

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

No Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

Veda Misita

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

Father Mark Beard, Jet Keen, Harrell Griffin, Ann LaBarbera, Veda Misita, Harold Wright, Antoinette Riley, Liz Forshag, Tony Paul Ardillo, Ronald & Hazel Scioneaux, Ronnie Hayden, Burrell Carter, Shirleen Trosclair, Russell & Dot Thompson Sr., Russell Thompson Jr., Dominick Cuti, Barbara Broussard, Michael Henry, David Paul Delaune, Billy Higgins, Harold Beard, Catherine Calamari, Vilcan Family, Nadine Burt

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

Father Mark Beard, Jacob Musacchia, Ann Courtney, Harrell Griffin, Jet Keen, Veda Misita, Ann LaBarbera, Beverly Esteven, Harold Wright, Johnnie "Lil Man" Santangelo, Barbara Broussard, Richard "Radar" Carrier, Anne Morris, Donald Graves, Vivian Trabona, RD & Elsie Bridges, Rose & James Webb, Michael Henry, David Paul Delaune, Billy Higgins, Harold Beard, Souls in Purgatory, Catherine Calamari, David Burt

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

Michael Cambre

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

Colby Delaune

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

Nolan Graham

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

Father Victor Celio

PRAYER LIST

Tina Hymel, Jenna Duvic, Lindsey Booty, Christine & Jerry Sharp, Laura Faust, Carla Davidson, Jennifer Brown, Eric Tarver, Hank Schumacher, 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 Carrier, Alice Carrier, Gay Ardillo, LaDonna Patton, Rae Bardwell, Trudy Carrier, 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, Russell Bujol, Christie Raymond, Joe Hand, Matt Smith, Mike Agnello, Pete Drude, Fran Poche, Anthony Micheli, Teresa Grace, Annie & Angel Monistere

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

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, Dwayne 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

The Color For Joy

A pink candle that signifies joy makes sense since it is lit on Gaudete Sunday-names for the entrance antiphon for that Sunday's Mass: "Rejoice (gaudete) in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice." The joy is subdued, however, as the penitential violet of the other weeks lessens to rose as we move closer to Christmas.



As Advent is patterned in part after Lent, Gaudete Sunday is similar to the Lenten Laetare Sunday, which also represents joy and falls at the midpoint of Lent.

And that finally leads to the explanation for the pink candle. In the ancient Church on Laetare Sunday in Lent, the Pope gave a citizen a pink rose. The tradition has continued, as Popes bestowed golden roses on Catholic rulers and now more commonly, on places of devotion.

Following the papal rose custom, bishops and priests began wearing rose-colored vestments on Laetare Sunday. The Church then brought the Lenten practice of rose vestments to Advent on Gaudete Sunday. As a result, the pink candle gained a place in the Advent wreath.

Although the culture tells us it's already Christmas, the Church reminds us through the pink candle of Advent that there is an appointed time for everything (Eccl. 3:1). The time now is for rejoicing-because the Lord is coming soon!

The CDA will have a Christmas Cookie Bake Sale this weekend after Masses.

On December 12th the Spanish Community celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a reenactment of the apparitions of the Blessed to Juan Diego. This was done by the children. They worked very hard and did a great job! Well done!!



Thank you to all that made the feast day so special.

Angel Wish Tree was able to provide gifts for 25 families this year! Thank you to all who were involved.

Thank you for a successful Movie Night Fundraiser!

ST.HELENA CONFIRMATION RETREAT FUNDRAISERS

WINE BASKET RAFFLE Drawing This Sunday at 9:00am Mass
3 wine baskets will be raffled off!
Winner must be 21 or older to claim their basket.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

Monday, January 1st, New Years Day
9am Mass



Come, Let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.

HOPE CORNER

Our Lady of Hope Catholic Retreat Center

Chatawa, MS - (601)-202-3137 - OurLadyofHopeMS.com

Upcoming Retreats: Register at ourladyofhopems.com/events



Extending her mantle over the whole world.
Mary Mother Guardian of the Faith

Patricia Talbot visits us from Cuenca-Ecuador, to share her experience of faith and the desire of the heart of Mary Mother Guardian of the Faith to live a life of true conversion. She will talk about the threats to our faith and how to defend it with love.

Our Lady of Hope Catholic Retreat Center
Sunday, January 14th at 10:00 am followed by 11:30 am Mass and lunch
3167 Old Hwy 51 S, Oryoka, MS 39657

A DAY OF REFLECTION: A TIME TO HEAL AND STRENGTHEN
February 5-6, 2024
Our Lady of Hope Retreat Center, Chatawa, MS
"Lord, heal all that are weak, defective or sinful. Bring our soul strength all that is upright, wrong, and good."
Prepare your hearts and lives to be blessed this Lenten Season.

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

Monday-Saturday, 8am-3pm; Sunday after Mass | Sale: Get 20% off on all Statues from Dec 18th - 24th

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

This week, confessions will be heard on:

Wednesday from 5:00pm-7:00pm
and **Thursday from 5:00pm-6:00pm**



St. Helena Catholic Church will host it's annual **LSU Baseball Fundraiser**

Thursday, January 11th 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.



KYLE CLEMENT & ST. HELENA PRESENT A 5 DAY MISSION (JANUARY 15-19)

Scan the QR Code for the mission schedule.

Mr. Clement will have 9 unique presentations on living our Catholic faith.

Join us for this inspiring and informative event.

UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGHSCHOOL 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.

Deadline: January 25, 2024

Local and State are applied for at the same time... Nominating Council: 10911



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.

CAMPUS TOURS

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

BAPTISMAL SEMINARS

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

"We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today."



-Stacia Tauscher

PRO LIFE

**3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 17, 2023**

"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me." God is empowering you for a specific purpose! How will you respond to so great a love? Is he asking you to follow Him by serving in the priesthood or consecrated life? 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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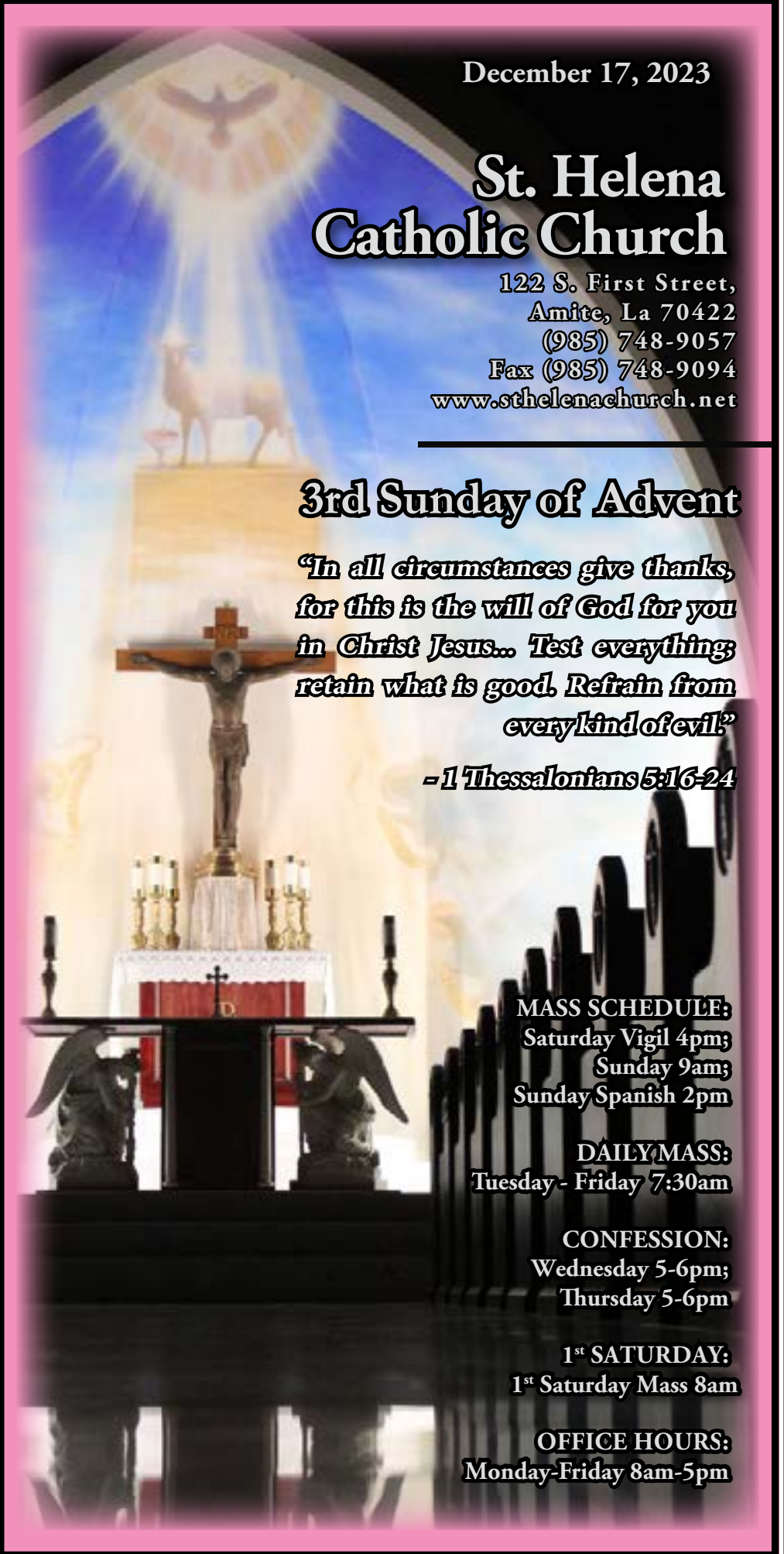
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3rd Sunday of Advent

"In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus... Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil!"

-1 Thessalonians 5:16-24



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