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Sacred Heart Of Jesus Catholic Church

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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.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

MASSSES for the WEEK

01/06 SAT.	6:00 p.m.	PARISHIONERS OF SACRED HEART & ST. MARY OF THE PINES	
01/06 SAT.	6:00 p.m.	JÉAN PAUL & RANDY BROSSET	by: Mardie & Les Brosset (Mom & Dad)
01/07 SUN.	10:30 a.m.	FAY CUNNINGHAM	by: Tim & Elaine Smith
01/07 SUN.	10:30 a.m.	CAROLYN BUTSCHER	by: Albert Butscher
01/07 SUN.	10:30 a.m.	V.J. CONNER	by: Jeanette Guidry
01/07 SUN.	10:30 a.m.	LE THI HAO (MARIE)	by: An A. Cao
01/10 WED.	9:00 a.m.	ADORATION, BENEDICTION & CONFESSION	
01/10 WED.	10:00 a.m.	MARY CATHERINE JONES	by: St. Joseph Bereavement Ministry
01/13 SAT.	6:00 p.m.	RAYNETTE SEPULVADO	by: Connie Sepulvado
01/13 SAT.	6:00 p.m.	BUCK PROCELL	by: Mary Powell
01/14 SUN.	10:30 a.m.	AMY COATES	by: Danny & Teresa Pizzolato
01/14 SUN.	10:30 a.m.	JOE VICTORIA	by: Sarah McIntyre
01/14 SUN.	10:30 a.m.	INOCENTA "SUE" PABUA	by: Emma White

SAT., JAN. 06 - 6:00 PM

SUN., JAN. 07 - 10:30 AM

SAT., JAN. 13 - 6:00 PM

SUN., JAN. 14 - 10:30 AM

Reader 1 Reader 2

Lucy Rivero
Bea Cernigliaro

Natalia Chandler
Yuri Chandler

Dardanella Powell
Richard Guzman

Tim Smith
Jean Woods

EMHC1 EMHC2

Sandra Hay
Deacon Clary Nash

Larkin Krieg
Bryce Britnell

Roberta Moses
Deacon Clary Nash

Barbara Lichtfuss
Elaine Smith

Altar Server A Altar Server B

Walt Recker

Laykin McIntyre
Katerina Stemplinski &
Karolyn Clark

Richard Guzman

Eva Callicoatte
Bianca Chandler &
Stacey Pangatungan

THE LADIES GUILD 2024

The Ladies Guild will be holding its first meeting of the year. We have lots of items to discuss, the upcoming luncheon we are hosting at Sacred Heart in March and the birthday luncheon. Please try to attend after Mass at around 10:45 a.m. Please bring a sack lunch for some fellowship afterwards. ALL the ladies of the parish are invited!!! For any questions, please call Cherie Breffeilh at 780-0009.



The Sanctuary Lamp Burns

Jan. 7, thru Jan. 13, 2024

In Loving Memory of

"P.J. & Mae Sanders"

by: Libby Campbell

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-Epiphany 2024

by: Fr. Mark Watson, Pastor

As we journey through the Christmas Season, this weekend we celebrate the Epiphany. Epiphany refers to the ways that Christ manifests the glory of the invisible God.

The first reading helps us to understand the meaning of this Feast. The reading from the Book of Isaiah takes place as the exiles return from Exile in Babylon. God's splendor bursts forth for the returning exiles as Jerusalem rises up in splendor. A thick cloud covers the peoples of the other nations. Those of other nations are drawn to Israel. Jerusalem will light the way not only for its own inhabitants; it will provide a welcome refuge for people of all nations. All people from near and far come to the holy city, bearing their priceless gifts: riches from the sea, caravans of camels bulging with treasures, gold, frankincense and wealth beyond measure. God's salvation is not meant for Israel alone, instead it is meant for all people through Israel.

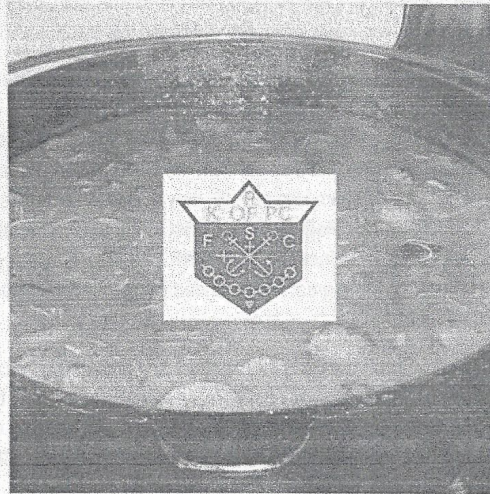
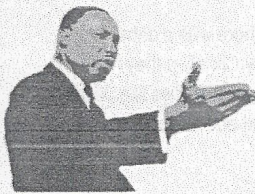
The Gospel tells the story of the Magi, who are Gentiles, or non-Jews, who seek the new born king of the Jews. The Magi pre-figure the faith of the Gentiles in Jesus Christ. This Gospel shows that the salvation of Jesus is offered to all people. **There is a wonderful sense of mystery in this story.** We are not told where the Magi are from, only that they are from the East. As they leave their homes, the Magi do not know where they will find the newborn king but still, they decide to undertake the journey. As they journey, God guides them. **When the Magi find the Christ child, they prostrate themselves before him and they give him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.** Gentiles in Matthew's community would have been impressed by the Magi who show great faith in undertaking an arduous journey, by worshiping Jesus and by giving him valuable gifts.

The second reading is taken from the Book of Ephesians. In the early church there was a debate as to how Gentiles would become Christians. Many held that for Gentiles to become truly Christian they had to live the Jewish Law. The author of Ephesians states that through faith in Jesus Christ, Gentiles like Jews will inherit salvation. Thus, through faith Gentiles are members of the Body of Christ and are co-partners in the faith. The message of salvation is truly for people of every nation.

This Advent has led me to see that the meaning of the Epiphany is being lived out at our parishes. The Epiphany reminds us that the salvation of Christ is meant for all people and that Christ's light shines through all cultures. May all community members, of all cultures, find Christ's truth in one another's religious practices and devotions.

Our lives also are called to reflect the story of the Magi. Just as the Magi journeyed to find Christ, the ultimate destination of our lives is eternal life through Christ Jesus. As the Magi journeyed through the desert, they must have felt that God was far away. In our lives God at times seems far away. We are to continue on our journey knowing that God is with us in those most difficult times. Unlike the Magi, who encountered Christ at the end of their journey, we encounter Christ throughout our lives. This feast is not only about journeying to Christ and finding Christ in our lives but it is about Christ shining forth through our lives. We are to allow Christ to be made manifest through our love, our self-sacrifice and our sharing of the faith with others.

PRE-MLK CELEBRATION & FUNDRAISER



Knights of Peter Claver Council# 144

Sunday, January 14, 2024 - 10:15 A.M.

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church Hall

1558 Buena Vista Street 71101

Delicious Bowl of Chicken & Sausage Gumbo/Rice & Potato Salad

Gumbo prepared by Award Winning Chef Don Jacobs of Marksville

Donation - \$8.00

ALTAR SOCIETY BAKE SALE - \$2.00/slice

Proceeds benefit OLBS Church Building Fund, Susan B. Komen Cancer Research and Fr. Andre McGrath Scholarship Fund

Council 144 will pay tribute to Dr. King with photo displays and "I Have A Dream Speech"

EAT IN OR TAKE OUT



Jan 07—Golden Oldies Group Mtg. after Mass to finalize plans for Valentine Dance. Meetings will be monthly.

Jan 07—Children's Choir practice after Mass in Gab. Hall

Jan 10—Ladies Guild Mtg.—Gab. Hall at 10:30 am

Jan 14—Vocation Rotation Class at 9:00 am in Gab. Hall

Jan 14—Children's Choir practice after Mass in Gab. Hall

Jan 16—Diaconate Formation Prog.—Cathedral Parish Hall—6 pm

Jan 21—Family of Faith at 9:00 am in Gab. Hall

Jan 21—Children's Choir practice after Mass in Gab. Hall

Jan 28—Safe Environment Class for all PSR Children at 9:00 am

Feb 10—Valentine Dance, 2 to 6 pm at S.H. (Jan. planning meeting TBA)

Feb. 11—Blood Drive—10:45 am to 1 pm



2024 SACRED HEART CALENDARS

The Ladies Guild will be selling calendars until they are all gone. They are \$2.00 each and is a service project for the Ladies Guild.

There are a limited amount of them, so get yours early. For any questions, please call Cherie Breffelh at 780-0009.

JOB OPENINGS AT THE CATHOLIC CENTER THEY ARE HIRING!

Join our team at the Catholic Center. See the following:

We Need: General Ledger/Payroll Accountant
Information Technology Technician
Director of Marriage & Family Life
Assistant Director of Facilities

Please submit your resume to: Deacon Michael Straub at mstraub@dioshpt.org

GOLDEN OLDIES GROUP—2024

"Our Golden Oldies Group is off to an ambitious start! The first meeting of the year will be this Sunday January 7th after Mass to finalize plans for the February Valentine's Dance. Meetings will be monthly. Then, they are putting the "FUN" in fundraiser! Our Valentine's Dance is expected to be a huge success for Sacred Heart! There will be food, drinks, music, dancing, karaoke and more. Saturday, February 10th, 2-6pm. **Save the date!** Tickets are only \$10 per person in advance and \$15 per person at the door.

If you have any questions about the events, or want to join the group, contact Loreta Leavitt or Barbara Jean Lichtfuss.

Empowering God's Children Training

Our yearly Empowering God's Children Training (formerly known as Safe Environment Training) will take place on January 28th at 9:00 am in Gabriel Hall. This training is for all grades from Kindergarten through 12th and is mandated by the Diocese. The creators of Protecting God's Children program developed Empowering God's Children Training. This program is a part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and to protect all children from sexual abuse. If you know that your child will not be able to attend this class on Jan. 28th please contact Mrs. Aga Chandler as soon as possible to reschedule.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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

January 7, 2024: Epiphany of the Lord:

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

DIACONATE FORMATION PROGRAM BEGINNING

I am excited to share that the Diocese of Shreveport is kicking off another round of our Diaconate Formation program. I encourage all of our parishioners to prayerfully consider if you or someone you know could be a good deacon for the Church. There will be an informational meeting in our deanery on Tuesday, January 16th at 6 PM in the Parish Hall of the Cathedral of St. John Berchmans. I ask you to prayerfully consider attending this meeting to learn more about how you can take a more involved role in our parish and the Mass.

Lucky Calendar Numbers 2023 Winners December 17 - December 25, 2023

Date	Amt.	No.	Winner	Sold by:
12/17 Sun.	\$ 50.00	# 249	Abby S.	sold by Elaine S.
12/18 Mon.	\$ 25.00	# 781	Wendy S.	(St. Pius X) sold by Richard
12/19 Tue.	\$ 25.00	# 580	No Winner	
12/20 Wed.	\$ 25.00	# 771	No Winner	
12/21 Thu.	\$ 25.00	# 363	Crowley W.	sold by Joe R.
12/22 Fri.	\$ 25.00	# 213	Evy L.	sold by Sarah M.
12/23 Sat.	\$ 35.00	# 374	No Winner	
12/24 Sun.	\$200.00	# 975	Christmas Eve	No Winner
12/25 Mon.	Christmas Day	No Drawing		

Congratulations to all our winners!

Vocation Class

All children are encouraged to attend Vocation Rotation Class on January 14th at 9:00 am. Fr. Mark Watson, Deacon Clary Nash and Sr. Anna Maria Iannetti will lead the class giving their witness of vocation to priesthood, diaconate and religious life. They will speak in age appropriate and interactive manner to reach our youngest listeners, big kids and youth. You do not want to miss this event!

Family of Faith Gathering

Next Family of Faith Gathering will be on January 21st at 9 am in Gabriel Hall. Please join us and bring your whole family to study the Greatest Commandment and First Four Commandments with us. Our guest speaker will be Faith Jackson.

Children's Choir

Children's Choir will meet every Sunday in January right after mass in Gabriel Hall.

**Scripture Readings
For the Week of January 7, 2024**

Sun: The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Mon: Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mk 1:7-11

Tue: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

Wed: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; PS 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39

Thur: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Fri: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12

Sat: Memorial of Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17

Sun: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Weekly Collections

Weekly Collection Needed

\$ 4,772.00

Regular Collection — Dec. 23 & 24, 2023

\$ 3,348.15

(Regular collection includes on-line giving)

Christmas Eve & Day—Dec. 24 & 25, 2023

\$ 2,605.00

Infirm Priests Collection—Dec. 24 & 25, 2023

\$ 555.00

Attendance: Dec. 23 & 24, 2023 — 132

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There is a 2nd collection for “Diocesan Catholic Schools Tuition Fund” on January 20 & 21, 2024. (100 % of this collection stays in the Diocese of Shreveport.)

BLOOD DRIVE



We have a Blood Drive scheduled for February 11th, 2024 from 10:45-1:00pm.



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