

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

Harold Wright

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

Father Mark Berad, Jet Keen, Richard Walsh, Harrell Griffin, Dennis Mussare, Ann LaBarbera, Veda Misita, Harold Wright, Antoinette Riley, Ronald & Hazel Scioneaux, Dr. William Ferrante, Linda & Harold Brown, Michelle Murphy, Burrell Carter, Dora Jean Edwards, Jason M Byers, Michael Henry, David Paul Delaune, Billy Higgins, Harold Beard, Perkins & Dominao Families, Law Enforcement, Lori Sibley, Catherine Calamari, Belinda Nelson

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

Father Mark Beard, Ann LaBarbera, Harrell Griffin, Johnnie "Lil Man" Santangelo, RD & Elsie Bridges, Rose & James Webb, Dora Jean Edwards, Harold Wright, Jet Keen, Veda Misita, Richard Walsh, Elaine Gebbia, Sarah O.E. Odiong, Merrell J. Fischer, Beverly Esteven, Michael Henry, David Paul Delaune, Billy Higgins, Harold Beard, Lori Sibley, Jerry Trabona, Catherine Calamari, Belinda Nelson

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

Harrell Griffin

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

Harold Wright

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PRAYER LIST

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, Edward Dugar, Christine & Jerry Sharp, Tommy & Carla Davidson, Deacon Mike Agnello, Valerie Agnello, Julia Dykes, Gracie Green, Kristy Harson, Nenetta Fantauzzo, Eric Tarver, Hank Schumacher, Henry McCabe, Craig Forrest, Tom & Myra Gentrup, 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, Hailey Gauff, Charles Hoyt Cuti Jr.



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

JR. CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

September 20th at 4:30pm in Room 101 will be the kickoff for Jr. Catholic Daughters. If you are interested, please contact Ginger at 985-517-4811.

JrCDA will meet once a month. They do service projects, the main project is to assist with Angel Wish Tree.

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

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

IN DEFENSE OF MOTHER CHURCH

THE CARPENTER

An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer-contractor of his plans to leave the house building business and live a more leisurely life with his wife enjoying his extended family. He would miss the pay check, but he needed to retire. They could get by. The contractor was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favor. The carpenter said yes, but in time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end his career.

When the carpenter finished his work and the builder came to inspect the house, the contractor handed the front-door key to the carpenter. "This is your house," he said, "my gift to you."

What a shock! What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently. Now he had to live in the home he had built none too well.

So it is with us. We build our lives in a distracted way, reacting rather than acting, willing to put up less than the best. At important points we do not give the job our best effort. Then with a shock we look at the situation we have created and find that we are now living in the house we have built. If we had realized that, we would have done it differently.

Think of yourself as the carpenter. Think about your house. Each day you hammer a nail, place a board, or erect a wall. Build wisely. It is the only life you will ever build. Even if you live it for only one day more, that day deserves to be lived graciously and with dignity.

The plaque on the wall says, "Life is a do-it-yourself project."

Your life tomorrow will be the result of your attitudes and the choices you make today.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR FATHER MARK

Thursday, September 21, 2023

6-8pm in the Church Hall.

Join us for refreshments, laughs and tears all in memory of our beloved pastor.



RCIA CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH 10:30AM - NOON
Do you know someone who wants to learn more about our Catholic Faith or have a refresher on their Catholic Faith?

If so, please encourage them to call the Church Office 985-748-9057 or register on our website sthelenachurch.net.

(Go to Formation on top of website and click RCIA. Choose either RCIA Candidate Form or RCIA Refresher Course Form. Everything must be filled out and submitted)

HOPE CORNER



Our Lady of Hope Catholic Retreat Center
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October 12-15, 2023

ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

A 3 Day Retreat with Fr. Philip Scott
Music by Kitty Cleveland

"We were born to taste heaven on earth. God must create a hunger for things of heaven and must purify our heart, because only the pure of heart begin to taste heaven and see reality, which is God himself!"

October 20-22, 2023

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

Monday-Saturday, 8am-3pm; Sunday after Mass

Stop by the Gift Shop for beautiful gifts, a peaceful atmosphere, and great coffee!!

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. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX FEAST DAY

Friday, September 29th 7:30am Mass

In honor of St. Therese of Lisieux Feast Day on Sunday, October 1st, a vase will be placed at the Altar step if you would like to bring a rose to Mass.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI FEAST DAY

Thursday, October 5th, 5-6pm

In honor of St. Francis Feast Day on October 4th, we will celebrate the 'Blessing of the Pets'. Please park across street and bring your pets to the east pedestrian gate.



12th ANNUAL TRUNK R TREAT

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

5:30-7:30pm

"The Eucharist & The Spiritual Life" Moving through the "Science of Sainthood"

November 4-5, 2023

Guest speakers: Matthew Leonard, Dr. Brant Pitre, Curtis Mitch and music provided by The Vigil Project.
For more information visit www.fullnessoftruth.org or call: 1-877-218-7884.

YOUTH NIGHTS

Wednesday nights 6pm-8pm. Open to all children in 6th-12th grade.

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.

CAMPUS TOURS

Plan a Tour on our beautiful Campus. For information, please go to website www.sthelenachurch.net and click on link.



Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me;

*and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me. **PRO LIFE***

ST. HELENA TRAVELING 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

TWENTY-FOUR SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

Am I willing to 'empty myself' as Jesus did to follow what the Father had in mind when He created me? 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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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times? Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times..."
Matthew 18:21-35

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-Thursday 8am-5pm;
Friday 8am-12pm