

## MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>**

No Mass

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>**

Father Mark Beard

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>**

Father Mark Beard, Jet Keen, Ann LaBarbera, Harold Wright, Liz Forshag, Roland Bourgeois, Ronald & Hazel Scioneaux, Raella Armand, Burrell Carter, Barbara Broussard, Lynette Costanza, Nolan Graham, Ann Courtney, Harrell Griffin, Beatriz, Sal Perez, Jack Liuzza, Mary Ann McKearan, Estelle Korczak, Sharon Jenkins, Anthony Laciura, Abram Cantu, Michael Henry, David Paul Dealune, Billy Higgins, Harold Beard, Catherine Calamari, Chuck Pulliam, Richie Ponson

**THURSDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>**

Father Mark Beard, Jacob Musacchia, Ann Courtney, Jet Keen, Ann LaBarbera, Barbara Broussard, Raella Armand, Dennis Mussare, Liz Forshag, Beverly Esteven, Nolan & Rosemary Graham, Katherine Raborn, RD & Elsie Bridges, Rose & James Webb, Carter Church, Carole Church Grout, Virginia Carreca, Joe Gaeta Sr., Ann Danna, Tony Paul Ardillo, Emile Bellavia, Michael Henry, David Paul Delaune, Billy Higgins, Harold Beard, Law Enforcement, Catherine Calamari, Larry Barman, George Van Zandt

**FRIDAY, MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>**

Jet Keen

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>**

Ann LaBarbera

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>**

Ann LaBarbera

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>**

The Alfaro Children

## PRAYER LIST

Jerry Laciura & Family, Catherine Calamari, Kailee Spinks Neal, Jeff McBride, Daryl Carruth, JoEllen Carruth, Nancy Carruth, Darlene Smith, Nancy Brown, Bill Donahue, Pat Ducros, Carl Ledet, Terry Howell, Fred Bourgoyne Jr., Imelda Travis, Kenneth Travis, Anthony Recile, A.E. "Buck" Cefalu, Jason Lassigne, Trent Jones, Tereja Uttankar, Francis Uttankar, Vijay Uttankar, Rayiv Uttankar, Aaron Carmouche, Judy Cavaretta, Fran Caastille, Teri Stamper, Connie Crayton, Carl M Bennett, Cary Pardue, Kathy Pardue, Lindsey Booty, Christine & Jerry Sharp, Laura Faust, George Landrew, Phine Mancuso, Sherry Digott, Eddie Domm, Julie Schieffler, Tammy Fabre, Jerry McDowell, Kevin Cefalu, Leon White, Mary Clements, Eric Tarver, Susie Cox, Jerry Rispono, Linda Hulsey, Carl & Gail Keller, Pam Elder, Savina Campo, Katelyn Delbasto, Lorie Delbasto, Ronnie Delbasto, Diann Delbasto, Wanda Miles, Lucinda Voight, Mya Arrazate, Toney Cantu, Kenneth Hill, Conner Corkern, Alice Perez, Frances Currier, Alice Currier, Jay Ardillo, Brian Rueb, Hank & Karen Scheumacher, Douglas Hill, Doris Wright, Lucille Scheurer, Ashley Travis, Tisa & John Cooper, Betty Taylor



**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

### MUSIC MINISTRY

**"He who sings prays twice."**

Music liturgy adds to the solemnity and dignity of the Holy Mass. The St. Helena "Grace Note" Choir is a group of dedicated individuals who offer their voices in song to God. The main choir sings at the 9:00am Sunday Mass and during special feasts.

## 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, Jordan Quinn, Adrian Gonzalez Moreno, Sgt. Matthew Vallot, Lt. Molly Fekete, Wesley Corkern, Jacob Frazier, Braeden Hallmark, Trent Smith, Andrew Zaffuto, Judson Sandifer, Blake Blades

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

## IN DEFENSE OF MOTHER CHURCH

### THE TRADITION OF ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR

According to legend, the St. Joseph Altar originated in Sicily many centuries ago. During a period of desperate drought and famine, the Sicilian people turned to St. Joseph asking his help and intercession. When the rains came and crops prospered, their prayers were answered.

In thanksgiving, the community made offerings to St. Joseph of their most prized possession -FOOD! In his honor, they erected a lovely altar with three levels to represent the Holy Trinity. They draped it simply and beautifully in white, adorned it with flowers, the finest grain, fruits, vegetables, seafood and wine. The poor were invited to share in their prayer and festivity.

Even though at times it was a great sacrifice, the tradition continued as a labor of love and devotion on the feast day of St. Joseph, March 19th. At first the altars were erected in family homes, usually in thanksgiving for favors granted, such as deliverance from the ravages of war or the healing of body or spirit of a loved one. When the Sicilians emigrated to the United States over a century ago, they brought this custom with them. These altars flourished in the New Orleans areas where the tradition continues today.

There are many traditions associated with a St. Joseph Altar. One is the traditional dried, roasted and blessed fava bean. In Sicily, the fava was fodder for cattle. During the great famine, people resorted to eating them to survive. They were considered lucky to have favas to eat, hence the fava bean is also known as a "lucky bean." The fava bean serves as a token of the Altar – a reminder of God's provisions through the intercession of St. Joseph.

Another tradition is the blessed St. Joseph's bread. Recipients keep the blessed bread in their houses for protection. If there is a storm, believers crumble the bread and scatter the crumbs to protect their homes. These breadcrumbs represent the sawdust of St. Joseph the Carpenter.



### ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR

**THIS SUNDAY AT 11:30AM FR. MILES WILL BLESS THE ALTAR**



**FR. DAVID DAWSON & FR. MILES WALSH  
MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE**

October 21-29, 2024

Go to <https://www.206tours.com/cms/frdaviddawson/medj/> to sign up.

In Medjugorje, you will have the opportunity to deepen your faith through the gift of the sacraments, the Rosary, and sharing in the spiritual journey of pilgrims from all over the world. A local guide will accompany your group throughout your stay in the village.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Every Friday during Lent we will pray the Stations of the Cross  
In English at 6:00pm inside the Church | In Spanish at 6:30pm at Mary's Pavillion.**

**PSR 2024 (June 10<sup>th</sup> thru June 21<sup>st</sup>)**

**Registration Opens on March 15<sup>th</sup> | Late Fees Start May 17<sup>th</sup>  
Register Online at [sthelenachurch.net/psr](http://sthelenachurch.net/psr) or Register In Person at the Church Office**

## 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)**

**Ladies Book Club (March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024)**

Presented by Fr. Robert Cavlier

**Book of the Month:**



**Our Lady of Hope Full of Grace Gift Shop & Perkatory Coffee Shop**  
Monday-Saturday, 8am-3pm; Sunday after Mass

## 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 Youth Group

ATTENTION JR. HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!!!

We are bringing back Youth Nights April 3rd with High School Night (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade) and on April 10th with Jr. High Night (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade).

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PHARMACY FOR THE NEEDY

We will have medicine bottles to put monetary donations in. Please return your medicine bottles with your donation to the container located in the entrance of Church.

## PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THESE FUNDRAISERS:

### Mater Dolorosa Catholic School Bathroom Renovation Raffle

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** Polaris Ranger 570 | **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** \$1,000 Cash  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:** Weekend Trip to Triple C Lodge in Osyka, MS  
\$20 per Ticket - 6 Tickets for \$100  
Tickets Available at St. Helena Office  
**Prizes Donated by our very own Full of Grace Foundation!**

### Independence Knights of Columbus Four-Friday Fish Fry!

With Mardi Gras Potatoes & Cole Slaw  
Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, Mar 1<sup>st</sup>, Mar 15<sup>th</sup>, Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>  
\$14 Donation | 10:30am - 6:00pm | 232 Dileo Drive  
To benefit Mater Dolorosa Church and School

### The Arm of ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE is coming to St. George Catholic Church Wednesday, March 13, 2024

7808 St. George Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70809  
**Veneration** begins at 3:30pm ends at 10pm.  
**Special Mass** in honor of St. Jude at 7pm.

### Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Falcon Fest 2024

**Featuring: Cowboy Mouth**  
March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Gates open at 6:00pm.  
For more info, please email: [jammie.dowden@stafalcons.org](mailto:jammie.dowden@stafalcons.org)

### ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY OF HOLY GHOST PARISH IN HAMMOND A DAY OF REFLECTION ON THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

Thursday, March 14, 2024 | 8:00am - 12:00pm | \$25 Donation  
Talk by Fr. Mariano followed by Rosary, Mass, and Lunch.  
Contact Bridget Fugarino at 985-320-8498 to RSVP by March 11<sup>th</sup>.



# 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.



"The most deadly poison of our times is indifference..."

-Saint Maximilian Kolbe

PRO LIFE

## MARCH 10, 2024 FORUETH SUNDAY OF LENT

"Whoever lives the truth comes to the light." Your vocation is your sanctification in this life to lead you to sainthood in the next. Are you called to belong to Christ alone as a priest or through consecrated life? 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)

### 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.

### 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  
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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## Fourth Sunday of Lent

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life"*

-John 3:14-21

**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-Friday 8am-5pm

