

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parish of Sacred Heart, are committed to enriching the Spirituality of the parish family, the Christian community, and all brothers and sisters created in God's divine image and likeness. We are called by the Holy Spirit, under the leadership of our Bishop and Pastor, to assist others through the development and promotion of various ministries. We pray for Divine guidance that we may serve others with truth, courage, forethought and compassion.

Parish Council 1998

BAPTISM: Call the office three months prior to anticipated birth to schedule a preparation class after which a Baptism date can be scheduled.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION: Please contact Aga Chandler, Coordinator of Religious Ed.

MARRIAGE: Contact the office six months prior to anticipated wedding date. Pre-Cana is required for all engaged couples and should be attended at least three months before the wedding.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & MINISTRY OF CARE: If you or someone you know is seriously ill, hospital or home bound, and would like the Anointing of the Sick, please call the Church office to make arrangements to have a priest come and visit. The Eucharist can also be brought to homebound parishioners by an Extraordinary Minister.

WE WELCOME YOU AND INVITE YOU

to fill out a form to become a member of our special Little Church with the Big Heart. The green census forms are located in the back of the Church. You may put the completed form in the collection basket, mail it to the office, or bring it in during office hours. We welcome you to our family.

May 2, 2021
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Catholic Church

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Saturday — 5:30 p.m. and Sunday — 11:00 a.m.

WEEK DAY MASS

Wednesday — 8:30 a.m. in the Church

Anointing of the Sick is the First Wednesday of Each Month

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASSES

12:00 p.m. Day of the Holy Day

Confessions

After the Wednesday Morning Mass and

By Appointment (except for Mondays)

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PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Pre K 3 through High School — Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

September — May

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Sunday at 9:30 a.m. September — May

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Fifth Sunday of Easter May 2, 2021

Let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.

— 1 John 3:18

Masses of the Week

05/01 SAT.	5:30 p.m.	† BECKY CALLICOATTE	by: Aunt C. (Cathy Voelkel) by: Les & Mardie Brosset by: Mary Powell
05/01 SAT.	5:30 p.m.	† J.W. & DAVID SMITH	
05/02 SUN.	11:00 a.m.	† MARY LANGLAIS & LAWRENCE PROCELL	
05/05 WED	8:30 a.m.	PARISHONERS OF SACRED HEART	
05/08 SAT.	5:30 p.m.	† NGUYEN HAI	by: Song Nghi (wife & daughter) by: Les & Mardie Brosset by: Jeanne Adolph by: Tim & Elaine Smith by: Sarah McIntyre by: Darlene Cain
05/08 SAT.	5:30 p.m.	† MARY WAILES & EVA BROSSET	
05/09 SUN.	11:00 a.m.	† LORAIN KOCMICH	
05/09 SUN.	11:00 a.m.	† PHYLLIS FEENEY	
05/09 SUN.	11:00 a.m.	† PEARL MORVAN	
05/09 SUN.	11:00 a.m.	† TAMMY LITTLE	

SAT., MAY 1, 2021—5:30 PM

SUN., MAY 2, 2021—11:00 AM

Reader 1
Reader 2

Mardie Brosset
Bea Cernigliaro

Mary French
Barbara Lichtfuss

Extraordinary Minsters of Holy Communion

Roberta Moses

Mary Kay Efferson

Altar Servers

Walt Recker

Bryce Britnell
Collin Britnell



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May 2, thru May 8, 2021

In Honor of

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Homily-Vine & Branches
by: Fr. Mark Watson, Pastor

This weekend both communities will celebrate First Communion. I will use our Gospel to allow us to reflect on how we are connected to Jesus Christ through the Eucharist. Our Gospel calls us to be connected to Jesus Christ as vines are connected to branches.

JOHN 15:1-8

The setting for the Gospel is the Last Supper. The Gospel portrays Jesus as the fruitful vine. God the Father is the vinedresser who prunes the vine so that it will bear much fruit. Those who follow Jesus are the branches which are connected to the vine. Jesus states that the disciples seated at the table have been made clean through the word of God. The Gospel focuses on how the disciples are called to remain connected to Jesus after his death and resurrection. The image of the vine and the branches shows that Jesus will continue to be present through his life-giving Spirit and so the disciples are to remain connected to Jesus. Jesus serves as the source of life and dynamism for the disciples.

Today's Gospel speaks of Jesus pruning branches that are still alive so that they will bear even more fruit. There is a strong emphasis on "bearing fruit." This speaks of fecundity in our relationship with God, of missionary outreach and of our interdependence of our relationship with the other branches on the vine.

The disciples cannot bear fruit unless they abide in Jesus. Only by mutually abiding, the disciple in Jesus and Jesus in the disciple does fruitfulness come about. Fruitfulness is living out the love to which Jesus calls us as disciples. To abide in Jesus is to live in his love and to make the glory of the Father visible. Jesus states that his life is based on having kept the Father's commandments of love. If we abide in Jesus, we are promised love and joy. Keeping the commandments of Jesus inserts the disciple into a communion of life and love with Jesus and the Father.

The disciples of Jesus are already pruned so that they will bear more fruit. The disciples who do not bear fruit will be taken away. Pruning is a Johannine metaphor for the passion. It is akin to the passage in which the seed falls to the ground and dies in order to bear much fruit. The emphasis is on the life that sprouts forth from the dying and pruning. Expert gardeners know that the place to prune is, paradoxically, where the nodes are bursting with life. Those aspects of our life which keep us from bearing fruit are to be pruned away so that we can live a closer relationship with Christ.

The criterion by which branches live or die is whether they bear fruit by keeping Jesus' commandments to believe and love. The branch must abide in the vine as the disciple must abide in Jesus. If we are cut off from Christ we lose our spiritual life. The Gospel challenges us to ask Christ to prune away from our lives all that keeps us from living a life of love. Believers in Jesus should be related to him in a vital and organic way. Discipleship entails abiding in that relationship and demands faithfulness to it.

CONCLUSION

This Sunday the readings speak to us remaining in Jesus Christ. May we remain in Jesus Christ through receiving the Eucharist in faith. May we pray for those who receive their First Communion at both St. Mary of the Pines and at Sacred Heart.



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May 2, 2021



May 5, 2021

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Barnabas reported to the apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way (Acts 9:26-31).
Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).
Second Reading — This is God's commandment: that we may believe and love (1 John 3:18-24).
Gospel — I am the true vine; whoever remains in me will bear much fruit (John 15:1-8).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Monday: Ss. Philip and James
Wednesday: Cinco de Mayo
Thursday: National Day of Prayer
Friday: First Friday

BEARING FRUIT

Few of us, even when we meditate on the image of the vine and branches, stop to really think about how God “prunes” us. For some there is the danger of thinking that we are already producing fruit for the kingdom, in deed and truth as John says, perhaps raising a family, being active in our parish, and so on. But even those branches which are bearing fruit, the Gospel tells us, can be pruned to produce still more. Today Saul, freshly “pruned” by his conversion, arrives in Jerusalem and meets resistance. Since he had been persecuting Christians, this was only natural. But even after he is accepted and begins to bear fruit, he meets further adversity, and his letters are filled with many accounts of how his trials “pruned” him to produce greater fruit for the kingdom. Like him, as long as we remain in Christ we will continue to bear fruit and, when the will of the Father determines it is time to prune us, the strength of the true vine must enable us to endure it. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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Join our SJB faculty family for the 21/22 school year! St. John Berchmans Catholic School is in search of 2 certified teachers to fill vacancies in the 3rd grade and Middle school ELA. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact us at 318-221-6005 or apply or our website sjbcathedralschool.org



Don't forget to write the name of your Mother in the Book in the Narthex of the Church. Thank you.

After Cancelling Camp in 2020 Due to the Virus, We're Back in 2021!

Attention: Students entering 9th grade through graduating 2022 Seniors. The Pastoral Council wants to help sponsor those that are interested in going to this camp — Please contact the office, or Cathy Flynn to get this set up. Registration forms are in the back of the church.

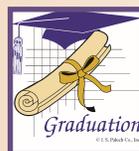
Beloved for Teen Girls — July 22-25, 2021
Mission Possible for Teen Boys—July 25-28, 2021

UNFORGETTABLE CAMPS: Healthy bodies, minds, and souls—that's what our summer camps are all about! Experience an unforgettable, life-changing camp packed with awesome activities and authentic Catholic spirituality. Two camps, one for girls and one for boys, are held at the rustic but comfortable King's Camp, where a top-notch ropes course is flanked by the bayou and a picturesque pond. Go to website shvcamps.com to see more information and to register.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: Ropes course, zip line, canoeing, fishing, swimming pool, capture the flag, pottery, disc golf, Catholic trivia, earth ball, and more. Teens take part in daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, morning and evening prayer, rosary, spiritual talks by priests, sisters and seminarians, small group discussion and more.

Dear Sacred Heart Students:

We want to Recognize YOU, the 2020 and 2021 Graduating Classes. Please email the name of the person graduating from Kindergarten, 5th, 8th, High School, or College to



cflynn@sacredheartshreveport.org.

The Graduation Recognition Mass will be Sunday, May 23rd at 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Thank you, The Pastoral Committee



May 02—1st Holy Communion & May Crowning at 11 am Mass
 May 06—Yoga Class Cancelled
 May 08—Confirmation Retreat—10 am to 1 pm in G.H.
 May 09—Mother's Day—NO PSR CLASSES
 May 13, 20 & 27—Radiant Yoga Class at 12 Noon
 May 16—Confirmation at S.H. at 11 am Mass
 May 22—The Run Baby Run 5K Run/Walk—8 am
 May 23—Last Day of PSR
 May 23—Recognition for Graduating Students from K, 5th, 8th ,
 High School., or College
 May 31—Memorial Day—Office Closed
 Jun 03—Yoga Class Cancelled (Aga on vacation)
 Jun 10—Yoga Class Cancelled (Aga on vacation)
 Jun 17—Yoga Class Resumes
 Jun 20—Father's Day (Summer begins)



**The Run Baby Run 5K Run/Walk is back!
 Saturday, May 22nd at Mary's House.**

Proceeds benefit Mary's House Pregnancy Care Center serving any pregnant woman. Be a Race Sponsor! Call Mary's House at 318-220-8009 to sponsor this PRO-LIFE Mission. Sign up for the race at SportspectrumUSA.com. Race begins at 8 am at Mary's House, 906 Margaret Pl, Sport., May 22nd. Price for run increases after May 1, 2021.



**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS OF
 OUR
 BEAUTIFUL CHURCH**

Some members of the Pastoral Council have reached their term limits and are ready to step down and it is time to recruit new members, new ideas and new ways to grow the church. Your opinion matters and The Pastoral Council would like for you to consider being a part of this council and keep our Church moving forward.

We will be taking nominations until May 9th. Then the following 2 weeks we will begin the voting process.

You are welcome to nominate yourself and/or another member of the church.

Please pray about this and if you hear the calling, volunteer for this special service to your church.

Yours in Christ, Deacon Clary Nash

MOTHER'S BOOK IN NARTHEX

Mother's Day is fast approaching. Mother's Day will be celebrated on May 9th. The Mother's Book is in the narthex of the church. So, please take some time to write the names of your loved ones in the book so they can be prayed for at all the masses in May. Please add your Mother, grandmother, aunt, and anyone you consider a mother figure. Thank you.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The "Little Church with the Big Heart" always applies throughout the entire year

May 2 — Fifth Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." ...Indeed, by helping the poor we can bear much fruit" and we find that with Jesus we can do everything.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus as it will bring your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

Our little friends in need enjoyed the 90 Easter baskets that St. Vincent de Paul gave out. It was a lot of work but fun. We collect stuffed animals all year for these baskets. If you have any kind of stuffed animal, please feel free to give it to SVdP at any time. In February SVdP fed 33 households, which included 19 children, 36 adults, 6 senior citizens, and 5 homeless at a cost of \$219.66 for 2,570 pounds of food. Four families were helped with utilities totaling \$196.60. One family needed rent help costing \$50. In March SVdP fed 35 families, which included 28 children, 41 adults, 7 senior citizens, and 5 homeless. Food costs for 2,750 pounds of food, plus chocolate Easter bunnies, were \$503.27. Six families were helped with utilities at a cost of \$310.00. Thank you to all the families that continue to help us all year.

GIVE FOR GOOD: St. Vincent de Paul has only 1 campaign a year for monetary donations. You may have noticed the bill boards advertising "Give for Good." It is a nationwide endeavor. Approximately 12% of our **total** donation from Sacred Heart is added to our total. We will have SVdP donation buckets at each door collecting cash or checks until May 4. If you prefer to go on-line for your donation, visit the website www.giveforgoodnla.org. Be sure to scroll down to our **Sacred Heart of Jesus pledge page**. There is another Sacred Heart in Rayville. During this COVID virus epidemic, many families are struggling so hard to pay rent, utilities, and keep food on the table. May GOD bless HIS people that are able to help the less fortunate.

**RADIANT YOGA CLASSES
 IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Yoga Classes are **cancelled** for Thursday, April 29, and May 6th. Classes will resume on Thursday, May 13th, May 20th and May 27th.

Also, there will **not be** any Yoga Class on June 3rd and 10th. Our instructor will be on a well deserved vacation. See you on June 17th.

Pope Francis Intention for May 2021

MAY: Universal intention - The world of finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Lucky Calendar Numbers 2021 Winners

April 18 — April 24, 2021

Date	Amt.	No.	Winner	Sold By
04/18:	\$ 50.00	# 792	Marilyn C.	sold by Robert C.
04/19:	\$ 25.00	# 586	No Winner	
04/20:	\$ 25.00	# 819	Gaye M.	sold by Cathy F.
04/21:	\$ 25.00	# 102	Ada M.	sold by Walt R.
04/22:	\$ 25.00	# 594	No Winner (drawn twice)	
04/23:	\$ 25.00	# 092	No Winner	
04/24:	\$ 35.00	# 845	No Winner	

Congratulations to our 3 winners this week. I loved writing those checks out! We are now selling the 2022 Lucky Calendar Numbers (LCN). Contact any Pastoral Council Member for yours or call Cathy Flynn 318-286-6275 or Walt Recker at 318-525-2654, or S.H. Office at 318-635-2121.

Remember they do make great Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts as well as birthday gifts also. Even though these LCNs are for 2022, January is not that far away. Plus, each number will be entered in the \$250 Visa Gift Card drawing on August 15, 2021 and December 12, 2021 of this year. The only way to get in these drawings is to get a 2022 LCN now. Thank you!



Happy Anniversaries



James & Qianna Beaudoin	May 02, 2010
Pete & Bea Cernigliaro, Jr.	May 06, 1967
Will & Maria Parker, Jr.	May 15, 2004
Elliott & Bernarda Allen	May 16, 2015
Samuel & Geneva Mack	May 16, 1970
Troy & Shannon Davis	May 25, 1996
Mike & Ruth Willis, Jr.	May 26, 2007



Happy Birthdays



5/01 Sharon Bogues	5/18 Kelviuna Williams
5/02 Kelsey Metoyer	5/20 Cathy Flynn
5/03 Mason Metoyer	5/22 Gloria Kerry
5/04 Ray Coghlan	5/23 Jaxon Harris
5/04 Shirley Phillips	5/25 Mike Cernigliaro, Sr.
5/04 Dess Schaefer	5/25 Louis Moran
5/04 Joseph Tillman, Jr.	5/26 Maraih Jolly
5/05 Brenda Basco	5/28 Carolyn Fitzgerald
5/05 Cristi Hay	5/28 Mary Nash
5/05 LeAndra Mack	5/29 Cindy Gould
5/06 Emma White	5/29 Benjamin Henson
5/08 Jonathan Mitchell	5/29 Maj. Jennifer Herron
5/09 Richard Guzman	5/30 Dardanella Powell
5/09 Mini Mathews	5/31 Stephanie Carr
5/11 Arian Reyes	5/31 Nina Glorioso
5/13 Wayne Cotner	5/31 Lisette Moore
5/16 Juanita Minch	5/31 Teresa Pizzolato

Our Birthday List is generated from our Shelby Program. If you wish your name and your family's name to appear in our Birthday List and you are a parishioner of Sacred Heart. Please pick up a Census Form in the Foyer of the Church fill it out and place it in the basket at any Mass.

Weekly Collections

Weekly Collection Needed

\$ 4,772.00

Actual Weekly Collection—Apr. 24 & 25, 2021 \$ 2,796.00
(Actual Weekly Collections Includes On-Line Giving)

2nd Collection Apr. 24 & 25, 2021 \$ 112.00

Attendance—Apr. 24 & 25, 2021 — 132

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

New Requests

Mark Farries
Ron Witkowski

Continued Prayers

Helen Alverdo
Sr. Andre' Aycock, D.C.
Gary Bailes
Donna Ball
Glenda Basco
Donald Benson
Tanyau Bracey
Huck Bradshaw
Michele Brosset
Joseph Brown, Jr.
Denise Campos
Sergio Campos
Kathleen Candler
Jennifer Cernigliaro
Chauvin Family
Michael & Micki Chin
Wendy Clark
James Coghlan
Grace Collins
V.J. Conner
Paige Comer
Dale Cormier
Dalton & Elnora Corner
Sharon Cothran
Tracy Cowan
Diane Dapier
Deanna D.
Mary Davenport
Darren Davis
Joe Davis
Pam Dixon
Phoenix Dufour
Jeff Fisher
Linda Fuller
William & Erin Gardner

Kate Gauthier
Cheryl Geneux
Robert Gillespie
Joyce Goins
Frederick Goler
Milagros Goncer
Vincente Goncer
Stephanie Grimes
Jeannette Guastella
Rachel & Kayne Halloran
Sherry Harper
Phyllis Harris
Sr. Emma Hendricks
Carolina Hrdlicka
Jim Hull
David Jackson
Shunterika Jamerson
Billy Johnson
Kelly Jones
Terry Jones
Marilyn Joyner
Dr. Mortt Junine
Mark Kapera & Family
Brandi Kennington
Gloria Kerry
Wendy King
Sophia M. Larsen
Donna Long
Matt Lookenot
Sarah McIntyre
Leona Mandina
Judy Maranto
Sr. Gilbert Martin, D.C.
Mary Matthews
Thomas Medlin
Lawson Merick
Josephine Miller
Otto Miller
Juanita Minch
Dennis Mitchell

Sylvia Mobley
Margaret Moore
Moore Family
Frances Munoz
Deacon Clary Nash
Dorothy Parker
Miranda Parker
Emma Parson
Piper Rae Pate
Baby Boy Proctor-Looi
Brian Reed
Tammy Rhodes
John Roberson
Marilyn Robbins
Tammy Roscoe
Judy Rosso
Frances Rost
Mary Ruesch
James Russom
Billy Samuels
Dess Schaefer
Adele Serio
Jude Shillings
Shillings Family
Al Simpson
Betty York Stratton
Billy Samuels
Lloyanda Teneyuque
Michael Thompson
Joetta Waterman
Braylan Welch
Linda Wicker
Ryan Wicker
Bruce Williams
Linda Williams
Richie Williams
Lyn Zamaripa
Sam Zamora

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN:

Maj. Jennifer Herron, Stf. Sgt. Kelly Conner, Sgt. David Duncan, Corp. Adam C. Henson, Lt. Sgt. Joey Martinez, GL6 Shannon Martinski Montes, Sgt. Andrew Montes, Sgt. Terrance Laborde, Capt. Nicholas Smith, Darnell Gillie, Erik Restevio, Aaron Schmidt, and PFC Charles Gilmore, Cobey West, 2nd Lt. Adam Messinger, Pvt. 1st Class Jaxon Wright, Basic Cadet Jameson Feeney and men and women who are serving our country, here and abroad, and for their families awaiting their safe return.

Mary Powell (318-621-0022) is the contact person to add or remove someone from this prayer lists. Let her know when the name should be removed from our prayer list. Names will be removed after four (4) weeks. If you need an extension, also contact Mary Powell.