

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17th
Myrza Ruiz

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18th
NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th
Father Mark Beard, Barbara Broussard, Ann Danna, Johnnie "Lil Man" Santangelo, Roland Bourgeois, Ronald & Hazel Scioneaux, Pearlina Smith, Frances Anderson, Joe & Sandra Schlumbrecht, Chubby Campo, Tisa Cooper, Rose & James Webb, R.D. & Elsie Bridges, Myrza Ruiz, Frank D'Amico, Nancy Brown, Alice Currier, Living & Deceased Members of Kelly & Mamie Bellavia Family, David Paul Delaune, Michael Henry, Billy Higgins, Harold Beard, Jenna Blades, Imelda Blades

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20th
Father Mark Beard, Burrell Carter, Ann Danna, Frank D'Amico, Alice Currier, Harrell Griffin, Frances Anderson, Jeannine Burgess, Orlando Banos, Betty Carmadelle, Miss Maria Regina Karolewski, Myrza Ruiz, Manette Bateman, Hazel Anderson, Landon Colgan, Victor Giglio, David Paul Delaune, Michael Henry, Billy Higgins, Harold Beard, The Vilcan Family, Kenneth Travis

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21st
Father Mark Beard

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd
Myrza Ruiz

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd | 9:00AM ENGLISH
Father Mark Beard

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd | 2:00PM SPANISH
The People of St. Helena Church

PRAYER LIST

Marilyn Dees, Jenna Blades, Imelda Travis, Kenneth Travis, Suzanne Bridgewater, Nadia Haik, Janett Relan, Henry McCabe, Cathy Remondet, Becky Domiano, Josephine Capdeboscq, Hurless Clouatre, Kelly Spinks, Connie Crayton, Lynne Vance, Will Burris, Wyatt Scuderi, Lindsey Boory, Laura Faust, Joan Scarle, Katherine Meadors, Andrew Dohrman, Tom & Myra Gentrup, Wesley Ridgedell, Evely Badaux, Sondra Sagnibene, Jean Stafford, Dori Hess Dees, David Acosta, Jim Tryniecki, Val Lambert, Cindy Frazier, Eric Tarver, Savina Campo, Katelyn Delbasty, Lorie Delbasty, Ronnie Delbasty, Diann Delbasty, Shawn Delbasty, Patrick Delbasty, Wanda Miles, Mya Arrazate, Toney Cantu, Kenneth Hill, Conner Corkern, Alice Perez, Frances Currier, Jay Ardillo, Brian Rueb, Hank & Karen Scheumacher, Douglas Hill, Ashlee Travis, John Cooper, Mac Perkins Jr., Ronnie Bardwell, Rae Bardwell, Artie Carleton, Alicia Higginbothan, (Baby A&B), Catherine Calamari, Chance Ohern



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.

UPCOMING YOUTH NIGHTS



JR HIGH SCHOOL NIGHTS
February 26th & March 12th

HIGH SCHOOL NIGHTS
February 19th & March 19th

If you would like to donate a meal, contact the Church Office @ (985)-748-9057.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Larry Toups, Peter Vangjel, James Hoover, Dennis Toups, William Graham, Vince Owen, Brandon Thompson, Jerry Dyer, Jamie Cutrer, Eric Russell, James Sylvester, Mark Prine, 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, Blake Blades, Aivah Noble, Joaquin Noble

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

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR MARCH 9, 2025

WORK DAYS:

Week 3: February 17th - 20th

Week 4: February 24th - 27th

Week 5: March 3rd - 8th

If you would like to help, please contact Urusla Sherman at 985-517-2728.

KC FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Congratulations Nic & Ramona LaBarbara

IN DEFENSE OF MOTHER CHURCH

THE COOKIES

Imagine you are at an Airport. While you're waiting for your flight, you notice a kiosk selling cookies. You buy a box, put them in your traveling bag and then you patiently search for an available seat so you can sit down and enjoy your cookies. Finally, you find a seat next to a gentleman.

You reach down into your traveling bag and pull out your box of cookies. As you do so, you notice that the gentleman starts watching you intensely. He stares as you open the box and his eyes follow your hand as you pick up the cookie and bring it to your mouth. Just then he reaches over and takes one of your cookies from the box, and eats it! You're more than a little surprised at this. Actually, you're at a loss for words. Not only does he take one cookie, but also he alternates with you. For every one cookie you take, he takes one.

Now, what's your immediate impression of this guy? Crazy? Greedy? He's got some nerve? Can you imagine the words you might use to describe this man to your associates back at the office? Meanwhile, you both continue eating the cookies until there's just one left. To your surprise, the man reaches over and takes it. But then he does something unexpected. He breaks it in half, and gives half to you. After he's finished with his half he gets up, and without a word, he leaves.

You think to yourself, "Did this really happen?" You're left sitting there dumbfounded and still hungry. So you go back to the kiosk and buy another box of cookies. You then return to your seat and begin opening your new box of cookies when you glance down into your traveling bag.

Sitting there in your bag is your original box of cookies – still unopened. Only then do you realize that when you reached for your own cookies earlier, you had reached into the other man's bag, and grabbed his box of cookies by mistake. Now what do you think of that man? Generous? Tolerant?

You've just experienced a profound paradigm shift. You're seeing things from a new point of view. Is it time to change your point of view?

LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5th



Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

7:30am Mass at St. Helena

8am Mass at Mater Dolorosa

6pm Mass at Mater Dolorosa

7pm Spanish Mass at St. Helena

Stations of the Cross Schedule

Every Friday during Lent

5:30pm at St. Dominic and Mater Dolorosa, 6pm at St. Helena

7pm Spanish at St. Helena

OFFICE CLOSED

Monday March 3rd & Tuesday March 4th

ATTENTION 2025 GRADUATES

CDA LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Graduating Senior girls who would like to submit your application for the \$500 Local Chapter... Packets can be picked up at the Church Office and must be submitted by March 31st. If you have any questions, please contact Ginger Tastet at 985-517-4811.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUPREME COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS

During the past year, the Supreme Council provided over \$1.5 million in scholarships to students attending colleges, universities, and seminaries.

Go to <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/scholarships/index.html> for more information.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

February 22, 2025 9:00am - 4:00pm

HOPE CORNER



Our Lady of Hope Catholic Retreat Center
Chatawa, MS - (601)-202-3137 - Ourladyofhopems.com
Upcoming Retreats: Register at Ourladyofhopems.com/events

OLOH Full of Grace Gift Shop
Monday-Saturday, 8am-3pm; Sunday after 9:00am Mass

Perkatory Coffee Shop
Sunday Special Hot Chocolate & Powdered Cappuccinos **Buy One Get One Free**

THE EXTRAORDINARY ACTIONS OF SATAN AND THE EVIL SPIRITS

March 6-9, 2025

A 4 Day, 3 Night **SILENT** Retreat with Fr. Robert-Joel Cruz

UNDERSTANDING DIVINE MERCY

February 28-March 2, 2025

Make it a Day Retreat with Fr. Chris Alar on March 2nd, or stay overnight for the weekend starting Friday, February 28th.

IN THE KNOW...

ENCOUNTER NIGHTS AT MATER DOLOROSA CHURCH
Adoration, Praise, and Music | Every 3rd Thursday of the Month | 5:30pm-7:00pm

MATER DOLOROSA SCHOOL

ANNUAL STEAK DINNER & DANCE | SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025

Your \$100 ticket includes a delicious steak dinner, appetizers, a premium open bar, dessert, and live entertainment. Plus, each ticket is entered into a \$1,000 cash raffle, giving you the chance to take home a grand prize! More importantly, your support will help us fund critical security upgrades and new curriculum materials to enhance our students' safety and academic excellence. *Tickets can be purchased at the school office or online at www.mdeagles.org. Visit the "Support MDCS" tab and click "Purchase MDCS Steak Dinner and Dance Tickets."*

THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR ALL GRADES!
Register before March 10th to receive a discounted registration rate We would love to show you around our school; call or visit our website to schedule a tour.

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.

MEN OF THE IMMACULATA
Men's Conference March 8, 2025
at St. George Catholic Church in Baton Rouge.

Speakers will be Jeff Cavins, Fr. Patrick Hough, SJ and Fr. Miles Walsh. For questions contact Eddie Samson at 225-571-6898 or Johnny Dunaway at 225-266-2956.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT
March 21-23, 2025

For young adult women 18-35 years old

Mercedarian Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament Cypress Springs Mercedarian Prayer Center 17560 George O'Neal Rd., Baton Rouge.
Please contact Sr. Heart of Jesus, HMSS at sisterheartofjesus@mercedariansisters.org before making plans to attend.



In the Diocese of Baton Rouge, Catholics can gain a plenary indulgence during the Jubilee Year of Hope by making a pious pilgrimage to St. Joseph Cathedral, or one of the five other churches designated by Bishop Duca. (Ascension of our Lord, Mater Dolorosa, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St. Aloysius, and St. Theresa of Avila)

The pious visit includes spending a "suitable" amount of time in Eucharistic adoration, either in exposition or before the tabernacle, meditation, and concluding with prayer for the intentions of Pope Francis, the recitation of the Our Father, any legitimate form of the Creed, and invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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.



"Give us the grace - When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life." St. John Paul II

PRO LIFE

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do everything for the glory of God." Give Him the glory through your marriage. Your vocation is your sanctification in this life to lead you to sainthood in the next. Pray for your spouse each day and lead each other to Heaven.

CAMPUS TOURS

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

TRAVELING STATUE 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
For the return of our Lapsed Catholics
Prayer for Peace*

Audio & Written versions of Father Mark's Homilies are available on our website, www.sthelenachurch.net.

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

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<p>HOMETOWN FARM & GARDEN Hardware 301 NW Central Ave 748-9347 748-7106 Selling Lumber & Propane OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK</p>	<p>St. Helena Catholic Church Catholic Daughters of America Court #2536 Meetings held every 2nd Sunday of the Month.</p>	<p>Bradley A. Stevens Attorney at Law 102 N. Myrtle Street P.O. Box 994 Amite, Louisiana 70422 P: (985) 748-1088 F: (985) 748-1086 brad@st-helena-catholic.com www.st-helena-catholic.com</p>
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<p>St. Vincent de Paul Call 985-747-2223 for assistance.</p>	<p>Data Entry Including Insurance and Financial Services Home Office: 202-233-1100 Mobile Law Agent 227 N. W. Canal Avenue Amite, LA 70422 7478 800-545-1234 (toll free) 985-748-7907 Cell: 985-285-1234 or 985-112-3008 www.dataentry.com Live and breathe from home.</p>	<p>This space available. Contact St. Helena Catholic Church 985-748-9057</p>
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February 16, 2025

6th Sunday In Ordinary Time

"Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of His disciples..."
-Luke 6:17, 20-26



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
Wednesday 5:00pm
Saturday Vigil 3:00pm
Sunday 8:00am
Sunday Spanish 1:00pm

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

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