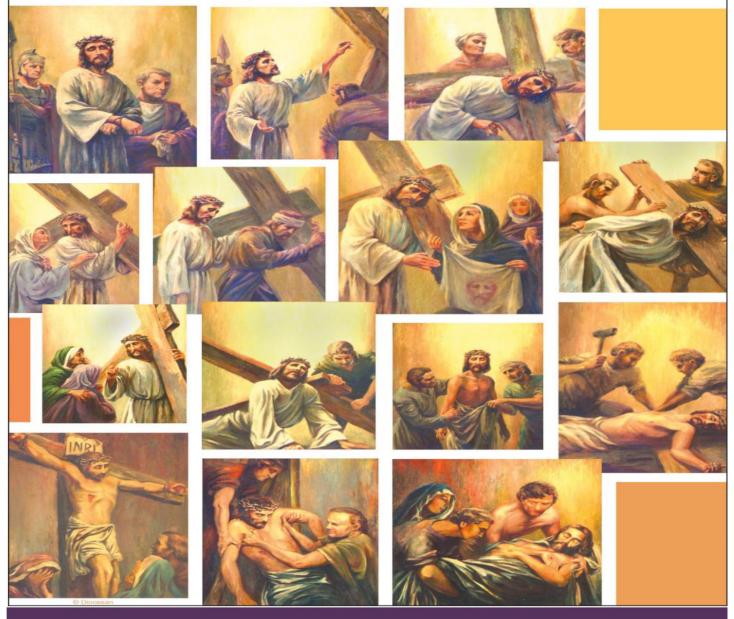
Lord Jesus, HELP US WALK IN YOUR STEPS.



MARCH 9, 2025

SACRED HEART PARISH BULLETIN 15300 West Main St. • Cut Off, Louisiana 70345

MASS SCHEDULE: PASTORAL TEAM

Weekends: Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM Sunday - 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 AM Hispanic Mass at 1:00 PM

Weekdays:
Monday 6:00 PM Mass & Adoration
Tuesday 6:00 PM
Wed., Thurs. 8:30 AM; 1st Friday & 1st Saturday 8:30 AM

PENANCE: (Confessions)

3:00 - 3:30 PM John Plaisance II - Finance Comm. Chairperson Saturday:

Daily before weekday Masses or by appointment

BAPTISMS: Scheduled when all paperwork is completed and turned in to the Rectory office. Please contact the rectory four (4) months prior to expected date of birth.

MATRIMONY: Please contact the priest at least six months prior to Wedding date for details and arrangements. No weddings during Lent.

Emails: mforet@htdiocese.org cduet@htdiocese.org

Rev. Joey Lirette - Parish Administrator Nicole Danos - Coordinator of Youth Formation Kristen Pitre - Adm. Assistant of Youth

Formation Ashley Archer - Youth Minister Rev. Joey Lirette - RCIA Carmen Duet - Parish Secretary Mary Foret - Adm. Assistant

Al Archer - Parish Council President

PHONES: Rectory Office: 632-3858

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Putting God to the Test

I always thought of the temptations in the desert as part of Jesus' growth in "wisdom, age, and grace" (Luke 2:52). They show how Jesus was tempted to be a Messiah in a way that matched human expectations—those of Jews waiting for a messiah—instead of doing what his Father wanted. So he could have provided for all our needs (turn stones into bread,) brought peace to the world as a great leader (worship the devil,) or been a superhero (jump off the temple without harm). But I also wonder if these temptations are what we expect of God. Do we expect God to provide for our needs by turning stones into "bread" (i.e., money)? When we ask God to help us by doing everything for us, we are tempting the Lord. God does help us with our troubles, but usually by giving us the strength to get through them with our God-given abilities. This might mean finding a better job that uses more of our talents. It might be forgiving us, if we are the cause of our own troubles, and giving us the courage to start over. It might be a friend who helps us find the right doctor for a medical problem.

Or do we expect God to bring peace to the world by instantly removing all nuclear weapons or capturing all terrorists? When we pray for peace, we could pray that God show us what we can do to bring about that peace. We could follow Jesus' command to love those around us, so that peace spreads from our actions. We could be generous in giving to the poor, especially where poverty is the cause of war. Maybe we expect God to be a superhero for us, curing diseases, stopping hurricanes or earthquakes, and strengthening our faith with spectacular miracles. Jesus would tell us the same thing he told the devil: "Don't put the Lord your God to the test" (see Luke 4:12). Instead, as we take time to pray over the scriptures, read spiritual books, and share our faith with others, we will find our faith growing and know that the Lord has been with us all along the way.

Tom Schmidt

2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The 2024 stewardship statements for envelope users are now ready to be printed. If you would like a copy of your statement please call the Rectory Office.

NEXT ADORATION SERVICES PLEASE NOTE: MASS TIME CHANGE FOR MONDAY AND TUESDAY

Monday, March 10 Mass/Adoration at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 11 Novena Mass at 8:30 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - Februar	y 23, 2025
Envelopes	\$3,327.00
Loose	\$1,037.00
Spanish	\$ 605.00
Total	\$4, 969.00
Other	\$ 481.34

PRAYER LIST

We have removed the names from the sick list. If you or someone you know would like to have their name placed on the sick list for prayers, please call us at 632-3858.

Please pray for: Connie & Lucy Hebert, Stacy Brusin, Larry Cheramie, Amber Broussard, Ashley Danos, Sheral Terrebonne, Jeanie Adams Armand, Deborah Gautreaux, Don Bordelon, Trudy Chance, Denise Duet, Doug Danos, Celeste Chouest, Jessica Schafer, Faith Dubois, Verna, Angie & Fay Baudoin; Aaron Gibbs, Erick & Heidi Greene, Kelli Chiasson, Anna Constransitch, Rodney Pitre and all patients of the Nursing Home

LENT 2025

Lenten Weekday Masses:

8:30 a.m. — Wed., Thurs., Friday 6:00 p.m. — Monday & Tuesday

Stations of the Cross — Fridays during Lent after 8:30 a.m. Mass & at 6 p.m.

Operation Rice Bowl — Ash Wednesday is the beginning of this program of prayer, fasting and education. You are invited to take home a Lenten calendar and rice bowl if you have not taken one already. Monies you place in your rice bowl throughout Lent will benefit the poor both in our Diocese and in the developing world.

NOTE: When you return your Rice Bowls on Palm Sunday, we would greatly appreciate it if you would please take the change you collected to your local bank and exchange it for paper bills before turning it in to us for processing. Thank you!

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION Sunday, March 16

at 9:00 a.m. Mass

All children in our First Communion group this year will come together at this Mass to celebrate their being welcomed to the Table of Jesus. We look forward to joining them in this important step of their lives.

2025 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL Thank you

Fr. Joey and the ministries of the diocese would like to thank everyone in Sacred Heart Parish and all people throughout the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux for answering the call of prayers and generosity to the 2025 Bishop's Appeal. Each gift our diocese receives directly supports our 6 seminarians, 18 retired priests, Sacred Heart Youth and Adult Formation, Catholic Education through our Catholic Schools Office, Diocesan Ethnic Ministries, and Colonel Catholic Campus Ministry. The generosity and prayers our diocese has received remind us that the love is in us all, but more importantly, it is in the most important person – Jesus. If you have yet to make your commitment and would like to do so, there is still time, return your commitment card in the offertory, mail it to the dioprovided envelope, the www.htdiocese.org/bishopsappeak to your gift online. If you would like more information about the 2025 appeal, please get in touch with the Bishop's Appeal Office at 985-850-3136 or email lcrosby@htdiocese.org

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

The St. Joseph Altar will be held beginning at the 6 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, March 18th, at which time Fr. Joey will bless the altar. It will be available for viewing all day on St. Joseph's Day, Wednesday, March 19th until 6 p.m. The altar will be closed after the 8:30 a.m. mass on Thursday, March 20th. St. Joseph is the patron saint of the Universal Church, families, fathers, expectant mothers, travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers and working people, among others. If anyone would like to offer to bake cookies or help in any way, please contact Tammy Eymard at (985) 691-8796, or call the Rectory office as soon as possible.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

A training for Eucharistic Ministers by the Diocesan Office of Worship is being held on the dates listed below. This training is for those who are new or who need to renew their deputation. Most are good until December 31, 2029 (if you were trained in 2023-2024); however, some deputations have expired as of December 31, 2024. If you are a Catholic in good standing, are physically able to carry the species and may be interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please kindly register at https://htdiocese.org/extraordinary-ministers-of-holy-communion. You are also welcome to call the Diocesan Office of Worship at (985) 850-3141 to speak to Mrs. Wendy to sign up that way if you do not feel comfortable signing up electronically.

- 1. Tuesday, March 25, 2025, from 1:30-3:30 pm at the Pastoral Center Main Conference Room #112 (Schriever)
- 2. Wednesday, March 26, 2025, from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Cathedral of Saint Francis de Sales Church (Houma)

As a reminder, all church parish, homebound ministry, nursing home, hospital, and school EMHCs should be deputized to do this ministry for that particular location. The dispensation to serve at the priest celebrant's discretion is only for a single occasion (and never in perpetuity).

ST JOSEPH HOLY NAME SOCIETY AUCTION AND STEAK SUPPER

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025 4:30 P.M. TILL DINE IN OR TAKE OUT

LOCATION: CUT OFF YOUTH CENTER DONATION: \$30.00

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE AT CUT OFF YOUTH CENTER OR AT DOOR ON THE DATE OF THE EVENT.

MASSES	COMMENTATOR	LECTORS	EUCHARIST MINISTERS	CUP MINISTERS
Sat. 4:00 p.m. March 8	KAREN DAVID	RISA BOURGEOIS MARY CUROLE	RODNEY GISCLAIR	LLOYD GUIDRY EVELYN MOLAISON
Sunday 7:00 a.m. March 9	CHERYL DUET	DOLORES GUIDRY	TONY DUET	JONATHON LEDET BETH CHERAMIE
Sunday 9:00 a.m. March 9	CURT BOUDREAUX	SUE BOUDREAUX	MICHELLE BOURGEOIS	CAREN AUCOIN BETTY BOURGEOIS
Sunday 11:00 am March 9	CAROLINE DANOS	MARY BREAUX INGRID BRUCE	LINDA CALLAIS	JAMES EVANS VOLUNTEER



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