



July 16, 2023

Sacred Heart Of Jesus Catholic Church

Established 1966

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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.

MASSES ARE AS FOLLOWS

Saturday — 6:00 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.



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 16, 2023

He spoke to them at length in parables, saying:
"A sower went out to sow."

Matthew: 13:3

MASSes of the WEEK

07/15 SAT.	6:00 p.m.	†	ALYCIA SHEWMAKE
07/15 SAT.	6:00 p.m.	†	RAYNETTE SEPULVADO & AUBREY BAILES
07/16 SUN.	10:30 a.m.		PARISHIONERS OF SACRED HEART & ST. MARY'S
07/19 WED.	9:00 a.m.		ADORATION, BENEDICTION AND CONFESSION
07/19 WED.	10:00 a.m.	†	TERRY JONES
07/22 SAT.	6:00 p.m.	†	TERRY JONES
07/22 SAT.	6:00 p.m.	†	RAYNETTE SEPULVADO
07/23 SUN.	10:30 a.m.	†	LE THI HAO (MARIE)
07/23 SUN.	10:30 a.m.	†	MARY KAY JONES
07/23 SUN.	10:30 a.m.	†	DESS SCHAEFER

by: Mary Powell
by: Manuel Sepulvado

by: Joe Jones

by: Joe Jones
by: Jimmy & Bonnie Martinez
by: An Cao
by: Ladies Guild of Sacred Heart
by: Ladies; Guild of Sacred Heart

SAT., JULY 15 - 6:00 PM

SUN., JULY 16 - 10:30 AM

SAT., JULY 22 - 6:00 PM

SUN., JULY 23 - 10:30 AM

Reader 1
Reader 2

Bea Cernigliaro
Richard Guzman

Charles Lyles
Carolyn Lyles

Dardanella Powell
Roberta Moses

Mary French
Scarlett Florence

EMHC1
EMHC2

Deacon Clary
Roberta Moses

Glenda Holley
Elaine Smith

Deacon Clary
Cindy Gould

Barbara Lichtfuss
Mary Nash

Altar Server A
Altar Server B

Walt Recker

Eva Callicoatte
Joe Callicoatte

Richard Guzman

Laykin McIntyre
Skylar McIntyre



The Sanctuary Lamp Burns

July 16 thru 22, 2023

For Repose of the Soul of

"Mary Kay Jones"

by: Laura & Alden Wickstrom

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

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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

Acceptance of the Word

By: Fr. Mark Watson, Pastor

I began to read the Bible in my teenage years. Through that prayer I opened my life to God's Word. Before reading the Bible I would pray, "Speak Lord your servant is listening." Forty-seven years of reading the Scriptures have opened my life to the Word of God. This prayer has helped to root my life in God's Word.

The first reading comes from the section of the Book of Isaiah written when the people of the kingdom of Judah were in exile in Babylon. The prophet's message is that God's Word is effective. The prophet had revealed that the people would be sent into exile for their sinfulness. Soon God will reveal that he will save them from exile.

The rain and snow in the reading refers to the invisible divine activity of God. Each year the people watch as the snow melts and the rain falls and the plants in the parched land bloom. No matter how hopeless one's situation appears to be, God is at work within it, bringing to fulfillment divine plans for their present well-being and eternal glory. Just as the rains and snow are effective in bringing life so is God's Word effective in accomplishing its purpose.

GOSPEL

The Gospel helps to explain why those in Jesus' time and in the early church did not accept the Word of Jesus. The Gospels challenge us to ask ourselves, why at times do we not accept the Word of God. The parable shows that we are responsible to hear God's Word and to respond fully to that Word. We must allow God's Word to grow unhindered within us.

The story is surprising. First, the sower casts so much seed in the field that much is wasted. Second, the abundance of plants that grow in the good soil is also surprising. In his life Jesus openly spoke God's Word to all who would listen; religious leaders, the rich, the poor, the crowds, the wise and the simple, the respectable and the suspect.

The seed is the Word of the Kingdom of God. The soil represents the hearts of the listeners. Those who are open to Jesus' Word will be successful in accepting, assimilating and communicating that Word. Those who are not open to Jesus' Word will not be able to take in the Word and will not bear fruit.

Some seed falls along the path and the birds come and eat the seed. This image describes those who receive God's Word and the Word is lost as a result of their lack of understanding. Are there times in which we lose the truth of God's Word because of our lack of understanding? A second image is seed which falls on rocky ground and produces a plant which sprouts up and soon withers for lack of roots. This represents those who out of their shallowness, abandon the Word in times of persecution because of the Word. Does our shallowness keep us from fully living out the Word in trying times? The seed which falls among the thorns represents the worldly desires, such as wealth, that keep us from hearing and living out the Word of God. Do we allow the anxieties of life and other priorities to keep us from living the Word of God?

The seed which falls among good soil represents the one who hears the word and understands it, who bears good fruit and yields a hundred, sixty, thirty-fold. The good soil refers to our openness to God's Word. May we open ourselves to God's Word so that we may abundantly live out our faith.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

We need help on the clothing side of the pantry! Approximately, 7 to 8 hours a week. Clothes are constantly being donated by our parishioners. We sort through the donations and hang the best. Today we do that on Tuesdays since we are open on Wednesdays. You can choose your hours. Maybe Tuesdays aren't a good time for you. You choose your own hours that fit your schedule. Wednesday mornings are always the same 9 am to noon. Any other day for working donations is your choice. Maybe you have a good friend who will join you. They do not have to go to Sacred Heart or be Catholic. It will, also, be handy for clubs that need an outreach program. **Please call Bea if you need more information. 631-5278 or cell 469-2831.**

MONTH OF APRIL: We had a busy April with Holy Week and 90 Easter baskets. Baskets were loaded with a stuffed toy, chocolate bunny, filled eggs with candy, and other little treats. Many, many thanks for the many volunteers who came to help. In April 45 families came for food, which included 49 children, 46 adults, 14 senior citizens, and 8 homeless. Pounds of food distributed were 3,965 at a cost of \$47.58. Three families were helped with utilities totaling \$265. Your Lenten bags helped tremendously with necessities that we take for granted: toilet tissue, toothpaste, bath soap, razors, etc. **YOU** make a difference in people's lives. Thank you to the people who were able to help Give for Good. As of today, we don't know the exact amount from the Give for Good interest. Our goal was \$800. We had over \$1,000 in donations! We will soon receive Give for Good benefits added to that and we will let you know. ***Thank you!***

MONTH OF MAY: Please welcome Joe Glorioso to our St. Vincent de Paul family! He is jumping right in with two feet! We are so glad he is taking charge of the Food Pantry and is doing a great job. In May SVdP fed 62 families, which included 53 children, 65 adults, 11 seniors, and 7 homeless. Food cost was \$281.03 for 5,356 pounds. Eight families were helped with utilities and motel payment totaling \$820.20. One person in motel was helped with diapers totaling \$28.11. June was also a busy month. Fifty-one families were helped with food and clothes, which included 60 children, 58 adults, 21 seniors, and 8 homeless. Food cost was \$40 for 4,733 pounds of food. Four families were helped with utilities costing \$400. Families are not helped over and over with utilities. We try to vet them plus they are not helped more than twice a year. Thank you for your donations. Without you SVdP wouldn't exist.

2023 CSA Weekly Report 7-6-23 for Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart of Jesus - Shreveport	230 Families
# of Families Participating	40
Participation Percentage	17%
2023 Parish Goal	\$ 25,934
Amount Pledged for 2023	\$ 8,933
Percentage of Goal Pledged	34.4%
Amount Contributed	\$ 6,503



Jul 16—Seniors Mtg. after Mass in Gabriel Hall
 Jul 22-23—FOCUS Speaker Sarah Bissell both masses
 Jul. 24-28—"Camp Little Flower"—Ages 8-13—Full—Registration Closed
 Aug 04—July-Aug Birthday Lunch, tentatively August 4
 Aug 04—Bingo on the Bayou, East Ridge Country Club from 6 pm to 9 pm
 Aug 20—Catechists' meeting after Mass
 Aug 24—Last day to buy LCN before Aug. 27th drawing for Visa Card
 Aug 27—Drawing for LCN 2024 for Visa Gift Card
 Aug 27—Back to School—PSR Registration after Mass
 Sep 10—9:00 am—First Day of PSR
 Sep 13—Ladies Guild 1st Mtg in Fall at 10:30 am—Gab. Hall

Tending the Soil of Our Souls

The Parable of the Sower helped me understand the transformative power of spending time daily with the Word of God, especially in overcoming obstacles to living the Catholic faith.

Although the Catholic Mass is seeped in Scriptures, it took me years to realize it; not exactly sure where in my catechesis the communication breakdown occurred, but the fact remains that the seeds, the Word of God, had been scattered before me, my entire life. However, like the seeds strewn on the rocky path in the parable, although the Word had reached my ears, the devil took full advantage of my ignorance and snatched the meaning away before it could penetrate my heart.

At times, I attempted to grow spiritually by attending retreats or presentations. These set my heart on fire for the things of God. All my senses heightened — the incense smelled sweeter, the readings felt more inspired, the homilies touched deep into my heart as if they were written just for me; even kneeling in prayer felt more reverent. Filled with this renewed desire to become closer to God, I vowed to pray a daily Rosary, attend Mass more faithfully, and not give into my fears by continuing to avoid the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Yet, over time all those things I had discovered to nourish my budding faith — the encouraging retreat team, consistent study of the Scriptures, or quiet time for prayer — faded. I did not stick with anything long enough to develop deep roots of faith, and my attention to God withered away. Left with a thirst for more yet unable to duplicate the euphoric feelings of my retreat experiences, I allowed the thorns of the world to grow all around me. Any seeds dropped would be choked by the weeds of daily worries, concerns, and tasks.

Prayer dissolved into a speedy blessing before meals, a quick petition as I tried to make our income cover our expenses, or an Our Father or Hail Mary as I drifted off to sleep; all prayed more out of habit than a yearning for a deeper faith. My weekly Mass participation spurned more out of a desire for perfect attendance and a heavenly insurance policy than a love of the Lord.

Finally, joining a small group faith sharing tilled the rich soil necessary for true spiritual growth. However, even rich soil needs consistent tending for seeds to continue flourishing within it—weeds of distraction, busyness, and apathy need constant extraction, or they will completely overtake our time with the Lord. Fertilizing the soil is critical. Our faith is watered and nurtured by what I refer to as the "Grace Trifecta," which consists of daily participation in prayer, sacrament, and Scripture. Our beautiful Catholic faith provides the gardening tools for an abundant harvest; we merely need to pick them up and tend the soil of our souls.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the sower and we know that "some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty fold."

This week by putting a gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that together they will produce fruit a hundred fold.

FOCUS COLLEGE MISSIONARY

Speaker: Sarah Bissell

July 22 & 23, 2023

Saturday and Sunday Masses

SAVE THE DATE: August 4, 2023

Let's Play Bingo! This fun event is for adults only, and a cash bar will be available. A Silent Auction will also take place during the evening.

Save the Date
 7th Annual

BINGO
 ON THE
Bayou

Friday, August 4, 2023

East Ridge Country Club

6 - 9 pm

Our very own Fr. Mark Watson will serve as one of the bingo callers. Last year was my first time attending Bingo on the Bayou. It was a lot of fun, the silent auction was awesome and the food was delicious.

Individual tickets are \$60 and include dinner and two Bingo cards. Table sponsorship begins at \$1500.00.

Please see our website CCNLA to purchase tickets or Table Sponsorship, or contact Kathy via phone at (318-865-0200, ext. 109, or email her at development@ccnla.org.

Lucky Calendar Numbers 2023 Winners

July 2 - July 8, 2023

Date	Amt.	No.	Winner	sold by:
7/02 Sun.	\$ 50.00	# 241	No Winner	
7/03 Mon.	\$ 25.00	# 754	Lake H.	sold by Elaine Smith
7/04 Tue.	\$100.00	# 454	No Winner	(July 4th)
7/05 Wed.	\$ 25.00	# 295	Christa M.	sold by BeBe Sanchez
7/06 Thu.	\$ 25.00	# 474	Marilyn C.	sold by Marilyn C.
7/07 Fri.	\$ 25.00	# 855	No Winner	
7/08 Sat.	\$ 35.00	# 073	No Winner	

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS FOR THE WEEK.
Be on the lookout for an envelope in the mail.

The 2024 LCN's are here and ready for you to get yours. If you want to get a 2024 number send an email to Cathy Flynn at (cflynn@sacredheartshreveport.org) for you to get you LCN. If you get one before August 27th, your name will go into a special drawing for a \$250 Visa Gift Card.

**Scripture Readings
For the Week of July 16, 2023**

Sun: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23
or Mt 13:1-9

Mon: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Mt 10:34 – 11:1

Tue: Memorial of Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

Wed: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

Thur: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1 & 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27; Mt 11:28-30

Fri: Memorial of Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Ex 11:10 – 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15 & 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

Sat: Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Sun: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time


Wis 12-13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27;
Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30

Weekly Collections

Weekly Collection Needed	\$ <u>4,772.00</u>
Regular Collection — July 1 & 2, 2023	\$ 2,867.00
Children's Collection — July 1 & 2, 2023	\$ 23.50

There is a 2nd Collection this weekend for The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.

SENIORS MEETING AFTER SUNDAY MASS THIS WEEKEND. PLEASE JOIN US. BRING A GAME TO PLAY AND A SNACK OR DISH TO SHARE. AGES 45 YEARS AND UP. GET READY TO HAVE SOME FUN.


 Looking for something to do where you make a difference in the world? Volunteer at Mary's House – Friday mornings 8:30 – 12:00. You'll be the first smiling face our patients see. You'll work with a great team of ladies on the same mission to make a difference for moms and babies. Call L'Anne at Mary's House to find out more – 318-220-8009.

Sacred Heart Has A Facebook Page!

Look at "Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church" Visit our Facebook page to view pictures of our parish current events and activities.