

The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**I HAVE COME
TO SET THE EARTH ON FIRE,
AND HOW I WISH IT WERE
ALREADY BLAZING!**

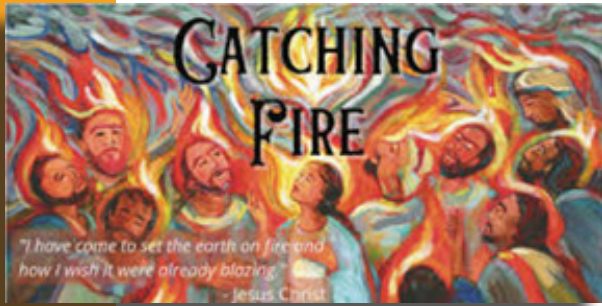
Luke 12: 49-53

Welcome to
**MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
August 17, 2025

The Pastor Jots It Down!

My dear parishioners and friends of Mary Help of Christians,

Happy August! Happy New Beginnings Part III!



In this new academic and pastoral year, we continue our series on New Beginnings, seeking to deepen our friendship with Jesus while building up His Church.

Jesus tells us in today's Gospel: "I have come to set the earth on fire." And that fire was and is to build up the Kingdom of God on earth.

Mary and the apostles caught that fire and went forth to proclaim the Gospel. Because of their fire and zeal, the zeal of the early Christians and the handing on of that fire, we are Catholic Christians today.

APOSTOLIC ZEAL:

Apostolic zeal entails the exercise of stewardship – the building up of the church community through the gifting of TIME, TREASURE, and TALENT.

Time and talent: All of us have gifts and talents which can be used to assist in the operation and maintenance of our parish. Roughly 30% of our registered parishioners take on tasks and volunteer for parish activities. While this number is growing, we need more parishioners to be actively involved.

President John F. Kennedy in his memorable inauguration address used these powerful words: "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." We can paraphrase that to: "Ask not what your parish can do for you, but what can you do for your parish?"

Can you take a walk around the parish properties and see what you, with your gifts and talents, could do to make a difference... on our 16-building campus. (In God's good time, we hope to reduce our building footprint to what we actually need to sustain our parish.)

We have no maintenance man, due to our financial situation, and our current volunteers can't accomplish all that needs to be done. Will you step up to the plate?

CHURCH RENOVATION:

During these days, patience will be needed as we try our best to carry out our ministries and programs. We may be like Don Bosco's Wandering Oratory, moving from place to place, until all is finished, or having to have temporary cancellations. Know that the end product will be something beautiful and blessings for our parish.

GOINGS & COMINGS:

Fr. George, Salesian Lay Missioner Jerry and myself will be on retreat at the Marian Shrine in Stony Point, NY from August 10-16. After the retreat, Fr. George will go on vacation; I will return back to Shaw and take my vacation later on in the year. SLM Jerry will return and another Salesian Lay Missioner will join our Salesian Family in Marrero.

God loves you!

F. Mark



***Our parish and
our apostolic zeal
is to grow like a spiral!***

THE ASSUMPTION



Mary Help of Christians

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

8:00am Victims of Guadalupe River
Flooding in Texas

4:00pm Michael Brehm
Rose Gaspar
Richard Tullier
John Veillon
Gulizo/Hennegan/Spano Family
Estanislao & Maria Ana Gongora
Juan B. & Marcela Rodriguez
Troy Dean Williams
Jimmy Richoux
Oliver & Gloria Blanchard
Roland Bourgeois, Sr.
Keith Matherne, Sr.
Terry Thompson
Geraldine & Hilton Landry
Hilton Landry II
Raymond Champagne
Alexis & Beverly Vicari
Raymond & Craig LeBlanc
Donald Comeaux
Frances Bruce
Ryan Welch
Arnold Lassere
Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

7:30am Ethel Winterstein
JoAnn Dewalle
Candida & Guillermo Calimlim
Clarence & Dorothy Badeaux

10:30am Carlos Savona
Doris & Walter Treadaway
Angelina & Billy Shrader
Joseph O. Christiana, Sr.
Guillermo & Candida Calimlim
Gulizo/Hennegan/Spano Family
Josie S. Celino
Alfred Lee Washington, Sr.
Lou Grace & Nelson Cantrelle, Jr.
Kevin Fitzhenry
Christie Poussard
Billy, Jr. & Derek DiMarco
Yves 'Vessie' Bourgeois
Julie Kirkland
Byron S. LeJeune
Gary Orgeron
Shannon Morvant Olivero
Artney J. Morvant
Marlene Benoit Babin
Broussard/Benoit/Morvant Families
Rodney Isemann
T-Van Falgout
Madeline Behette
Anne, William, Thomas &
Marguerite Hart (L)

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

7:00am Todd Robichaux
Yvonne Miradin (MOB)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

7:00am Mark & Melissa Hortman

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

7:00am Tina Brantley

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

7:00am Marilyn DeBlanc (MOB)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

7:00am Tim LeBlanc (DOB)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

8:00am Mark & Melissa Hortman

4:00pm Frank, Cecilia & Kathleen Repak
Malcolm 'Buck' Cortez
Percy, Cindy & Todd Robichaux
Estanislao & Maria Ana Gongora
Juan B. & Marcela Rodriguez
Oliver & Gloria Blanchard
Arthur & Joretta Bourgeois
Dorothy Saladino
Roland Bourgeois, Sr.
Keith Matherne, Sr.
Terry Thompson
Geraldine & Hilton Landry
Hilton Landry II
Raymond Champagne
Alexis & Beverly Vicari
Raymond & Craig LeBlanc
Donald Comeaux
Frances Bruce
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MASSES FOR HEALING:

Alexa Schexnaildre, Kathleen Orgeron,
Jackie Morvant Bush, Malena Llamas,
Hazel Johansen, Yves Bourgeois II
Robert Bourgeois, Sr., Heidi LeBlanc
Berkley Dearman



St. John Bosco

"LET US

carry our
crosses with
love;
let us see
that they
do not
become a
burden to
others,
but let us
help
others
carry theirs."

In Our Parish

BREAD & WINE

is given in memory of

Doris & Walter Treadaway

SANCTUARY LAMP

will burn in memory of

Alma & Frank Savona

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

will burn in memory of

Ryan Welch

SACRED HEART'S LAMP

will burn in memory of

Julie Kirkland

ST. ROSALIE'S LAMP

will burn in memory of

Josie S. Celino (AOD)

BLESSED MOTHER'S LAMP

will burn in memory of

Steve Tassin

ST. JOHN BOSCO'S LAMP

will burn in memory of

Mark Powanda

DIVINE MERCY LAMPS

Lamp 1 will burn for healing of

Robert Bourgeois, Sr.

Lamp 2 will burn for healing of

Yves Bourgeois II

Why A Vigil Light?

*The subject of light is frequently
referred to in the Bible.*

*Jesus said of Himself: "I am the Light
of the world." (John 8:12)*

*Therefore, if we try to live according
to His teaching and example,
we will not "walk in darkness."*

A VIGIL light, as the name suggests,

is one that symbolically

"keeps watch" for us before the

Lord when we cannot be

*physically present to pray in that
particular place.*

As we fulfill our daily responsibilities

in our homes or places of work and

business, the burning light

symbolically expresses our

petitions, our praise and our

thanksgiving to God.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Sanctuary Committee

The Sanctuary Committee for the weekend of August 23, 2025 is Team 4, which consists of Mary Landry, Jane Burke, Evangelina Rodriguez, Sandra Hecker and Rose Champagne.

Rosary Devotions

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

Saturdays 3:30 p.m.
before Vigil Mass

The Rosary Guild

Thursdays 10 a.m.
in the Church.



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

Vocation Crucifix

Anyone who is interested in receiving the Vocations Cross (and has not yet received it) please fill in one of the forms located at the entrance to church. Drop it in the collection basket or the mail box on the Parish Office gate. 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!

CHA-MOTION

Breath, Balance and Motion
From Your Chair

Class
6:00 pm
Wednesday

Open To
Men & Women
\$5 per class



Taught by Suzanne Ward
Classes held on Mary Help of Christians Campus
Hawks Haven - 616 2nd Ave., Harvey
For more information call Pat - (504) 217-1174

Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the sick takes place on the First 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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Every 1st & 3rd Sunday
at the 10:30 a.m. Mass

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 six months. The earlier you begin the process the better.

Baptisms Infant and Child

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

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.

Adoration



Weekly Adoration

at

Mary Help of Christians Church

600 2nd Ave., Harvey

Every Wednesday

Scheduled Adorers
please commit to one hour
from

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

followed by the regular

Adoration & 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

Mary Help of Christians



St. Rosalie Procession

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Place your order for flowers now.

The deadline is **Wednesday, August 27th.**

Orders and payment must be received by this date.

It is a firm deadline.

The cost of the traditional basket is still **\$54.00.**

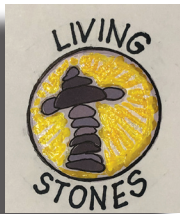
The cost of the basic arrangement is **\$42.00.**

Forms can be found in the back of church or
contact Mitzie Leonard for information.



Prayer to Our Lady of Prompt Succor

Our Father in
heaven through
the intercession of
Our Lady of Prompt
Succor, spare us
during this hurricane
season from all
harm. Protect us and
our homes from all
disasters of nature.
Our Lady of Prompt
Succor, hasten to help
us. We ask this through
Christ our Lord. Amen.



Young Adult & Youth Mass

**The Latest Mass
on the Westbank!**

Sunday – 8:00 p.m.

**Mary Help of Christians
Catholic Church**

600 2nd Ave. Harvey, LA

**DUE TO THE ON-GOING
RESTORATION**

MASS

**IS STILL BEING HELD
IN THE CAFETORIUM
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!**

*Thank you
for donating*  *Food
Pantry
Needs*

Mary Help of Christians

(formerly St. Rosalie & St. John Bosco)

Food Pantry



It's a Shop-Thru

You pick what you need,
leave what you don't!

**Open 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
1st and 3rd Tuesdays
of Each Month**

*For Individuals and
Families in Need of Food*

**New Location Near
St. Rosalie Cafetorium
Handicapped Accessible**

**620 First Avenue
Harvey**

Mary Help of Christians



Fatima Rosary

**Saturday, August 30th
12:00 Noon in Church**

Mary Help of Christians Church

Fr. Mark Hyde, SDB – Pastor

**Fr. George Hanna, SDB,
Parochial Vicar**

**Saturday Vigil – 4:00 pm
Sunday – 7:30 and 10:30 am**

**Youth & Young Adult Mass
Sunday – 8:00 pm**

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**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.**

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**Adoration
Wednesday 7:30 am - 8:00 pm**

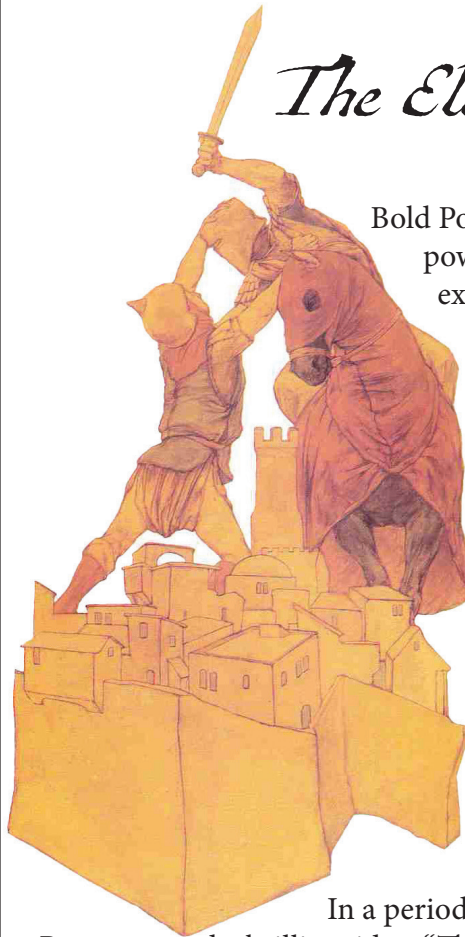
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2000 Years of Christianity

The Eleventh Century



Bold Popes implemented drastic reform. So powerful was Pope Gregory VII that he excommunicated the Holy Roman Emperor, which absolved his subjects from their allegiance.

Art, music and gothic architecture flourished. Guido of Arezzo is credited with the invention of musical notation. He revived the people's piety by the exaltation of chant.

Morals were at a low ebb. Anselm, the Archbishop of Canterbury, was a great philosopher and director of souls. He awakened the Christian conscience of England.

In a period fraught with incessant feuding, the Popes pressed a brilliant idea, "The Truce of God." In cooperation with secular authorities, they limited warfare to only a few days in each week.

The unity of the Church was breached in 1054 when the Greek patriarch charged Rome with heresy and broke away to form Eastern Orthodoxy. This schism built a wall of separation that has lasted to the present day.

The Crusades began. They were a unified response of the Christian peoples from all over Europe to the continuing Islamic conquests of Christian lands.