

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 6th
Christine Sharp

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7th
NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8th
Father Mark Beard, Ronald & Hazel Scioneaux, Roland Bourgeois, Raella Armand, Barbara Broussard, Ann Danna, James Dugar Sr., Johnnie "Lil Man" Santangelo, Nancy Brown, Carl Monteleone, Hazel Anderson, Orlando Banos, Manette G. Bateman, Alice & Radar Currier, Ann LaBarbara, Frank D'Amico, Chubby Campo, David Paul Delaune, Michael Henry, Billy Higgins, Harold Beard, Ashlee Travis

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9th
Father Mark Beard, Raella Armand, Barbara Broussard, Ann Danna, Veda Misita, Shelby Kirby, Frank D'Amico, Ben Luca, Alice Currier, Harrell Griffin, James Dugar, Angela Biandolillo, Virginia Vitale, Lamar Murrell, David Paul Delaune, Michael Henry, Billy Higgins, Harold Beard, Ashlee Travis, Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10th
Harold Wright

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11th
Ann Danna

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12th | 9:00AM ENGLISH
Father Mark Beard

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12th | 2:00PM SPANISH
The People of St. Helena Church



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

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



IN DEFENSE OF MOTHER CHURCH

THE BLESSING OF HOMES AT EPIPHANY

This is a tradition that dates back to the Middle Ages, done on (or near) the Feast of Epiphany. Using chalk, mark your main door (or its lintel) with:

20 + C + M + B + 25



*Chalk is a incarnational image reminding us of the dust of the earth from which we were made. The initials CMB stand for the legendary names of the Magi, as well as Christus Mansionem Benedicat, "May Christ bless this house."

THIS WEEKEND

At all Masses we will have at the 3 entrances of the Church baskets. The baskets will have bags with Chalk for your homes with instructions and slips of paper with a saint's name on it. Please take one.

**Maria Valtorta, POEM OF THE MAN-GOD, Chapter 34.
The Adoration of the Wise Men**

...Mary is sitting with the Child in Her lap and Joseph is standing near Her. But She also gets up and bows when She sees the Magi entering. She is all dressed in white. She is so beautiful in Her plain white dress which covers Her from Her neck down to Her feet, from Her shoulders to Her slender wrists. She is so beautiful with Her head crowned with Her blond plaits, Her face more rosy for the emotion, with Her eyes smiling so sweetly while Her mouth gives a greeting: "May God be with you", that the three Magi stop for a moment, completely astonished. They then proceed and prostrate themselves at Her feet...

...The three Wise Men contemplate the Child, Who I think must be nine to twelve months old. He is so lively and strong. He is sitting on His Mother's lap and smiles and prattles with a shrill voice like a little bird. He is all dressed in white like His Mother, with tiny sandals on His little feet. His dress is a very simple one: a small tunic, from which His restless feet protrude, and His plump little hands which would like to get hold of everything, and above all, a most beautiful little face in which two dark blue eyes shine, and a pretty mouth with dimples at the sides shows its first tiny teeth when it smiles. His pretty little curls are so bright and soft that they seem gold dust.

The oldest of the Magi speaks on behalf of them all. He explains to Mary that one night the previous December, they saw a new star of an unusual brightness appear in the sky. The maps of the sky had never shown or mentioned such a star. Its name was unknown because it had no name...

They had seen it and had striven to understand its meaning. They were happy to give up the little sleep they usually granted themselves and forgetting even their food, they devoted themselves entirely to studying the zodiac. And the conjunctions of the stars, the time, the season, the calculation of the hours passed and of the astronomic combinations had told them the name and secret of the star. Its name: "Messiah". Its secret: "The Messiah had come to our world." And they had set out to worship Him. Each of them unknown to the others. Over mountains, across deserts, along valleys and rivers, traveling by night they had come towards Palestine, because the star was moving in that direction. Each of them unknown to the others. For each of them, from three different points on earth, it was going in that direction. And then they met beyond the Dead Sea. God's will had gathered them there, and they then proceeded together, understanding one another, notwithstanding that each spoke his own language: by a miracle of the Eternal Father they were able to understand and speak the language of each country.

...And they had come towards Bethlehem and as soon as they left the Holy City, the star had reappeared to them, and the night before their arrival in Bethlehem its brightness had increased; the whole sky was ablaze. Then the star had stopped over this house engulfing all the light of the other stars in its ray. And they had understood that the Divine New-Born Baby was there. And now they were worshipping Him, offering their gifts, and above all, their hearts, which never cease thanking God for the grace granted to them; neither would they ever stop loving His Son Whose holy human body they had now seen...

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OLOH LADIES BOOK CLUB
Wednesday, January 15, 2025
8:00am - 3:00pm

Book of the Month:
Unshakable Hope in the Midst of the Storm by Fr. John Riccardo

Speaker of the Month:
Dina Dow - Diocese of Baton Rouge
Director of the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

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.



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.

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



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.

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 of 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.

PRAYER LIST

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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.

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BAPTISMAL SEMINARS

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

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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:

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Prayer for Priest*

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Lupe Calderon (985-222-8096)

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For the return of our Lapsed Catholics
Prayer for Peace*

"You have been my guide since I was first formed...from my mother's womb you are my God"
Psalm 22:10-11



PRO LIFE

JANUARY 5, 2025
THE EPIPHANY

"For out of you shall come forth a ruler who will shepherd My people." Is Christ calling you forth out of your comfort zone to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, or priest? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225-336-8778 or via email: jjohnson@diobr.org

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The Epiphany of the Lord
"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw His star at its rising and have come to do Him homage."
- Matthew 2:1-2

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
Saturday Vigil	3:00pm
Sunday	8:00am
Sunday Spanish	1:00pm

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