

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 1ST
No Mass

TUESDAY, APRIL 2ND
No Mass

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3RD
No Mass

THURSDAY, APRIL 4TH
No Mass

FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH
No Mass

SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH
Father Mark Beard

SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH
Ann LaBarbera

SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH
Spec McClendon

Almighty God,
Who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Many Blessings,
Father Miles, Father Howard, & Staff

PRAYER LIST

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, Sherry Digott, Eddie Domm, Julie Schieffler, Tammy Fabre, Jerry McDowell, Kevin Cefalu, Leon White, Mary Clements, Eric Tarver, Susie Cox, Jerry Risponse, 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, Catherine Calamari, Garrett Herrington, Shirley Tiggott, Patricia Blair, Fred Bourgoyne Jr., Nancy Brown, Austin Dupre, Patin Clifton, Ed & Dorothy Bramlet, Imelda Travis, Kenneth Travis



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, 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

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

IN DEFENSE OF MOTHER CHURCH

Mary is prostrated with Her face on the floor. She looks like a poor wretch. She looks like that withered flower of which She has spoken.

The closed window is opened with a violent banging of the heavy shutters, and with the first ray of the sun, Jesus enters.

Mary, Who has been shaken by the noise and has raised Her head to see which wind has opened the shutters, sees Her radiant Son: handsome, infinitely more handsome than He was before suffering, smiling lively, brighter than the sun, dressed in a white garment that seems woven light, and Who is advancing toward Her.

She straightens Herself up on Her knees and crossing Her hands on Her breast, She says with a sob that is joy and grief, "Lord, My God." And She remains thus, enraptured in contemplating Him, with Her face all washed by tears, but made serene, pacified by His smile and by the ecstasy.

But He does not want to see His Mother on Her knees, like a servant. And He calls Her, stretching out His hands from the wounds of which emanate rays that make His glorious Flesh even brighter: Mother! But it is not the sorrowful word of the conversations and the farewells before His Passion, or the heart-rending lament of the meeting on Calvary and of the agony. It is a cry of triumph, of joy, of freedom, of rejoicing, of love, of gratitude. And He bends over His Mother, lifts Her up, He presses Her to His Heart and kisses Her.

Mary realises then that it is not a vision, that it is Her Son Who has really risen, that it is Her Jesus, the Son Who still loves Her as a Son. And with a cry, She flings Her arms round His neck, and She embraces and kisses Him, laughing in Her weeping. She kisses His Forehead, where there are no longer any wounds, His Head no longer unkempt and bloody, His shining Eyes, His healed Cheeks, His Mouth no longer swollen. She then takes His Hands and kisses their backs and palms, their radiant wounds, and She suddenly bends down to His Feet and uncovers them from under His bright garment and kisses them. Then She stands up, looks at Him, but dares not.

But He smiles and understands. He uncovers His chest a little and says, "And this one, Mother, are You not kissing it, this one that grieved You so much and that You alone are worthy to kiss? Kiss my Heart, Mother. Your kiss will cancel the last remembrance of what is sorrowful and will give Me that joy, which My Joy of having risen from the dead still lacks." And He takes the face of His Mother in His Hands and He lays Her lips on the lips of the wound of His Chest, from which streams of a very bright light are flowing.

Mary's face is haloed by that light, flooded as it is with its beams. She kisses and kisses, while Jesus caresses Her. She never tires kissing. She looks like a thirsty woman whose mouth is attached to a fountain and who drinks from it the life that was escaping her.

Jesus speaks now.

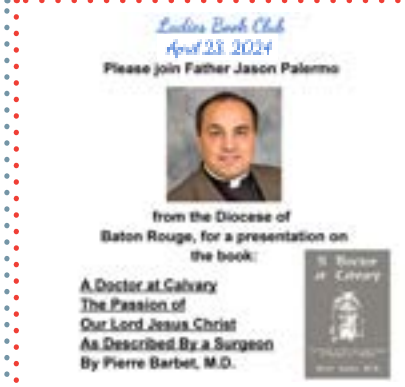
"It's all over, Mother. You no longer have to weep over Your Son. The trial is over. Redemption has taken place."

Taken from Poem of the Man-God Chapter 614

HOPE CORNER



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Upcoming Retreats: Register at ourladyofhopems.com/events



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

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THIS WEEK
Monday, April 1st thru Friday, April 5th | We will reopen on Monday, April 8th
WE WILL NOT HAVE DAILY MASS OR CONFESSION DURING THIS TIME.

DAILY MASS THIS WEEK AT NEARBY CHURCHES
Tuesday at 6:00pm | St. Dominic in Husser
Wednesday-Friday at 8:00am | Mater Dolorosa in Independence

PSR 2024 (June 10th thru June 21st)
REGISTRATION IS OPEN | LATE FEES START MAY 17th
Register Online at sthelenachurch.net/psr or Register In Person at the Church Office

St. Helena Youth Group
ATTENTION JR. HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!!!
We are bringing back Youth Nights April 3rd with High School Night (9th - 12th Grade) and on April 10th with Jr. High Night (6th - 8th Grade).

PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THESE EVENTS:

Mater Dolorosa Catholic School Bathroom Renovation Raffle
1st Prize: Polaris Ranger 570 | **2nd Prize:** \$1,000 Cash
3rd 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!

Marian Servants of the Visitation Divine Mercy Celebration
Sunday, April 7, 2024
2:30pm - 4:00pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Praise and Worship | Divine Mercy Chaplet Litany of Healing | Rosary | and Benediction
For more info, call 985-974-1790 or email concettarichard84@gmail.com

Join Dan Burke for a **Setting the Captives Free** mini-retreat on **SPIRITUAL WARFARE AND DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS**
All are welcome at St. Agnes Catholic Church on April 20th from 9:30am to 12:45pm
Mass will begin at 8:00am (Confession at 7:30am) | Register today at SpiritualDirection.com/events

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.

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)

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Yvonne Hulsey (985-969-5058)

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Prayer for Priest*

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*For St. Helena Church
Our Children of St. Helena*

Lupe Calderon (985-222-8096)

*For St. Helena Church
Prayer for Peace*



*"How can there be too many children?
That is like saying there are too many flowers."
- Mother Teresa*

**MARCH 31, 2024
EASTER SUNDAY**

"The Lord is truly risen!" Are you being called to proclaim the truth of the Lord's resurrection as a priest, religious sister or brother? 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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Easter Sunday

*"...Let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."
-1 Corinthians 5:6-8*

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