

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 13th
Father Mark Beard

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14th
NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15th
Father Mark Beard, Raella Armand, Barbara Broussard, Ann Danna, Johnnie "Lil Man" Santangelo, Nancy Brown, Freddie Anderson, Orlando Banos, Manette G. Bateman, Alice Currier, Jet Keen, Myrza Ruiz, Suzie Cox, Mark David Deanne, Patsy Terrell, Frank D'Amico, Abrum Cantu, David Paul Delaune, Michael Henry, Billy Higgins, Harold Beard, Living & Deceased Members of Kelly & Mamie Bellavia Family, Josephine Capdeboscq

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16th
Father Mark Beard, Mike Murphy, Dr. Leonard A. Cheramie Jr., Cindy Ware Walker, Barbara Broussard, Ann Danna, Frank D'Amico, Alice Currier, Harrell Griffin, James Dugar, Angela Biondillo, Nancy Brown, Orlando Banos, Fr. I.R. Heinrich Grillmeier, David Paul Delaune, Michael Henry, Billy Higgins, Harold Beard, Kathy Dunn

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17th
Leonard A. Cheramie Jr.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18th
Myrza Ruiz

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19th | 9:00AM ENGLISH
Alice Currier

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19th | 2:00PM SPANISH
The People of St. Helena Church

PRAYER LIST

Janett Relan, Brian Guichet, Henry McCabe, Hurlless Clouatre, Michelle Robbins, Doris Wright, Brent Covington, Josephine Capdeboscq, Lindsey Booty, Laura Faust, Halie Cox Wright, Sondra Sagnibene, Bronwyn Corcoran, Joan Scarle, Cindy Frazier, Eric Tarver, Savina Campo, Katelyn Delbasto, Lorie Delbasto, Ronnie Delbasto, Diann Delbasto, Shawn Delbasto, Patrick Delbasto, Wanda Miles, Mya Arrazate, Toney Cantu, Kenneth Hill, Conner Corkern, Alice Perez, Frances Currier, Jay Ardillo, Brian Rueb, Hank & Karen Scheumacher, Douglas Hill, Ashlee Travis, John Cooper, Mac Perkins Jr., Greg Alack, Catherine Calamari, Marilyn Dees, Jenna Blades, Frances Anderson, Imelda Travis, Kenneth Travis, Suzanne Bridgewater, Nadia Haik, Kathy Dunn



We at St. Helena Catholic Church are committed to educating, directing, and sustaining all who visit, in particular those who draw near, to the teachings and traditions of Holy Mother Church; this Mission will be achieved by employing Cardinal virtues of Justice, Prudence, Temperance and Fortitude.

"Finish the Race"

A Benefit to continue Fr. Mark Beard's vision at Our Lady of Hope. The life size Stations of the Cross and other ongoing projects.

**Sunday, February 2, 2025
3pm - 6pm**

Join us for powerful testimonies, and Live Auction at White Oak Estate & Gardens in Baton Rouge, LA. Tickets are \$250 per person. To purchase tickets, contact OLOH at 601-202-3137. Tickets are limited.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Larry Toups, Peter Vangiel, James Hoover, Dennis Toups, William Graham, Vince Owen, Brandon Thompson, Jerry Dyer, Jamie Cutrer, Eric Russell, James Sylvester, Mark Prine, Robert Tillwell, Chris Bennett, Dewayne Spears, Nic Edwards, Jake Cristina, Scott Swilley, Angie Swilley, Chris Brunet, Jacob Rankin, James Michael Dupuis, Daniel Mays, Jim Bravis Redmond Jr., Daniel Santora, Jerry Simmons, Wesley Corkern, Lucas Edward Thigpen, John Accord, Maxwell Conger, Kyle Joseph Rosalies, Jordon Quinn, Adrian Gonzalez Moreno, Sgt. Matthew Vallot, Lt. Molly Fekete, Wesley Corkern, Jacob Frazier, Braeden Hallmark, Trent Smith, Andrew Zaffuto, Judson Sandifer, Blake Blades

Please call the Office if you would like to add or remove someone on the Service List.

YOUTH NIGHTS

Jr High School Nights
January 15th & 29th

High School Nights
January 22nd

KC FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Ricky & Trudy Currier

IN DEFENSE OF MOTHER CHURCH

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Jesus is alone. He is walking slowly, coming forward, behind the Baptist. He approaches noiselessly and listens to the thundering voice of the Penitent of the desert, as if He also were one of the many who came to John to be baptised and purified for the coming of the Messiah. There is nothing to distinguish Jesus from the others. His clothes are those of common people, but He has the bearing and handsomeness of a gentleman. There is no divine sign discriminating Him from the crowd.

But it would appear that John perceives a special spirituality emanate from Him. He turns round, and at once identifies the source of the emanation. He descends impulsively from the rocky pulpit and moves quickly towards Jesus, who has stopped a few yards away from the crowd and is leaning against the trunk of a tree.

John, after scrutinising Him with his piercing eyes, exclaims: "Here is the Lamb of God. How is it that my Lord comes to me?"

Jesus replies calmly: "To fulfill the Penitential rite."

"Never, my Lord. I must come to You to be sanctified, and you are coming to me?"

And Jesus, laying His hand on the head of John, who had bowed down in front of Him, replies: "Let it be done as I wish, that all justice may be fulfilled and your rite many become the beginning of the higher mystery and men may be informed that the Victim is the the world."

John looks at Him with his eyes sweetened by tears and precedes Jesus towards the bank of the river. Jesus takes off His mantle and tunic, and is left with a kind of pair of short trousers. He then descends into the water, where there is John, who baptises Him, pouring on His head some water from the river by means of a cup, tied to his belt. It looks like a shell or a half pumpkin dried and emptied.

Jesus is really the Lamb. A Lamb in the whiteness of His flesh, in the modesty of His gestures, in the meekness of His look.

While Jesus climbs on to the bank and after putting on His clothes concentrates on praying, John points Him out to the crowd and testifies that he recognized Him by the sign that the Spirit of God had shown him as an infallible means to identify the Redeemer.

Poem of the Man God



St. Helena Catholic Church will host it's annual

LSU Baseball Fundraiser

Wednesday, January 15th at 6pm-9pm. \$125 per couple.

Call 985-474-4225 for tickets.

Tickets include Appetizers, Dinner and Address by Head Coach Jay Johnson.

HOPE CORNER



Our Lady of Hope Catholic Retreat Center
Chatawa, MS - (601)-202-3137 - Ourladyofhopems.com
Upcoming Retreats: Register at ourladyofhopems.com/events

OLOH Full of Grace Gift Shop

Monday-Saturday, 8am-3pm;
Sunday after 9:00am Mass

Jan 2nd-12th
25% ALL Merchandise

Perkatory Coffee Shop

Sunday Special
Hot Chocolate & Powdered Cappuccinos
Buy One Get One Free

THE EXTRAORDINARY ACTIONS OF SATAN AND THE EVIL SPIRITS

March 6-9, 2025

A 4 Day, 3 Night **SILENT** Retreat with Fr. Robert-Joel Cruz
Newcomers welcomed

IN THE KNOW...

ENCOUNTER NIGHTS AT MATER DOLOROSA CHURCH

Adoration, Praise, and Music | Every 3rd Thursday of the Month | 5:30pm-7:00pm

PALMS

Please bring your palm branches to Church or the Church Office. We will be using the Palm Branches to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE COUNCIL Catholic Youth Leadership Award for High School Seniors

Deadline: January 25, 2025 **Local Award:** \$250 **Diocesan Award:** \$1,000
State Awards - 1st Place: \$5,000, 2nd Place: \$3,000, 3rd Place: \$2,000
Apply at: louisianakc.org/For-Members/Programs/CYLA



St. Helena Catholic Church
Knights of Columbus #10911 will host



Friday, January 31st
11am-2:00pm
\$12 per ticket

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE/SPONSOR RETREAT

February 22, 2025 | 9am-3pm | Lunch provided | 4pm Mass attended together.

RESPECT LIFE MASS

January 25, 2025 | 8:30am at St. Joseph Cathedral in Baton Rouge.

Celebrated by Bishop Michael Duca

Join us, following Mass, for fellowship, coffee and hot chocolate before we join thousands of others for the Louisiana Life March beginning at 10am on the State Capitol Lawn.

WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

February 1, 2025 | 9am-12pm St. Dominic Catholic Church Husser, LA.

Guest Speaker Noël Delery. All women are invited to come together for Breakfast, Fellowship & Prayer. Call or text Carol at 985-320-0051 or email to womensprayerbreakfast24@gmail.com for reservation.

BELOVED RETREAT WITH THE MERCEDARIAN SISTERS 9th-12th GRADE GIRLS

February 7th-9th at Camp Abbey Retreat Center in Covington.

Join us for a weekend or prayer, talks, fellowship and fun! Cost is \$100, scholarships available. Register at <https://forms.gle/hJ4m5mA7wPkSAA8V6> | More info: lindseyEbenett@gmail.com

QUO VADIS - WEEKEND RETREAT FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUNG MEN

February 21st - Feb 23rd at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Baton Rouge.

Hosted by Diocese of Baton Rouge Office of Vocations and Director of Vocations, Fr. Josh Johnson
For questions contact beaubennett@gmail.com.

IN THE KNOW...

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY (WEDDINGS/CONVALIDATIONS)

6 Months in Advance

PARISH OFFICE NOTIFICATION

We are asking that you notify the Parish Office if a family member is Ill, Homebound or Hospitalized.

BAPTISMAL SEMINARS

Please contact the Church Office in advance to register for a class.

America you are beautiful . . . and blessed The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless. If you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace, then America, defend life.



PRO LIFE

JANUARY 12, 2025
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

“You will see and be radiant, and your heart will thrill and rejoice.” Your heart will be full of joy when you answer His call. Are you considering making known the love of our Heavenly Father as a priest, sister or brother? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225-336-8778 or via email: jjohnson@diobr.org

CAMPUS TOURS

Plan a Tour on our beautiful Campus. For information, please go to website www.sthelenachurch.net and click on link.

TRAVELING STATUE PRAYER DEVOTION

If you would like to sign up for the Traveling Prayer Devotion and host one of the Marian statues in your home, please contact one of the following:

Catherine Calamari (504 -236-8983)

For the Families of St. Helena

Yvonne Hulsey (985-969-5058)

For the Souls in Purgatory

Wendy Danna (985-687-8208)

*For the return of our Lapsed Catholics
Prayer for Priest*

Judy Williams (985-969-4511)

For St. Helena Church

Our Children of St. Helena

Lupe Calderon (985-222-8096)

*For St. Helena Church
For the return of our Lapsed Catholics
Prayer for Peace*

Audio & Written versions of Father Mark's Homilies are available on our website, www.sthelenachurch.net.

Please support the local businesses who place Ads in our Bulletin.

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January 12, 2025

The Baptism of the Lord

“You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased!”

- Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri., 7:30am
Tuesday No Mass
Saturday Vigil 4:00pm
Sunday 9:00am
Sunday Spanish 2:00pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri., 7:00am
Tuesday No Confession
Wednesday, Thursday 5:00pm
Saturday Vigil 3:00pm
Sunday 8:00am
Sunday Spanish 1:00pm

1st SATURDAY MASS: 8:00am at Mater Dolorosa in Independence

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8am-5pm | Friday 8am-12pm