



# ST. HELENA ST. PATRICK &

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!

# EXPECT

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“For at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

LUKE 12:40

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## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The fruits of our labors are not always seen in our lifetimes. Faith is not conditional on seeing results. Faith is a radical trust in what is unseen. It requires vigilance and self-investment. It requires our attention even when our efforts don't bear fruit or are unappreciated or unrecognized. A person who is open to accepting God's presence, however it comes, and is willing to share the love received with others is a true inspiration. Good works will flow from this vigilant depth of faith. It will be directed where it is most needed and detached from the need for recognition or gratitude. Faith exercised in secret is the most profound expression of faith and a testament of true love for our Creator. No one needs to know the humility, generosity, and goodness of our hearts, only God. Standing erect and watchful, we are prepared to receive the gift of Divine Love and freely share it with others, without recognition or self-benefit.

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### Mass Schedule

**Saturday** (vigil) 5pm, St. Helena  
**Sunday** 8:30am (1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)  
10:30am (2nd, 4th Sundays)  
**Tue** 7pm  
**Wed-Fri** 8:00am

### Confession Schedule

**Saturday** 3:30-4:30pm  
**Sunday** Before 8:30 am mass (1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)  
**Tuesday** 6:30-6:50pm  
**Wed-Fri** Before 8:00 am daily Mass | By appointment, call parish office  
**Adoration**  
**Wed** 5pm-8pm



## ST. PATRICK PARISH

### Mass Schedule

**Sunday** 10:30am  
(1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)  
8:30 am (2nd, 4th Sundays)  
**Thursday** 9:00am

### Confession Schedule

**Sundays** after 10:30 am Mass  
By appointment - call parish office

## Continued from last week

As soon as she disappeared, Alphonsine collapsed on the floor and lay motionless for ten minutes. When she awoke from her stupor, she saw her classmates staring at her; when they all excitedly questioned her, she started to cry because she realized that Our Lady had departed.



When she told them that she had seen the Blessed Virgin, they started to laugh at her and mock her as they all crowded around her. One of the schoolteachers, Sr. Blandine, pushed her way through the unbelieving crowd and brought Alphonsine to the school director and to the nurse. The director asked her to apologize to the whole school for her lies, but Alphonsine couldn't deny that she had seen the Mother of the Word. She was sent to the nurse, who in turn sent her to her room to rest. Some supposed that she was mentally ill; others, that she was just trying to attract attention; yet others said that she had been possessed by demons in her jungle home before her arrival at the school.

The next day, one of the students, Marie-Claire, led a group of fellow students in a confrontation with Alphonsine. As they began their attack, Alphonsine suddenly fell to the ground and stared at the ceiling in the same way she had done on the previous day. The change was so instantaneous that some of the girls were confused and made the sign of the Cross. Marie-Claire, the leading antagonist, glared at her in total disgust and disbelief. The others continued their verbal attack, laughing and waving their hands in front of her; but she was oblivious to her surroundings.

When Alphonsine awoke, she was overwhelmed by the love she felt. Even though this apparition was shorter, it took her longer to regain full consciousness. She explained that our heavenly Mother loved her children so very much—far more than their own mothers—and that she wanted the girls to think of her as a Mother who really did love them. The Blessed Mother wanted Alphonsine to be like a little child to her: “Play with me! I love children who will play with me, because it shows me their love and trust.”<sup>5</sup>

These two visions of Alphonsine were but the beginning of many more. And they were causing increasing furor. Marie-Claire's confrontations and outright hecklings intensified; she had the effrontery to “test” Alphonsine during the apparitions—pulling her hair, twisting her fingers, pinching her, screaming in her ears, shining a flashlight in her eyes—but the seer never flinched.

The scholastic body was increasingly upset over all the commotion, but they could not prevent the news from spreading to the nearby villages. Soon, the local faithful began to gather at the school grounds, hoping to hear the messages and to see the visionary. Some of the students began to believe her, and they asked Alphonsine many questions about Our Lady: “What did she say?” “What did

she look like?” “When will she come again?” Our Lady always told Alphonsine when her next visit would be. What Alphonsine did not tell them was that she was receiving messages for government officials, even the Hutu president. Heaven had directed her to tell the officials to pray, to forgive, and to stop persecuting the Tutsis and sending them into exile. She couldn't imagine how she could bring that message to the president! She was just a simple schoolgirl with no transportation.

### A Second Visionary

Increasingly distressed by the unrelenting attacks, Alphonsine begged Our Lady to appear to other girls in order that they would believe her. Holy Mary answered her prayers. On January 12, 1982, she appeared to Anathalie Mukamazimpaka, another devout seventeen-year-old student. Anathalie was on her way to the chapel to pray when, like Alphonsine, she was overcome with confusion, joy, fear and dizziness. Returning to her room, she started to pray the Rosary with a few of her friends. Then she saw a light in the distance. She found herself standing in a vast meadow filled with a variety of colorful flowers and hovering red bubbles that dissolved into mist. A bright, white, light-filled orb descended, and she heard a very sad woman's voice that brought her to tears. The voice told her she was sad because no one was listening to her, causing Anathalie to cry even more. Though Anathalie couldn't see anyone, she was confident that it was the Blessed Mother who was speaking to her: “My child, you must pray, for the world is in a horrible way; people have turned from God and the love of my Son, Jesus.”<sup>6</sup> Our Lady then asked Anathalie if she would help save souls, adding that she would suffer much if she accepted the mission. Anathalie agreed whole-heartedly to this request—a task she continues to this day. “No one goes to heaven without suffering,” Our Lady told her, “and as a child of Mary, you may never put down the cross you bear.”<sup>7</sup> Then, holding her rosary, the student knelt and received a blessing from the Virgin Mary before she departed. When Anathalie awoke, she was surrounded by friends and a few nuns who informed her that she had been in the same kind of trance Alphonsine had experienced. However, when Anathalie told them she spoke with Our Lady, they believed her.

On another occasion, the Blessed Mother told Anathalie, “When I show myself to someone and talk to them, I want to turn to the whole world. If I am turning to the parish of Kibeho, it does not mean that I am concerned only for Kibeho, or for the Diocese of Butare, or for Rwanda, or for the whole of Africa. I am concerned with and turning to the whole world. The world is evil and rushes towards its ruin. It is about to fall in its abyss. The world is in rebellion against God. Many sins are being committed. There is no love and no peace. If you do not repent and convert your hearts, you will all fall into an abyss.”

To be Continued

## PARISH EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 8/8-8/11 Summer Intensive in Aberdeen. Contact Fr Parks if interested! Or sign up online Aberdeen Campus Summer Intensive (regfox.com)
- 8/9 Tuesday Mass time changed to 8am for Summer Intensive
- 8/10 – Adoration canceled for Summer Intensive.
- 8/10– Altar Society meeting 5:30pm
- Raffle tickets are avail in the church entry. Drawing will be the Sept 25th

### Red River Retrouvaille – Help for Hurting Marriages

Retrouvaille is a three-month long program designed to assist couples in troubled marriages. Beginning with an intense weekend experience, husbands and wives will receive help to re-establish communication and restore trust and intimacy in their relationship. The weekend is followed by six critical aftercare sessions that deepen the skills learned during the weekend and provide a foundation for the long-term health of the couple's marriage. Retrouvaille is open to any married couple struggling in their relationship regardless of faith tradition.

For more information about Retrouvaille, visit the Retrouvaille International website: <https://www.helpourmarriage.org/>  
Upcoming weekends:

October 7-9, 2022: Fargo, ND

### Communion for the Sick and Homebound

Fr. Parks will be available to offer Holy Communion on Thursdays and Fridays. Please call Fr. At 701-349-3297 to make arrangements.

### Baptism

To schedule a baptism please contact the parish office.

### Matrimony

Those preparing for marriage, please contact Fr. Parks at least six months prior to the wedding date.

### Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament is available anytime. Talk with the priest before or after Mass, or call the parish office to make an appointment. Don't hesitate to call, especially if you are preparing for a medical procedure or surgery.

### Altar Society Announcements

St. Helena's Altar Society is looking for a volunteer to be Kitchen chairperson for the fall dinner. If you are interested, there is a signup sheet in the church entry.

There will be an Altar Society meeting on August 10th at 5:30 pm in the church center. If you wish, bring a snack to share and a beverage of your choice.

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## YOUTH UPDATES

### Search Retreats 2022-2023

The cost for the weekend is \$75.00.

The retreat starts on Friday evening (please arrive between 5:00 and 5:30 p.m.) and runs through Sunday afternoon.

Weekends can fill up fast, so get your application in quickly.

Approximately 1-2 weeks prior to the weekend, information will be sent to you to help you prepare.

Full or partial scholarships are available based on need. All scholarship applications must be submitted prior to the weekend.

November 4-6, 2022

Deadline for participant application: October 17th

January 6-8, 2023

Deadline for participant application: December 19th

February 24-26, 2023

Deadline for participant application: February 6th

April 14-16, 2023

Deadline for participant application: March 27th

### How to Register

**Complete** the online registration form. <https://fargodiocese.org/search-registration>.

# ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Aug 13/14th	(5:00pm)	(10:30am)
Usher	Volunteer	Peter Flynn Jr
Collection		Bob Radtke
Lector	Volunteer	Aaron Tschosik
EMHC		
Gift Bearers	Volunteer	Norton Family
Altar Servers		Volunteers (ed)
<b>St. Helena Breakfast Servers for June/July</b>		
Aug 7	Peggy B, Deneen M, Dina D, Kay K	
Aug 10	Altar Society Meeting 5:30pm	
Aug 21	Darcy S, Mary J, Kristi G, LeAnn R	
<b>First one on the list please contact others</b>		

## WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday	July 24	July 31 N/A
Adult	1184.00	
Children	4.00	
Plate	67.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1255.00</b>	

Thank you for your generosity!

# ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>Sunday Aug 14th (8:30 am)</b>	
Lector	Ruby
Gift Carriers	Alan and Ruby
Altar Servers	Liam and Beckett
<b>For the Month of August</b>	
Breakfast Server	Layna and Faye
Collection Counters	Alan and Allen
Church Cleaners	Linda and Laura
Altar Society Meeting	None this month

**God's Gift Appeal 2022**  
*Steadfast in Faith, Joyful in Hope*

Report as of 7/29/22

St. Helena: \$11,898.00 40.00% participation, 67.44% of goal  
 St. Patrick's: \$11,322.35 42.86% participation, 188.14% of goal

**Thank you for your support!**

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Tue. Aug 9</b>	<b>Mass at 8am</b>
8:00 am	+Curt Sand
<b>Wed. Aug 10</b>	
8:00 am	Mr & Mrs Raitor
<b>Thu. Aug 11</b>	
8:00 am (St H)	+Jim Feist
9:00 am (St. P)	Nick Seefeld and Payton M
<b>Fri. Aug 12</b>	
8:00 am	+Leona Lafloe
<b>Sat. Aug 13</b>	
5:00pm	+Robin Arnold
<b>Sun. Aug 14</b>	
8:30 am (St. P)	Bishops and Priests of Diocese
10:30 am (St. H)	All Parishioners

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*...for all who are sick, elderly or alone*

Joanne Brokaw, Loretta Dingwall, Linda Siro, Cindy Kelly Heupel, Edna Scherman, Val Hunt, Carla Engelstad, Susan Lacina, Betty Hahne, Ashtyn Hatlewig, Jerry Kelsh, Connie Dingwall

If you or someone you know would like to be added to, or removed from this list please call the parish office.

