





MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Obligation has been dispensed in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux until further notice.

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM | in church | livestreamed | 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: In St. Jude Chapel prior to all weekday and weekend masses

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

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





READING 1 **EXODUS 22:20-26**

Thus says the LORD: "You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans. "If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, you shall not act like an extortioner toward him by demanding interest from him. If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset; for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body. What else has he to sleep in? If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, O LORD, my strength, O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold! Praised be the LORD, I exclaim, and I am safe from my enemies.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

The LORD lives and blessed be my rock! Extolled be God my savior.

You who gave great victories to your king and showed kindness to your anointed.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

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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 1:5C-10

Brothers and sisters: You know what sort of people we were among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

ALLELUIA JOHN 14:23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

MATTHEW 22:34-40 GOSPEL

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him.

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."







SOCIAL DISTANCING

- 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.

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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 behindthe-scenes role by preparing and assisting the priest for the liturgy.

PARISH NEWS

Come | Worship | Belong.

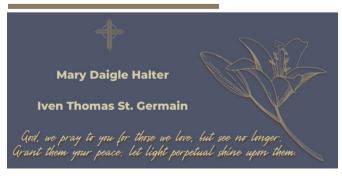
October 24-25 is Commitment Weekend. Please prayerfully consider how you can help Holy Cross by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future. We ask that all faithful parishioners complete the Commitment Card included in the mailed brochure. If you did not receive yours or misplaced it, cards are available at church. Please include your prayer intentions on the back of your card. All intentions will be added to our private prayer intentions list.

- Mail card to the church using the preaddressed envelope OR
- Place card in the baskets at Mass OR
- Complete a digital commitment card on our parish website.

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

BLESSING OF GRAVES IN ANTICIPATION OF ALL SOULS DAY Sunday, November 1 | Morgan City

Cementary | 12:30 PM





NOVENA FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

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. Please join us in praying it daily starting Sunday, October 25.

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

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



Sanctification of Man

There are two reasons that answer the question of "Why practice liturgy?" The first reason is what we'll look at today: for the sanctification of man. The second (and more important) reason is for the glorification of God, which we'll take a look at next week. But these two ideas are inseparable: for it is by our own sanctification that we glorify God. You've perhaps heard the paraphrased quote from Saint Irenaeus: "The glory of God is man fully alive." However the second half of that sentiment is just as important: "...and the life of man consists in beholding God." Meaning, my living my life to the fullest means living my life completely for Christ, and not for myself. I am fully myself, am fully alive, when I allow Godwho is my Creator, my greatest love, and the goal of my entire life-to work through me. So, how do I sanctify myself? How do I learn how to have the best life possible, be the best version of myself? I go to Mass, and I pray. Simple as that. I pay attention to the liturgical action; I submerge myself in the depths of the mystery which Christ is inviting me into. I take notice of all of the sacramental happenings during the liturgy and behold their goodness, their power, and their striking beauty. I find confidence not necessarily when my Mass is made "flashy" or "hip", but rather in the stability of practice which has been instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church for millenia. I find grandeur in the silence of the in between moments; I see the shoots of growth coming from the roots of the liturgy that will lead me out the doors and into a life of social justice rooted in the Sacraments. I allow myself to be moved by the liturgy, and in that movement I begin the journey toward sanctification, and toward a fuller glorification of God by my life.



"On the morrow, lifted up between heaven and earth, [Jesus Christ] offers the saving sacrifice of His life, and pours forth, as it were, from His pierced Heart the sacraments destined to impart the treasures of redemption to the souls of men. All this He does with but a single aim: the glory of His Father and man's ever greater sanctification."

Pope Pius XII, Mediator Dei, §17



Reflection

- Do I see the liturgy sanctifying me?
- Am I participating in it with the fervor necessary for it to do so?
- This week at Mass, what is one way in which I can more fully enter into the Sacrifice of Jesus on the altar, and what can I take with me out into the world to live the Christian life more fully?



MELINA MICHEL

WORSHIP AND WELCOME

BELLE RIVER, LA

- How do you serve Holy Cross Parish? Parish Implementation Team - Worship and Welcome, Lector, Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion
- Early Bird or Night Owl? Get up early
- Favorite thing about Louisiana: Our culture
- Which of the five senses is your strongest? Smell
- Favorite saint: St. Francis of Assisi. It is in giving that we receive.
- A bucket list item: Run the Boston Marathon
- Favorite type of music: Country
- Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving we have special family gatherings.
- Favorite hymn: All That We Have and On Eagles Wings
- Favorite Christmas movie: Miracle on 34th Street
- Favorite pizza topping: Lots of veggies and meat
- Favorite quote: the Serenity Prayer
- Farthest you've been from home: Australia
- Favorite team sport: Football
- Favorite foreign food: Greek
- Roller-coasters? They are okay.
- Favorite book: I am not a reader.
- Last concert: Robin Williams
- Advice you would give your 18 year old self: Enjoy life and family. Do good by others.
- What do you think heaven is like? Peaceful

RANDY AULDS

WORSHIP AND WELCOME

STEPHENSVILLE, LA



- How do you serve Holy Cross Parish: Parish Implementation Team - Worship and Welcome, Youth Formation Mentor, Usher
- Favorite thing about Louisiana: The food
- Favorite saint: St. Faustina. I enjoyed the Divine Mercy diary. Reading her history inspired me.
- A bucket list item: To go on a pilgrimage
- Favorite type of music: Christian and 70s
- Favorite holiday: Christmas. Every since I was a little kid, it has been my favorite.
- Favorite hymn: Holy Are You Lord Mark Mallett
- Favorite Halloween costume: An old man's costume, but now I am an old man!
- Favorite Christmas movie: Home Alone
- Farthest you've been from home: Cayman Islands
- Favorite book: Three Days: The Search for the Boy Messiah by Chris Stepien. My mind was transported back to that time frame. To realize how tough life was back then is just heard to imagine.
- Advice you would give your 18 year old self: Be faithful to Jesus, listen to the Holy Spirit, be kind, be humble and true to yourself and friends. Always love your family like there may not be a tomorrow. Use your time wisely.
- Invite three people (dead or alive) to a dinner party: My wife and two daughters because they are just so special in my life.
- What do you think heaven is like? Words could never describe it. The greatest experience that you've had on earth multiplied by a million might start to describe it. Just to be in God's presence is going to be awesome!

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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 24

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, Rucco Gruarisco, Jr., Blake James Melancon St. Rosalie: Howard Thibodaux, Rosemary Cutrera, Jerry Acosta, Sr., Brandon Terry

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

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, Roland J. Barras, R. L. & Edith LeBlanc, Barbara Greer, Alice S. Guzzetta, William Darce, Jr., Rudy Mendoza

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, Oswald & Yvonne Verret, Catherine Brown, Fr. Etienne LeBlanc, Al Tregle

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

Holy Cross Parish, Norman H. Breaux, Sr. Family living and deceased, Governale & Resignola Families, David Robicheaux, Kathleen Nicklaus, Ashton & Allie Adams, Edward Patterson, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, Edward Patterson, Jr., Catherine Brown, Evelyn Fitch & Family, Dr. & Mrs. Nat Morice, Jr. & Family, Butch Gautreaux, Sam Spitale, John Carter, Trey Smith, Red Arceneaux, Al Tregle, Beverley Hamer

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 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

WEEKEND OF: OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 1

SATURDAY 5:30PM Lector: Melina Michel

Bulletins: Melina Michel Ushers: James Hale

Sanitizers: Jolene Holt &volunteers

SUNDAY 8:00 AM Lector: Georgia Lajaunie

Bulletins: Jay Prestenbach Ushers: Thaddeus Marcell

Sanitizers: Jay Prestenbach & volunteers

<u>SUNDAY 10:30 AM</u> Lector: John Russo

Bulletins: Shelly Morell, Judy Russo

Ushers: Randy Aulds, David Irwin

Sanitizers: Shelly Morell & volunteers

<u>SUNDAY 5:30 PM</u> Lector: Kellye Patterson

Bulletins: Selena Shannon Ushers: Kenny Duval

Sanitizers: Selena Shannon & volunteers



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