

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 10th
Fr. Mark Beard

TUESDAY, MARCH 11th
NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12th
Father Mark Beard, Troy Armond, Vivian Trabona, Michael Jude LeJeune, Barbara Broussard, Ann & Pete Danna, Roland Bourgeois, Ronald & Hazel Scioneaux, Rose & James Webb, RD & Elsie Bridges, Myrza Ruiz, Chubby Campo, Frank D'Amico, Alice Currier, Orlando Banos Jr., David Paul Delaune, Michael Henry, Billy Higgins, Harold Beard, Beverly Rueb, Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, MARCH 13th
Father Mark Beard, Burrell Carter, Ann & Pete Danna, Barbara Broussard, Angela Biondolillo, Frances Anderson, Troy Armond, Isabel Maldonado, Frank D'Amico, Alice Currier, Harrell Griffin, Pearline Smith, Tisa Cooper, Charlie Baglio, Kathy Dunn, David Paul Delaune, Michael Henry, Billy Higgins, Harold Beard, Souls in Purgatory, Ashlee Travis, Richie Ponson

FRIDAY, MARCH 14th
Jenna Blades

SATURDAY, MARCH 15th
Frank D'Amico

SUNDAY, MARCH 16th | 9:00AM ENGLISH
Alice Currier

SUNDAY, MARCH 16th | 2:00PM SPANISH
The People of St. Helena Church

PRAYER LIST

Henry McCabe, Cathy Remondet, Becky Domiano, Josephine Capdeboscq, Hurless Clouatre, Kelly Spinks, Connie Crayton, Lynne Vance, Will Burris, Wyatt Scuderi, Lindsey Booty, 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, Ashlee Travis, John Cooper, Mac Perkins Jr., Ronnie Bardwell, Rae Bardwell, Artie Carleton, Alicia Higginbotham, (Baby A&B), Catherine Calamari, Chance Ohern, Marilyn Dees, Jenna Blades, Kim Anzalone, Heather Ramson, Jason Lasseigne, Ann Davis, Nolan Delatte, Michelle Robbins, Will Dorn, Heidi Carter, Imelda Travis, Kenneth Travis, Suzanne Bridgewater, Janette Relan



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

March 12th & 26th

HIGH SCHOOL NIGHTS

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT



5:30pm at St. Dominic & Mater Dolorosa, 6pm English & 7pm Spanish at St. Helena

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. EMILIO WILL BLESS THE ALTAR



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.

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**

IGNATIAN, CHARISMATIC, CONTEMPLATIVE: THREE SPIRITUALITIES THAT SKYROCKET OUR FAITH

April 3-6, 2025 - Presented by Fr. John Auther, S.J.

At the end of the 20th century, three spiritualities revolutionized the lives of many Christians. But these rarely were allowed to work together in the life of any given person. This retreat attempts to correct that and skyrocket us toward Heaven. The retreat format will include presentations, prayer and quiet time alone, Mass, and opportunities for confession and spiritual direction.

IN THE KNOW...

ENCOUNTER NIGHTS AT MATER DOLOROSA CHURCH

Adoration, Praise, and Music | Every 3rd Thursday of the Month | 5:30pm-7:00pm

ANNUAL STEAK DINNER & DANCE
SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025

\$100 per ticket. 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."



2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION IS 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.

THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY ANNUAL DAY OF REFLECTION - March 13th

Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Hammond. \$25 each includes lunch. 8am until 12pm. Registration begins at 8am. Fr. Bill Henry from Diocese of Jackson, MS will conduct the day. Rosary and Mass followed by lunch. Contact Bridget Fugarino at 985-320-8498 to RSVP by March 10th.

RETROUVAILLE - MARRIAGE WEEKEND MARCH 21-23, 2025

DO YOU NEED MARRIAGE HELP? RETROUVAILLE IS DIFFERENT.
For more information, call 1-800-470-2230 or go to helpourmarriage.org

MERCEDARIAN SISTERS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT DISCERNMENT RETREAT

March 21-23, 2025 *For young adult women 18-35 years old*

Cypress Springs Mercedarian Prayer Center

Please contact Sr. Heart of Jesus, HMSS at sisterheartofjesus@mercedariansisters.org before making plans to attend.

The Marian servants of the Visitation will be hosting

COME HOLY SPIRIT DAY OF EMPOWERMENT

March 22, 2025 at St. Albert Catholic Student Center | Presenter: Kevin McCall

Register by March 10th via text to Connie at 985-974-1790

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 praying 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.



**MARCH 9, 2025
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

"I establish My covenant with you." If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, sister, or brother, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225-336-8778 or via email: jjohnson@diorbr.org

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.

<p>BLUNK & MOLLAND ATTORNEYS AT LAW Cory B. Blunk 100 East Oak Street P.O. Box 277 Amite, LA 70422 PH: (985) 247-7500 F: (985) 247-7501</p>	<p>CURRIER Dental Studio Megan H. Currier, DDS 985-345-1188 2182 Rue Simone Hammond, LA 70401</p>	<p>The First Bank Just the Bank for You! www.TheFirstBank.com</p>																								
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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-daughters.com www.st-helena-catholic-daughters.com</p>																								
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<p>CARRETA 122 SW Central Ave Amite, LA 70422 Tel 985.748.9992 Fax 985.748.9912</p>	<p>Drive-In DRUG STORE 258 South First Street • Amite, Louisiana 70422 Phone: (985) 748-8207 • Fax: (985) 748-4093 drivein@gmail.com</p>	<p>THE VENUES by Elizabeth Suggs</p>																								
<p>Malnar Electric NOW HIRING 985-878-3970</p>	<p>women's life ministries Pregnancy Center Teresa Rogusa - CEO 309 E. Malberry St. Amite, LA 70422 Tel: 985-747-0602 / Fax: 985-747-0308 Email: womenlifeministries@yahoo.com</p>	<p>St. Vincent de Paul Call 985-747-2223 for assistance.</p>																								
<p>Smitty's SUPPLY, INC. ROSELAND, LA 985.748.9687</p>	<p>Thrift-Town Health Mart Ray Glasgow, R.Ph. 985-748-8191 • 1-800-598-9501 www.thrifttown.com 517 W. 2nd St. • Amite, LA 70422 • www.thrifttown.com</p>	<p>THE BOSTON RESTAURANT St. Helena Catholic Church Knights of Columbus, Council 30931 For Membership information call 225-334-5784</p>																								
<p>Steve's Automation Security Installations STEVE DURNIN, Owner Phone: (985) 748-4411 10291 Hwy. 441 Fax: (985) 748-4566 Amite, LA 70422 Cell: (985) 517-4411 Monitoring Center: (225) 925-9233</p>	<p>B.B. Construction, LLC 15003 TONEY ROAD Phone: 985-969-3323 INDEPENDENCE, LA 70443 985-969-3326 jalston520@gmail.com Arlenealston26@gmail.com</p>	<p>PRECISION LEVELING, LLC This space available. Contact St. Helena Catholic Church 985-748-9057</p>																								
<p>Full of Grace, Inc. fullofgrace.org St. Joseph Pavilion St. John Vianney UMS - First Settlement Home</p>	<p>MASS SCHEDULE:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.,</td> <td>7:30am</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday</td> <td>No Mass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday Vigil</td> <td>4:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday</td> <td>9:00am</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday Spanish</td> <td>2:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1st Saturday at Mater Dolorosa</td> <td>8:00am</td> </tr> </table> <p>CONFESSION SCHEDULE:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.,</td> <td>7:00am</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday</td> <td>No Confession</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday</td> <td>5:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday Vigil</td> <td>3:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday</td> <td>8:00am</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday Spanish</td> <td>1:00pm</td> </tr> </table>		Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.,	7:30am	Tuesday	No Mass	Saturday Vigil	4:00pm	Sunday	9:00am	Sunday Spanish	2:00pm	1st Saturday at Mater Dolorosa	8:00am	Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.,	7:00am	Tuesday	No Confession	Wednesday	5:00pm	Saturday Vigil	3:00pm	Sunday	8:00am	Sunday Spanish	1:00pm
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First Sunday of Lent

*"Filled with the Holy Spirit,
Jesus returned from the Jordan
and was led by the Spirit into
the desert for forty days..."*
-Luke 4:1-13

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