



September 17, 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.

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17, 2023**

"Let us forgive, and we shall be forgiven. Let us have mercy on others, and we shall feel that mercy of God, who, when he forgives, also 'forgets'."

Pope Francis



Masses for the Week

09/16 SAT.	6:00 p.m.	†	MARY KAY JONES
09/16 SAT.	6:00 p.m.	†	RAYNETTE SEPULVADO
09/16 SAT.	6:00 p.m.	†	FAY CUNNINGHAM
09/17 SUN.	10:30 a.m.	†	LE THI HAO (MARIE)
09/17 SUN.	10:30 a.m.	†	FR. PETER MCGROTH, CP
09/17 SUN.	10:30 a.m.	†	KARLA SEPULVADO & DOUG LEONE
09/20 WED.	9:00 a.m.		ADORATION, BENEDICTION AND CONFESSION
09/20 WED.	10:00 a.m.	†	TERRY & MARY KAY JONES
09/20 WED.	10:00 a.m.	†	FAY CUNNINGHAM
09/23 SAT.	6:00 p.m.		ALL PARISHIONERS OF SACRED HEART & ST. MARY OF THE PINES
09/24 SUN.	6:00 p.m.	†	LE THI HAO (MARIE)
09/24 SUN.	6:00 p.m.	†	JIM HEARD
09/24 SUN.	10:30 a.m.	†	KIMBERLY SALTER CARROLL

by: Lea Jones
by: Claudia LaRoux
by: Schaefer Family
by: An Cao
by: Yen Khang Van
by: The Family

by: Claudia LaRoux
by: Betty Conner

by: An Cao
by: The Family
by: The Schaefer Family

SAT., SEP. 16 - 6:00 PM

SUN., SEP. 17 - 10:30 AM

SAT., SEP. 23 - 6:00 PM

SUN., SEP. 24 - 10:30 AM

Reader 1
Reader 2

Richard Guzman
Bea Cernigliaro

Cherie Breffleil
Mary Jansen

Barbara Reilly
Lucy Rivero

Mary French
Jennifer Callicoatte

EMHC1
EMHC2

Roberta Moses
Deacon Clary Nash

Darlene Cain
Jean Woods

Cynthia Gould
Deacon Clary Nash

Maria Parker
Bryce Britnell

Altar Server A
Altar Server B

Michael Krieg

Collin Britnell
Samantha Pangatungan/
Karolyn Clark

Richard Guzman

Annabelle Callicoatte
Micaella Wambui/
Alyssa Wanjeri

OCIA (Formerly RCIA)
Come and Refresh Your Catholic Knowledge

We are excited to begin OCIA (formerly RCIA) this year! Our team, along with Father and our Deacon, have planned a great year of learning and community building. We particularly invite non-Catholic spouses, but also friends, relatives and neighbors to join us. Those already Catholic are invited to refresh their catechism knowledge and support our Inquirers. Meetings are held in the rectory most Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15. We'll have coffee and snacks from 9:00 to 9:30. Some early topics include: The Mystery of God, Personal Encounters with Jesus, The Four Gospels, and Tradition and Scripture. Please contact any of our team if you know someone who is interested or if you would like to participate: Darlene Cain, Sarah McIntyre, Barbara Lichtfuss, Cherie Breffleil or call the office, 318-635-2121.



The Sanctuary Lamp Burns

Sept. 17, thru Sept. 23, 2023

For Repose of the Soul of

"Deloris Thompson"

by: Sarah McIntyre & Family

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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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.

FORGIVENESS OF OFFENSES

BY: DEACON CLARY S. NASH

September 17, 2024

Today's Gospel centers on the forgiveness of offenses. Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us. Today's Gospel reading directly follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. In the 1st reading, ***"Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven."*** And the Gospel replies to Peter's question: ***"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."***

What does "seventy times seven" mean in Hebrew? Jesus teaches us the spirit of understanding and mercy which should govern Christians' behavior with regards to those who offend them. In Hebrew the figure of **seventy times seven** means the same as **"always"** [Gen 4). Jesus did not limit **forgiveness to a fixed number but declared that it must be continuous and forever**". Here also we can see the contrast between man's approach to forgiveness, and God's infinite mercy.

We learn an important lesson from the parable of the unforgiving servant who owed his king 10,000 talents. A talent was the equivalent of six thousand denarii. A **denarius** is a working man's daily wage. Hence, **ten thousand talents**, or **60,000 denarii** (equivalent to roughly **181 years of wages**) an enormous sum of money, gives us a clear idea of the immense value attaching to the pardon we receive from God, and which we must also give to our neighbor:

Overall, the parable teaches us that **we must always forgive, and must do so sincerely, just as the king forgave his servant.**

If possible or even "Force yourself, if necessary, always forgive those who offend you, from the very first moment. For the greatest injury or offence that you can suffer from them is as nothing compared with what God has pardoned you". In the Lord's Prayer we always ask the Father to: ***"forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us"***. The forgiveness we ask of God is linked with the forgiveness we give to others. In this way, by forgiving those who offend us, we are imitating and living in our lives the inspired mercy of God, who is ***"is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion."*** (Pope Francis) **"Let us forgive, and we shall be forgiven. Let us have mercy on others, and we shall feel that mercy of God, who, when he forgives, also 'forgets.'"**

Do we bear bitterness, harbor resentment or hatred in our heart? If we do so, not only our mental and physical health would suffer, but above all, our spiritual health and relationship with God, who calls us to be kind, merciful and forgiving. Forgiveness is for our sake. Let go of all that prevents you from a complete relationship with God **and be the first to ask for the gift card from the writer**. There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives. (Personal Story of me Asking and Receiving Forgiveness, when I worked for General Motors as a Reliability Engineer for quality control. One of the material foremen, Dick Brock, who I worked with was also a minister. This time in my life I was a devout atheist. I would harass and make fun of him whenever he was in my office. About 10 years later and after my encounter and after we moved to Louisiana, I started to be haunted with the memories on the how I treated Dick all those years. I needed to ask him for forgiveness but no longer had a phone number or way of contacting him. He worked in the back of the factory, but I was inspired to try. I found a phone number for the front material department office. After weeks of fighting with myself and with little hope of finding him, I decided to call. Dick answered the phone. What is the mathematical probability? This is how God can talk to us. I told him who I was, overwhelmed with the presence of God. I asked how he was in the front office. He was walking through the office and no one else was there to answer the phone. I told him how sorry I was over all those years and how much I respected him. I asked for his forgiveness. He passed and said, Clary, you have nothing to ask forgiveness for, but if you want, I forgive you. A feeling of peace came over me. He thanked me for making his day and I thanked God for making mine.

My nephew emailed Thursday after pre reading this week readings and said, He woke up in the middle of the night with his heart pounding, being told "you cannot love me if you cannot forgive those who have wronged you." This shook him and now he is reviewing and making adjustments to his life. God does speak to us. We just need to listen. God works in mysterious ways.

Let us ask Our Lord Jesus Christ to make our love for God real enough to manifest itself in our willingness to forgive those who have offended us, no matter what it takes. After all, isn't this the path Christ showed to us and to which He calls us to embark on? **Only when we decide to be forgiving shall we live His life and live our life for Him, for pardoning helps make us a child of God.**



Sep 16—KofC Family Fun Day—Noon til 3:00 pm. Fun, games & fellowship.
 Sep 17—9 a.m. Family of Faith Gathering will resume-G.H. from 9 am to 10:15 am
 Sep 17—St. Mary's 50th Anniversary Mass & Meal
 Sep 19—Senior Outing-10:30 am-Robinson Film Center-See bulletin for info.
 Sep 23—Religious Emblem Workshop, Christ the King, 9 am
 Sep 24—Parish Picnic after Sunday Mass
 Oct 08—The Angels Gathered—Free Concert at Holy Trinity @ 5 pm
 Oct 15—9 am Family of Faith Gathering
 Oct 22—9:45 am Living Rosary led by Youth
 Oct 20-22—Rachel's Vineyard Retreat (Healing Retreat)
 Oct 29—11:30 am Trunk-or-Treat

Senior Outing: Tuesday, Sept. 19th at 10:30 am.
 Robinson Film Center Silver Screening & Lunch.
 617 Texas St., Sport, LA 71101 (318)459-4122.

Buy tickets: in advance: Select Silver
 Screenings—AARP \$11.00

<https://ticketing.useast.veezi.com/purchase/15688/?siteToken=7kwb2jgywr57359ppj431h2mhc>

In the film that launched the James Bond saga, Agent 007 battles mysterious Dr. No, a Scientific genius bent on destroying the U.S. space program. As the countdown to disaster begins, Bond must go to Jamaica, where he encounters beautiful Honey Ryder, to confront a megalomaniacal villain in his massive island headquarters.

Action, 1962, 105 min., PG. Join us for an action packed Silver Screenings featuring the James Bond Classic and a themed lunch afterward! Hope to see you there!



PSR (PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION)

Family of Faith Gatherings will resume on September 17th. All families are warmly welcome to join us this Fall! The goal of this program is to encourage and equip you to live and teach your children the Catholic Faith at home. The meetings will take place in Gabriel Hall from 9:00 am till 10:15 am every 3rd Sunday of the month.

Aga Chandler, PSR Coordinator



COME ONE COME ALL TO S.H. FALL FAIR
 September 24th 11:30 am – 2:00 pm

1/3 pound hamburger, OR 1/4 pound hotdog, chips and a drink for \$7.

We will have The Big Kahuna Splash. 3-legged race to the finish line. Pick your partner and play; Cake Walk with delicious treats from Ladies Guild; Find a partner and play Cornhole Tournament; Water balloon toss; Bingo for all; Face painting; sand art and of course the ZOO with horse-back rides.

If you want to take your chance getting doused on the Big Kahuna, or you want to enter the Cornhole Tournament, please let Cathy Flynn know by calling the office or send her an email. No age limit on this.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

The challenge in today's Gospel, is to forget how others have behaved toward us and to look to God's way of loving and forgiving. Our focus must be on God.

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 St. Vincent de Paul...we want to help!

Joe Gloriosio is doing a wonderful job keeping the pantry full. Janis Parker carefully vets the people in need. We still need a couple of people or a 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. Thank you.

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**.

Lucky Calendar Numbers 2023 Winners August 27 - Sept. 9, 2023

CONGRATULATIONS TO ROY G., HE WON \$100 ON HIS LUCKY NUMBER LABOR DAY

Date	Amt.	No.	Winner	Sold by:
8/27 Sun.	\$ 50.00	# 621	Michael H.	sold by Roberta M.
8/28 Mon.	\$ 25.00	# 398	Rose F.	sold by Richard G.
8/29 Tue.	\$ 25.00	# 941	No Winner	
8/30 Wed.	\$ 25.00	# 418	Fr. Mark	sold by Fr. Mark
8/31 Thu.	\$ 25.00	# 791	No Winner	
9/01 Fri.	\$ 25.00	# 321	Alex T.	sold by Richard G.
9/02 Sat.	\$ 35.00	# 318	No Winner	
9/03 Sun.	\$ 50.00	# 032	No Winner	
9/04 Mon.	\$100.00	# 220	Roy G.	sold by Walt R.
9/05 Tue.	\$ 25.00	# 750	No Winner	
9/06 Wed.	\$ 25.00	# 881	No Winner	
9/07 Thu.	\$ 25.00	# 295	Christina M.	sold by BeBe
9/08 Fri.	\$ 25.00	# 162	Recker Family	sold by Walt
9/09 Sat.	\$ 35.00	# 211	Sonia G.	sold by BeBe

Congratulations to the winners for the two weeks.

The 2024 LCN's are here and ready for you to get yours. Just call Walt @ 318/525-2654 or Cathy @ 318-286-6275 or send an email to cbflynn2586@aol.com and I will make arrangements for you to get yours.

RELIGIOUS EMBLEM WORKSHOP

A Religious Emblems Workshop sponsored by the Catholic Committee on Scouting will be held for any Scout, boy or girl, interested in earning a religious scouting emblem on **Saturday, September 23rd 2023**, at Christ the King Catholic Church in Bossier City beginning at 9:00 AM. The cost of \$15 covers all materials and lunch. Please register in advance so that materials are available to all participants.

Contact Mr. Richard Buchanan at: 318-564-7865 or rbuchan5@bellsouth.net to register or ask questions.

**Scripture Readings
For the Week of Sept. 17, 2023**

Sun: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 27:30 – 28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Mon: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Lk 7:1-10

Tue: Memorial of Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17

Wed: Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, Companions, Martyrs
1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thur: Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13

Fri: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3

Sat: Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15

Sun: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

YOUTH GROUP DIRECTOR

Our New Youth Group Director is Julia Wilson. Thank you Julia for volunteering to be our new Youth Group Director.

Scarlett Florence is moving to Georgia at the end of September. She will be greatly missed by our youth and all parishioners. So, when you see Scarlett let her know how much she will be missed.

Weekly Collections

Weekly Collection Needed	\$ 4,772.00
Regular Collection — Sep. 2 & 3, 2023	\$ 4,781.00
Children's Offering — Sep. 2 & 3, 2023	\$ 13.00
Regular Collection — Sep. 9 & 10, 2023	\$ 2,013.00
Children's Offering — Sep. 9 & 10, 2023	\$ 28.51
Second Collection — Sep. 9 & 10, 2023	\$ 146.25

Attendance: Sep. 02 & 03, 2023 — 167

Attendance: Sep. 09 & 10, 2023 — 144

**THE ANGELS GATHERED
A FREE CONCERT
October 8, 2023 @ 5:00 P.M.**

Music commissioned by the Shreveport Summer Music Festival, Composed and conducted by Maestro Kermit Poling, performed by the Cathedral Choir of St. John Berchmans, St. Cecilia Society, Prisma, Shreveport Opera Express and the Shreveport Festival Orchestra, and dedicated to the memory of the Five Priests who gave their lives during the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1873.

**HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH
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