



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.

March 19, 2023 Sacred Heart Of Jesus Catholic Church

Established 1966

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MASSES ARE AS FOLLOWS

Saturday — 5:30 p.m. and Sunday — 10:30 a.m.
with Rosary recited 30 minutes before Saturday Mass

WEEK DAY MASS

Wednesday — 10:00 a.m. in the Church
9:00 a.m. Adoration and Benediction
Anointing of the Sick is the First Wednesday of Each Month

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASSES

12:05 p.m. Day of the Holy Day

Reconciliation

Sunday: 10:10 a.m. before 10:30 am Mass
Wednesday: 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. before 10:00 am Mass

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday — 9:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Pre K 3 through High School — Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
September — May

O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

For those interested in exploring the Catholic Faith
Sunday at 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. September — May

BULLETIN NOTICE DEADLINE

— **MONDAY 1:00 PM for the following Sunday's bulletin** —
Please email your request to libbyac@sacredheartshreveport.org
You can drop it off at the church office or place your written announcement in the collection basket on Saturdays or Sundays.

Thank you.

BIENVENIDO A LOS RECIÉN LLEGADOS!

Por favor rellene un formulario de censo situado en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia.
Usted puede poner el formulario en la cesta de la colección, enviarlo por correo a la Oficina o llamar a su información a la Oficina de la parroquia durante las horas de oficina.

Nosotros le damos la bienvenida a nuestra familia.




FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 19, 2023

"I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do not see might become blind."

John 9:1-41

Masses for the Week

03/18 SAT.	5:30 p.m.	†	TERRY JONES
03/19 SUN.	10:30 a.m.	†	EUNICE & CHRIS EBARB
03/19 SUN.	10:30 a.m.	†	CAROLYN BUTSCHER
03/22 WED.	9:00 a.m.		ADORATION, BENEDICTION AND CONFESSION
03/22 WED.	10:30 a.m.	†	VU-THI-NHO (MARIE)
03/24 FRI.	5:30 p.m.		STATIONS OF THE CROSS 
03/25 SAT.	5:30 p.m.		MARY K. JONES (HEALTH & HEALING)
03/25 SAT.	5:30 p.m.		PARISHIONERS OF SACRED HEART & ST. MARY'S
03/25 SAT.	5:30 p.m.	†	AUBREY BAILES
03/26 SUN.	10:30 a.m.	†	TERRY JONES
03/26 SUN.	10:30 a.m.	†	LE-THI-HAO (MARIE)

by: The Scott Dupree Family
by: The Family
by: Albert Butscher

by: Anan Cao
Stations sponsored by Ladies Guild
by: Joe Jones

by: Grandparents (Manuel & Raynette Sepulvado)
by: Karen & Corey Arcement
by: Anan Cao

SAT., MAR. 18 - 5:30 PM

SUN., MAR. 19 - 10:30 AM

SAT., MAR. 25 - 5:30 PM

SUN., MAR. 26 - 10:30 AM

Reader 1
Reader 2

Dan Feeney
Andrea Feeney

Mary Jansen
Ruth Willis

Bea Cernigliaro
Richard Guzman

Charles Lyles
Carolyn Lyles

EMHC1
EMHC2

Deacon Clary
Michael Krieg

Barbara Lichtfuss
Claudia LaRoux

Deacon Clary
Mary Kay Efferson

Jennie Taylor
Mary Dupuis

Altar Server A
Altar Server B

Larken Krieg

Jimmy Willis
Aubrie Gallion

Cody Basco
Magnolia Basco

Eliana Chandler
Natalia Chandler



St. Joseph Feast Day is celebrated on March 19th



The Sanctuary Lamp Burns

*March 18, thru
March 25, 2023*

In Loving Memory Of

"Carolyn Butscher"

by: Albert Butscher

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul....we want to help!
We can be reached Monday - Friday between the hours of 9 am to 11 am & between 1 pm to 3 pm at 318-865-7807.

1-888-411-1333

Free. Confidential. 24 Hours

SUICIDE HOTLINE — 1-877-994-2275

If you are out of town and would like to find a mass near you. Go to www.MassTimes.org or call 734-794-2100.

New Horizons-The Man Born Blind

by: Fr. Mark Watson, Pastor

One of the wonderful aspects of my ministry is visiting those who are not able to come to church. One of those individuals is named Mert. Mert is blind but has great spiritual sight. She and I enjoy speaking about faith, about her husband and reminiscing about her faith life. In addition, she loves to ask questions about faith. Her spiritual sight has much in common with the man born blind who gains physical sight and grows in spiritual sight.

THE MAN BORN BLIND

While in Jerusalem, Jesus encounters a man who was born blind. He makes a paste from the dust of the earth and places it on the man's eyes and commands "Go, wash in the Pool of Siloam (which means the Sent One)." The man responds unquestioningly, the name of the pool shows that it is Jesus, the Sent One who affects the cure of this man.

After washing in the Pool, the man returns seeing and is greeted by neighbors who cannot believe that he was the one born blind. Asked how this happened he merely states that Jesus commanded him to wash in the pool. The action of Jesus does not lead to praise of God but to division among the people. Some people do not believe that this was the man who they once knew; at the same time, it seems as if the man does not know the identity of Jesus.

Hauled next before the Pharisees, who are concerned about the Sabbath healing, he again repeats what Jesus did. The man born blind and the Pharisees then argue as to whether Jesus is of God. The man states he believes that Jesus is "a prophet." The answer shows a growth in faith.

Summoned again by the leaders, the man is immediately confronted with the charge that Jesus is a sinner. Ultimately the man born blind says, "if he were not from God he could do nothing." In anger they expel him from the synagogue. The leaders fail to see what is right before their eyes: a man who has been healed by the power of God. They are blind to God's working outside the structures of their own religious belief.

Doubted by friends and neighbors (vv. 8-12), abandoned by his parents (vv. 18-23), questioned, insulted and cast out by "the Jews" he is "found" by Jesus, who asks, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" When he asks, "Who is the Son of Man?" Jesus says, "You have seen him..." – a wordplay on sight which shows that the true sight that this man has been given is faith. The man replies, "Lord, I believe." The man shows that he believes that Jesus reveals God and so he worships Jesus. He grows from seeing Jesus as a man, to a prophet, to a suggestion that he must be from God and he finally prostrates himself before Jesus. This man's journey from blindness to sight is "that the works of God might be made manifest in him."

The religious leaders never make the journey of faith in Jesus. The certainty of the Pharisees prevents them from openness to Jesus and to understand that his authority is from God. The blind man moves toward sight while the Jewish leaders go toward blindness. Through opposition and persecution, the blind man moves to a confession of Jesus as the Son of Man and Lord. The man born blind comes to see on physical and spiritual levels. While those who seemed perfectly well become increasingly blind.

CONCLUSION

This Gospel challenges us to grow in faith and to walk in light. We are reminded that Jesus is the Light of the World. This enlightenment and consequent growth in faith began in baptism. We are called to grow in faith throughout our lives. During Lent we take stock of our lives and change so that we may grow in faith. May we always move away from the choices that keep us out of the light of Christ and may our lives always reflect the light of Christ.

NEW HORIZONS THE SEASON OF LENT 2023

The parish offers parishioners various ways to grow spiritually. In order to enter the Season of Lent, I invite parishioners to attend daily Mass. To assist with both fasting and almsgiving we will participate in Operation Rice Bowl of Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Operation Rice Bowl offers an opportunity to fast and pray during Lent and to give the money saved to the work of CRS. CRS assists those most in need throughout our world.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday Stations will be held at 5:30 pm
Fish Fry after Stations in Gabriel Hall (if possible bring a meatless dish to share)

Friday, March 24, 2023 at 5:30 pm

Friday, March 31, 2023 at 5:30 pm

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

CHRISM MASS

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Cathedral of St. John Berchmans at 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023

9 am Adoration

10 am Mass

HOLY THURSDAY

April 06, 2023 at 5:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY

April 07, 2023

Stations of the Cross at 2:00 pm and Service at 3:00 pm—Collection for Pontifical Good Friday for the Holy Land
Start Divine Mercy Chaplet

HOLY SATURDAY

April 08, 2023 at 7:45 pm—Second Collection for Diocesan Church Vocations

EASTER SUNDAY

April 09, 2023 at 10:30 am—Second Collection for Diocesan Church Vocations



REMINDER

If you do not have an Easter Flower Envelope, please get one from the Narfhex and turn it in with your name and the names of those you would like to remember with an Easter Lily Plant. If you could do this right away I would appreciate it. Thank you, Libby!



Mar. 19—9 am—PSR Family of Faith
 Mar. 19—Living the Eucharist—9 am—in Rectory
 Mar. 22—5:30 pm—Lenten Reconciliation Service
 Mar. 22—B'day Luncheon—
 Mar. 23—6:00 pm—Community Council Meeting (Rectory)
 Mar. 24—Stations of the Cross led by K of C
 Mar. 26—9 am—PSR/and Living the Eucharist—9 am—in Rectory
 Mar. 31—Stations of the Cross led by Middle & High School
 Apr. 02—10:30 am -Youth Mass, Palm Sunday
 Apr. 02—9 am—PSR/and Living the Eucharist—9 am—in Rectory
 Apr. 02—11:45 am—Easter Egg Hunt
 Jul. 24-28—"Camp Little Flower"—Ages 8-13—Register now

Lucky Calendar Numbers 2023 Winners

Mar. 5 - Mar. 11, 2023

Date	Amt.	No.	Winner	sold by:
3/05 Sun.	\$50.00	# 671	No Winner	
3/06 Mon.	\$25.00	# 182	Recker Family	sold by Walt
3/07 Tue.	\$25.00	# 417	No Winner	
3/08 Wed.	\$25.00	# 690	No Winner	
3/09 Thu.	\$25.00	# 573	No Winner	
3/10 Fri.	\$25.00	# 940	No Winner	
3/11 Sat.	\$35.00	# 428	Keith L.	sold by BeBe S.

Congratulations to the winners of the week!



YOGA CLASSES ARE EVERY THURSDAY
AT 10:00 A.M. IN GABRIEL HALL. OUR
 INSTRUCTOR IS MRS. AGA CHANDLER.
 EVERYONE IS INVITED.

SEEING THE LIGHT

Our Lenten journey continues this Sunday as we hear of Jesus healing a blind man in the Gospel of John. Jesus proclaims himself the light of the world, a light that overcomes darkness and enables a new capacity to see. The man, blind from birth, was able to begin his path to sight by first acknowledging his blindness. We are reminded of God's ongoing invitation to us to journey from blindness to sight. We begin by acknowledging our own capacity for "blind spots," and so open ourselves to uncomfortable truths and to God's healing. We are invited to see beyond appearances, as the reading from Samuel indicates, and to look into the heart of things. We are invited to "live as children of light" as the letter to the Ephesians teaches. Like the man healed from blindness, we may gradually learn to see fully and to follow Jesus.

Grief Support Group Meetings are suspended until further notice. I am always a call away if you would like to talk. (318-834-9948).

Thank you, Loretta

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Sacred Heart will be having their Lenten Reconciliation Service on Wednesday, March 22nd at 5:30 p.m. It will be light longer so please try to join us.

Scripture Readings For the Week of March 19, 2023

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7,10-13a; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

Monday: Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary; 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Saint Toribio de Mogrovejo, Bishop Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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

March 19, 2023: Fourth Sunday of Lent:

In today's Gospel, as Jesus gives sight to the blindman. Through grace we are also transformed not seeing and then Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe. **Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor.**

In February, St. Vincent de Paul fed 48 households, which included 34 children, 53 adults, 13 seniors, and 8 homeless. Cost of food was \$72.88 for 4,102 pounds. Inflation is affecting more homeless families and their children. Times are hard. One family lost everything in a fire of a rental house. Due to your generosity, we were able to help with your donations. Other agencies are helping them, too. We had new sheets and blankets for all 3 beds. Pots and pans are needed so if you have any you no longer use, please consider this family. We've been helping one family of 4, who have lived in a motel for 10 years. Now they have a rental house. We gave them a lot of used pots and pans. Both boys are in high school now and are trying to learn to ride a bicycle. One is a gifted artist and the other is interested in computers. They have a very good printer I donated but they need a computer. Would love to have a used cleaned computer. *We need to remember how blessed we are!*

SVDP EASTER LENTEN PROJECT

Please take a Lenten Project Paper Bag home with you. The items on the bag are items that cannot be bought with Food Stamps. We carefully distribute them to those in need. Helping others during Lent is a great Lenten promise! Thank you in advance for always supporting this project. We are now collecting Easter bunnies for our Easter baskets. If you have bunnies needing a new home, please consider donating them to SVdP. We use just about any stuffed animal because we never have enough bunnies.

Thank You, Your St. Vincent de Paul Team

LADIES GUILD NEWS

The Parish Birthday Party for the month of March will be held on March 22nd at "Earnestly Tooties" at 5781 S. Lakeshore Dr. Sport. All are invited. We will have cake to celebrate at lunch. Dutch Treat! Please call Elaine Smith if you are planning to attend. (742-4145 or 453-4145.) We have four birthdays this month, Marilyn Crosby, Aga Chandler, Maria Parker, and Cherie Breffell from our Ladies Guild.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Ladies Guild will lead us in The Stations, Friday, March 24th at 5:30 pm followed by the benediction prior to the fish fry in G.H. All readers are asked to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the stations.

LENTEN PARISH MISSION— Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Mission led by: Fr. Andrew Gronotte, LC

March 27—29, 2023

Day 1—Monday, March 27, 2023—5 pm Rosary and 5:30 pm Holy

Mass followed by talk: **"Jesus' Face of Love"**

Day 2—Tuesday, March 28, 2023—5 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet and

5:pm Holy Mass followed by talk: **"Jesus' Face of Mercy"**

Day 3—Wednesday, March 29, 2023—5 pm Rosary and 5:30 pm Holy

Mass followed by talk: **"Jesus' Face of Forgiveness"**

"Confession will be available"

Children's Choir Practice Schedule:

March 19th - Choir practice after mass

March 26th - Choir practice after mass

April 16th - Choir practice after mass

April 30th - Choir practice after mass



DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Jesus, High Priest and Good Shepherd, thank you for calling men and women to your service as priests and religious. May they be inspired by the lives of dedicated priests, brothers, sisters, and deacons. Give to parents the grace of generosity and trust toward you and their children so that their sons and daughters may be helped to choose their vocation in life with wisdom and freedom.

Amen

Weekly Collections

Weekly Collection Needed	\$ 4,772.00
Actual Collection — March 11 & 12, 2023	\$ 3,488.65
Children's Collection—March 11 & 12, 2023	19.00
Total for March 11 & 12, 2023	\$ 3,507.65
March 11 & 12 2023 Attendance — 169	

Feb. 22—April 9 is "Operation Rice Bowl." This is Ash Wed. to Easter Sunday. The CRS 2nd Collection will be taken up this weekend.

ENVISIONING THE FUTURE OF OUR PARISH—The meeting is Sunday, March 26th from 9 to 10:15 am in G.H. Please join us. Sign up sheets in the Narthex. Thank you.