

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.

Luke 6:38 NABRE

Nicola Fioravanti

Welcome to
MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
February 23, 2025

The Pastor Jots It Down!

My dear Parishioners and Friends of Mary Help of Christians,

Greetings from Meriden, CT! I am enjoying my 2024 vacation with family. It's great to reconnect with family and enjoy some days of R and R.

This week for the **Pastor Jots It Down**, I'd like to share some thoughts about acceptance found in **The Courage to Accept: Embracing Reality and Finding Inner Strength** by Mardoche Sidor, MD and Karen Dubin, PhD, LCSW:

"Acceptance is one of the most challenging, yet liberating, acts of courage we can undertake. It requires us to confront uncomfortable truths, let go of unmet expectations, and embrace reality as it is. The courage to accept involves acknowledging our limitations, understanding our circumstances, and finding peace within ourselves despite life's imperfections. This act of courage paves the way for healing, growth, and a deeper connection with ourselves and others.

Understanding Acceptance

"Acceptance is not about resignation or giving up. It is about recognizing and honoring the present moment, with all its complexities and contradictions. It means acknowledging what we cannot change while still striving to improve what we can. Acceptance allows us to stop fighting against reality and start working with it, enabling us to respond to life's challenges with grace and resilience.

The Fear of Acceptance

"Many of us resist acceptance because it often involves confronting painful truths or relinquishing control. We fear that accepting certain aspects of our lives might make us appear weak or passive. However, true acceptance requires immense strength and bravery. It involves facing our fears, vulnerabilities, and

disappointments head-on, and finding the inner strength to move forward.

Embracing Reality

"The courage to accept starts with embracing reality. This means letting go of denial and wishful thinking, and seeing things as they truly are. Whether it is accepting a personal shortcoming, a difficult life situation, or the actions of others, embracing reality allows us to make informed and empowered choices.

The Power of Acceptance

"Acceptance transforms our relationship with ourselves and the world. It allows us to find peace in the midst of chaos and to approach life with a sense of equanimity. By accepting reality, we can conserve our energy for constructive actions rather than wasting it on futile resistance. Acceptance fosters resilience, adaptability, and a deeper sense of self-compassion.

Conclusion

"The courage to accept is a powerful and transformative act. It involves embracing reality, letting go of control, and finding peace within ourselves. Acceptance is not about giving up; it is about moving forward with clarity and strength. It is about recognizing the beauty and potential within the present moment and using it as a foundation for growth and transformation. Let us embrace the courage to accept, knowing that it is through acceptance that we find true freedom and inner peace."

Thinking of you and holding you in prayer during these vacation days!

I will be returning the evening of March 3rd. Until then, Fr. George will be holding down the fort.

God loves you!



This Sacred Moment:

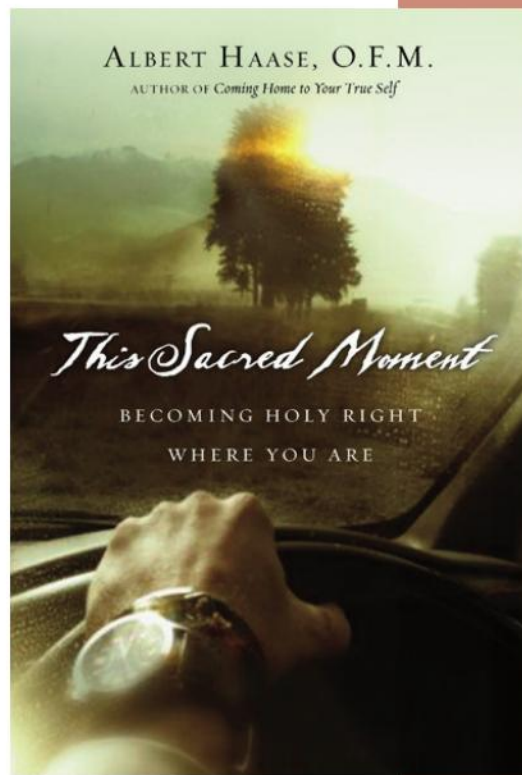
Becoming Holy Right Where You Are

What does it mean to be a holy person? The answer might surprise you. Now in its 2nd printing, this delightful yet challenging book from spiritual director Albert Haase provides practical wisdom for becoming holy—right in the midst of “ordinary” life. “Any and every situation holds the grace for the transformation called holiness. . . . [By] imitating Christ and emptying myself for the benefit of another,” Haase writes, “I can become holy right where I am.”

He illustrates how we do this by highlighting real people becoming truly holy as they raise their kids, cope with illness, care for elderly parents or interrupt their day to show kindness to someone in the grocery store.

Haase also guides us in this new way of living, offering practices that help us discern what God is calling us to in each moment, as well as clear direction for living in the Spirit, the source of our holiness. Written in brief, engaging chapters combined with a few reflection questions, this book is designed to fit realistically into our already full lives.

“I believe that holiness is not as elusive or impossible as most of us think,” Haase says. “That’s not to say it’s easy; it certainly is not. But I think there are many people in the world . . . who know that God calls them right where they are. Living in and guided by the Spirit, they imitate Jesus: they selflessly respond to God’s call in this sacred moment for the enrichment of others.”



Sunday Book Club

Mary Help of Christians

Beginning Sunday, March 30th 2025

9:00 am

Salesian Youth Center, 604 2nd Ave., Harvey

To Register or for more information: 504-881-0486

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Young Adult & Youth Mass

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Sunday – 8:00 p.m.

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Second Collection

There will be a Second Collection taken up at all Masses this weekend to benefit Catholic Charities. Please be as generous as possible.

Sanctuary Committee

The Sanctuary Committee for the weekend of March 1, 2025 is Team 4, which consists of Mary Landry, Jane Burke, Evangelina Rodriguez, Sandra Hecker, and Rose Champagne

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. By providing your cell phone number and email address, you will receive notices of events and *Flocknotes*, keeping you up to date with current happenings in the parish. Your information is kept here in the parish, and will never be sold or given out.

St. Joseph Altar



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March 19th

Viewing from 12 noon - 6 p.m.

Donations received at the Altar will be given to a special family for medical assistance.

For Your Information

Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the sick takes place on the 1st Thursday of the month after 7 a.m. Mass.

When hospitalized, please have a family member or friend call the parish office to arrange for the Sacrament.

Rosary Devotions

Weekdays before and after the
7:00 a.m. morning Mass.

Saturdays 3:30 p.m. before Vigil Mass

Thursdays 10 a.m. in the Church.

Last Saturday of the Month
The Fatima Rosary at Noon
in the Church

Music Ministry

Mass Choirs (Adult & Children) and Musicians – Traditional, Folk, Praise and Worship.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Share your musical gifts and talents with the worshipping community. See Gail Adams after Mass.

Marriage Preparation

Before setting any dates or booking any halls/restaurants, etc., please check in with a parish priest to review the requirements and begin the preparation process.

Minimum prep time is 6 months. The earlier you begin the process the better.

Baptisms Infant and Child

Parents should call the office to make an appointment with parish priest to begin preparations.

Sacramental Records

All Sacramental Records from St. John Bosco and St. Rosalie can be obtained by calling the Archives of the Archdiocese of New Orleans at (504) 861-6241.

Mary Help of Christians

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:00am Catechumens & Candidates

4:00pm Alexis & Beverly Vicari

Raymond & Craig LeBlanc

Donald Comeaux

Ryan Welch

Arnold Lassere

Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.

Geraldine & Hilton Landry, Sr.

Hilton Landry II

Cindy Robichaux

Jimmy Richoux

Troy Dean Williams II

Frank, Cecilia & Kathleen Repak

Weinstock, Grossman & Lewis

5:30pm All Parishioners

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:30am Anne & Sean Early (Ann.)

9:00am Marilyn DeBlanc

Estelle & William Allen

10:30am Doris & Walter Treadaway

Lorena & Avie Legendre

Yves 'Vessie' Bourgeois

Julie Kirkland

Byron S. LeJeune

Martha & Dagoberto Martinez

Kevin Fitzhenry

Christi Poussard

Gary Orgeron

Shannon Morvant Olivero

Artney J. Morvant

Mary Lee O'Neil

Ann White

Rodney Iseman

Madeline Behette

Anne, William, Thomas &

Marguerite Hart (L)

Robert Bourgeois, Jr. (L)

NOON All Parishioners

8:00pm All Parishioners

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:00am Billiot/Regan deceased

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:00am Christy Brown

Frederick Dimpfel (DOB)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:00am Gary Martin

Lia Brinkerhoff

Antoine Domino, Jr. (MOB)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00am Troy Dean Williams II (DOD)

Jill Stoner (DOB)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:00am Gary Martin

Fr. Dieter Groden

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

8:00am Mark Andrus

4:00pm Alexis & Beverly Vicari

Raymond & Craig LeBlanc

Michael Brehm

Donald Comeaux

Ryan Welch

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Angelina Guccione

Anthony Guccione

Josephing & Bert LeBlanc, Sr.

Claude & Verine Zeringue

Ethel & Henry Kraus

Claudia Cheraimic

5:30pm All Parishioners



MASSES FOR HEALING:

Alexa Schexnaildre, Jackie Morvant Bush,

Hazel Johansen, Yves Bourgeois II,

Kathleen Orgeron, Heidi LeBlanc

In Our Parish

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Byron S. LeJeune

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will burn for

All Parishioners

BLESSED MOTHER'S LAMP

will burn in memory of

Carlos Savona

DIVINE MERCY LAMPS

Lamp 1 will burn for

All Parishioners

Lamp 2 will burn for

All Parishioners

Prayer to Mary, Help of Christians

by St. John Bosco

*Most Holy Virgin Mary, Help of Christians,
how sweet it is to come to your feet
imploring your perpetual help.*

*If earthly mothers cease not to remember
their children, how can you, the most loving
of all mothers forget me?*

*Grant then to me, I implore you, your perpetual
help in all my necessities, in every
sorrow, and especially in all my temptations.
I ask for your unceasing help for all
who are now suffering.*

*Help the weak, cure the sick, convert sinners.
Grant through your intercessions
many vocations to the religious life.
Obtain for us, O Mary, Help of Christians,
that having invoked you on earth we may love
and eternally thank you in heaven.*



***Most Holy
Mary Help of Christians
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Adoration



Weekly Adoration

at

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.

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7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in signing up
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Mary Help of Christians

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the month of FEBRUARY



For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

A Prayer for Our Nation

God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.

Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

Source: BostonCatholic.org

Devotional Candles

This year since we are one together in worship, we have combined our Devotional Candles and consequential have added additional candles.

We now have:

**Bread & Wine, Sanctuary,
Mary Help of Christians,
Sacred Heart, St. Rosalie,
Blessed Mother,
2 for Divine Mercy**

and coming at the end of March we will have the lamp for **St. John Bosco.**

Please call the office at
(504) 340-1962
for information on
special date availability.



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

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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