



# St. Henry Catholic Church



**December 24**

## 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)

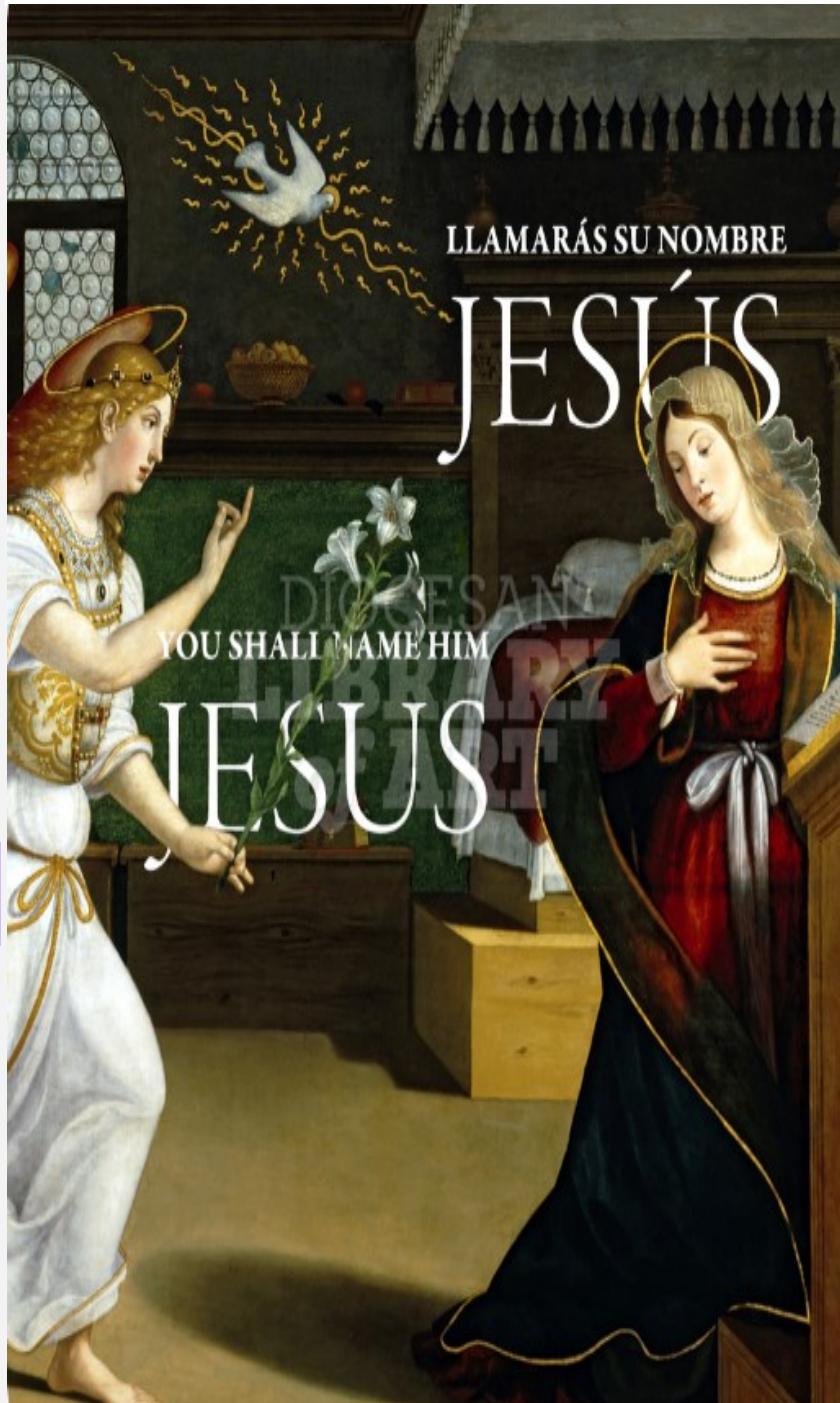
Rev. Levi Thompson Parochial Vicar (Vicario Parroquial)

Deacon Josue Canelo

Deacon Patrick Hebert

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



# Clergy Corner

## 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  
25**



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS) | NATIVIDAD DEL SEÑOR  
12:00am Mass Midnight (BILINGUAL)  
8:30am Confessions  
9:00am Mass  
4:30pm Confessions  
5:00pm Mass

**Tuesday, December  
26**

ST. STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR | SAN ESTEBAN PROTOMARTIR.  
5:00pm Confessions  
5:30pm Mass  
**OFFICE CLOSED**

**Wednesday, December  
27**

ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST | SAN JUAN, APOSTOL Y EVANGELISTA.  
6:00am Confessions  
6:30am Mass  
5:00pm Confessions | Confesiones  
5:30pm Spanish Mass | Misa en Español

**Thursday, December  
28**

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS | SANTOS INOCENTES MARTIRES.  
5:00pm Confessions  
5:30pm Mass  
**NO Adoration**  
**OFFICE CLOSED**

**Friday, December  
29**



FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE LORD | QUINTI DIA DE LA OCTAVA DE LA NAVIDAD.  
6:00am Confessions  
6:30am Mass  
**OFFICE CLOSED**

**Saturday, December  
30**

SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD.  
3:00pm Confession  
4:00pm Mass  
**OFFICE CLOSED**

**Sunday, December  
31**

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH | SAGRADA FAMILIA DE JESUS MARIA Y JOSE  
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  
**OFFICE CLOSED**

# Upcoming at St. Henry's

## Próximamente en San Henry



### CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT ST. HENRY'S

- 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

- 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

DECEMBER 24	EVERY SUNDAY IS A HOLY DAY
CHOOSE ONE	
<input type="checkbox"/> SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	
<input type="checkbox"/> SUNDAY MASS	
<input type="checkbox"/> CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL	

DECEMBER 25	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
CHOOSE ONE	a different
<input type="checkbox"/> CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL	
<input type="checkbox"/> MIDNIGHT MASS	
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.

*Note: 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*



### THE CHRISTMAS OCTAVE

NO 6:30am Mass on Thursday December 28

NO adoration or 5:30pm Mass on Friday December 29

**THIS YEAR, CATHOLICS IN THE UNITED STATES ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO ATTEND MASS ON JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD SINCE IT FALLS ON A MONDAY. MASS ON JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> WILL BE AT 6:30AM.**

Church office closed for holidays until 8:30am January 2.

### LA OCTAVA DE NAVIDAD

NO Misa el jueves 28 de diciembre a las 6:30am

NO hay adoración ni misa a las 5:30 pm el viernes 29 de diciembre

**ESTE AÑO, LOS CATÓLICOS EN LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS NO ESTÁN OBLIGADOS A ASITIR A MISA EL 1 DE ENERO, LA SOLEMNIDAD DE MARÍA, LA MADRE DE DIOS, YA QUE CAE EN LUNES. LA MISA DEL 1 DE ENERO SERÁ A LAS 6:30 A.M.**

La oficina de la iglesia está cerrada por días festivos hasta las 8:30 a.m. del 2 de enero.



## We remember in the weekly EUCARIST

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

12:00AM- Missa Pro Populo

9:00AM- Sylvia Mayo+ Shirley, Rufus, Martin Semi-en+

5:00pm- John Wilfred Broussard Jr. +

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

5:30PM – Daniel Richard + (Birthday)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

6:30AM- Richard+ & Rudella Taylor+ (Death AV )

5:30PM-

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> 2023**

5:30PM- Tommy Jones Sr.+ & Kashala Jones+, Mr. & Mrs. Jack (Elsie) Leger Sr.+ , Mr. & Mrs. Felix (Carrie) Jones+, Mr. & Mrs John E. Leger Sr. (Joan, Jackie & Dwight)+, Aubrey Leger+, Mr. & Mrs. (Joyce) Brown+, Mr. & Mrs. William



(Louida) Fuselier Sr. (William Jr.)+, Mr. & Mrs Joseph (Phyllis) Savoy Sr.+ , Elizabeth Leger+, Mr. & Mrs. Albert (Oraletta) Alexander+, Wilfred Chenier+

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> 2023 (Abstinence)**

6:30AM- Michael Keys+

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

4:00PM – Missa Pro Populo

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2023**

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

8:00AM- Marjorie (Margie) Kays+ (Death AV)

10:30AM- Debra Richard (Retirement AV)

12:30PM-

5:00PM- Marie Sheffield+

### 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.



Prayer Requests

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Rosalind Aubry, Dempsey Pappien, James Matthews, 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 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

<b>Masses</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b>
4:00pm	\$ 2,063.00
8:00am	\$ 2,081.00
10:30am	\$ 2,135.00
12:30pm	\$ 1,272.00
5:00pm	<u>\$ 1,341.00</u> <b>\$ 8,892.00</b>

## SANCTUARY LIGHTS



**will burn**

November - December  
in Memory/Honor of:

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

**Day Chapel:**

### NO ONLINE GIVING

**December 11<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Due to Early Bulletin Submission**

## Ministry Schedule

DAY	MONDAY	CHRISTMAS	SATURDAY	SUNDAY				
HOUR	12: 00 am	9:00am	5:00pm	4:00pm	8:00am	10:30am	12:30pm	5:00pm
LECTOR	Allen Chance  Miguel del Rosal	Celeste Aubry	Paula Sheffield	Gussie Pitre Sr.	Marion Greene	Celeste Aubry	Isaira Caneo Elizabeth Garcia	Paula Sheffield
EMHC	*****	Celeste Aubry	Paula Sheffield	Deacon Bushnell	Tara Metoyer  Rose Greene	Celeste Aubry  Dc. Patrick Herbert	Dc. Josue Caneo	Paula Sheffield
ALTAR SERVER	*****	Jason Landry  Matthew Landry	Carlos Gonzalez  Kate Gonzalez  Gisselle Gonzalez	Kay Keys Brayden Pitre	Jason Landry  Matthew Landry	Scott Foreman  Riley Foreman  Alizabeth Foreman	Angel Segura Mateo  Perla Rocha Andrea Gonzalez	Carlos Gonzalez  Kate Gonzalez  Gisselle Gonzalez

## 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>	
Celeste Aubry	JAN. 7, 2023	Sandra Garcia & Family	JAN. 7, 2023
*****	JAN. 21, 2023	Lupita Martinez	JAN. 21, 2023

# Upcoming in the Diocese

**St. Henry Community Center**

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

**Deadline to RSVP is noon**

**January 10.**

**337-436-7223.**

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## 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*

## 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**

## 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



