



# St. Henry Catholic Church

December 17<sup>TH</sup> 2023

## Mass Schedule Horarios de Misas

SATURDAY| Sábado:

4:00pm (Vigil)

SUNDAY| Domingo:

8:00am, 10:30am, 5:00pm & 12:30pm (Spanish)

MONDAY| Lunes :

6:30am

TUESDAY| Martes:

5:30pm

WEDNESDAY| Miércoles:

6:30am & 5:30pm (Spanish)

THURSDAY | Jueves:

6:30am & 5:30pm

FRIDAY | Viernes:

6:30am & 5:30pm. Adoration 7am-noon.

## Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 3:00-3:45pm.

Thirty minutes before all other Masses on Weekdays & Weekends or anytime by appointment.

## Adoration Adoración

Day Chapel: Fridays 7:00am - 12:00pm noon.

Adoración (Español): Primer Miércoles 6:15pm.

## Office Hours Horarios de Oficina

M-Wed 8:30am-3:30pm., Thur. 8:30-11:30am;  
(Closed for lunch 12:00-1:00pm)

1:00pm-3:30pm.

Friday 8:30am-12:00pm

## Clergy Team

Very Rev. Matthew Cormier V.F., Pastor (Párroco)

Rev. Levi Thompson Parochial Vicar (Vicario Parroquial)

Deacon Josue Canelo

Deacon Patrick Hebert

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



# Clergy Cormier

## WHEN HALF-SPENT WAS THE NIGHT

### A Reflection on the Tradition of Midnight Mass

"Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!  
Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung.  
It came, a flower bright amid the cold of winter,  
when half-spent was the night."

As a seminarian, I was always required to serve for Christmas Midnight Mass with the Bishop. It was actually quite a treat. There was something special about heading off to the cathedral in the middle of the night when everyone else was heading off to bed. The music was always majestic and exceptional as befits the occasion. The vestments were only the best. The cathedral filled with Christmas trees and poinsettias and the sight and aroma of incense rising to heaven. It was clear that this night was different from every other night. If you were sleepy upon arrival, once the Mass began, you were wide awake with the joy and glory of the holy night.

Sure, there are inconveniences to getting out in the middle of the night when we might rather be in bed. The children will probably sleep in their parents' arms, much like baby Jesus slept in Mary's arms. On a night when much of the world focuses on make-believe and fairy tales, we are invited to enter into the mystery of that which is most real—the mystery of God becoming man.

This tradition has been around for centuries in every Christian culture. In Latin America, it is called Misa del Gallo because of the legend that a rooster cried when Jesus was born. Before heading out to Midnight Mass, families share in la cena de Nochebuena. Homes are filled with the exquisite aromas of tamales, turkey, ham, lechón (oven roasted pig), along with tostones, buñuelos and rice pudding, while Christmas songs in English or Spanish play in the background and laughter and conversations flow among families and friends.

The bilingual Midnight Mass is celebrated at St. Henry's. This year, it will be trilingual. English, Spanish, and Latin. This will show forth the universality of the Church. The two languages spoken by the parishioners of St. Henry's plus the official language of the Roman Catholic Church. Don't let Christmas Mass be something to just "get out of the way". Let it be the center and summit of the holiday.

"Isaiah twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;  
with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.  
To show God's love aright, she bore to men a Savior,  
when half-spent was the night."

**Fr. Matthew Cormier.**

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## CUANDO LA MITAD DE LA NOCHE ESTABA PASADA

### Una reflexión sobre la tradición de la Misa del Gallo

"¡He aquí cómo ha brotado una rosa que florece de un tallo tierno!  
Del linaje de Isaí que viene como han cantado los hombres de la antigüedad.  
Llegó, una flor brillante en medio del frío del invierno,  
cuando la noche estaba a medias.

Como seminarista, siempre se me pidió que sirviera en la Misa de Gallo de Navidad con el Obispo. La verdad es que fue todo un placer. Había algo especial en ir a la catedral en medio de la noche cuando todos los demás se iban a la cama. La música siempre fue majestuosa y excepcional, como corresponde a la ocasión. Las vestimentas eran solo las mejores. La catedral se llenó de árboles de Navidad y flores de Pascua y la vista y el aroma del incienso que se elevaba al cielo. Estaba claro que esta noche era diferente a todas las demás. Si tenías sueño al llegar, una vez que comenzaba la misa, estabas completamente despierto con la alegría y la gloria de la noche santa.

Claro, hay inconvenientes en salir en medio de la noche cuando preferiríamos estar en la cama. Los niños probablemente dormirán en los brazos de sus padres, al igual que el niño Jesús durmió en los brazos de María. En una noche en la que gran parte del mundo se centra en la fantasía y los cuentos de hadas, se nos invita a entrar en el misterio de lo que es más *real*: el misterio de Dios hecho hombre.

Esta tradición ha existido durante siglos en todas las culturas cristianas. En América Latina se le llama *Misa del Gallo* por la leyenda de que un gallo lloró cuando nació Jesús. Antes de ir a la Misa del Gallo, las familias comparten la cena de Nochebuena. Los hogares se llenan de los exquisitos aromas de tamales, pavo, jamón, lechón, tostones, buñuelos y arroz con leche, mientras suenan de fondo canciones navideñas en inglés o español y fluyen las risas y conversaciones entre familias y amigos.

La Misa de Medianoche bilingüe se celebra en St. Henry's. Este año, será trilingüe. Inglés, español y latín. Esto mostrará la universalidad de la Iglesia. Los dos idiomas hablados por los feligreses de San Enrique, además del idioma oficial de la Iglesia Católica Romana. No dejes que la Misa de Navidad sea algo para "quitarte de en medio". Que sea el centro y la cumbre de la festividad.

"Lo predijo Isaías, la rosa que tengo en mente;  
con María lo contemplamos, la Virgen Madre.  
Para mostrar correctamente el amor de Dios, dio a luz a los hombres un Salvador,  
cuando la mitad de la noche era pasada".

**Padre Matthew Cormier.**

# Weekly Calendar

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## Calendario de la Semana

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**Monday, December  
18**

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6:00am Confessions  
6:30am Mass  
**5:00pm—6:30pm Advent Penance Night**

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**Tuesday, December  
19**

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5:00pm Confessions  
5:30pm Mass

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**Wednesday, December  
20**

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6:00am Confessions  
6:30am Mass  
5:00pm Confessions | Confesiones  
5:30pm Spanish Mass | Misa en Español

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**Thursday, December  
21**

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6:00am Confessions  
6:30am Mass  
5:00pm Confessions  
5:30pm Mass

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**Friday, December  
22**



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6:00am Confessions  
6:30am Mass  
7:00am-12:00pm noon Adoration (Day Chapel) | Adoración (Capilla)  
5:00pm Confessions  
5:30pm Mass

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**Saturday, December  
23**

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8:00am Church Cleaning and Decorating  
3:00pm Confession  
4:00pm Mass

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**Sunday, December  
24**

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT | TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO**  
7:30am Confessions  
8:00am Mass  
10:00a m Confessions  
10:30am Mass  
12:00pm Spanish Rosary Prayer & Confessions  
Rosario & Confesiones en Español  
12:30pm Spanish Mass | Misa en Español  
4:30 pm Confessions  
**5:00pm Mass Christmas Eve**



# Upcoming at St. Henry's

## Próximamente en San Henry



### ADVENT PENANCE NIGHT – MONDAY DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> – 5:00-6:30pm

Need to cleanse your soul before Christmas? Multiple priests will be available at St. Henry's for the Sacrament of Penance on Monday December 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:30pm.

### NOCHE DE PENITENCIA DE ADVIENTO – LUNES 18 DE DICIEMBRE – 5:00-6:30pm

¿Necesitas limpiar tu alma antes de Navidad? Varios sacerdotes estarán disponibles en San Enrique para el Sacramento de la Penitencia el lunes 18 de diciembre de 5:00 a 6:30 p.m.



### CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT ST. HENRY'S

- Cleaning and decorating of the church – Saturday December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00am.
- Regular weekend Mass schedule for December 23-24 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent)

#### Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve (Sunday December 24) 5:00pm  
Christmas Day (Monday December 25)  
12:00am Midnight (BILINGUAL)  
9:00am  
5:00pm



### CELEBRA LA NAVIDAD EN ST. HENRY'S

- Limpieza y decoración de la iglesia – Sábado 23 de diciembre a las 8:00 am.
- Horario regular de misas de fin de semana para 23 y 24 de diciembre (4º domingo de Adviento)

#### Misas de Navidad:

Nochebuena (Domingo 24 de Diciembre) 5:00pm  
Día de Navidad (Lunes 25 de Diciembre)  
12:00am Midnight (BILINGUAL)  
9:00am  
5:00pm

### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

#### CHRISTMAS RUNDOWN

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| <b>DECEMBER 24</b><br>EVERY<br>SUNDAY<br>IS A<br>HOLY DAY | <b>DECEMBER 25</b><br>THE<br>NATIVITY<br>OF THE<br>LORD |
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CHOOSE ONE

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS  
 SUNDAY MASS  
 CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL

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CHOOSE ONE

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL  
 MIDNIGHT MASS  
 CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

### SUNDAY AND CHRISTMAS ARE BOTH HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

A reminder that Christmas is still a Holy Day of Obligation despite falling on a Monday. Catholics are expected to attend separate Masses to fulfill their Sunday Obligation and their Christmas Obligation. Canon Law states, "A person who assists at a Mass celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the feast day itself or in the evening of the preceding day satisfies the obligation of participating in the Mass."

So, yes, going to Mass at 5pm on Sunday evening counts for Sunday, even though the prayers and readings are for Christmas Eve. The readings and prayers have nothing to do with the obligation. The fact that you attend a Catholic Mass on that day is what fulfills the obligation.

*Note: If you use the 5pm Mass on Sunday (Christmas Eve) to fulfill your Sunday obligation, you must still attend Mass on Monday (Christmas Day) to fulfill your Christmas obligation.*

**EL DOMINGO Y LA NAVIDAD SON DÍAS SANTOS DE PRECEPTO** Un recordatorio, la Navidad sigue siendo un día sagrado de precepto a pesar de caer en lunes. Se espera que los católicos asistan a misas separadas para cumplir con su obligación dominical y su obligación navideña. El Derecho Canónico establece: "Una persona que asiste a una Misa celebrada en cualquier lugar en un rito católico, ya sea el mismo día de la fiesta o en la noche del día anterior, satisface la obligación de participar en la Misa".

Así que, sí, ir a misa a las 5 de la tarde el domingo por la noche cuenta para el domingo, aunque las oraciones y lecturas sean para la víspera de Navidad. Las lecturas y oraciones no tienen nada que ver con la obligación. El hecho de asistir a una misa católica ese día es lo que cumple con la obligación.

*Nota: Si usa la Misa de las 5 p.m. el domingo (Nochebuena) para cumplir con su obligación dominical, aún debe asistir a Misa el lunes (Día de Navidad) para cumplir con su obligación navideña*



## We remember in the weekly EUCARIST

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

6:30AM– Michael Keys+

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

5:30PM – Grace Gonzalez, Joseph G. Richard  
(Birthday)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

6:30AM– Jacqueline Faye ORSOT+ (Death AV )

5:30PM–

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21<sup>TH</sup> 2023**

6:30AM– Shane Deshotel & Megan Deshotel

5:30PM– Mr. Morris+ & Mrs Julia Lavergne+

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>TH</sup> 2023 (Abstinence)**

6:30AM– Shane Deshotel & Megan Deshotel

5:30PM– Marjorie (Margie) Keys+, Allen J  
Keys Sr+, Allen J Keys Jr+, Hubert A Keys Sr.,  
Cynthia M Keys+, Carl A Keys+, Tammy L. Pitre+,  
Edith Guillory+, Mildred Celestine+, Patrick Guillory+,  
Jim Pitre+ & Ida Pitre+ (Ann Pitre)



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

4:00PM – Michael Keys+

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

**THIRTY–SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00AM– Mr. Morris+ & Mrs. Julia Lavergne+

10:30AM– Richard+Rudella Taylor+ (Death AV )

12:30PM– **Missa Pro Populo**

5:00PM– Hazel+ & Bill Koehl, Sr. + (Wedd AV )

### VOCATION PRAYER

O Jesus, Good and Gentle Shepherd. Grant that the men and women from our community. May have the grace and the courage to hear and answer your call to the Priesthood and religious life. Give them the wisdom to realize that life is a gift. Let them realize their life is part of your plan. Call forth those you have chosen to spread the Gospel message and help them to freely respond to a life of service in the Church. May the parents and families of our parish, support and encourage our young men and women to search for, follow and answer the call of God in their lives. AMEN.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Prayer Requests Jesse Roberts, Roger Malveaux, Tiffany Williams, Brittany Foreman, Tamika Belton, Dillon Mackey, Lonnie Gradney, Isabella Hope, Gonzalez Angulo Fmly, Lily Contreras, Fredrick & Connie Lemelle, Rodney & Annie Alfred & Family, Paula Simien, Robert Handy, Quinessa Handy, Appoloina Simien, Joseph Handy, Kenderick Celestine, Sheril Bowman, Carolyn Miller, Anna Landry, Ken & Maxine Case, Earl Lemell, Shirley Miller, Lenora Jennings, Greer Joubert, Florence Guillory, James, Joseph & Gerard Richard, Bryant & Justin Bartie.

\*Ambrose Bushnell, Bernice Bushnell, Eltra Trahan, Phillip & Rose Gotch, Lou Richard, Ana Champagne, Ronald Lecompte, Joseph Jordan, Betty Jordan, Arthur Auzenne, Irene Guillory, Annie Fontenot. Manuel Fontenot, Teresa Semien, Georgia Pete, Geraldine Dargin, Betty Thibodeaux, Elizabeth Malbrough, Daniel Ozane, Mary L. Fontenot, Maybel Leblanc, Ophelia Guillory, Beulah Victorian.

*Please check the prayer list; names are removed after 4 weeks. (337-436-7223).*

### PRAY FOR OUR LOVE ONES

#### IN THE MILITARY



Terrall Thurman, Christian K. Bruno, Nigel Capeland, Jesus Tellez, Carmen Rigmaiden, Brandon Guillory, Robert Davis, Joseph David Carmouche III, Erik L. Jackson, Kenneth Reed, Luther Thomas Jr., Jason Soileau, Marieta A. Bias, Mark Theriot Jr., Roy James Vital Jr., Trawn & Angela Poe, Jerome Louis, Bryan Soileau, Carl Bellard, Marissa Thibodeaux Jones, Jason Jones, Matthew Goodwin, Desmond Keith & Anna Lee LaFleur, Jason Arce-neaux, Corey Beverly, Chris Rhodes, James Compton, Brian Johnson, Clinton Willis, Michael Knatt, Marcus Hughes, Nicholas Cormier, Desmond Keith Lafleur, Clifton Knight, Destiny Obrien, Hayley Rene Paul.

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY

**Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

| <b>Masses</b> | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> |
|---------------|----------------------------------|
| 4:00pm        | \$ 3,213.00                      |
| 8:00am        | \$ 3,635.00                      |
| 10:30am       | \$ 2,578.00                      |
| 12:30pm       | \$ 1,511.00                      |
| 5:00pm        | <u>\$ 1,858.00</u>               |
|               | <b>\$ 12,795.00</b>              |



## SANCTUARY LIGHTS

will burn

November - December  
in Memory/Honor of:

**Main Church:**  
Henry Martin Jackson+  
Jeromy Joseph Bilbo+  
Michael Keys+

**Day Chapel:**  
Catherine Eccles+

**ONLINE GIVING**  
**December 4<sup>th</sup>– 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**\$1,479.00**



*Welcome into the Family of Christ  
through the waters of Baptism on*

DECEMBER 10th, 2023  
**Kolbe Michael Stine**

| Ministry Schedule |                                   |                                  |   |   |                 |
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|                   | SATURDAY 12/23                    |                                  | SUNDAY 12/24  |   |                 |
|                   | 4:00 PM                           | 8:00 AM                          | 10:30 AM  | 12:30 PM  | 5:00 PM         |
| LECTOR            | Kay Keys                          | Carla Goodly                     | Raymond Mason<br>Veronica Cox                       | Miguel del Rosal<br>Estela Del Rosal              | Christi Jarreau |
| EMHC              | Deacon Bushnell<br>Bessie Auzenne | Greg Guillory<br>Romona Guillory | Dc. Patrick Hebert                                  | Dc. Josue Canelo                                  | *****           |
| ALTAR SERVER      | Brayden Pitre                     | Jolie Metoyer                    | Kaitlyn Tuner<br>Jayden Broussard<br>Leia Broussard | Juan C. Garcia<br>Luis Garcia<br>Johnathon Garcia | Adam Jarreau    |

## VOCATION CRUCIFIX SHEDULE

If your family is interested to receive the Vocation Crucifix, please call the Church Office to sign up your name.

Si su familia desea recibir la Cruz vocacional, por favor llame a la Oficina de la Iglesia para registrar su nombre en la lista.



| NAME                  | DATE Received | NOMBRE                 | FECHA Recibimiento |
|-----------------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>English Masses</b> |               | <b>Spanish Mass</b>    |                    |
| Carol Perkins         | DEC. 17, 2023 | Kenya Garcia & Family  | DEC. 17, 2023      |
| Celeste Aubry         | JAN. 7, 2023  | Sandra Garcia & Family | JAN. 7, 2023       |

# Upcoming in the Diocese



## Christmas at Sea

The Stella Maris Seafarers Center is giving holiday treats and gift cards to sailors instead of the usual hygiene products. Call 337-263-0317 to learn more.



Cookies, cakes, candy, holiday breads, and monetary donations are welcome.

Gift cards to fast food restaurants like Subway, McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's, and Chick-fil-A, are perfect choices.



Spread the love of Christ to sailors this year!



Mail checks to Stella Maris Seafarers Center, 150 Marine St., Box 10, Lake Charles, LA 70601. Call Ray Fontenot, Director, at 337-263-0317 to have items picked up.



## SOLEMN PONTIFICAL MASS

*Missale Romanum 1962*

### The Epiphany of the Lord



SATURDAY, JANUARY 6th, 10:00 AM  
The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, Celebrant

SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY  
802 S. Huntington Street, Sulphur, Louisiana 70663

## BIBLE STUDY

Bishop Provost will host a monthly bible study for men and women beginning in September. This year, we will study the Psalms. Contact Cassie Meaux at 337-439-7400 x 200 or [cassie.meaux@lcdioocese.org](mailto:cassie.meaux@lcdioocese.org).

All events take place at the Cathedral.

Dates for the year are as follows:

### Men - Fridays after 6:30am Mass

Feb 2, 2024

March 1, 2024

April 12, 2024

May 3, 2024

### Women - Wednesdays at 12pm

Feb 7, 2024

March 6, 2024

April 10, 2024

May 1, 2024



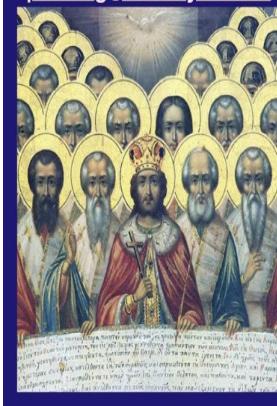
## St. Henry Community Center

A light meal will be available, therefore sign-up required.

Deadline to RSVP is noon

January 10.  
337-436-7223.

[pkittling@sthenry.church](mailto:pkittling@sthenry.church)



## WHAT DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE?

### Series on the Creed

Tuesday January 16

Tuesday January 23

Saturday February 3

Saturday February 24

Tuesday March 5

Tuesday March 12

Tuesday times 6:15 pm

Saturday times 10:30 am

