

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>  
No Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>  
Harold Wright

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>  
Father Mark Beard, Jacob Musacchia, Daryl Berghman, Jet Keen, Harrell Griffin, Ann LaBarbera, Veda Misita, Harold Wright, Antoinette Riley, Liz Forshag, Jimmy Barrilleaux, Tony Paul Ardillo, Ronald & Hazel Scioneaux, Milton “Freddie” Anderson, Thomas Hood Jr., Paul & Mary Genco, Barbara Broussard, Michael Henry, David Paul Delaune, Billy Higgins, Harold Beard, Catherine Calamari, Law Enforcement

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>  
Father Mark Beard, Jacob Musacchia, Harrell Griffin, Jet Keen, Veda Misita, Ann LaBarbera, Beverly Esteven, Tony Paul Ardillo, Joe Gaeta Sr., George & Juanita Tompkins, Paula & Wayne Spear, Harold Wright, Johnnie “Lil Man” Santangelo, Barbara Broussard, Andei’ Poche, Michael Henry, David Paul Delaune, Billy Higgins, Harold Beard, All Souls in Purgatory, Catherine Calamari, Living & Deceased Members of the Condren Family, John Burt

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>  
Rose & James Webb

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>  
RD & Elsie Bridges

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>  
John Vaccaro

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>  
Jovani Reyes Calderon

PRAYER LIST

Tina Hymel, Jenna Duvic, Lindsey Booty, Christine & Jerry Sharp, Laura Faust, Carla Davidson, Jennifer Brown, Eric Tarver, Hank Schumacher, Pam Forrest, Jake Morris, Rich Raborn, Carl Keller, Gail Keller, Belle Davidson, 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, Alice Perez, Frances Currier, Alice Currier, Gay Ardillo, LaDonna Patton, Rae Bardwell, Trudy Currier, Brian Rueb, Karen Scheumacher, Douglas Hill, Doris Wright, Lucille Scheurer, Ashley Travis, Tisa & John Cooper, Edward Dugar, Catherine Calamari, Nancy Brown, Connie Crayton, Karen Romero, Imelda Travis, Kenneth Travis, Fran Castille, Teri Stamper

PRAYER LIST



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

NURSING HOME MINISTRY

We have a large parishioner base at the local Nursing Homes and need your help getting to them. This Ministry is a beautiful way to bring our faith to those in need.

If you would like to participate please call the Church Office at 985-748-9057

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

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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 Origins of Bambinelli Sunday

Pope St. John Paul II began the tradition of Bambinelli Sunday early in his papacy by inviting all the children in Rome to bring the baby Jesus figurines from their family’s Nativity scenes to St. Peter’s Square on the Third Sunday of Advent. Following the Noon Angelus, the Holy Father gave a special blessing to the bambinelli statues. The children then brought them home, where their parents gift wrapped them and put them gently under the Christmas tree. On Christmas morning, families unwrapped the infant Jesus figurine first and, with great joy, laid Him gently in the manger of their waiting Nativity scenes. Both Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis continued the tradition, and over the last 40 years, the tradition has grown beyond the Vatican and is now a treasured Advent tradition in parishes worldwide.



Bambinelli Sunday - December 17th, 2023

On Saturday, December 16th and Sunday, December 17th, we invite you to bring the bambinello, the baby Jesus, from your family’s Nativity scene to Mass for a special blessing. May we, like so many generations of the faithful before us, experience the true joy of salvation in our homes this season.

ST. HELENA CONFIRMATION RETREAT FUNDRAISERS

WINE BASKET RAFFLE

\$10 a Ticket | 3 wine baskets will be raffled off!  
TICKET SALES THIS WEEKEND AFTER MASSES.

Tickets at Church Office and the Gift Shop. The drawing will be on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> after 9am Mass, winner need not be present. Winner must be 21 or older to claim their basket.



SPONSOR A CONFIRMATION STUDENTS RETREAT

On January 5-7, 2024 St. Helena’s Confirmation Class will go on Retreat. The cost for the Retreat is \$245 per student. If you would like to sponsor one of the students for this amazing trip, please contact the Office at 985-748-9057.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Our Spanish Community will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a 6:30pm Spanish Mass on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Rosary starts at 6pm.

IN MEMORY OF If you would like to contribute to the Christmas decorations in memory of a loved one, please place donations in collection basket or bring to Church Office. Your loved ones name will be listed in our Christmas Bulletin. DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24th,  
Christmas Eve  
4pm, 6pm Vigil Masses

Monday, December 25th,  
Christmas Day  
8am, 6pm Spanish



O come,  
Let us adore Him,  
Christ, the Lord.

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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

CONFESSION SCHEDULE CHANGE

For the next few weeks while Fr. Howard is recuperating, scheduled confessions will be heard on

Wednesdays from 5:00pm-6:00pm  
and Saturdays from 3:00pm-3:45pm



LSU Baseball Fundraiser

St. Helena Catholic Church will host it’s annual  
Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm-9pm. \$125 per couple.  
Tickets include Appetizers, Dinner and  
Address by Head Coach Jay Johnson.  
Call 985-748-3272 or 985-474-4225 for tickets.



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Scan the QR Code for the mission schedule.  
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UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Application forms are available in the Church Office  
Deadline: January 15, 2024

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CATHOLIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

Visit louisianakc.org/programs/cyla or scan the QR Code to apply.  
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MINISTRIES AT ST. HELENA

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.

“Abortion does not kill a potential human person, it kills a human person with great potential.”  
—Unknown



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 10, 2023  
“A voice is calling.” Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious? 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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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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2nd Sunday of Advent

“One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of His sandals. I have baptized you with water; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”  
-Mark 1:1-8

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

DAILY MASS:  
Tuesday - Friday 7:30am

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

1st SATURDAY:  
1st Saturday Mass 8am

OFFICE HOURS:  
Monday-Friday 8am-5pm