

## MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**

Burrell Carter

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**

Dora Jean Edwards

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

Father Mark Berad, Jet Keen, Richard Walsh, Harrell Griffin, Dennis Mussare, Ann LaBarbera, Veda Misita, Harold Wright, Antoinette Riley, Russell Conger, Father Joseph McCormack, Isabel Wisuonger, Virginia Carreca, Ann Thibodaux, Frances Johnston, Ronald & Hazel Scioneaux, Beatriz G. Wallace, Michael Henry, David Paul Delaune, Billy Higgins, Harold Beard, Lori Sibley, Catherine Calamari, Belinda Nelson

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**

Father Mark Beard, Betty Hymel, Radar Currier, Ann LaBarbera, Harrell Griffin, Johnnie "Lil Man" Santangelo, RD & Elsie Bridges, Dora Jean Edwards, Harold Wright, Jet Keen, Veda Misita, Richard Walsh, Linda & Harold Brown, Tommy Kopfler Jr., Lennie Riste, Nell Rackley, Michael Henry, David Paul Delaune, Billy Higgins, Harold Beard, Souls in Purgatory, Lori Sibley, Jerry Trabona, Catherine Calamari, Belinda Nelson

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**

John Vaccaro

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**

Rose & James Webb

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

Harrell Griffin

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

Fr. Victor Celio

## PRAYER LIST

Patty Anzalone, 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, Edward Dugar, Christine & Jerry Sharp, Tommy & Carla Davidson, Deacon Mike Agnello, Valerie Agnello, Julia



**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 Committe	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 Vangiel, 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

### Commitment to Christ

Following Jesus is easy when life goes smoothly; our true commitment to Him is revealed during trials. Jesus assured that tests will come for his followers (John 16:33). Discipleship requires sacrifice and Jesus never hid that cost.

- Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means losing some of your closest friends?
- Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means leaving your family?
- Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means losing your reputation?
- Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means losing your job?
- Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means losing your life?

In some places in the world, these consequences are a reality. But notice that the questions are phrased: "Are you willing?" Following Jesus doesn't necessarily mean that all of these things will happen to you, but will you take up your cross? If there comes a time in your life when you are faced with a choice -- Jesus or the comforts of this life -- which will you choose?

Committing to Christ means taking up your cross daily, giving up your hopes, dreams, possessions, and even your own life if necessary for the cause of Christ. Only if you willingly take up your cross can you be called His disciple (Luke 14:27). The reward is worth the price. Jesus followed his death-call to himself ("Take up your cross and follow me") with the gift of life in Christ: "For whoever wants to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for me will find it" (Matthew 16:25).

So the idea that all you have to do is have faith, a faith that doesn't work through love, a faith that stands there mute and blind, a faith that ignores the poor, the hungry, the homeless, orphans, is a false idea. of the faith that Jesus taught.

He did not teach a dead faith and has promised to judge each of us according to our works.

## 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.**



Full of Grace  Amite, LA

Fr. Mark's passing was a shock for all of his Church Family, and as we saw the outpouring of love and support it was a shock for so many more. With that being said, the omission of Full of Grace in his obituary was unintended.

The vision of Full of Grace has been carried out by the members of Full of Grace, both financially and physically, and for that he was very proud. St. Helena will continue to pray for and advocate for new members to join this rewarding ministry.

## HOPE CORNER



**Our Lady of Hope Catholic Retreat Center**

Chatawa, MS - (601)-202-3137 - OurLadyofHopeMS.com

### Upcoming Retreats:

#### I BEG YOU, MY LORD, ANSWER MY PRAYER

A 4 Day Retreat with Fr. Jay Alexius

"Join us for a spiritually rewarding weekend deepening your relationship with Our Lord through an immersion into meaningful contemplative prayer. This retreat promises to be a profound experience of adoration, reparation of your soul, and thanksgiving for answers of your most fervent prayer."

**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**

Register at [ourladyofhopems.com/events](http://ourladyofhopems.com/events)

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

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

## 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. THERÈSE OF LISIEUX FEAST DAY

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

If you would like to bring a rose to Mass, a vase will be placed at the Altar step.

#### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI FEAST DAY

Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 5-6pm

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

## 12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TRUNK R TREAT

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

5:30pm-7:30pm

#### YOUTH NIGHTS

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

#### RCIA CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://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)

#### Marian Servants of the Visitation Monday, September 11, 2023 5:30-7:30pm

We commit to meeting one evening a week for charismatic praise and worship, the rosary, healing prayer, faith sharing, and fellowship.

St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. Benedict Room 225 N. 8th St., Ponchatoula, LA 70454

#### "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](http://www.fullnessoftruth.org) or call: 1-877-218-7884.

#### EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Next summer, 80,000 Catholics will gather in Indianapolis... Don't miss this historic moment! Get your pass at <https://eucharisticcongress.org> #NationalEucharisticCongress

# 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](http://www.sthelenachurch.net) and click on link.



**PRO LIFE**  
"To sin by silence when they should protest, makes cowards of men." - Abraham Lincoln

### 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)**  
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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  
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Prayer for Peace

### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

Jesus continues to draw those who believe. Our world is hungry and thirsty for the Bread of Life. Will you share your faith? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Rev. Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org)

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September 10, 2023

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## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For whoever wishes to save his life  
will lose it, but whoever loses his life  
for My sake will find it..."  
Matthew 16:21-27

**MASS SCHEDULE:**  
Saturday Vigil 4pm;  
Sunday 9am;  
Sunday Spanish 2pm

**DAILY MASS:**  
Monday - Friday 7:30am

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

**1<sup>st</sup> SATURDAY:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass 8am

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