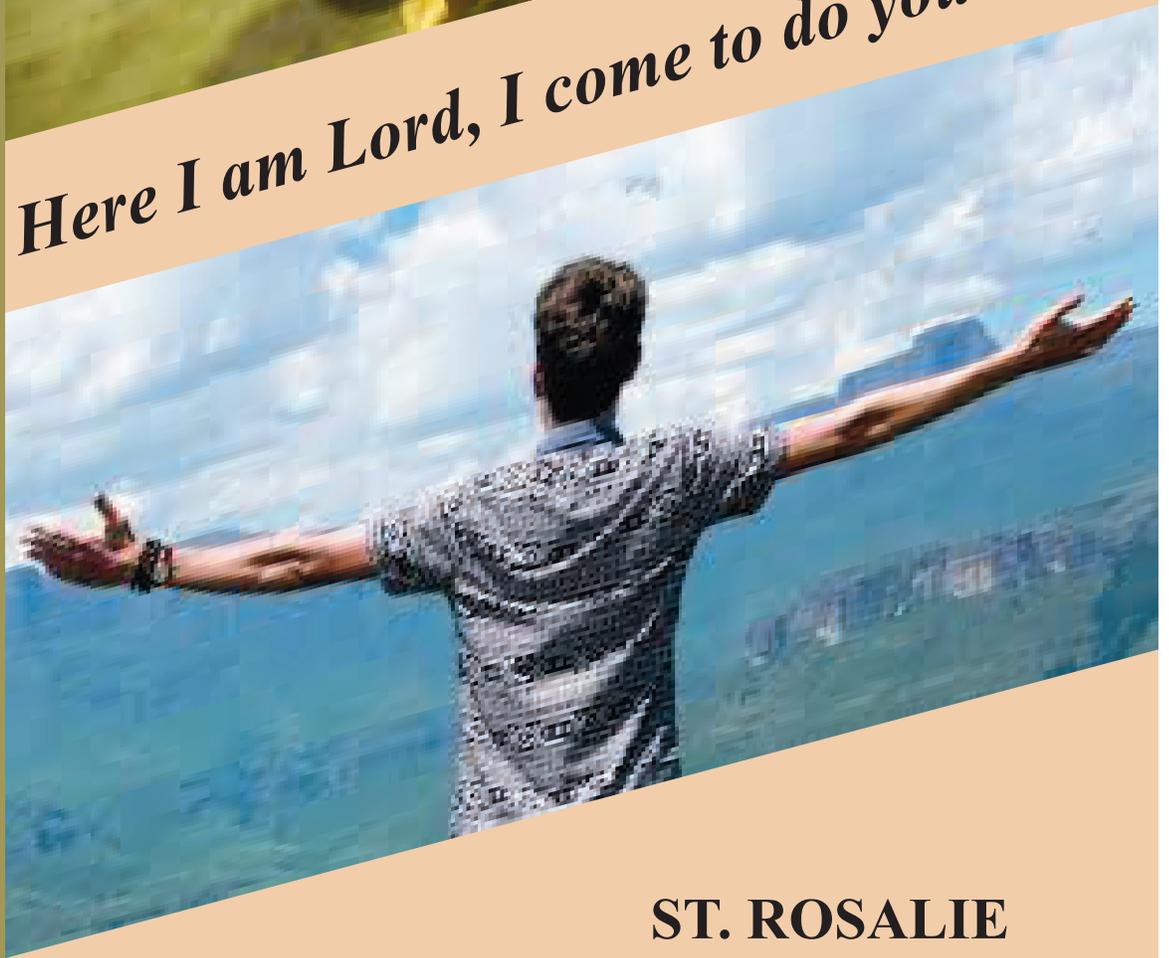


2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Here I am Lord, I come to do your will.



**ST. ROSALIE
CATHOLIC CHURCH
January 15, 2023**

The Pastor Jots It Down! _____

My dear parishioners and friends of St. Rosalie and St. John Bosco Parishes and Alumni,

Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will. These words of the responsorial psalm can make for a beautiful aspiratory prayer that we can say frequently throughout the day. Its short. It's a powerful reminder of our Christian vocation – to grow in the ways of holiness and to help others grow in holiness as well – a life of missionary discipleship.

The Church also exists to do the will of God and to be good stewards of the resources in building up God's Kingdom here on Earth.

Our archdiocese has begun an examination of all our parishes in the terms of vibrancy and is beginning a process to make our parishes more vibrant in serving the people of God in the archdiocese. This is a huge task. Let's support this process with our prayers.

Here on the Westbank years ago the Catholic population was constantly growing and new missions and parishes were established and multiple masses were celebrated on Sundays to accommodate the large number of parishioners for Sunday Mass. Now we have many churches, many masses, and fewer Catholics attending Sunday Mass.

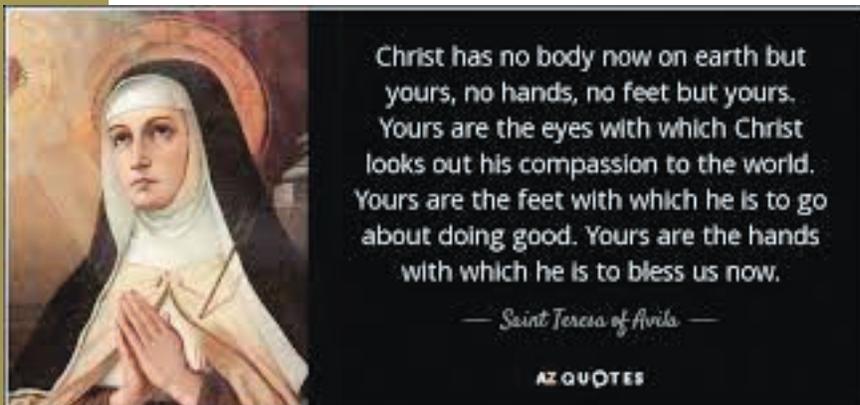
Our archdiocese is reading the signs of the time and is seeking how to make our churches more vibrant.

Making our parishes more vibrant is not only the task of the archdiocese but the task of each and every member of our parishes to do our part in making our parishes more vibrant. We can't sit back and do nothing. If we do nothing, our parishes will die. Everyone must take seriously their Baptismal commitment to build up Christ's Body here on earth.

During World War II, a French village lost a beloved statue of Christ in a bombing raid. The villagers managed to rebuild the statue, except for its hands. Those pieces were never found in the rubble. Finally, the villagers placed a plaque on the statue with the inscription, "I have no hands but yours."

The saying calls to mind an instruction from St. Teresa of Avila to her Discalced Carmelite community in Spain: "Christ has no body now on earth, but yours; no hands, but yours; no feet, but yours. It is your eyes through which Christ's compassion looks out to the world; your feet with which he must walk about doing good; your hands with which he blessed humanity; your voice with which his forgiveness is spoken; your heart with which he now loves."

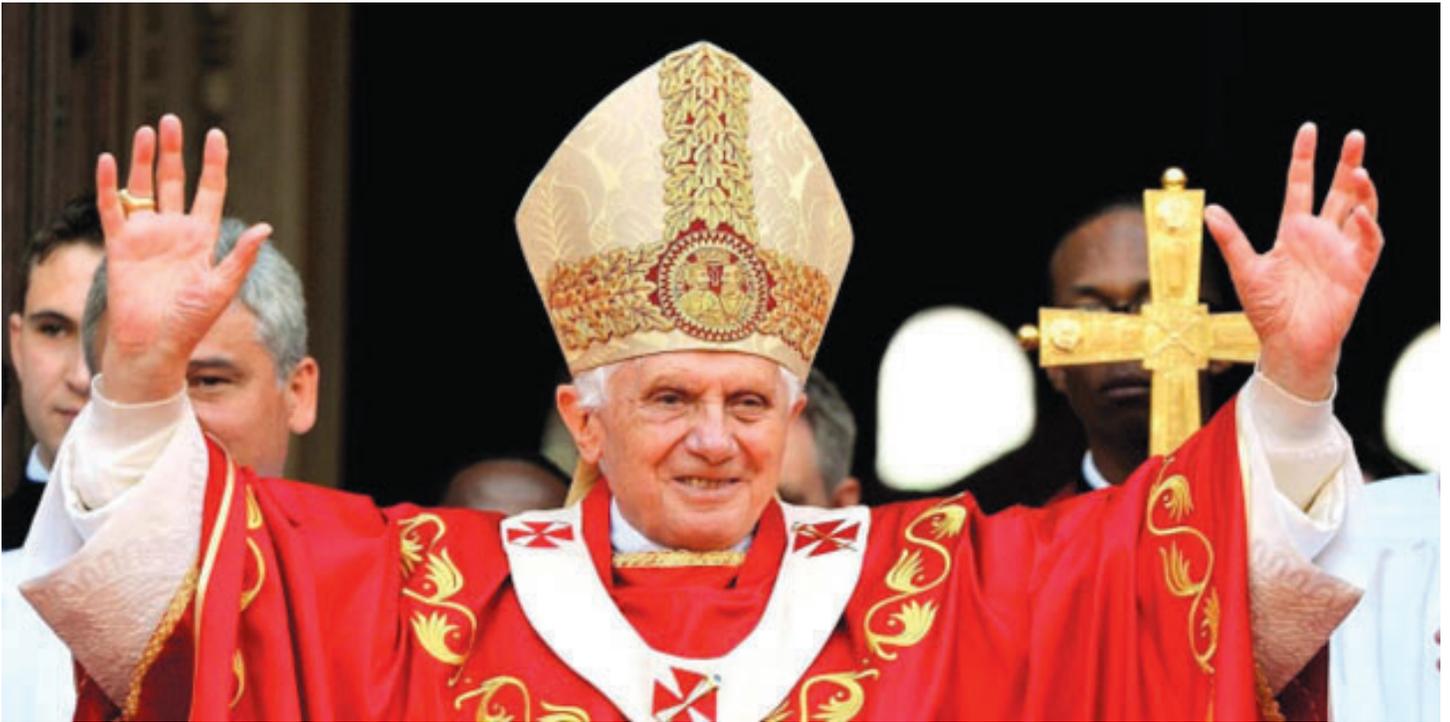
From: <https://thecatholicpost.com/2019/07/18/no-hands-or-eyes-but-yours/>



Yes, Christ lives in each of us and calls us to be his presence on earth growing in holiness ourselves and helping others to develop a personal relationship with Christ through our words and example...missionary discipleship.

God loves you!

F. Mark



“Holiness does not consist in never having erred or sinned. Holiness increases the capacity for conversation, for repentance, for willingness to start again, and especially, for reconciliation and forgiveness.” -Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

"Friendship with Jesus Christ"

In his early days as pope, Benedict referred to both Jesus Christ and John Paul II. Citing John Paul II's well-known words, "Do not be afraid! Open wide the doors for Christ!", Benedict XVI said:

Are we not perhaps all afraid in some way? If we let Christ enter fully into our lives, if we open ourselves totally to Him, are we not afraid that He might take something away from us? ... And once again the Pope said: No! If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing of what makes life free, beautiful, and great. No! Only in this friendship do we experience beauty and liberation. ... When we give ourselves to Him, we receive a hundredfold in return. Yes, open, open wide the doors to Christ – and you will find true life.

"Friendship with Jesus Christ" is a frequent theme of his preaching. He stressed that in this intimate friendship, "everything depends." He also said: "We are all called to open ourselves to this friendship with God ... speaking to Him as to a friend, the only One who can make the world

*both good and happy ... That is all we must do is put ourselves at His disposal ... is an extremely important message. It is a message that helps to overcome what can be considered the great temptation of our time: the claim, that after the Big Bang, God withdrew from history." Thus, in his book *Jesus of Nazareth*, his main purpose was "to help foster [in the reader] the growth of a living relationship" with Jesus Christ.*

He took up this theme in his first encyclical *Deus caritas est*. In his explanation and summary of the encyclical, he stated: "If friendship with God becomes for us something ever more important and decisive, then we will begin to love those whom God loves and who are in need of us. God wants us to be friends of His friends and we can be so, if we are interiorly close to them." Thus, he said that prayer is "urgently needed ... It is time to reaffirm the importance of prayer in the face of the activism and the growing secularism of many Christians engaged in charitable work."

From: <https://bit.ly/3WWX0Fm>



What is a Pro-Lifer?

The terms “pro-life” and “pro-choice” are used in our society quite a bit.

But what is the definition of “pro-life?” And the implications that go along with the term?

How do we exemplify a “pro-life” stance in our approach to life itself?

What exactly is “pro-life,” anyway?

Definition of Pro-Life

Merriam-Webster defines “pro-life” as “against abortion.” Yet, for those who resonate with the description, it is so much more than saving unborn babies.

Focus on the Family shares this perspective in an article called PRO-LIFE AND PRO-CHOICE: WHAT DOES IT MEAN? : “While the term pro-life was birthed from the abortion wars of the 1970s, the pro-life movement has grown into a thriving community of those who meet political issues with the mindset that all human life is valuable.

Whether you are a preborn baby, a newborn, an elderly person, or someone with disabilities and special needs, your life matters. At its core, the pro-life movement is about the value and equality of all human beings.”

The argument is that being pro-life truly encompasses all aspects of life. To be pro-life is to hold to “the belief that all human life is created equal regardless of size, level of development, education, and degree of dependency.

Pro-Life Advocacy

If being pro-life is valuing life at all stages, how can you make a difference? What are some ways you can advocate for life in all its forms?

SAVING THE UNBORN

Since many feel-like pro-lifers are focused on the unborn, let’s start there.

Raising awareness and becoming a voice to the voiceless is an important aspect of being pro-life.

The unborn are completely at the mercy of others and are considered utterly vulnerable.

There are several ways you can work towards saving the unborn.

- Learn more about your local pregnancy resource center. How are they serving women facing unplanned pregnancies and empowering them to choose life for their unborn children? Are there ways you can get involved or partner with their ministry?
- Is there a local or statewide pro-life organization like **Louisiana Right to Life** that helps raise awareness of pro-life issues and make a difference with local legislation?
- Is your church or parish involved in pro-life ministry?

SERVING OTHERS IN NEED

As an advocate for life, it’s important to be aware of the needs in the world and be willing to step forward to address those needs in your own personal way.

- Are you burdened for a specific population – at-risk youth, elderly, homeless, disenfranchised, incarcerated, refugees, etc.?
- Do you have unique skills, talents, or gifts to use to help address needs?
- Are there local organizations that are currently serving these populations that you can partner with by utilizing your personal skills?

From: <https://www.caringnetwork.com/news/what-is-pro-life>

*Special Marriage Preparation
For Those
Civily Married or Co-Habiting*



Special Marriage Preparation

is a one-day seminar for couples who are either convalidating their civil marriage
(now entering a Sacramental marriage in the Church)

or who have already been living together for a substantial period of time.

The cost includes the **REFOCCUS** program.

If you have questions or specific needs, or if you would like to register by mail, please call 504-861-6243.

**February 11, 2023 in New Orleans
CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Building
2241 Mendez St, New Orleans**

For More Information

Please contact the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 504-861-6243
or mfl@arch-no.org .

Announcements

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

for the week of Nov. 6: \$ 4,276.00
for the week of Nov. 11: \$ 3,170.00
for the week of Nov. 20: \$ 2,463.00
for the week of Nov. 27: \$ 2,668.00

Second Collections –

Maintenance -November: \$ 353.00
All Saints Day: \$ 376.00
All Souls Day: \$ 175.00

On line giving –

for the month of Nov.: \$ 3,228.00

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

for the week of Dec. 4: \$ 4,053.00
for the week of Dec. 11: \$ 2,760.00
for the week of Dec. 18: \$ 3,510.00
for the week of Dec. 25: \$ 7,678.00

Second Collections –

Christmas Flowers: \$ 715.00
Maintenance -December: \$ 1,313.00
Retirement for Religious: \$ 785.00
Immaculate Conception: \$ 210.00

On line giving –

for the month of Dec.: \$ 2,215.00

SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

The Sanctuary Committee for the weekend of January 21 is Team 4, which consists of Mary Landry, Jane Burke, Evangelina Rodriguez, Sandra Hecker, and Rose Champagne.

OUR APOLOGIES

Once again I must apologize for listing the following errors in last week's bulletin: The Sacred Heart's Lamp in memory of Jackie Morvant Bush and the Altar Wine in memory of Jackie Morvant Bush.

Thank the Lord, Jackie is still quite alive. It should have been listed for healing. We ask for prayers for Jackie's healing.

Jackie, I am truly sorry for the mistake.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the month of January



True Human Fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Now Open!

St. Rosalie - St. John Bosco Food Pantry

New Location Near
St. Rosalie Cafetorium
Handicapped Accessible



**Shop-Thru –
Open 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
1st and 3rd Tuesdays
of Each Month**

*For Individuals and
Families in Need of Food*

**620 First Avenue
Harvey**

In Our Parish

ALTAR WINE

*is given in memory of
Kenny Riley*

SANCTUARY LAMP

*will burn in memory of
Carlos Savona*

ST. ROSALIE'S LAMP

*will burn in memory of
Hunter & Guastella Family*

SACRED HEART'S LAMP

*will burn for healing of
Shannon Morvant Olivero*

BLESSED MOTHER'S LAMP

*will burn in memory of
RUBY BOUDREAUX*

Young Adult & Youth Mass

Sunday - 8:00 p.m.

The latest Mass on the Westbank



Musically Inclined???

Get Involved!!!

**St. John Bosco Catholic Church
2114 Oakmere Dr. Harvey, La**



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

8:00am Joey Parks
 4:00pm Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.
 Jerry Melancon, Sr.
 Donald Comeaux
 Conrad & Anthony Saluto
 Ryan Welch
 Antonio D'Amico
 John Taravella, Sr.
 Hilton Lirette
 Carl Reese, Jr.
 Charles & Carmen Austin
 Margie Montet
 Hilton G. Landry
 Hilton G. Landry, Jr.
 Geraldine Landry
 Shayna Catherine Cline
 Philip, Lillian, Philip D. &
 Michael Saladino
 Raymond & Craig LeBlanc
 Alexis & Beverly Vicari

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

7:30am Joey Parks
 10:30am Yves 'Vessie' Bourgeois
 Byron S. LeJeune
 Kevin Fitzhenry
 Doris & Walter Treadaway
 Kathleen LaGrange
 Nelson Cantrelle, Jr.
 Madeleine Behette
 Deceased members of Jonathan
 Parks KC15892
 Angelina & Billy Shrader
 Hepting & Mauro Families
 Peter & Rose Vicari
 Art Landry, Jr.
 Ruby & Godfrey Boudreaux, Sr.
 Sal Willick
 LeJeune, Orgeron, Rodrigue &
 Angelle Families
 Ann White
 Pat & Richard Diez
 Ms. Burnett
 Parishioners of St. Rosalie
 All Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

7:00am Barbara Murphy

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

7:00am Tamara Arkes

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

8:00am Judy Roberts
 4:00pm Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.
 Malcolm 'Buck' Cortez
 Malcolm & Timmy LeBlanc
 Rosalie & George Picarella
 Hunter & Guastella Families
 Donald Comeaux
 Hilton Landry
 Geraldine Landry
 Hilton Landry II
 Estanislao & Maria Ana Gongora
 Juan B. & Marcela Rodriguez
 Hilton Lirette
 Glen Bourgeois
 Arthur Bourgeois
 Alexis & Beverly Vicari
 Raymond & Craig LeBlanc



MASS FOR HEALING:

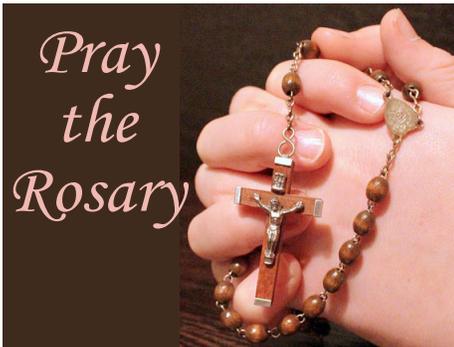
Shannon Morvant Olivero, Kim Riley
 Jackie Morvant Bush, Milton Danos
 O.J. Orgeron, Rosalie Oubre
 Julie Kirkland, Jonathan Cline
 Linda LeJeune, Gary Guidry
 Hunter & Guastella family & friends

MASS FOR THE LIVING:

Patrick Lofton, Anne, William,
 Thomas and Marguerite Hart

SPECIAL MASSES:

For conversion of sinners.
 Prayer for Peace in Ukraine



MONDAY, JANUARY 16

7:00am Gayle Regel

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

7:00am Eliska & Frederick Kopfler

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

7:00am Gayle Regel
 Josie Palermo

St. Rosalie Catholic Church

600 Second Avenue – Harvey, LA
 504-340-1962 email: office@strosalieparish.com

Fr. Mark Hyde, SDB, *Pastor*

Fr. George Hanna, SDB Fr. Wilgintz Polynice, SDB
Parochial Vicars

Kevin Steel, *Deacon*

MASS SCHEDULES:

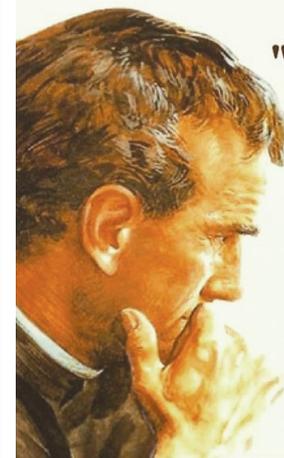
ST. ROSALIE

Saturday Vigil – 4:00 pm
 Sunday – 7:30 and 10:30 am
 Weekdays – 7:00 am
 Saturday – 8:00 am
 Confessions:
 Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm

ST. JOHN BOSCO

Saturday Vigil – 5:30 pm
 Sunday – 9:00 am and 12:00 pm
 Youth & Young Adult Mass
 Sunday – 8:00 pm
 Weekdays – 7:00 am
 Saturday – 8:00 am
 Confessions: Saturday 4:30 - 5:15 pm

Both Churches: Adoration & Confessions Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00 pm



"LET US

carry our
 crosses with
love;
 let us see
 that they
 do not
 become a
 burden to
 others,
 but let us
help
 others