

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
No Mass

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
Michael Cambre

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>**  
Father Mark Beard, Jacob Musacchia, Jet Keen, Harrell Griffin, Ann LaBarbera, Veda Misita, Harold Wright, Richard "Radar" Currier, Carter Church, Carole Church Grout, Thomas Hood Jr., Nolan & Rosemary Graham, Liz Forshag, Tony Paul Ardillo, Roland & Hazel Scioneaux, Burrell Carter, Barbara Broussard, Michael Henry, David Paul Delaune, Billy Higgins, Harold Beard, Catherine Calamari

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
Father Mark Beard, Jacob Musacchia, Raella Armand, Mike Murphy, Ann Courtney, Jet Keen, Michal Moran Jr., Michael Moran III, Veda Misita, Ann LaBarbera, Beverly Esteven, Harold Wright, Johnnie "Lil Man" Santangelo, Barbara Broussard, Dora Jean Edwards, Chris Stogner, Jimmy Barrilleaux, Nolan Graham, Michael Henry, David Paul Delaune, Billy Higgins, Harold Beard, Souls in Purgatory, Catherine Calamari, David Burt

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
Ann LaBarbera

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
Jet Keen

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>**  
Veda Misita

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>**  
Spec McClendon

**PRAYER LIST**

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 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, Russell Bujol, Christie Raymond, Joe Hand, Matt Smith, Mike Agnello, Pete Drude, Fran Poche, Anthony Micheli, Teresa Grace, Russell Bujoc, Christie Raymond, Joe Hand, Matt Smith, Mike Agnello, Pete Drude, Fran Poche, Anthony Micheli, Teresa Grace, Lindsey Booty, Christine & Jerry Sharp, Laura Faust, Frances Reid, Annie Monistere, Angel Monistere, Carla Davidson

**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 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

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

**IN DEFENSE OF MOTHER CHURCH**

**THERE ARE THREE THINGS THE HOLY FAMILY CAN TEACH US ABOUT OUR OWN YES TO GOD.**

**1. The Holy Family actively participated in their response to God's invitation.**

In Luke's Gospel, we see Mary responding with both a verbal response, "Let it be to me according to your word," (1:38) and then living out her response through her actions of carrying and birthing her Son. In Matthew's Gospel, we do not get to hear Joseph's response, but we read the line of Scripture that shows his response through action, "He did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him." (1:24) Jesus' yes we see happening throughout Scripture as He grew into His ministry. All three members of the Holy Family actively participated in God's invitation to bring about God's Kingdom through their words and actions. We, too, are invited to actively participate in God's invitation to us. Is God inviting us to a verbal response and/or a response of action right now?

**2. The Holy Family's yes to God was not just one time, but an ongoing yes.**

As a parent, I know that raising a child requires an ongoing commitment to God's invitation to be a co-creator in nurturing and parenting a child. Mary and Joseph did not just say yes once, but they continued their response to God's invitation to raise and nurture Jesus. Their response to God's invitation deepened in their lives. Jesus' response to God's invitation occurred over and over again as He fully entered into His public ministry and later His Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

**3. The Holy Family rooted their lives in God.**

Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were able to say yes to God because they had a relationship with God. While we only get a short glimpse into Mary's and Joseph's relationship with God, I can only imagine that it must have been strong and continuously nurtured. How else did they say yes to both birthing and raising the Messiah? The Gospels offer us many examples of Jesus turning to God the Father in prayer to help Him continue to say yes to His mission. -Loyola Press

**The Office will be closed December 25th thru January 2nd. We will reopen Wednesday, January 3rd.**

**NEW YEAR'S ADORATION**  
Come join us as we bring in the New Year in the Adoration Chapel on New Year's Eve from 11:30pm till 12:30am. Spend one hour with Jesus as you pray for family, friends, and yourself.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS**  
Join us on Monday, January 1st for 9am New Year's Day Mass.

**1st Saturday Mass: Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am**



**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 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am followed by 11:30 am Mass and lunch  
3267 Old Hwy 51 S. Osyka, MS 39657

**A DAY OF REFLECTION: A TIME TO HEAL AND STRENGTHEN**  
February 3-4, 2024  
Our Lady of Hope Retreat Center, Chatawa, MS  
"Lord, lead off that weak defective or slight. Bring out and strengthen all that is upright, strong, 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 | **Closed New Year's Day**

**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



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

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.



**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.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

For any couple celebrating thier 25th, 50th, 65th & Over Wedding Aniversary during 2024.

Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 2pm at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Baton Rouge

Families of couples are welcome to attend. Reception following.

Contact the Church Office for More Information and to Register.

**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:



# 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](http://www.sthelenachurch.net) and click on link.

**BAPTISMAL SEMINARS**

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

"Abortion is inherently different from other medical procedures because no other procedure involves the purposeful termination of a potential life."



PRO LIFE

-Potter Stewart

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY  
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

"I am a shield to you; your reward shall be very great." If you feel God is offering you the gift of a vocation of the priesthood or consecrated life as a sister, brother, or consecrated virgin, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225-336-8778 or via email: [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org)

**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).

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

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December 31, 2023

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## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

"Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel..."  
- Luke 2:22-40

**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