



January 14, 2024

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.

WE MUST LEARN TO LIVE TOGETHER AS BROTHERS OR PERISH TOGETHER AS FOOLS. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Masses for the Week

01/13 SAT. 6:00 p.m.
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01/14 SUN. 10:30 a.m.
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RAYNETTE SEPULVADO
BUCK PROCELL
AMY COATES
JOE VICTORIA
INOCENTA "SUE" PABUA

by: Connie Sepulvado
by: Mary Powell
by: Danny & Teresa Pizzolato
by: Sarah McIntyre
by: Emma White

01/17 WED. 9:00 a.m.
01/17 WED. 10:00 a.m.



ADORATION, BENEDICTION & CONFESSION
ALL DECEASED MEMBERS OF SACRED HEART

01/20 SAT. 6:00 p.m.
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01/20 SAT. 6:00 p.m.
01/21 SUN. 10:30 a.m.
01/21 SUN. 10:30 a.m.
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RAYNETTE SEPULVADO & AUBREY BAILES
FAY CUNNINGHAM
JIM HEARD
DESS SCHAEFER
V.J. CONNER
RESTITUTO & JAIME PABUA
PARISHIONERS OF SACRED HEART & ST. MARY OF THE PINES

by: Manuel Sepulvado
by: Angela Samuels
by: The Family
by: Angela Samuels
by: Sarah McIntyre
by: Emma White

SAT., JAN. 13 - 6:00 PM

SUN., JAN. 14 - 10:30 AM

SAT., JAN. 20 - 6:00 PM

SUN., JAN. 21 - 10:30 AM

Reader 1
Reader 2

Dardanella Powell
Richard Guzman

Tim Smith
Jean Woods

Needed
Needed

Mary Dupuis
Emma White

EMHC1
EMHC2

Roberta Moses
Deacon Clary Nash

Barbara Lichtfuss
Elaine Smith

Richard Guzman
Deacon Clary Nash

Cindy Gould
Maria Parker

Altar Server A
Altar Server B

Richard Guzman

Eva Callicoatte
Bianca Chandler &
Stacey Pangatungan

Walt Recker

Annabelle Callicoatte
Patrick Parker &
Michael Stemplinski

**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 Wed. Mass on January 17th. 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 Breffelh at 780-0009.



January 15, 2024—Office Closed

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL

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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 Lamb of God

By: Fr. Mark Watson, Pastor

We have just completed the Seasons of Advent in which we reflected on how the Lord came into the world at Christmas and how He will come in his final coming at the end of time. We have just celebrated the Season of Christmas in which we reflected on the meaning of the Incarnation and of His Manifestation to the Magi and through his Baptism. We look forward to the Season of Lent during which we will turn from sin and turn back to God as we prepare to celebrate Easter. We will then celebrate the Season of Easter during which we will reflect on the meaning of the Resurrection and the new life we received in Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

This Sunday we celebrate the beginning of Ordinary Time. What does Ordinary Time mean? The title of this Season does not mean that this time is ordinary. Ordinary Time is the time during which we reflect on the life and ministry of Jesus and in so doing experience how God desires to save us and to save the world.

In the first reading the boy Samuel is sleeping in the Temple at Shiloh. The first line of the chapter of our first reading states: "During the time young Samuel was minister to the Lord under Eli, a revelation of the Lord was uncommon and vision infrequent" (Samuel 3:1). It had been a long time since God had spoken to his people.

God calls to Samuel three different times while he is asleep and Samuel does not know it is the Lord. Each time he believes that Eli the priest has called him and so he goes to Eli. The first two times Eli believes Samuel is dreaming and so he tells him to go back to sleep. After the third time, Eli tells Samuel to say, "Speak Lord your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10). This time God speaks to the boy Samuel and Samuel listens.

God begins to do something new in Israel. God punishes Eli and his sons who were being unfaithful to God and God begins a new time of grace through the prophet Samuel. The hour of the priest will now yield to the age of the prophet. This new age begins with Samuel and continues with Nathan, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel.

We see God's holy time at work in today's Gospel. John the Baptist sees Jesus walking by and calls out to two of his disciples, "Behold the Lamb of God" (John 1:36). Two of John's followers listen and begin to follow Jesus. Jesus turns around and invites the disciples to "Come and you will see" (John 1:39). They follow Jesus and stay with him from about 4 pm until the end of the day.

The moment of grace flows from one invitation to the next. Andrew later goes out and brings Simon to Jesus. Jesus names Simon, Cephas or Peter. Just as God's grace broke into the world when Jesus invited the disciples to stay with him, so God's grace continues to break into our world.

The readings speak of God doing something new in Israel through Samuel and in the entire world through Jesus and his followers. Ordinary life is penetrated anew by the Word of God and the presence of God. May we be awake and ready to experience God's grace. These readings also call us to share the truth of the faith with others. Eli shares the truth of God with Samuel and John shares the truth with Andrew who shares the truth with Simon. Andrew then brings Simon to Jesus. Had Andrew not shared his faith with Peter, he might not have become the rock upon which the church was built. May we listen to and follow the Lord's call as did Samuel and share the truth of our faith with others as did Andrew.



Jan 14—Vocation Rotation Class at 9:00 am in Gab. Hall
 Jan 14—Children's Choir practice after Mass in Gab. Hall
 Jan 15—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - OFFICE CLOSED
 Jan 16—Diaconate Formation Prog.—Cathedral Parish Hall—6 pm
 Jan 18 to Feb 15—Calling Catholics Home program at the Cathedral
 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—Golden Oldies Group Mtg. after Mass
 Jan 28—Empowering God's Children Training for all PSR Children at 9:00 am
 Feb 10—Valentine Dance, 1-5 pm at S.H. (\$15/person in advance & \$20 at door)
 Feb. 11—Blood Drive—10:45 am to 1 pm
 Feb. 18—Catholic Black History Mass, 10:30 am, with Reception after.

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Please join us on **Sunday, February 18th** during our **10:30 a.m.** mass as we honor SVdP Conference President, Bea Cernigliaro for her outstanding service and dedication to SVdP and our local neighborhood community for the past 25 years.

We are encouraging everyone (adults and children) to wear blue to Mass because blue represents the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. A reception will be held in our parish Hall following mass.

*Thanks for your support! Sincerely in Christ,
 The Catholic Black History Committee*

GOLDEN OLDIES GROUP—2024

Save the Date!

The Golden Oldies Group is off to an ambitious start! The next meeting will be Sunday January 28th after Mass to finalize plans for the February Valentine's Dance. Your attendance is very important. This is another way to put the "FUN" in fundraiser! Our Valentine's Dance is expected to be a huge success for Sacred Heart! There will be food, refreshments, music, dancing, karaoke and more. Saturday, February 10th, 1-5 pm. Tickets are only \$15 per person in advance and \$20 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 14, 2024: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel today, Jesus asks "What are you looking for?" Often, we are looking for happiness in very selfish ways, but we find that when we look for ways to make others happy, it is then that we truly become happy.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

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.

Lucky Calendar Numbers 2024 Winners

January 1 — January 6, 2024

Date	Amt.	No.	Winner	Sold by:
12/31 Sun.	\$ 50.00	# 814	No Winner	
01/01 Mon.	\$100.00	# 924	New Year's Day—No Winner	
01/02 Tue.	\$ 25.00	# 704	Danny G. (St. Mary's)	sold by Richard G.
01/03 Wed.	\$ 25.00	# 515	No Winner	
01/04 Thu.	\$ 25.00	# 769	No Winner	
01/05 Fri.	\$ 25.00	# 737	Eloise D. (St. Pius X)	sold by Walt R.
01/06 Sat.	\$ 35.00	# 472	No Winner	

Welcome to the 2024 Lucky Calendar Number (LCN) pick 3 drawings.

Good Luck with YOUR 2024 Lucky Cal. Numbers. We still have 2024 numbers for sale and will sell them through February. So, if you haven't gotten one yet, you still can, just contact Cathy from Sacred Heart at 318-286-6275.



BLOOD DRIVE

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

Hello, God

Just before our first reading it says that "the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions." (1Sam 3:1) I imagine most people today would think that was true. Do you think God has stopped talking? People apparently felt that way in Samuel's time. Let's look at the reading to see what Samuel's experience can teach us.

At first Samuel thinks it is Eli calling him. It is not unusual for people to miss a sign from God. If you have a talent that you are proud of, perhaps it is a sign that God wants you to use that talent to help others. Or if a friend tells you she is concerned about your health, it could be God's way of telling you to get help. Try to see God speaking in whatever happens to you and you may hear a lot more than you think.

Samuel also gets help from Eli. Eli began to recognize that the LORD was speaking to Samuel. Sometimes we need help discerning what the Lord is telling us. A good spiritual director can help. He or she will probably ask how often you pray. In our reading Samuel finally speaks directly to God, instead of going back to Eli. So if you wonder what God plans for your life, try spending more time in prayer with him. I bet we have all had times where we didn't know if we are doing God's will because we didn't take time to pray. But don't do all the talking. Give God some quiet time to hear his response. For God hasn't stopped talking; we just stopped listening. Tom Schmidt

**Scripture Readings
For the Week of January 14, 2024**

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

Mon: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tue: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wed: Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thur: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12

Fri: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11; Mk 3:13-19

Sat: Memorial of Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr and Saint Sebastian, Martyr

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

Sun: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

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Weekly Collections

Weekly Collection Needed

\$ 4,772.00

Regular Collection — Jan. 6 & 7, 2024

\$ 4,115.00

(Regular collection includes on-line giving)

\$

(Children's Collection— Jan. 6 & 7, 2024)

\$ 13.00

Attendance: Jan. 6 & 7, 2024 — 205

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.)



**CALLING
CATHOLICS
HOME**

For all who have
been away from
the Church

Program begins
January 18th

For more
information call
318.221.5296
ext. 108

Cathedral of St. John Berchmans

As we begin the new year, we are once again hosting our Calling Catholics Home program to invite Catholics to return to the Church. Dr. Cheryl White will be leading the program here at the Cathedral. It will begin on Thursday, January 18th and conclude on Thursday, February 15th. Call 221-5296

ext. 108 for information. Meeting will start in Parish Hall in the School from: **5:30 pm to 6:30 pm.**