up to Easter.
- Favorite hymn: Here I am Lord and The Summons
- Favorite Halloween costume: Alice in Wonderland
- Favorite Christmas movie: So many, from White Christmas to Elf to Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
- Favorite pizza topping: Pepperoni, bacon, and banana peppers
- Favorite quote: Everyone deserves another chance.
- Farthest you've been from home: Rome, Italy
- Favorite team sport: Football
- Favorite book: Rediscovering Catholicism by Matthew Kelley. It opened my heart back to my Catholic faith.
- Advice you would give your 18 year old self: Take more chances. You can make your own path.
- Invite three people (dead or alive) to a dinner party: My mom, dad, and brother. I would love to give them one more tight hug and tell them how incredibly blessed I was to have them in my life.
- What do you think heaven is like? Serene, beautiful, peaceful, and then infinitely better than that.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Hours | Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM *closed 12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

Central Catholic Elementary 985-384-1933 Amanda Talbot | Principal

Central Catholic High School 985-385-5372 Peter Boudreaux | Principal

ST. ROSALIE CHAPEL Stephensville | 985-384-3551

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 21

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, Mr. & Mrs. Oswald Verret, Danny Peterson, Frank Guarisco, Virgie Watkins, Betty & Merlin Broussard, Jr., Logan, Sr., Irene, & Gwen Fromenthal, Norbert & Elise Templet, Marie & Paul Vella

St. Rosalie: Howard Thibodaux, Rosemary Cutrera, Jerry Acosta, Sr., Brandon J. Terry

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

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, Marie Mae Swiber, Rudolph Mendoza, Dot Myers, Sam & Charleen Lorenzo, Joseph & Bernice Hargrave

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, Edward Patterson, Jr.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Holy Cross Parish, Norman H. Breaux, Sr. Family living and deceased, Governale & Resignola Families, David Robicheaux, Dot Myers, Lilly & Allie Adams, Alaina Dozar, Martha & Wilson Adams, Trey Smith, Dr. Hector Ruiz

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, Danny Peterson, Frank Guarisco, Dr. Hector Ruiz, Anne Provost, Dr. Hector Ruiz

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., Stephanie Smith, Brian Guidry, Gary Vining, and anyone affected by Covid-19.



WEEKLY COLLECTION November 14-15

 HOLY CROSS

 Envelopes \$6,209.00

 Loose
 492.00

 Online
 909.46

 Total
 \$7,610.46

ST. ROSALIE Envelopes \$15.00 Loose 100.00 Online Total \$115.00



MASS VOLUNTEERS

WEEKEND OF: NOVEMBER 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

WEEKEND OF: NOVEMBER 28-29

SATURDAY 5:30 PM Lector: Andrea Ziegenbusch Bulletins: Andrea Ziegenbusch Ushers: James Hale Sanitizer: Diane Irwin SUNDAY 8:00 AM Lector: Marie Minton **Bulletins: Marie Minton** Ushers: Jay Prestenbach, Thaddeus Marcell Sanitizer: Jennifer Young SUNDAY 10:30 AM Lector: Lisa Thibodeaux Bulletins: Lynette Aulds, Maria Barbier Ushers: Randy Aulds, David Irwin Sanitizer: Keith Thibodeaux **SUNDAY 5:30 PM** Lector: Bill Bourgeois **Bulletins: Mary Domangue** Ushers: John Dubois Sanitizer: Katie Fryou

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