



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 7, 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.

**"NO ONE COMES TO
THE FATHER
EXCEPT THROUGH ME."**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2023**

**Jesus said to him, "I am the way the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.
If you know me, then you will also know my Father.**

John 14:1-12

Masses for the Week

05/06 SAT.	5:30 p.m.	†	TERRY JONES
05/07 SUN.	10:30 a.m.	†	KARLA SEPULVADO & DOUG LEONE
05/07 SUN.	10:30 a.m.	†	MARY FRANCES CHRISTINE BEQUETTE
05/07 SUN.	10:30 a.m.		PARISHONERS OF SACRED HEART & ST. MARY OF THE PINES
05/10 WED.	9:00 a.m.		ADORATION, BENEDICTION AND CONFESSION
05/10 WED.	10:00 a.m.	†	CAO-THI-HAO (MARIE)
05/13 SAT.	5:30 p.m.	†	AUBREY BAILES
05/13 SUN.	5:30 p.m.	†	MARY WAILES EVA BROSSET
05/14 SUN.	10:30 a.m.	†	EUNICE & CHRIS EBARR
05/14 SUN.	10:30 a.m.	†	PEARL MORVAN
05/14 SUN.	10:30 a.m.	†	VIVIAN C. CHELETTE

by: The Scott Dupree Family
by: The Family
by: Tim & Elaine Smith

by: Anan Cao
by: Grandparents (Manual & Raynette Sepulvado)
by: Les & Mardie Brosset
by: The Family
by: Sarah McIntyre
by: Glenda Holley

SAT., MAY 06 - 5:30 PM

SUN., MAY 07 - 10:30 AM

SAT., MAY 13 - 5:30 PM

SUN., MAY 14 - 10:30 AM

**Reader 1
Reader 2**

**Stephanie Carr
Bea Cernigliaro**

**Stacey Pangatungan
Samantha Pangatungan**

**Dan Feeney
Andrea Feeney**

**Cherie Breffleilh
Darlene Cain**

**EMHC1
EMHC2**

**Deacon Clary
Mary Kay Efferson**

**Elaine Smith
Jennie Taylor**

**Deacon Clary
Marilyn Crosby**

**Patricia Terrell
Jean Woods**

**Altar Server A
Altar Server B**

Richard Guzman

**Bryce Britnell
Collin Britnell**

Michael Krieg

**Patrick Parker
Stacey Pangatungan**

***In Honor and Love of Our
2023 First Communion Class***

***Sunday, May 7, 2023 at
10:30 a.m. Mass***

Saturday May 6th our first communion class had their first reconciliation and a retreat in Gabriel Hall. Their First Communion is this Sunday, May 7th at 10:30 a.m. Mass, with a reception after in Gabriel Hall. Please keep Skhylla Arcamo, Bianca Chandler, Elizabeth Moore, Katarina Stemplinski, Alyssa Wanjeri and Micaella Wambui in your prayers. This is the future of Sacred Heart and we are very proud of them. Also, thank you to our PSR Coordinator, Aga Chandler and all their teachers that guided them to this special day.

NEW SENIOR GROUP

AT

SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHURCH

Coming soon to Sacred Heart will be a Senior Group Club for Fun. We will be announcing the details soon. Please watch the bulletin for information you will need. Activities will be planned and you will have input as to what you would like to do for fun. If you see Loreta Leavitt or Barbara Jean Lichtfuss they can give you more information. Don't be shy to ask them and watch the bulletin or your email for a meeting day and time. Thank you!

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.

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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 Way, the Truth and the Life
by: Fr. Mark Watson, Pastor

I love to hike. This love started when I was a boy scout in my teenage years. Some of you have seen photos of the hikes that I take in the hills to the side of my mother's house in California.

While I love to hike I have a terrible sense of direction. I have gotten lost in the most interesting places. I have gotten lost in the market of Casa Blanca in Morocco, on a glacier in Switzerland, during a snow storm, in the outskirts of the Vatican, in the Old City of Jerusalem, in the hills surrounding Lake Tahoe and on the Camino to the city of Santiago de Compostela.

Fortunately, through lots of work and plenty of ingenuity I have always found my way back. The Gospel today reminds us that life is a journey and that Jesus is the needed guide through whom we find our way to eternal life. On this journey Christ works through us so that the presence of Christ will continue to be made known.

LAST SUPPER

The setting of today's Gospel is the Last Supper. Jesus knows that his disciples are experiencing sadness as they contemplate his impending death. At the end of the Last Supper Jesus begins a farewell discourse. Jesus tells the disciples not to let their hearts be troubled because it is to their benefit that he leaves in order to be with God the Father. Jesus says that he is going to the realm of his Father in order to prepare a place for them to dwell. And in the future he will return to take the disciples to himself so that they will be in communion with the Father.

The words of Jesus remind us that our lives are also a journey to the Father. The words of Jesus remind us that what is most important is not our lives in this world but instead our final destiny, eternal life. Jesus tells the disciples that he is "the way the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me" (John 14:5-6). Jesus shows that faith in him leads one to God the Father. Jesus challenges Philip to believe that he and the Father are one. And so, oneness with the Father comes through belief and trust in Jesus. Thus, we experience God through the life and words of Jesus. This unity between Jesus and the Father is seen as the Father accomplishes his works through Jesus.

Jesus then promises that those who believe in him will do the works that he does. The disciples will do these works because Jesus will work through them. The works of the disciples done after the departure of Jesus will surpass the works of Jesus because Jesus will be present in his absence. Jesus will do the works that the disciples request. There will be an in-between-time during which the disciples must ask in Jesus' name and he will continue to do the works of the Father among them.

Jesus' death and journey to the Father allows Jesus to be with his disciples in a special way. The ongoing presence of the absent Jesus will be found in the worshipping community. The members of the community will associate themselves with the departed Jesus, asking in his name. The glory of God, once seen in the deeds of Jesus, will be seen in the deeds of the worshipping community. These works of the community will be greater than even the works of Jesus. They will be done as a result of asking in the name of Jesus. May we have faith that Christ will be present through our lives as members of the Church.



May 06—Sat. 1st Communion Retreat & Reconciliation in Gab. Hall—10:00 am to 1 pm
 May 07—9 am PSR
 May 07—First Communion & Reception in Gab. Hall
 May 10—Ladies Guild Mtg—10:30 am/Mary Nash's home.
 May 14—NO PSR (Mother's Day)
 May 21—Last Day of PSR & Graduation Recognition & Quilt Drawing
 May 29—Memorial Day—OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY
 Jun 09—10 am to 3 pm, Altar Servers Camp in Gabriel Hall
 Jul 10-13—"Earthkeepers VBS" (grades preK—5th)
 Jul. 24-28—"Camp Little Flower"—Ages 8-13—Register now

Lucky Calendar Numbers 2023 Winners

April 23 - 29, 2023

Date	Amt.	No.	Winner	sold by:
4/23 Sun.	\$ 50.00	# 605	Fr. Mark	sold by Office Ladies (Birthday)
4/24 Mon.	\$ 25.00	# 281	Raul G.	sold by Richard G.
4/25 Tue.	\$ 25.00	# 289	No Winner	
4/26 Wed.	\$ 25.00	# 344	Christy B.	sold by Sharon B.
4/27 Thu.	\$ 25.00	# 225	No Winner	
4/28 Fri.	\$ 25.00	# 439	Recker Family	sold by Walt. R.
4/29 Sat.	\$ 35.00	# 450	Noah L.	sold by BeBe S.

Another good week. Congratulations to all the winners of the week!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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

May 7 2023: Fifth Sunday of Easter:

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "...whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. The coins placed in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box bring Christ love and compassion to the poor.

FYI: JOE GLORIOSO HAS GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED THE POSITION AS PRESIDENT OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OF SACRED HEART! PLEASE GIVE HIM ALL THE SUPPORT HE NEEDS TO CARRY-ON SACRED HEART'S OUT-REACHES. WE ARE THE ONLY SVDP THAT HAS A FOOD PANTRY AND CLOTHING PANTRY. PLEASE REMEMBER JOE IN YOUR PRAYERS. HE HAS VERY SPECIAL MEMBERS THAT ARE SO LOYAL. PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THAT SPECIAL PERSON TO TAKE OVER THE CLOTHING SIDE. AND WORK AT YOUR OWN PACE. BEA WILL ALWAYS BE AVAILABLE TO HELP IN HER "RETIREMENT."

PSR News

On June 9, 2023 there is an Altar Servers Camp in Gabriel Hall from 10 am to 3 pm. Don't forget to mark your calendars.

With blessings, Aga Chandler

YOGA CLASSES ARE EVERY THURSDAY **AT 10:00 A.M.** IN GABRIEL HALL. OUR INSTRUCTOR IS MRS. AGA CHANDLER. EVERYONE IS INVITED. IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES SHE WILL NOTIFY YOU.



Scripture Readings For the Week of May 7, 2023

Sunday Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tues: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wed: **Feast of Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church, and St Damien of Molokai, Priest**
 Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thur: Acts 15:7-21; PS 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: **Feast of Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs, and Saint Pancras, Martyr**
 Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 & 12; Jn 15:12-17

Sat: **Feast of Our Lady of Fatima**
 Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sun: **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
 Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

When the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on the following Sunday, the Second Reading and Gospel from the Seventh Sunday of Easter may be read on the Sixth Sunday of Easter.

1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11

In those places where the observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord has been transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, the Mass and readings of the Ascension are used.

LADIES GUILD MEETING

The Ladies Guild last meeting will be on May 10th at 10:30 a.m. at Mary Nash's home at 6808 S. Lakeshore Drive, Shreveport, LA. This is the last meeting until September, please try to attend. Our priests are invited and we hope to have time to visit with them. We will be providing the main meal with others bringing dishes to supplement. Please come and enjoy a relaxing morning and early afternoon with us. This is not a business meeting but a fun time for all. Please call Cherie Breffielh for questions (780-0009).

QUILT RAFFLE



The quilt measures 72" x 94" and is handcrafted by one of our very talented parishioners. The drawing will be on Sunday, May 21, 2023. The tickets are selling for \$5.00 each, or if you want to buy 4 tickets for \$20.00 you will receive a bonus ticket for free (i.e. 5 tickets). You can view the quilt in the Narthex of the church. The proceeds will benefit the Sacred Heart Scholarship Fund for our High School Seniors, who are actively involved in our parish.

Spiritual and Religious

The question is often asked why you need religion at all. Can't you just be a spiritual person and go directly to God? Especially in the wake of scandal, doesn't it seem like all human institutions have failed in one way or another to transmit the Gospel to all people at all times?

Years ago a very popular Youtube video showed a man speaking poetry claiming that he loved Jesus but hated religion. This seems to be a modern response to the horrible tragedies that have happened in religious institutions over the course of history, and these tragedies should not ever go unnoticed or the victims of these tragedies be forgotten.

Though it may be coming from a genuine place of concern for people to say they don't need religion, it is clear from the very beginning that Jesus founded a religion, a visible Church. He knew better than anyone that people could come directly to him, but he didn't set it up that way. In today's First Reading we hear a beautiful story of the early Church organizing and ordaining more priests in order to serve the growing needs of the flock. Right from the very beginning in Acts 6 we see the need for a visible Church that can bring the visible Christ to visible people with tangible needs.

Of course we can always go directly to God, but as human beings we often get in our own way. I know many Protestant friends who ask God directly for forgiveness and then have to struggle through mental games wondering if they truly are sorry and repentant. One of the benefits to a visible Church and visible sacraments is that we don't need to guess. Even Catholics can go directly to God and make a perfect act of contrition, but we are required by Canon Law to confess our sins to a priest, not because the Church wants to assure that we feel embarrassed about our sins, but so that we can have the assurance of forgiveness.

Though the Church is not perfect because it is full of very sinful people, myself included, being spiritual and not religious constantly leaves us wondering or worried about where we stand before God. With the Sacraments we need not worry, we have the assurance of Christ.

So take hope during this Easter season that God has set up a Church, that it is a visible body with authority, and that by living in this Church we can be assured that God is working for our salvation, despite the things we do or the lies we believe. Why not have the best of both worlds? Let's make it a point this Easter season to be spiritual and also religious, clinging to the hope that Jesus brings through his death and resurrection.

From all of us here at Diocesan, God bless!

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.

Weekly Collections

Weekly Collection Needed	\$ 4,772.00
Regular Collection — April 29 & 30, 2023	\$ 2,096.00
Children's Collection—April 29 & 30, 2023	\$ 43.10
Second Collection — April 29 & 30, 2023	\$ 96.25

Attendance: April 29 & 30, 2023 — 183

We have a Second Collection on May 20 & 21 for Catholic Communications Campaign

Happy Mother's Day—God Bless All Our Mothers

May 14th is Mother's Day. We wish all our Mothers a great day. A mother defends herself with a heart filled with love before doing so with words. —Pope Francis
The Mothers Book is in the Narthex to write those persons in the Book that you would to be prayed for. Remember they don't have to put just your Mother in the book. You can write anyone's name that has been like a Mother to you.

Thank you!