

The Pastor Jots (It Down!

My dear parishioners and friends of Mary Help of Christians Parish,

I greet you today with sadness in my heart as we celebrate the final Mass at our beloved St. John Bosco Church.

This church's life has been woven inextricably into the fabric of our lives. For many over 40+ years.

Many of the most important moments in our lives have been celebrated in this church: Baptisms, First Holy Communions, Confirmations, Weddings, and Funerals of those near and dear to us.

These moments, together with all the activities that took place here, will be forever engraved in our hearts and no one can take these memories away from us.

We wish that this parish church could continue on forever.

Though the times, the neighborhood, the Westbank and the mores of our younger generations have all changed since this church was dedicated by Archbishop Phillip M. Hannan on November 21, 1982.

No matter what, we remain a people of faith, no matter where the Lord may lead us in the future.

I hope that those who have come here for the last Mass at St. John Bosco will continue to bring Don Bosco's Salesian Family Spirit with them wherever they go.

I hope that many of those who continued to worship at St. John Bosco during the extension given us by Archbishop Aymond, will seriously consider checking out both worshiping and registering as parishioners of our new Parish of Mary Help of Christians.

For those who have already left St. John Bosco for other parishes, I hope you find a sense of belonging as well as spiritual nourishment and missionary discipleship. Know also, you're all welcome to come back home to the Salesian Parish of the Westbank.

For the immediate future, we will maintain the current Sunday Mass schedule of both churches. So on Saturday, there will be two Vigil Masses at MHC: 4pm and 5:30pm. On Sunday, the schedule will be 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12Noon and 8 pm. Further discernment may be needed based on attendance.

Weekday Mass, Monday through Friday will be at 7am and 8am on Saturday.

Eucharistic Adoration will be on Wednesdays following the 7am Mass until 8pm Wednesday Evening. From 7 to 8 pm, there will be two or three confessors available for confessions.

Hopefully, we will be beginning First Friday Nocturnal Adoration in December. It will begin Friday evening with Mass (9 First Fridays), followed by all night adoration, and concluding with the 8am Saturday Mass (5 First Saturdays).

Regarding our parish societies, groups, committees, and guilds, the listening process continues. We want to build strong foundations as made known to us with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

God bless you and thank you for dedication over the years!

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Adoration



Weekly Adoration

Mary Help of Christians Church

600 2nd Ave., Harvey

Every Wednesday beginning on Wednesday, November 6th

Scheduled Adorers please commit to one hour from

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

followed by the regular

Adoration Ef Confession

7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in signing up please contact

CLAUDIA PRICE 504-367-4641 Home phone or 504-453-7684 Cell phone

The Mass Book _

We have had many requests about scheduling Masses for the coming year. Normally, the Mass Book opened in October. That did not happen this year and the reason it did not happen was that Mass times have yet to be determined for the future.

At the present time we will have Masses as follows: **Saturday Vigils** -4:00 & 5:30 p.m. **Sunday** -7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 and 8:00 p.m. The daily Masses will remain the same: **Monday-Friday** -7:00 a.m.; **Saturday** -8:00 a.m. The seven Masses on the weekend will continue until it can be determined the times that best suit our parishioners. The only thing that we can be sure of, is that there will be changes. And, that there is no set date for these changes to take place.

If a change effects one or more of your Masses that Mass will be moved to the time closest to your original preference. There can be no refunds.

Knowing that change is inevitable, we are now scheduling Masses for 2025. If you do not agree with the office staff moving your Mass, please make your selection for a shorter period of time, i.e., by the day, week or month. We want to accommodate everyone to the best of our ability, please be patient and bear with

With this in mind, if you are ready to schedule your Masses, there is a form at the church entrances, that you can pick up and fill out. The form can be dropped in the collection basket, placed in the mail box on the gate or brought to the office. You can also call the office, 504-340-1962 to schedule an appointment with Jackie Gerstner if you are planning to schedule many different individual Masses for the year. If you are not scheduling for the year, calling the office for a few Masses or dropping off your list has worked well in the past, and seems to be the easiest for all concerned.

Donations for Masses are \$5.00. This donation also applies to those whose names are listed in the Bulletin for healing and read at Mass. If you want to add someone to the Prayer List that rests on the Altar during Mass, call the office and we will add them to the list, but their names will not be read individually.

As previously written, we now follow the new format of listing living and deceased together, with special occasion celebrations noted, as space allows.

If you have any questions about scheduling Masses, please call the office, 504-340-1962.

Vigil Lights

Scheduling Lamps and Bread and Wine can also be done at the same time as you schedule your Masses. Donations for Vigil Lights are \$10.00. Lamps are: Sanctuary, Blessed Mother, Sacred Heart, St. Rosalie, St. John Bosco, and two lamps at Divine Mercy.

RCIA



Do you want to learn more about the Catholic Faith?
Thinking about becoming Catholic?
Join our RCIA Program.

Call the Parish Office 504–340–1962 to register.



Back to the Beginning

On a bright Sunday morning, November 21, 1982, the Feast of Christ the King, Archbishop Philip M. Hannan, the Ordinary of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Louisiana, accompanied by about twenty priest, thirty-five Dominican and Salesian Sisters, elected public officials, including our Congresswoman, Lindy Boggs, and representatives of the Archdiocesan Education Department, blessed the new St. John Bosco Middle School, and then proceed to anoint, bless, and inaugurate the newly constructed St. John Bosco Catholic Church. The new Church and School are located in a very large new subdivision with 4,000 single houses with a thousand more in the building, named Woodmere, Harvey just west of the famous Harvey Canal and about a ten minute ride from St. Rosalie Church. The Woodmere Subdivision is populated by young families, many college educated, professionals, including engineers, lawyers, teachers, etc. There are many children and teenagers just waiting for the Salesians. With so many people in in the Woodmere Subdivision, it was inevitable that a new Catholic Parish would be created. The mandate to do this was given to the Salesians of St. John Bosco, who had been active on the West Bank for 50 years. Besides, part of the subdivision was within the southern boundary of St. Rosalie Parish, staffed by the Salesians for the previous 19 years.

Negotiations began in 1977 between the Archbishop of New Orleans in whose jurisdiction the Subdivision was located, and the Salesians for the Salesians to accept the Subdivision as a mission of St. Rosalie Parish. In 1978 Fr. Salvatore Isgro, then the Provincial, accepted that arrangement.

The fast growth of the new area necessitated the building of a church and the extension of St. Rosalie School, which now had about 800 students enrolled. The church was almost two years in the planning stage and required almost one year to build. The architect was Mr. Alvin Hotard, and the Clover Construction Company as the builder. The church seats approximately 700 people.

The new Church of St. John Bosco is a very pleasant blend of the contemporary and traditional styles. It is in earthen-colored brick, outside and inside, with wide porcelain trim. It has two large mirror-glaze windows facing the north and south, allowing for dramatic views of the exterior. There are nine beautiful faceted-glass windows depicting symbols of the seven Sacraments, and portraits of St. Joseph and St. Dominic, the latter in honor of the Dominican Sisters, who are in charge of the

school. The new church contains exquisite furnishings, including in hand-carved wood, a large (7' x 12') Risen Christ on a cross, Stations of the Cross, Statues of Mary Help of Christians, St. John Bosco, St. Joseph, and the Sacred Heart. In beautiful marble (Bottecino and Allegante) especially commissioned from Florence, Italy, are the altar, the lecture, the baptistry, and holy water fonts. The Mensa of the altar is a glorious slab of highly polished Bottecino marble weighing 1,250 lbs. The new church includes a St. Joseph Chapel, seating for about 60 people and is used for daily Mass, cry room, brides room, and lecture room.

The first Mass, with the enthronement of the Blessed Sacrament, was held on Sunday, October 15, 1982, in the presence of 1,300 people who crowded into the church. As noted above, the church was formally blessed by Archbishop Hannan on Sunday, November 21, 1982, and at the same time the Archbishop blessed the new school. Many dignitaries attended. Lunch was at the Woodmere Club.

The Woodmere Subdivision became a parish in its own right with the Archbishop's official decree of June 16, 1983, and on that same day Fr. Emil Fardellone, SDB was officially appointed the first Pastor.

The St. John Bosco Church and School are situated on a seven-acre tract of land, containing large cypress trees, and immediately next to a seven acre tract recreational park (with baseball diamonds) operated by Jefferson Parish. Together, the two seven acre plots resemble a fourteen-acre park. Nearby are also eight large tennis courts, an olympic swimming pool, and a private clubhouse. The church plus all furnishings cost close to \$800,000, and the school cost of \$550,000. In less than two years over a million dollars in cash had been raised. The church was completely paid for before it was blessed.

During the building of the church, the new Middle School was started. It contains ten classrooms, a large library, a large science laboratory, extensive administrative offices, and a teacher's lounge. The first students entered after Thanksgiving recess in November, 1982.

The new rectory was completed by the Feast of St. John Bosco, January 31, 1983. The first and founding Pastor, Fr. Emil Fardellone, moved in on that day. The rectory is a Bellwood type home built by Sunrise homes and it has four bedrooms. The garage was altered into parish offices, and a new carport plus an enclosed patio were built.

A n interesting footnote to this parish history is that the founder of the Clover Construction Company, which built the St. John Bosco Church and School, Mr. Hugh O'Connor, was raised as a boy in Hope Haven, which was then operated by the Salesians. He did not know that 50 years later he would build a church in honor of the Saint whom he learned to love as a boy.

May 21, 1986 Written by Fr. Philip Pascucci, SDB Salesians of St. John Bosco New Rochelle, NY



Our Parish Is Formed



ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS

7887 WALMSLEY AVENUE

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70125

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Willingly encouraging all things to promote the greater glory of God and the salvation of souls entrusted to our care, and having obtained the advice of our Archdiocesan Consultors, the Reverend Clergy of the area, the Archdiocesan Boundary Commission, and members of the Faithful, we herewith erect the Parish of St. John Bosco Parish, Harvey, Louisiana, and officially promulgate its boundaries as follows:

Northern: Lapalco Boulevard

Western: Southern Gas Pipe Line Canal and its imaginary extension in the

direction of Lapalco Boulevard

Southern: Generally Bayou Coquille from Barataria Boulevard toward the

east in the direction of the Intracoastal Canal

Eastern: Intracoastal Canal

The Parish of St. John Bosco, Harvey, Louisiana, is assigned to the West Bank Danery.

This Decree is to take effect on July 1, 1983.

Given at New Orleans, Louisiana, under our Seal and Signature and the Signature of our Vice Chancellor, this seventeenth day of the month of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-three.

Archbishop of New Orleans

Assistant Chancellor

Concordat oum originali August Januarius

Augus





PASTORAL TEAM

REV. EMIL FARDELLONE, S.D.B.

PASTOR

REV. STEVEN DUMAIS, S.D.B. **DEACON GARY RILETTE** MR. ERNEST ELFER

REV. RICHARD MATACONIS, S.D.B. **DEACON PATRICK BURKE** THE IRISH DOMINICAN SISTERS

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CHURCH

The church is God's Eucharistic home. It is also a house of prayer. To grace His Home and to make it a house of piety for our people, we highlight some of the features of our church.

- The north and south mirror-glaze windows allow the sky, the clouds, the trees gifts of God to pour in.
- The altar, lectern, baptistry and holy water fonts are artistically made of Italian marbles, Bottecino and Allegante. All were made near Florence, Italy.
- The Statue of Mary, Help of Christians, is of hand-carved wood, a masterpiece of the Lady seen by St. John Bosco. It is in the traditional colors known around the Salesian world.
- The Stations of the Cross, as well as the statues of St. Joseph and the Sacred Heart are hand-carved by master artisans living in the Italian Alps.
- The St. Joseph Day Chapel is fashioned like a slice of the large church. It serves as a beautiful room for daily Mass, a cry room on week-ends and a Bride's room for weddings.
 - The life size Statue of our Patron, St. John Bosco, is also made of hand-carved wood.
- The hand-made monumental Risen Christ and Cross hung above the altar was beautifully made in a lovely valley in the Dolomite Mountains in northern Italy.
 - The Tabernacle is made of solid bronze, adorned with Eucharistic symbols.
- The faceted glass windows, made by Milton Pounds Studio of Metairie, illustrate the Seven Sacraments. Also in the choir area is St. Dominic, in honor of the Dominican Sisters who have staffed our school for many

IN RECOGNITION

PROJECT COORDINATOR

Daniel Pouwels & Associates

CONTRACTOR

Clover Contractors, Inc.

ARCHITECT

Alvin Hotard

This Church and this School are the products of the dreams, the prayers, the hard work and the sacrifice of many people. Their determination and generosity made these projects possible. In their name, we dedicate these buildings.

You Are Invited ~ 35th Anniversary Mass October 14, 2018 10AM

Sanctuary Committee

The Sanctuary Committee for the weekend of November 9, 2024 is Team 7, which consists of Kathy Savona, Toni Savona and Tally Gros.

Mary Help of Christians Registration

If you would like to be a parishioner of Mary Help of Christians Parish please fill out a Blue Card which can be found in the back of church. Once the parish is established the current Green Cards will no longer be active. Your assistance in getting everything updated is greatly appreciated.

Confirmation

The next Confirmation Class will be **October 21st**

Rehearsal – 7 p.m. May 20, 2025 Confirmation – 7 p.m. is May 22, 2025

Thank you for contributing to our



Mary Help of Christians

(formerly St. Rosalie & St. John Bosco)



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620 First Avenue Harvey

Vocation Crucifix

Anyone who is interested in receiving the Vocations Cross (and has not yet received it) may sign their names and phone numbers on the sheets located on the Vocation Cross table at the foot of the altar. There is a separate sign-up sheet for each mass so make sure to sign-up for the mass you regularly attend. You will be contacted and scheduled for a specific date. Thanks to all those who are praying daily for vocations to priesthood and religious life!

The KC Ladies' Auxiliary is taking orders for

Thanksgiving Sweets Trays

featuring a variety of sweets:

Italian Fig & Seed Cookies Fudge & Pralines

Trays are \$35 each
Cookies - \$12/doz.
Fudge and Pralines \$1.00/bag

Last day to order is Monday, November 11th This is a FIRM DEADLINE!

Orders will be ready for pick up on Saturday, November 23 9-10 a.m. in the Parish Center

There is a 50-tray limit, so place your orders as soon as possible.

To order call Jackie Gerstner - (504) 940-8165 or Marion Cortez - (504) 270-4723

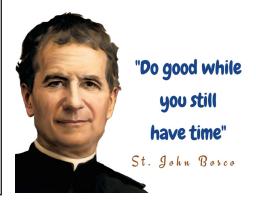


2025 Jubilee Young Adult Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi July 11-19, 2025

The CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office invites young adults of the Archdiocese of New Orleans to join us on a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi in the summer of 2025 for the Jubilee of Hope year.

Pilgrims will embark on an eight-day journey that will immerse themselves in the great mystery and rich history of our one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. Each day will contain Mass, opportunities for prayer, and high step counts as we walk and hike through Rome and Assisi on guided tours of its churches, cathedrals, basilicas, and other holy places. The pilgrimage will culminate in a visit to St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museums, and the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican. For a full itinerary, more information, and the site to register, visit https://nolacatholic. org/jubileeya25.

For any questions, please contact James Behan at yam@arch-no.org.



MHC-SR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:00am Christina Fleming 4:00pm Alexis & Beverly Vicari Raymond & Craig LeBlanc

Donald Comeaux

Carlo & Beverly Damico

Arnold Lassere

Geraldine & Hilton Landry,

& Hilton II

Ryan Welch

Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.

Linda Clement

Hilda Orgeron

Antonio D'Amico

Marie & Norman Sevin

Jerry Melanson, Sr.

Deborah Pellegrin & Zar Family

Patricia Burke

George Markey III

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

7:30am For All Parishioners 10:30am Yves 'Vessie' Bourgeois

Julie Kirkland

Byron S. LeJeune

Timothy Regas

Kevin Fitzhenry

Agnes & Sidney Rotolo

Gary Orgeron

Rodney Isemann

T-Van Falgout

Shannon Morvant Olivero

Artney J. Morvant

Mary Morvant O'Neil

Ann White

Nelson Cantrelle, Jr.

Linda Clement

Ruby & Godfrey Boudreaux, Sr.

Chetta Doming

Laura Ann Ditta Walker

Zeke Doming

Sam & Laura Ditta

Margaret & Joe Panepinto

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

7:00am Marilyn & Charles 'Tee' Blanchard Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

7:00am Jessica De La Cerda Loretta Chandler, DOB All Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

7:00am Christina Fleming

Peace for Cuong Tran

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

7:00am Saladina & LeBlanc Families

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7:00am Stoner/Reist/Oblender deceased

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:00am Julie Kirkland

4:00pm Alexis & Beverly Vicari

Raymond & Craig LeBlanc

Donald Comeaux

Carlo & Beverly Damico

Arnold Lassere

Geraldine & Hilton Landry,

& Hilton II

Rvan Welch

Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.

Linda Clement

Michael Brehm

Hilda Orgeron

Michael Burke, Sr.

Margie Montet

Shayna Catherine Cline

Josephine & Bert LeBlanc, Sr.

Claude & Verine Zeringue

Ethel & Henry Kraus

Conrad & Anthony Saluto

Tony & Jaden Phillips

Hidalgo, Tassin & Simoneaux

Families & Shirley Keller

Patricia Burke George Markey III

In Our Parish-

ALTAR WINE

is given for healing of

Yves Bourgeois II

BREAD & WINE Robert Villars

SANCTUARY LAMP

will burn in memory of

Julie Kirkland

BLESSED MOTHER'S LAMP

will burn in memory of

Mae Mahl & Mabel Gerstner

ST. ROSALIE'S LAMP

will burn in memory of

Fr. John DiFiore, SDB

SACRED HEART'S LAMP

will burn in memory of

Carlo & Beverly Damico

DIVINE MERCY LAMPS

Lamp 1 will burn in memory of

Fr. Jon Parks, SDB & Joey Parks

Lamp 2 will burn in memory of Christina Fleming

MHC-SJB

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:00am All Souls in Purgatory

5:30pmPhaolo Ngoc

Matta Ty

Paul Louis Nguyen Dinh Dzung

The Lynch Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:00am Derek & Billy DiMarco, Jr.

Ferrer & Calimlim Families

Poor Souls in Purgatory

Brasset & Brignac Families

NOON Phero Nguyen Van Bang

8:00pmAll Parishioners

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

7:00am All Souls

Ernesto Rigau

Patricia Mitchell

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

7:00am Helen DeBlanc, MOB

Ernesto Rigau

Patricia Mitchell

All Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

7:00am Talamo/Termine Families

Leatrice Hollis

Ronald Jackson

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

7:00am Derek DiMarco, MOB

Caroline Vuong Chen

Leatrice Hollis

Ronald Jackson

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7:00am Robert Ha

John Otis

Lee Edwin Hewitt

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:00am All Souls in Purgatory

5:30pm Wayne Delaune

Neil J. Folse, Sr. & Jr. Teresa Thanh Traun

Earl DeSoto

MASSES FOR HEALING:

Brook Adams, Alana Gabriel, Roland Bourgeois, Alexa Schexnaildre,

Jackie Morvant Bush, Ricky Savoy, Kim Riley, Milton Danos, Jonathan Cline,

Tally Gros, Cindy Dufour, Gary Guidry,

Rosalie Oubre, Bob Lino, Heidi LeBlanc, Linda LeJeune, Hazel Johansen,

Lenora & Merrill Martinez, Louise Punch,

Cindy Robichaux, Sandra Hecker, Victoria Messina, Yves Bourgeois II.

Kathleen Orgeron, Charles Bourgeois, Jr.

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Masses

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The Latest Mass on the Westbank! **Sunday – 8:00 p.m.**



MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

600 2nd Avenue Harvey, LA

Mary Help of **Christians Church**

Fr. Mark Hyde, SDB, Pastor

Fr. George Hanna, SDB, Parochial Vicar

Saturday Vigil – 4:00 & 5:30 pm Sunday - 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am & 12:00 pm

Youth & Young Adult Mass Sunday – 8:00 pm

> Weekdays - 7:00 am Saturday - 8:00 am

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Confessions: Saturday 3:15-3:45 pm Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Adoration Wednesday 7:30 am - 8:00 pm

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