



# **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.







#### READING I **DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20**

Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horebon the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.' And the LORD said to me, 'This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die."

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

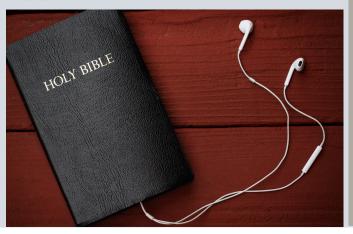
#### R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

#### R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

#### R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.



#### **READING II** 1 CORINTHIANS 7:32-35

Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

#### **GOSPEL** MARK 1:21-28

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

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**SOCIAL DISTANCING** 

- Hand sanitizer is available. You may also bring your own sanitizers. Please leave kneelers down for ease in sanitizing 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. You may also set up recurring payments at holycrossmc.org/giving or use our PayPal and Venmo @holycrossmc to support the church.
- We respectfully ask that there be no congregating within the church after Mass.

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

O, come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

#### **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.

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#### **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.

#### 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

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

#### Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, misere`re nobis, misere`re nobis (Repeat)
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, dona nobis pacem, dona nobis pacem

#### **Communion Antiphon**

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, says the lord.

# 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.

# A Message From Father Brett

#### **Hello, people of Holy Cross!**

My name is Fr. Brett Lapeyrouse, and I am your newly assigned associate pastor. I'm looking forward to walking with y'all as we continue to grow as disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. Growing up in Chauvin in south Terrebonne Parish, the culture and people of this area have held a dear place in my heart, even when I have been away for schooling. My parents, Deacon Gary and Michelle Lapeyrouse, instilled in my younger brother, Evan, and I, the central place of our relationship with the Lord and His Church. It was my growing relationship with Jesus, especially through frequent encounters with Him during several retreat experiences and time spent before Him in the Blessed Sacrament, that kept me close to the Church throughout my years of education at South Terrebonne High School in Bourg and Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, LA. After my first year at LA Tech, there came a moment of prayer where it became clear that following the Lord's will for my life brought me more joy than my past pursuits of a different career and life. That summer I made the decision to follow that prompting to go to the seminary and pursue the call He had given me to His Priesthood. It has been one of the greatest joys of my life!

I am currently 28 years old, born March 30, 1992. I mentioned that I have a younger brother, Evan. I also have one sister whom my parents adopted when I was in high school, Mandy. Also, one of her sisters, McKenzy, has lived with us for a time, so we consider her a part of our family as well. Despite living in this area my whole life, I do not know how to make a roux. But I love fried seafood, burgers, and Raisin Canes, though I am attempting to maintain a healthier diet as of late (with the help of Fr. Brice). My favorite hobbies are: reading, listening to audiobooks, music and podcasts, video gaming, and spending time with my friends. I especially enjoy going have a beer with people, both for the people and to discover new and interesting kinds of beer (in a responsible manner). As I mentioned earlier, I studied at Louisiana Tech University for a year after high school, majoring in Chemical Engineering. My favorite saint is St. Thomas Aguinas, for his great intellect and extensive writings in Theology, but mainly for his great love for the Eucharist, expressed in many of his prayers, hymns, and other writings. If you need to get in touch with me to schedule a meeting or just to invite me for dinner, coffee, or anything, give Mary a call at the office or shoot her an email and we can get something on the calendar. I look forward to getting to know you throughout my time here and walking with you on our journey as disciples of our Lord.

May God bless and keep y'all! Father Brett

# PARISH NEWS

**BOOK SIGNING RESCHEDULED: JANUARY 31** 

Pre-ordered copies of Daily Lessons from the Saints. will be available for payment, pickup, and signing after 10:30 AM mass on Sunday, January 31. A limited number of copies will be available for sale. All proceeds benefit Holy Cross Parish.

**BLESSING OF CANDLES: FEBRUARY 2** In observance of the Presentation of the Lord. blessing of candles will take place at 5:30 PM Mass on Tuesday, February 2.

**BLESSING OF THE THROATS: FEBRUARY 3** In observance of the Feast of St. Blaise, blessing of the throats will take place at 5:30 PM Mass on Wednesday, February 3.

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

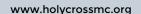
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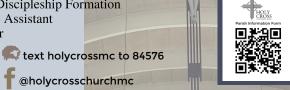
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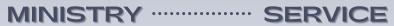
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#### **SACRAMENTS**

Baptism: 3rd Sunday of each month. Matrimony: Couples must register on our website and make arrangements at least 6 months prior to marriage.

# **Liturgical Ministry**

What should a person in the congregation do at Mass? We should pray. The whole Mass is our offering of our sacrifices in union with the Sacrifice of Christ by virtue of our Baptismal Priesthood. Bishops, priests, deacons, and the lay faithful all do this. We all pray the Mass. We all ought to unite our own joys and sufferings with His at every Mass. Some of us, however, are called into a role of service to the congregation. Some of us are called to a ministry (the Latin word for "service") which is meant to help others to pray the Mass. In order, some men are called as Acolytes to assist the priest at the altar and, when necessary, to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Other men are called as Lectors to proclaim the Word of God and to (outside of the liturgy) instruct others in that Word. Some are called to sing and to lead the congregation in singing, an integral part of the Mass. When there is an insufficient number of lectors, some are called to proclaim the Word at Mass and when there is a large number of those receiving Holy Communion and a small number of bishops, priests, deacons, or acolytes some are called upon to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Finally, to help young men discern if they are called to serve as priests, altar servers are allowed and encouraged, even if there are a sufficient number of acolytes. Liturgical ministries (both ordinary and extraordinary) are acts of service to the people praying. The important thing is the prayer: first, Christ offering Himself to the Father through the hands of the priest and second the individual sacrifices of each person in the church. Church ministries are never a right and have little to do with whether or not one is a good Christian. Lay ministries besides acolyte and lector are never permanent. Instead, some receive a call from God into various liturgical ministries, moved often by the needs of the Church and respond to that call with generosity and love that we might most aptly give glory to God and receive His sanctification in the Sacred Liturgy.





#### Reflection

- How can prayer be my primary focus in the liturgy?
- Can I come to Mass five minutes early to quiet my mind, think of my sacrifice, and prepare myself to receive from God?
- Is God calling me to offer myself for a time in a liturgical ministry?
- Do I have a skill such as singing or public reading which, placed at the service of the Church, would glorify God and assist my brothers and sisters to pray?

NOW THERE ARE VARIETIES OF GIFTS, BUT THE SAME SPIRIT; AND THERE ARE VARIETIES OF SERVICE, BUT THE SAME LORD; AND THERE ARE VARIETIES OF WORKING, BUT IT IS THE SAME GOD WHO INSPIRES THEM ALL IN EVERY ONE. TO EACH IS GIVEN THE MANIFESTATION OF THE SPIRIT FOR THE COMMON GOOD.

(1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-7)



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### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

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#### SUNDAY, JANYARY 31

Donald & Leona Smith, Smith & Wilma Alpha, Hal Thomas, Max Griffin, Gracie Andrews, Maria Nguyen, Dominico Nguyen, Maria Thi, Dominico Hien, Blake James Melancon, Rudy Mendoza

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Keith Burton, John Vidos, Boudreaux/Sewart Familes, Lynn & Rita Bernucho Families Living & Deceased

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Holy Cross Parish, Norman H. Breaux, Sr. Family living and deceased, Governale & Resignola Families, David Robicheaux, Joseph & Esther Birdsall & Family, Sidney Cortez, Marie Cortez, Patsy Haeuber, Al Adams Family, Catherine Brown

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Klye Holmes, Kirby Arceneaux, Blake James Melancon, Maria Nguyen, Dominico Nguyen, Maria Thi, Dominico Hien, Violet, Evans and Haidee Hebert, Bena Arnie, Steve Hall, Catherine Brown

# PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ashlee Jimenez, Jerry Acosta Jr., Gwen Trahan, Thien Nguyen, Ronald & Debbie Leonard, Gary Vining, Jane Webster, Lucy Lacasse, Carol Bergeron, Herverd Martin, Rella Fontenot, and everyone affected by Covid-19.

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE (985-384-3551) OR REPLY TO THE WEEKLY EMAIL TO PLACE SOMEONE ON THE SICK LIST IN 2021.

## **MASS VOLUNTEERS**

**WEEKEND OF: JANUARY 30-31** 

**SATURDAY 5:30PM** Lector: Melina Michel

Bulletins: Melina Michel Ushers: James Hale Sanitizer: Jolene Holt

SUNDAY 8:00 AM Lector: Lisa Thibodeaux

Bulletins: Keith Thibodeaux Ushers: Thaddeus Marcell Sanitizer: Jay Prestenbach

**SUNDAY 10:30 AM** Lector: Stacey Landry

Bulletins: Shelly Morell Ushers: Randy Aulds Sanitizer: Shelly Morell

**SUNDAY 5:30 PM** Lector: Kellye Patterson

Bulletins: Selena Shannon Ushers: John Dubois Sanitizer: Katie Fryou

#### **WEEKEND OF: FEBRUARY 6-7**

SATURDAY 5:30PM Lector: Lori Jo Case

Bulletins: Amber Monceaux

Ushers: James Hale Sanitizer: Jolene Holt

**SUNDAY 8:00 AM** Lector: Tony Saleme

Bulletins: Ray Prestenbach Ushers: Thaddeus Marcell Sanitizer: Ray Presetenbach

**SUNDAY 10:30 AM** Lector: Claire Guarisco

**Bulletins: Lynette Aulds** 

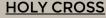
Ushers: Randy Aulds, David Irwin Sanitizer: Peggy Lafleur, Randy Aulds

**SUNDAY 5:30 PM** Lector: William Bourgeois

Bulletins: John Dubois Ushers: John Dubois Sanitizer: John Dubois

#### **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

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