Monday, August 21st Harrell Griffin

Tuesday, August 22nd Dave LeJeune

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23RD

Father Mark Beard, Jet Keen, Harrell Griffin, Dennis Mussare, Ann LaBarbera, Veda Misita, Harold Wright, Antoinette Riley, Russell Conger, Dora Jean Edwards, Linda & Harold Brown, Burrell Carter, Sarah O.E. Odiong, Dr. William Ferrante, Russell & Dot Thompson Sr., Russell Thompson, Dominick Cuti, Michael Henry, David Paul Delaune, Billy Higgins, Harold Beard, Lori Sibley, Catherine Calamari, Belinda Nelson

Thursday, August 24th

Father Mark Beard, Richard "Radar" Currier, Mike Murphy, Ann LaBarbera, Harrell Griffin, Johnnie "Lil Man" Santangelo, RD & Elsie Bridges, Rose & James Webb, Dora Jean Edwards, Harold Wright, Jet Keen, Veda Misita, Elaine Gebbia, Merrell J. Fischer, James M. Wallace, Michael Henry, David Paul Delaune, Billy Higgins, Harold Beard, Souls in Purgatory, Vilcan Family, Lori Sibley, Jerry Trabona, Catherine Calamari, Belinda Nelson

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25TH John Vaccaro

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26TH
Joe & Frances Currier

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH
David Paul Delaune

Sunday, August 27th Amy McClendon

PRAYER LIST

Richard Schwartz, Margaret Bailey King, Phillip Macaluso, Eve Jones, Patty Anzalone, Kay Bourgeois, Kelly Wayne Russell, Eric Tarver. Hank Schumacher, Henry McCabe, Pam Elder, Ryan Jenkins, Frank Guzzardo, Fannie Guzzardo, Savina Campo, Katelyn Delbasty, Lorie Delbasty, Ronnie Delbasty, Diann Delbasty, Abram Cantu-Wanda Miles, Lucinda Voight, Mya Arrazate. Toney Cantu, Kenneth Hill, Conner Corkern, Raella Armand, Nolan Graham, Alice Perez. Frances Currier, Karen Romero, Pete Drude. Alice Currier, Loretta Joiner, Carl Ledet, Jeremy Garza, Blaine Colona, Gail Keller, Linda Henry, Patsy Colgan, Brian Rueb, Karen Schumacher, Douglas Hill, Doris Wright, Lori Sibley, Lucille Scheurer, Ashley Travis, Tisa & John Cooper. Sarah Caldorera, Law Ponder, Nancy Brown, Bob Gunther, Nat Vicknair, Catherine Calamari, Jerry Trabona, Imelda Travis, Kenneth Travis, Kay Bougeouis, Kelly Wayne Russell

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

WE vs ME...

Throughout scripture... there are really two camps... a WE or a ME... the We's... that would be Peter, you know when he tells the Good Lord, I have left everything for YOU... remember Peter was married... he is all about the WE... what about Veronica and her veil... she didn't care about the guards, being pushed, spit upon, ridiculed... she wanted our Savior's face on her veil... and because she does... you and I... WE benefited still 2000 years later... the good thief... he may have started out to be an I, but he ultimately was a WE... he wanted everyone to know... publically on the cross... that he was with Christ... he was now with the... THE WE!!! But for every WE there is a... ME... its all about ME... that would be Judas for all I care about in the money... King Herod, all I care about is ME and MY Kingdom... What about the other thief, if you are God, get off that cross and take me with you... its all about helping ME!!!

Well, here we sit 2000 years later... where do you and I sit... are we a... WE... OR... A... ME!?!? At work, when peopol ask you to do something... to do this or that and its outside your job description... do you complain, say no... its all about ME... or... well... SIMON, do you do it... because you have the gifts... GIVEN to you by God... that you are a WE!!! After work or a long day... and when you get home... do you take time to listen to your spouse, about their day... troubles... headaches, stresses... I mean you did become one right... what God has joined man must not divide... its no longer what is good for me... but WE!!! Will you sit and listen, without offering unsolicited advice which no one is interested in, including the person seeking you... they just want you to listen... to be a WE!!! What about picking up around the house... or do we yell out... that is not my job... I did not dirty this or that... REALLY!!!??? Well aren't you a piece of work... you live as a family, but you now play the ME card... oh I see, you don't cook the food, but you can eat it...?!?!?! You can dirty the plate but you can clean it...?!?!?! You can dirty the clothes but you can't wash them... or if you do wash, wash only your own...?!?!?! HOW DARE YOU... you are part of a family... there is no ME... only WE!!! Is that how you 'honor' your parents... is that how you repay for the roof over your head, the food on your plate, the clothes on your back... and head, the food on your plate, the clothes on your back... and this TEXTING... who said it was ok, to text at meals... the family, the WE is eating... and you are texting your boyfriend, girlfriend, some friend, anyone or evryone... how rude is that... who wants to see the top of your head... you need to get up and go eat by yourself... pay for it too... if you would rather talk or text that person... be man or woman enough to get up and walk away... and not return... it is not about YOU/ME... it is about WE!!!

My friends if Christ... I leave you with this... upon our death you and I... will stand naked and alone before Him... we will see our whole life pass before us... and we will see all te things we did to help others... all the times we were a WE!!! Remember, you don't get to heaven by only helping yourself... you must be a WE... and how will you know... after your judgment... when you finally get in front of a gate... and you do no... DO NOT RECOGNIZE ANYONE... because you are a ME... and helped no one... YOU ARE AT THE WRONG GATE... AND there is nothing that can be done about it... AMEN!!



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IN THE KNOW...

FIRST COMMUNION

Saturday, August 27th at 4pm Mass, we will celebrate First Communion with our English families. On Sunday, August 28th at 2pm Mass we will celebrate First Communion with our Spanish families



This Sunday, August 20th FUNDRAISER FOR EDGAR



starting at 10:30 a.m., at St. Joseph's Pavillion the Hispanic Community will host a fundraiser to support the family of Miguel and Isabel Méndez. Since birth their son, Edgar Mendez 14, has suffered from kidney disease and now urgently needs a new kidney. They will have food, drinks, snacks, desserts and much more. They will also have a Mexican lottery with prizes available to win. Come have fun and support this family. Please keep Edgar and his family in your prayers.

Although we are overwhelmed by the lost of Fr. Mark Beard, and appreciate the love and support for him. We are asking for everyone to please restrain from setting memorials at St. Helena Catholic Church and his gravesite at Amite Memorial.

- * Flowers are acceptable at his gravesite.
- * If you would like to light a candle in Memory of Fr. Mark, you may do so at Mary's Pavillion. St. Helena Staff



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.

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (AUGUST 20, 2023)

If you wish to follow Him, Jesus said you must deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Him. Are you courageous enough to follow Jesus as a priest, brother, or sister? 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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MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday Vigil 4pm; Sunday 9am; Sunday Spanish 2pm

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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.