

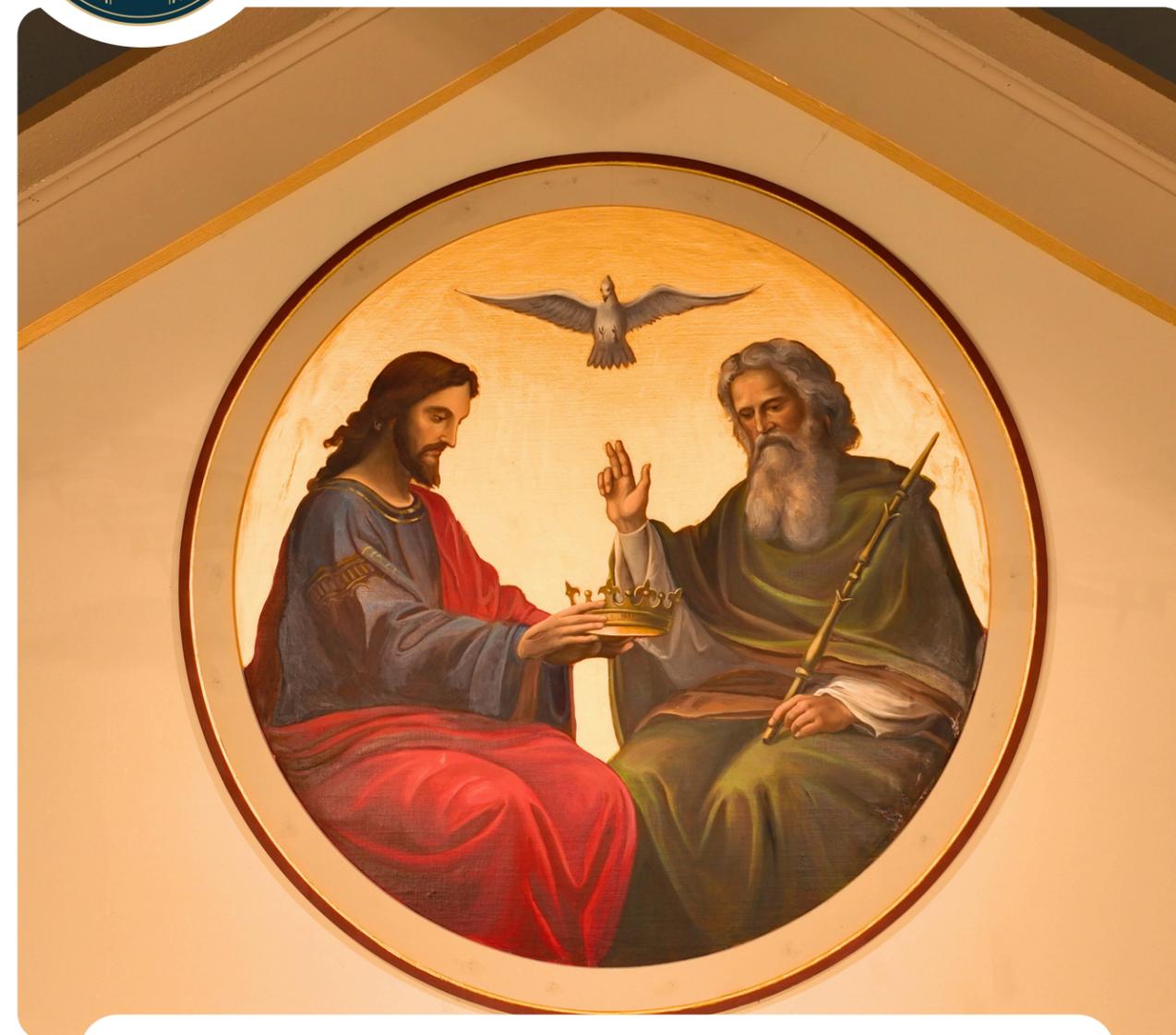
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THE 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24 AUGUST 2025

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ststephenberwick.org

Hours Mon-Wed: 9am-noon, 1-3pm
Thursday: Closed, Friday: 9am-noon

Phone 985-385-1280

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THE HOLY SACRIFICE
OF THE MASS

Saturday (Anticipatory) – 4 pm
Sunday – 7 am, 10 am, & 6:30 pm
Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri – 12:10 pm

Confessions

Saturday – 3 pm to 3:50 pm
+ Half an hour before other Masses

FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

PRODUCTIVE MEETING WITH BISHOP

This Wednesday, I joined our architect, Josh Hoffpauir, at the diocese to present the tentative rectory plans. The presentation went very well – Bishop was pleased with the plans, and the board had no major modifications to suggest. We expect to receive a written acceptance letter from the Board in the coming days. When we receive this letter, we will be able to begin working with a contractor.

“STEPPING OUT OF THE BOAT”

Getting Involved at St. Stephen’s

Is God calling you to “step out of the boat” and get involved in a new way? We need your help. Reach out to the parish office to inquire about:

- Readers at Daily Mass and Weekend Masses
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
- Altar Servers (Men and Young Men)
- St. Anne Society (Cleaning God’s House)
- Parish Choir (10 am Mass)
- Bereavement Committee
- Catechism Teachers and Substitutes
- Youth Group Leaders (12th Grade Students)

“THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE” DATES:

“POP & POUR”

Fatherhood and Masculinity

Fr. Blake Dubroc
Vocation Director,
Lafayette



August 14, 6:30 pm

“REWIND & REVINED”

Helping Adult Kids

Back to the Faith

Mathew Ardoin,
Campus Minister,
UL Lafayette



September 4, 6 pm

“SIPPING & SERVING”

Living Lives of Service

Dr. Denise Benton
UL Lafayette,
Professor



October 14, 6 pm

“PRUNING THE VINE”

Digital Overload & Toxicity

Fr. Jamin David
Vicar General,
Baton Rouge

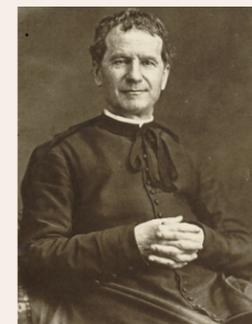


November 13, 6 pm
at One80 Downtown

LIVING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

ONE SAINT’S GUIDE TO HOLY MASS:

1. Try to be early for Mass always. A few minutes spent before Mass can open your soul to wonderful graces.
2. When you enter or leave the church, take Holy Water and sign yourself with the Sign of the Cross.
3. Always genuflect when you enter or leave your pew. This is an act of adoration to Almighty God, present in the tabernacle. When you first enter your pew, genuflect reverently, facing the tabernacle and say, “My Lord and My God,” as your right knee touches the floor.
4. Don’t talk in church unless absolutely necessary. Talk only to Jesus – you are in His House, and it is Him you have come to visit. Don’t talk as you leave, either. In so many places, the church explodes into noise after Mass. Instead, catch up with friends outside of church.
5. Listen to the sermon. It is a message inspired by much prayer and conversation with God. It could bear much fruit for you.
6. Don’t start to leave church until the priest has exited. Stay to thank God for the graces you have received from Him in the Mass.



These tips come from St. John Bosco (Don Bosco).

He lived in Italy from 1815-1888.

He reminded people that “everyday we take a step closer to heaven – so every step should be for the salvation of your soul.”

CATECHISM REGISTRATION ENDS

All forms (submitted online or delivered to the office) are due by next Wednesday, August 27.



THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

25 August - Votive of the Trinity

J.P. Morella fly. (L&D), Fr. Sal Istre

26 August - Votive of Holy Angels

Pat Robbins, Cliff & Joan Journey fly. (L&D), Fr. Sal Istre

27 August - Saint Monica

Dot Bella, The Poor Holy Souls in Purgatory, Fr. Sal Istre

29 August - The Passion of St. John the Baptist

The Poor Holy Souls in Purgatory, Bobby Naquin, Fr. Sal Istre

30 August - 4 pm Anticipatory Mass

Louis Boudreaux, Wade J. Landry, Sr., Miles Liner fly (L&D), E.J. & Gerry Lemoine fly. (L&D), Herman Pellerin fly. (L&D), Hazel Richard, Leroy Gray, John Tholen

31 August - 7am Mass

Mr. Red & Mrs. Yvonne Adams, Deanna Sampey, Kenneth Garber, Sr., Ray & Chaille Rasberry,, Calvin Leleux fly. (L&D), Al Adams III fly. (L&D)

10 am Solemn Mass

Pro Populo, Laura Magee Larive fly. (L&D), Eljean Chauvin Nesmith, Bob Radtke, Annalee Daigle, Fr. Sal Istre

6:30 pm Mass

Craig Nini

ST. STEPHEN EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Play, Learn, and grow Together!



Classes began this week at our Early Learning Center. We’re off to a great start – with 58 students enrolled this year. Thanks to our wonderful teachers!

LOOKING AHEAD

CATECHISM REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Wednesday, August 27

PARISH CATECHISM BEGINS (For Grades 1-9)

Wednesday, September 3

Grades 1-5 meet in the Hall from 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Grades 6-9 meet in the Hall from 6 pm - 7 pm

SECOND “THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE” NIGHT

Thursday, September 4 at 6 pm

“Helping Adult Kids Back to the Faith”

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday September 5 – following 12:10 pm Mass, concluding with Benediction at 5:30 pm

FIRST SATURDAY MASS OF OUR LADY

Saturday, September 6 at 8 am

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP BEGINS (Grades 9-12)

Wednesday, September 10, at 6 pm

Youth Group will meet every other Wednesday on the first floor of the Parish Hall, at 6pm

ALL SOULS CANDLES AVAILABLE

Wednesday, October 1, in the Parish Office

SAVE THE DATE for NOEL NIGHT

Thursday, December 11, 2025. 6 pm

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory	\$ 7,716
Building & Maintenance	\$ 745
Total Weekly Giving	\$ 8,461

ONLINE GIVING

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