

## MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**

No Mass

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**

Harrell Griffin

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**

Father Mark Beard, Jet Keen, Rosemary Graham, Richard Walsh, Harrell Griffin, Dennis Mussare, Ann LaBarbera, Veda Misita, Harold Wright, Antoinette Riley, Ronald & Hazel Scioneaux, Dr. William Ferrante, Virginia Carreca, JoAnn Petitto, Burrell Carter, Jason M Byers, Frances Johnson, Dora Jean Edwards, Michael Henry, David Paul Delaune, Billy Higgins, Harold Beard, Catherine Calamari, Belinda Nelson

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

Father Mark Beard, Jacob Musacchia, Mike Murphy, Ann LaBarbera, Harrell Griffin, Johnnie "Lil Man" Santangelo, Dora Jean Edwards, Jet Keen, Veda Misita, Richard Walsh, Liz Forshag, Sarah O.E. Odiong, Merrell J Fischer, Frances Johnson, Harold Wright, RD & Elsie Bridges, Rose & James Webb, Michael Henry, David Paul Delaune, Billy Higgins, Harold Beard, Jerry Trabona, Catherine Calamari, Belinda Nelson, Mike Allen, Mike Ginart

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

Jet Keen

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**

Harrell Griffin

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

Judy Ponson

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

Jovani Reyes-Calderon

## PRAYER LIST

Bob Gunther, Nat Vicknair, Catherine Calamari, Jerry Trabona, Imelda Travis, Kenneth Travis, Kay Bougeouis, Kelly Wayne Russell, Edward Dugar, Christine & Jerry Sharp, Tommy & Carla Davidson, Deacon Mike Agnello, Valerie Agnello, Julia Dykes, Gracie Green, Kristy Harson, Nenette Fantauzzo, Eric Tarver, Hank Schumacher, Craig Forrest, Tom & Myra Gentrup, Pam Elder, Ryan Jenkins, Frank Guzzardo, Fannie Guzzardo, Savina Campo, Katelyn Delbasty, Lorie Delbasty, Ronnie Delbasty, Diann Delbasty, Wanda Miles, Lucinda Voight, Mya Arrazate, Toney Cantu, Kenneth Hill, Conner Corkern, Raella Armand, Nolan Graham, Alice Perez, Frances Currier, Hailey Gauff, Charles Hoyt Cuti Jr., Alice Currier, Thomas Bennett, Trudy Currier, Brian Rueb, Karen Scheumacher, Douglas Hill, Doris Wright, Lucille Scheurer, Ashley Travis, Tisa & John Cooper, Fran Castillo, Teri Tamper, Joey Paille



**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.**

## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

### THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

We will meet after the 7:30am daily Mass. The Bible Study focuses on reading and discussing the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. We are always open to visitors and anyone who would like to drop in to see if this Bible Study would be a good fit. We meet in Classroom 101.

## MINISTRIES AT ST. HELENA

**If you would like to learn more about the following Ministries, please take a card at the end of your pew and send response to email listed on the card.**

Bereavement Ministry	Thursday Bible Study
Catholic Daughters	Full of Grace
Jr. Catholic Daughters	Knights of Columbus
Maintenance Committee	Nursing Home Ministry
Spanish Ministry	St. Jude Bible Study
St. Vincent de Paul	Totus Tuus
Traveling Prayer Devotion	Youth

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Larry Toups, Peter Vangel, 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

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

## IN DEFENSE OF MOTHER CHURCH

### WHY DOGS LIVE LESS THAN HUMANS

Here's the surprising answer of a 6 year old child.

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife Lisa, and their little boy Shane, were all very attached to Belker, and they were hoping for a miracle.

I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.

As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for six-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away.

The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. We sat together for a while after Belker's Death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that dogs' lives are shorter than human lives. Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why."

Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation. It has changed the way I try and live.

He said, "People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life — like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?" The six-year-old continued, "Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay for as long as we do."

SO: Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly.

Remember, if a dog was the teacher you would learn things like:

- When your loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
- Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure Ecstasy.
- Take naps.
- Stretch before rising.
- Run, romp, and play daily.
- Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
- Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.
- On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
- When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
- Be faithful.
- Never pretend to be something you're not.
- If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently.

**That's the secret of happiness that we can learn from a good dog!!**



**Our administrator, Fr. Miles Walsh, will be out-of-town from Monday through Wednesday of this week, October 2-4. On those days, the Holy Rosary will be recited in Church at 7:30am. Fr. Miles will be back in time for daily Masses beginning on Thursday.**

**1st Saturday Mass October 7, 2023 at 8am.**

## The 12th ANNUAL TRUNK R TREAT FALL FESTIVAL IS THREE WEEKS AWAY!

**Wednesday, October 25, 2023 | 5:30pm-7:30pm**

**(No Scary Costumes / No Scary Trunks)**

If you are interested in participating, all you have to do is buy some candy, park your car, decorate your trunk, sit back and have fun handing out the candy to the children as they come by in their costumes.

**Best Trunk wins a Prize!!**

Please call the Office ASAP if you would like to participate as parking, spaces are limited. All trunks will need to be here and decorated by 5pm. The gates will be closed by 5pm.



**Holy Day of Obligation  
ALL SAINTS DAY**

**Vigil Mass: October 31st @ 5:30pm • Mass: November 1st @ 8:00am**

## HOPE CORNER



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

### I BEG YOU, MY LORD, ANSWER MY PRAYER

A 4 Day Retreat with Fr. Jay Alexius

"Join us for a spiritually rewarding weekend deepening your relationship with Our Lord through an immersion into meaningful contemplative prayer. This retreat promises to be a profound experience of adoration, reparation of your soul, and thanksgiving for answers of your most fervent prayer."

**October 12-15, 2023**

### ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

A 3 Day Retreat with Fr. Philip Scott  
Music by Kitty Cleveland

"We were born to taste heaven on earth. God must create a hunger for things of heaven and must purify our heart, because only the pure of heart begin to taste heaven and see reality, which is God himself!"

**October 20-22, 2023**

### Our Lady of Hope - Full of Grace Gift Shop & Perkatory Coffee Shop

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

**Stop by the Gift Shop for beautiful gifts, a peaceful atmosphere, and great coffee!!**

## IN THE KNOW...

### ADORATION AT ST. HELENA

Monday-Saturday 6am-6pm

We ask that you pray with us each week for one hour for Holy Mother Church and our Country. Please call to discuss a day you would like to pray and set up your hour.

**English- Diane Murphy 985-320-7123 / Spanish- Beatriz Manriquez 985-415-5063**

### OCTOBER IS PRO-LIFE MONTH

During the month of October, a cradle will be placed in the entrance of Church by the Catholic Daughters. They are asking for your help. Please bring any baby items, which will be donated to Women's Life Ministries. The cradle will be in the Church throughout the month of October. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI FEAST DAY

Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 5-6pm

In honor of St. Francis Feast Day on October 4<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the 'Blessing of the Pets'. Please park across street and bring your pets to the east pedestrian gate.

**RCIA CLASSES BEGIN NEXT  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> |  
10:30AM - NOON**

Call the Church Office at (985)-748-9057 or visit our website [shelenachurch.net](http://shelenachurch.net) to sign up.

**You are invited to attend the  
Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office  
Monthly Prayer Breakfast  
Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 7:30am  
in the St. Helena Catholic Church Hall.**

### BLANKET DRIVE

Oct. 12th - Dec. 8th

Please donate new or gently used and cleaned blankets, quilts and throws.



**"The Eucharist & The Spiritual Life" Moving through the "Science of Sainthood"**  
November 4-5, 2023

Guest speakers: Matthew Leonard, Dr. Brant Pitre, Curtis Mitch and music provided by The Vigil Project.  
For more information visit [www.fullnessoftruth.org](http://www.fullnessoftruth.org) or call: 1-877-218-7884.

**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.

“The fundamental human right, the presupposition of every other right, is the right to life itself. This is true of life from the moment of conception until its natural end. Abortion, consequently, cannot be a human right -- it is the very opposite. It is a deep wound in society.”  
-Pope Benedict XVI



**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 1, 2023**

The Lord is the shepherd who calls men and women to minister to His Church. As you pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, also be open to God's call in your life. If you think God is calling you to a church vocation, call or email Rev. Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org

**CAMPUS TOURS**

Plan a Tour on our beautiful Campus. For information, please go to website [www.sthelenachurch.net](http://www.sthelenachurch.net) and click on link.

**ST. HELENA TRAVELING 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  
Prayer for Peace*

Audio & Written versions of Father Mark's Homilies are available on our website, [www.sthelenachurch.net](http://www.sthelenachurch.net).

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## 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"...Every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*  
*Philippians 2:1-11*

**MASS SCHEDULE:**  
Saturday Vigil 4pm;  
Sunday 9am;  
Sunday Spanish 2pm

**DAILY MASS:**  
Tuesday - Friday 7:30am

**CONFESSION:**  
Wednesday 5-6pm;  
Thursday 5-6pm

**1<sup>st</sup> SATURDAY:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass 8am

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