



August 13, 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.



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 13, 2023

"Lord, Command me to come to you on the water."

Matthew: 14:22-23

Masses for the Week

08/12 SAT.
08/12 SAT.
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08/12 SAT.
08/13 SUN.
08/15 TUE.
08/16 WED.
08/16 WED.
08/19 SAT.
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6:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
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10:30 a.m.
12:05 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
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6:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
10:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.



TERRY JONES
STANLEY & TERESA ROQUE
V.J. CONNER
KARLA SEPULVADO & DOUG LEONE
PARISHIONERS OF SACRED HEART & ST. MARY OF THE PINES
FAY CUNNINGHAM (**ASSUMPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**)
ADORATION, BENEDICTION AND CONFESSION
MARY KAY JONES
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RAYNETTE SEPULVADO
DESS SCHAEFER
LE THI HAO (MARIE)
FR. THOMAS MICHAEL O'ROURKE
CHRIS EBARB & EUNICE EBARB

by: Joe Jones
by: Maria Parker
by: Claudia LaRoux
by: The Family

by: Libby Campbell

by: Tim & Elaine Smith
by: St. Vincent de Paul Friends
by: St. Vincent de Paul Friends
by: Claudia LaRoux
by: An Cao
by: Yen Khang Van
by: The Family

SAT., AUG. 12 - 6:00 PM

SUN., AUG. 13 - 10:30 AM

SAT., AUG. 19 - 6:00 PM

SUN., AUG. 20 - 10:30 AM

Reader 1
Reader 2

Bea Cernigliaro
Richard Guzman

Tim Smith
Emma White

Andrea Feeney
Dan Feeney

Darlene Cain
Ruth Willis

EMHC1
EMHC2

Cynthia Gould
Deacon Clary

Elaine Smith
Mary Dupuis

Walt Recker
Deacon Clary Nash

Jean Woos
Barbara Lichtfuss

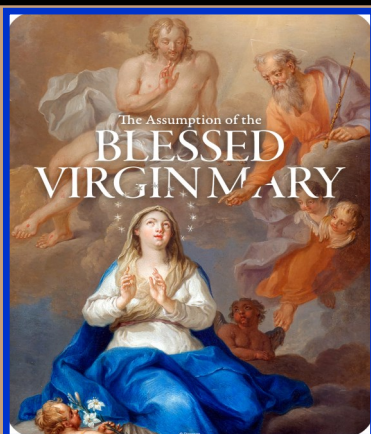
Altar Server A
Altar Server B

Walter Recker

Jimmy Willis
Aubrie Gallion

Richard Guzman

Yuri Chandler/Katerina Stemplinski
Michael Stemplinski



Tuesday, August 15, 2023
Mass at 12:05 P.M
Holy Day of Obligation



The Sanctuary Lamp Burns

August 13 thru 19, 2023

For Repose of the Soul of

"Dess Schaefer"

by: Claudia LaRoux

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
STEPPING OUT IN FAITH
By: Fr. Mark Watson, Pastor

FAITH

Faith is a relationship with God. Relationships can only be sustained through communication. In our first reading Elijah the prophet hides in a cave on Mt. Horeb. While hiding the prophet hears a strong wind, an earthquake and finally a fire. The prophet knew that God was not present in these powerful events. Elijah then hears God's voice in a tiny whispering sound. The scene reminds us that we are to open our hearts to hearing God.

The beauty of this story is that it also speaks about how we hear God in silence. Our first reading reminds us that we are also to pray in silence so that God can speak and communicate to us. In so doing our relationship with God may be strengthened.

A FAITH WHICH TAKES RISKS

Mother Theresa was a woman who constantly took leaps of faith. She was born in 1910 in Albania and grew up dreaming of becoming a missionary. In 1928 **she took a leap of faith** as she joined the Sisters of Loreto. In 1929 she arrived in India. On September 10, 1946, while traveling by train to the place of her annual retreat, God called her a second time. Now she was called to leave the convent, to live among the poor and to assist them.

She took a second leap of faith. In 1948 she left the Loreto Sisters and began her missionary work in the slums of Calcutta. In 1949 she was joined by 13 young women who were former students. In the first years she had no income and had to beg for food and supplies. She was tempted to go back to her former way of faith but believed that this was the life to which God was calling her.

During the last 50 years of her life, she experienced what has been called a Dark Night of the Soul. She did not experience the presence of God and it became difficult to pray. While she felt abandoned by God, she knew that God was with her. While it was difficult to pray, she at least sat in God's presence. In the midst of these trials her entire life was a leap of faith. She continued to do the charitable work for which she is famous as she knew that God had not abandoned her. Mother Theresa's life helps us to understand today's Gospel as Peter takes a leap of faith.

In today's Gospel the disciples are fighting a fierce storm on the Sea of Galilee early in the morning. During the storm, the disciples see Jesus walking across the sea, and in their fear, they believe he is a ghost. Jesus says to them, "Take Courage. It is I. Do not be afraid." (Matthew 14:27). In Hebrew, "It is I" is a title for God. Jesus is saying that he is God and that he does what God does. In the Old Testament God is shown as one who controls the chaos of the seas and who saves those who are in peril. In his power over nature, Matthew shows that Jesus is divine.

Peter stands on the side of the boat and asks Jesus if he can come to him. Jesus says "Come." Peter leaps out of the boat and begins to walk on the water toward Jesus. Soon Peter focuses on the storm and takes his eyes off of Jesus. Faith is keeping one's eyes on Jesus in the midst of the challenges of life. As he was sinking Peter cried out, "Lord, save me!" (Matt 14:30). Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him. In calling to Jesus Peter shows faith. The reading shows that Christ is always ready to save us as well.

May we, like Peter and Mother Theresa, be willing to take risks in following God. In our relationship of faith may we always stay focused on Christ.



Aug 15—Assumption of Mary Mass-12:05 pm (Holy Day)
 Aug 15—Senior Outing after the Assumption Mass at Johnny's Catfish
 Aug 16—July/Aug. Birthday Luncheon @ 11:30 am. Earnestly Tooties on Lakeshore Dr.
 Aug 20—Catechists & substitute teachers meeting after Mass in G.H.
 Aug 26—Youth Group Meet and Greet
 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 12—CWL at St. Pius X—Mtg. at 10:30 am. Cost for luncheon \$12.00
 Sep 13—Ladies Guild 1st Mtg in Fall at 10:30 am—Gab. Hall
 Sep 24—Taste of OLBS parish fundraiser from 11 am to 2 pm. Sample all
 Oct 20-22—Rachel's Vineyard Retreat (Healing Retreat)

JULY/AUGUST BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

The July/August Birthday Luncheon for the parish will be on Wednesday, August 16th at 11:30 a.m. at Earnestly Tooties on Lakeshore Drive. If you are interested in going please call Elaine Smith 453-4145 or Cherie Breffeilh at 780-0009 and let them know, for reservation purposes. Dutch Treat! We will have birthday cake at the luncheon. All are invited!! Come and enjoy!!

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Two Steps Forward . . .

Why did Jesus walk on water to the disciples in the boat? Did he want to scare them? No, his first words to them were "Do not be afraid." While they were being tossed by wind and waves, he showed them that he was not affected by the storm. If they had had faith, they might have realized that if Jesus was safe, they would be, too. We too must make that leap of faith, especially when we are afraid.

Our growth in faith is not a steady progression. For every two steps forward, we may take one step back. For example, we become ill or wreck the car, and think that God has abandoned us. But isn't that a natural reaction?

It is natural to doubt God in times of trouble, but we are choosing to live in the supernatural when we become followers of Christ. Like Peter, we can lose our focus on the Lord. We see someone we love who is gravely sick. We make a serious mistake that gets us in trouble. Faith tells us that though apparently invisible, God is more real than anything we can see. Remember Jesus on the cross saying, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" The Father never abandoned his Son and God will never abandon us. Tom Schmidt

PSR (PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION)

Calling all Parish School of Religion Catechists and Substitute Teachers. Our Annual Planning Meeting will take place on Sunday, August 20th at 11:30 am in Gabriel Hall. A light lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Aga Chandler at (318)344-1185 or achandler@sacredheartshreveport.org. Parish School of Religion is always looking for new substitute teachers. If you hear the calling to share our Catholic faith with the youth of Sacred Heart please contact Aga Chandler or join us for the Planning Meeting.

Parish School of Religion will begin a new year on Sept. 10th. Registration will open on August 27th after the morning mass. Please stop by the Gabriel Hall to fill out the registration form and meet your child's teacher. As always Parish School of Religion is free of charge for all our students. Donations to defray the cost of materials are welcome. Suggested donation is \$10 per child or up to \$25 per family. For questions please contact me at achandler@sacredheartshreveport.org. I look forward to seeing all our students back in the classrooms.

With Blessings, Aga Chandler, PSR Coordinator



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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

Nineteenth Sunday in O.T. In this Gospel, Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and hope to The elderly who are not able to find relief from the summer heat, and you will bring them faith and hope!

Hot! Hot! Hot! And we still have August heat! Many people lost their food when the electric went out for days and days. Red Cross sent many people to our little pantry! We never turn down anyone that needs food. We are a pantry with food and clothes, which is rare in our St. Vincent de Paul. We've had huge donations from "Labels" women wear. It's been a struggle removing the security tags on everything with only 2 removers. Mary Hernandez and Albert Butscher have been heroes for SVdP removing the tags. It is very time-consuming job but they didn't give up. In July SVdP fed 52 families, which included 44 children, 66 adults, 15 seniors, and 6 homeless. The cost of food was \$300.10 for 4,224 pounds of food. Joe Glorioso is doing a wonderful job keeping the pantry full. Cost of utilities was \$585.15. Janis Parker carefully vets the people in need. **We still need a couple of people or small group to take over the clothing side. Come give it a try to see if this is your calling. God is calling your name.**

HEALING WEEKEND RETREAT RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: If you or someone you love is hurting from an abortion, please call the dedicated line: 318-588-1064 for information, or visit the website at www.rachelsvineyard.org. Absolute confidentiality is maintained by team members and participants prior to, during, and following the Rachel's Vineyard Retreats. The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be October 20-22, 2023.

\$250 VISA Gift Card drawing is August 27th.

Lucky Calendar Numbers 2023 Winners

July 30 - August 5, 2023

Date	Amt.	No.	Winner	sold by:
7/30 Sun.	\$ 50.00	# 529	No Winner	
7/31 Mon.	\$ 25.00	# 139	No Winner	
8/01 Tue.	\$ 25.00	# 164	No Winner	
8/02 Wed.	\$ 25.00	# 390	No Winner	
8/03 Thu.	\$ 25.00	# 439	Recker Family	sold by Walt R.
8/04 Fri.	\$ 25.00	# 830	Howard E.	sold by Richard G.
8/05 Sat.	\$ 35.00	# 246	Lisa W.	sold by Joe Rinchuso

Congratulations to the winners of the week!

The 2024 LCN's are here and ready for you to get yours. If you want to get a 2024 number prior to the drawing, call Walt @ 318/525-2654 or Cathy @ 318-286-6275 or send an email to cbflyn2586@aol.com and I will make arrangements for you to get yours.

OUR FIRST SENIOR OUTING (45 & UP)

Our First Senior Outing will take place Tuesday, August 15, 2023 after the Assumption of Mary Mass at 12:05 p.m. We will meet at the Church and carpool to Johnny's Catfish on Bert Kouns, or you can meet us there. Put it on your calendar!!

**Scripture Readings
For the Week of August 13, 2023**

Sun: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Mon: Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27

Tue: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil: 1 Chr 15: 3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132: 6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Wed: Memorial of St. Stephen of Hungary
Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 & 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20

Thur: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:21 – 19:1

Fri: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 & 24; Mt 19:3-12

Sat: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15

Sun: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Weekly Collections

Weekly Collection Needed	\$ 4,772.00
Regular Collection — Aug. 5 & 6, 2023	\$ 3,236.00
Children's Offering — Aug. 5 & 6, 2023	4.00
Attendance: Aug. 5 & 6, 2023 — 182	
We have a 2nd collection this weekend August 12 & 13, 2023 for Diocesan Hispanic Ministry. Thank you!	

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE LUNCHEON (CWL) will be hosted by the Ladies of St. Pius X Catholic Ch. on Tuesday, Sept. 12th. Registration will start at 9:30 am and meeting starts promptly at 10:30 am. Cost of the luncheon is \$12.00. Please bring white elephant gifts in a gift bag or paper bag. They will be sold for 50 cents. Also, please call your reservation into Elaine Smith at 318-453-4145 as soon as possible. The guest speaker is Anna Maria Lannetti from the Convent of Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows.

"TASTE OF OLBS"

Featuring a Multicultural Explosion of Foods. From 11 am to 2 pm on Sunday, September 24, 2023. Come and sample many dishes at the Taste of OLBS Parish Fundraiser. Address is 1558 Buena Vista St., Shreveport, LA.

Cost: **Adults \$20.00**
 Children: 6—12 Years—\$10.00
 5 Years and under (Free)

Ticket information contact OLBS at 222-3791.