

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 20TH
Eunice K. Van Zandt

TUESDAY, MARCH 21ST
James Tarver

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22ND
Antoinette Riley, Mike Murphy, Harold Brown, Dennis Mussare, Angelo Giardina, Harrell Griffin, Anna Marie Tassin, Dr. William Ferrante, Russell Thompson Jr., Russell & Dot Thompson, Gloria Giardina, Dominick Cuti, Russell Conger, Joe & Sandra Schlumbrecht, Beverly Esteven, Joanne Hendrick, Michael Herny, David Paul Delaune, Billy Higgins, Harold Beard, Souls in Purgatory, Lori Sibley, Doug Kent, Anthony Liuzza Family, Bella Taylor

THURSDAY, MARCH 23RD
Eve Ponson, Dan Potts, Dennis Mussare, Harold Brown, Joanne Hendrick, Joey Gautier, Harrell Griffin, Johnnie “Lil Man” Santangelo, Russell Tastet, Gloria Giardina, Dora Jean Edwards, RD & Elsie Bridges, Rose & James Webb, Hazel Scioneaux, Michael Henry, David Paul Delaune, Billy Higgins, Harold Beard, Souls in Purgatory, Lori Sibley, Jerry Trabona, Father Howard Adkins, Jenny Adams, Marilyn Taylor

FRIDAY, MARCH 24TH
Burrell Carter

SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH
Angelo Giardina

SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH
Brian Roy Cox

SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH
Father Victor Celio



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Book of the Month: Bible Basics for Catholics

By: Dr. John Bergsma

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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

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‘SCRIPTURE’

Scripture is the speech of God as it is put down in writing under the breath of the Holy Spirit! It is the inspired and inerrant Word of God. God is the principal author of Scripture; the human authors are also true authors. These sacred authors were free, intelligent, and subordinate instruments of the Holy Spirit. In seventy-three books it gives us the History of God’s plan for salvation, beginning with the creation of the world and ending with the beginnings of the Catholic Church. It is important to remember that Scripture is literature. That means it uses literary forms and techniques to convey its meaning. With this being said, in Sacred Scripture God speaks to man in a human way. To interpret Scripture correctly, the reader must be attentive to what human authors truly wanted to affirm and to what God wanted to reveal to us by their words. And to do this, it is imperative that when discerning the meaning of inspired Scripture, one must distinguish between two senses of Scripture.

The Literal and the Spiritual

The literal sense is the meaning conveyed by the words of Scripture and discovered by exegesis, following the rules of sound interpretation. The later, the spiritual, is subdivided into the allegorical, moral, and anagogical senses. The profound concordance of the four senses guarantees all its riches to the living reading of Scripture in the Church. All other senses of Sacred Scripture are based on the literal. Hence, the allegorical, moral, and anagogical are secondary to the literal.

The literal sense is that which the authors intended to express; historical and linguistic analysis, by shedding light upon the processes which gave rise to the biblical text help to determine this sense which is also intended by God, as principal author of the Scriptures and to determine the direction of thought expressed by the text... there should be no contradiction between the two senses of Scripture.

The allegorical sense one can aquire a more profound understanding of events by recognizing their significance in Christ; thus, the crossing of the Red Sea (which did take place, i.e. literally), is also a sign or type of Christ’s victory, and also of Christian Baptism. The moral sense deals with the events reported in Scripture (literally actual events) that ought to lead us to act justly. As St. Paul says, they were written ‘for our instruction’. And finally, the anagogical sense deals with viewing realities and events that actually happened, in terms of their eternal significance, leading us toward our true homeland: thus the Church on earth is a sign of heavenly Jerusalem.

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IN THE KNOW...

PSR REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

PSR will be on June 12th - June 23rd | Early registration ends May 15th

Visit sthelenachurch.net/psr for online registration.

If you would like to volunteer for PSR this summer contact the Church Office 985-748-9057.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 6pm.

The Spanish Community is selling Tamales after 9:00am Sunday Mass

LENTEN CONFESSIONS MARCH 23rd AT 4PM.



ST. JOSEPH’S ALTAR

NEXT SUNDAY

MARCH 26, 2023



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PHARMACY FOR THE NEEDY

Will be outside this weekend after Mass.

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.

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For those who have completed their undergraduate studies and wish to continue their education. Deadline is April 1, 2023.

CONFIRMATION STUDENT RETREAT HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED

The Mandatory Confirmation Retreat that was scheduled for April 14th-16th has been rescheduled to a one day retreat on April 22nd.

Please contact Gabi Webb @ 225-312-3333

IN THE KNOW...

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.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY (WEDDINGS/CONVALIDATIONS)

6 Months in Advance

ST. HELENA TRAVELING PRAYER DEVOTION

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RCIA CLASSES

Sundays at 10:30am following Mass.

MARCH 19, 2023

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus gave sight to the blind man. He will also give us 'insight' into what to do with our lives... if we ask Him. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Rev. Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org

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The Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 19, 2023

"We have to do the works of the One who sent Me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work."
- John 9:1-41

MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday Vigil 4pm; Sunday 9am; Sunday Spanish 1:30pm

DAILY MASS:
Monday - Friday 7:30am; Thursday Spanish 6:00pm

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

1st SATURDAY:
1st Saturday Mass 8am

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

OUR MISSION:
We, at St. Helena Catholic Church, are concerned with educating, directing, and sustaining all who visit. In particular those who draw near to the teachings and traditions of Holy Mother Church. We strive to achieve this by utilizing the Cardinal Virtues of Justice, Prudence, Temperance and Fortitude.