TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 18, 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 | 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.





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READING 1

ISAIAH 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him, and making kings run in his service, opening doors before him and leaving the gates unbarred: For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one, I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not. I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not, so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun people may know that there is none besides me. I am the LORD, there is no other.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

For great is the LORD and highly to be praised; awesome is he, beyond all gods. For all the gods of the nations are things of nought, but the LORD made the heavens.

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and praise; give to the LORD the glory due his name! Bring gifts, and enter his courts.

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

Worship the LORD, in holy attire; tremble before him, all the earth; say among the nations: The LORD is king, he governs the peoples with equity.

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

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 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-5B

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 22:15-21

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying,

"Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?"

Knowing their malice, Jesus said,

"Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax."

Then they handed him the Roman coin.

He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?"

They replied, "Caesar's."

At that he said to them,

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

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• 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. Please depart immediately after Mass is concluded.

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.



Prayer is one of the first steps in acting for justice in our world. This novena, rooted in the biblical tradition and the Church's social teaching, is intended to promote justice and peace in our neighborhoods, our country, and our world.

PARISH NEWS

Sacristan Training

Head Sacristan Alicia Robicheaux will hold a training for any parishioner (male or female) interested in serving Holy Cross as a sacristan. The training will be in church on Monday, October 26 after 5:30 mass (about 6:15 PM). Sacristans play an essential behind-the-scenes role by preparing and assisting the priest for the liturgy.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Interested in becoming Catholic? Contact the church office 384-3551 or email colleen.hunter@holycrossmc.org for more information.

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US

Men's Rosary | Fridays | 6:45 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary FOR ALL Saturdays | 4:55 PM Before 5:30 Mass

Come | Worship | Belong

This week you should receive a brochure in the mail about the "Come. Worship. Belong." Program. On Commitment weekend, October 24-25, you are invited to join with us and participate in securing our parish's future. Please review the brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help Holy Cross by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future. We ask that all faithful parishioners complete the Commitment Card included in the brochure. You may

- mail the card to the church using the pre-addressed envelope OR
- bring your card to Mass next Sunday and place in baskets, OR
- complete a digital commitment card on our parish website.

Include your prayer intentions on the back of your commitment card. All intentions will be added to the parish's private daily prayer intentions list.

Thank you for your generosity and support of Holy Cross Parish!

Griefshare: Two Opportunities

• GriefShare Sessions

Mondays | 5:30-6:30 PM | Yvonne Adams Life Center

Lunch & Share

Come with your lunch for support and sharing with others.

Thursdays | 12:10-12:50 | Church Office

For More Information: Call 384-3551 or email keith.thibodeaux@holycrossmc.org

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Sacramentality: People Part III: Communion & Solidarity

Now we know more about the body and the soul of each individual member of the Body of Christ. Now we delve into a further dimension of the human person: the fundamental need for communion with their fellow men and, of course, with God. Solidarity is one of the fundamental principles of Catholic Social Doctrine: it is the understanding that every person is interdependent on their neighbor. We are not individual beings who happen to look alike or live in close proximity; each person depends on the other in order for society to function properly. When we live in proper solidarity, we express the sacramental nature of the Church: for how can a body work against itself, or how can one part of the body think itself more necessary than another? We are indeed made for each other; we are made similar so that in the eyes of our fellow man, we can see a glimpse of ourselves, but also a glimpse of God Himself. When we worship, we worship as one: we speak words with one voice, one heart, one mind. Cultivating solidarity means going outside of ourselves; we must aid the poor, speak out against racism, forgive the sinner, remembering all the while that if we do not, we allow part of our own body to whither and die. Sometimes, solidarity means suffering on behalf of my brother; but just as the physical body suffers through the trials of exercise in order to become stronger, so too the spiritual Body of Christ must be purified of its prejudices, of its selfishness, of all its weaknesses, in order to become the worthy Bride of Christ.

Reflection

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- How do I aid my fellow man in this world?
- In what way am I being particularly called right now to serve outside of myself?
- Do I need to purify myself of any prejudices against my fellow man in order to serve him/her well?
- This week at Mass, ask the Lord to shine a light on those places where you need to grow so as to love your brother/sister better.



"As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the parts of the body which seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those parts of the body which we think less honorable we invest with the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior part, that there may be no discord in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together." I Corinthians 12:20-26

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

Dignity Beyond The Debate



2020 What Does It Mean To Form My Conscience?

Catholics have a long tradition of engagement in the public square. Sometimes that engagement requires making difficult moral decisions that impact our own lives and those of others. Our conscience can help guide the decisions we make. The Second Vatican Council guides us: "Always summoning [one] to love good and avoid evil, the voice of conscience can when necessary speak to [one's] heart more specifically: do this, shun that" (Gaudium et Spes 16). However, our conscience doesn't just come to us when we are born. We must work throughout our lives to form it through prayer, learning, and conversation.

How do I form my conscience?

CIVILIZE IT

It takes time to form our consciences so that we can make well-reasoned judgments about particular, real-life situations. The Church teaches that it is important to work continually on conscience formation so we can be prepared to make decisions whenever the opportunity arises. Some specific ideas to form your conscience are:

1) Begin by being open to the truth and what is right.

2) Study Sacred Scripture and the teaching of the Church.
3) Examine the facts and background information about various choices and be discerning in where we gather information.

4) **Prayerfully reflect** to discern the will of God (Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, no. 18). Additionally, it is important to consider how our community of faith can help us form good consciences through some of these steps: 1 Catechism of the Catholic Church (2nd ed.). Washington, DC: Libreria Editrice Vaticana-United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), 2000, no 1777

2 USCCB. Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship. Washington, DC: 2015, no. 17

 Seek the prudent advice and good example of trusted leaders and others to support and enlighten our conscience.
 Learn about the authoritative teaching of the Church.
 Pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help us develop our conscience.

4) Regularly partake in an **examination of conscience** to hear God's voice in your life. (1)

Doing the work of forming our consciences can seem daunting. Fortunately, we have many church teachings that can help us in this important task. Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship is an important resource for U.S. Catholics and helps us prayerfully reflect on how we can apply Church teaching in our civic life. "Conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere "feeling" about what we should or should not do. Rather, **conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart**, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good while shunning what is evil." (2)

Here are some questions for further reflection:

1. When has my conscience guided me to "do good and avoid evil"?

2. What are some key resources I can use to form my conscience?

3. Forming conscience is a "lifelong task." What do I do to

regularly form my conscience? What more should I do?

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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, OCTOBER 17

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, Alice S. Guzzetta, . Oswald & Yvonne Verret, Virgie Watkins, Betty & Merlin Brossuard, Jr., Rucco Guarisco, Jr.

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

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, Blake James Melancon, Logan, Sr., Irene & Gwen Fromenthal, Norbert & Elise Templet, Sam & Charleen Lorenzo, Leonard & Darby Families, John Ritche, Henry Swiber, Sr., David Swiber, Henry Swiber, Jr., Diane Swiber, Red Arceneaux, Beverley Hamer

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, Edward Patterson, Jr., Evelyn Fitch & Family, Dr. & Mrs. Nat Morice, Jr. Family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Holy Cross Parish, Norman H. Breaux, Sr. Family living and deceased, Governale & Resignola Families, Dorothy Gordon, Calvin LeLeux, Quinlan Duffy, Jessie Voisin, David Robicheaux, Butch Gautreaux, Sam Spitale, Edward Patterson, Jr., Trey Smith, Red Arceneaux, Al Tregle, Beverly Hamer, John Carter,

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien. Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, Rosalie H. Melancon, Oswald & Yvonne Verret, Fr. Etienne LeBlanc

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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, 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, Suzanne Lipari, Ashlee Jimenez, Regina Noble, Steven Insler, and anyone affected by Covid-19.

MASS VOLUNTEERS

WEEKEND OF: OCTOBER 17-18

SATURDAY 5:30PM Lector: Andrea Ziegenbusch Bulletins: Andrea Ziegenbusch Ushers: James Hale Sanitizers: Jolene Holt and volunteers SUNDAY 8:00 AM Lector: Marie Minton **Bulletins: Marie Minton** Ushers: Thaddeus Marcell Sanitizers: Jay Prestenbach and volunteers SUNDAY 10:30 AM Lector: Lisa Thibodeaux Bulletins: Lee Anne Landry, Mary Domingue Ushers: Randy Aulds, David Irwin Sanitizers: Peggy Lafleur, Lynette Aulds SUNDAY 5:30 PM Lector: Colleen Hunter **Bulletins: Colleen Hunter** Ushers: Kenny Duval Sanitizers: Students and volunteers

WEEKEND OF: OCTOBER 24-25 SATURDAY 5:30PM Lector: Lori Jo Case

Bulletins: James Hale Ushers: James Hale Sanitizers: Diane Irwin and volunteers SUNDAY 8:00 AM Lector: Kendra Thomas **Bulletins: Kendra Thomas** Ushers: Ray Prestenbach, Thaddeus Marcell Sanitizers: Jennifer Young and volunteers SUNDAY 10:30 AM Lector: Bill Bourgeois Bulletins: Lynette Aulds, Maria Barbier Ushers: Randy Aulds, David Irwin Sanitizers: Peggy Lafleur, Lynnette Aulds **SUNDAY 5:30 PM** Lector: Camille Izaquirre **Bulletins:** Camille Izaquirre Ushers: John Dubois Sanitizers: Selena Shannon and volunteers



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