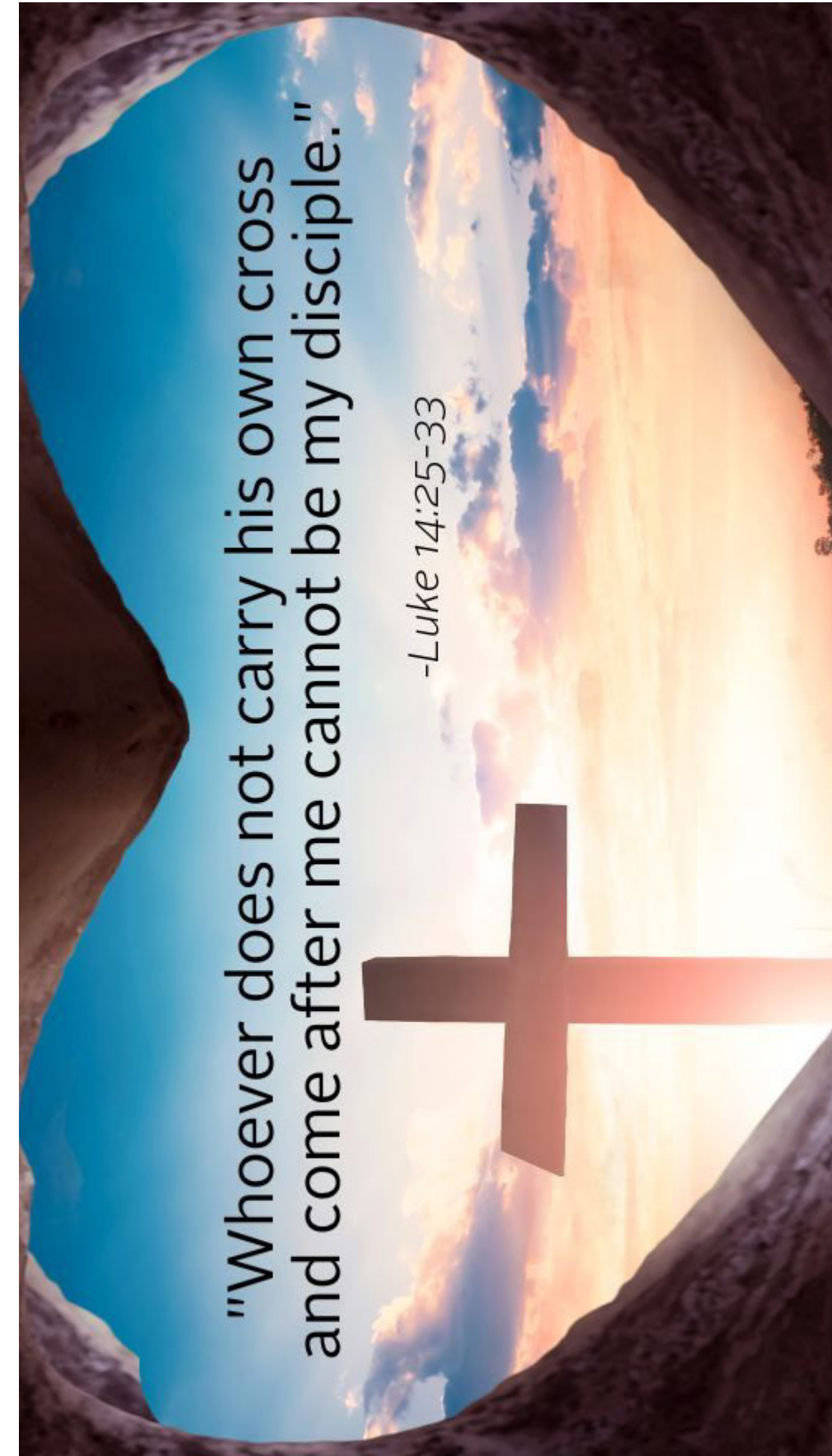




"Whoever does not carry his own cross
and come after me cannot be my disciple."

-Luke 14:25-33

Welcome to

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 14, 2025

The Pastor Jots It Down!

My dear parishioners and friends of Mary Help of Christians,

Blessed Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati are now Saints!



We rejoice as Pope Leo raised to the heights of the altar and declared Carlo Acutis (15-year-old) and Pier Giorgio Frassati (24-year-old) as saints – models for today’s teens and young adults. They enjoyed life, as well as following Jesus, and making a difference in our world reaching, out to help others.

The following five facts about St. Carlo Acutis are taken from the Facebook page of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles:

1. Carlo was born in London, England in 1991. Not long after his birth, his family moved back to Italy.
2. He played video games. He was a typical sports loving, video game playing, tech-savvy teenager. His favorite video games were said to be Halo, Mario, and Pokémon.
3. Carlo was a devout Catholic from a young age, although his parents were not particularly devout. After he received his First Holy Communion, he went to Mass every single day, and his deep spirituality led to a renewal of faith in his mother.
4. Carlo used his love of computers to help share Christ with others. He created a website documenting different Eucharistic miracles around the world to help lead others to a greater love for the Eucharist.
5. Carlo Acutis is known as the “First Millennial Saint.” This reminds us that saints are not just priests, religious and those who lived centuries ago. We are still called to holiness and sainthood today.

Pier Giorgio Frassati, born in 1901 in Turin, Italy, grew up in privilege as the son of a wealthy newspaper owner and a diplomat. Yet he never sought comfort or recognition – his heart belonged to God and to those in need.

He was known for sneaking out to bring food, clothes, and medicine to the poor, often giving away his own belongings without telling his family. For Pier Giorgio, holiness was not something lofty or distant – it was lived out in the streets, in friendship, in joy, and in self-giving love.

He loved the outdoors and spent countless hours climbing mountains, always encouraging his friends to live faith at great heights, both physically and spiritually. His favorite phrase, “Verso l’alto” (“To the heights”), became a motto for his life and continues to inspire young people today.

At just 24 years old, Pier Giorgio contracted polio, most likely from the sick he served. He died offering his suffering to God, his funeral overflowing with the poor he had quietly helped. Today he is canonized a Saint, recognized as a patron of young people, students, and mountaineers.

Notes:

1. Our Book Club begins Sunday, September 14th in the Salesian Youth Center. 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Discussion Group runs for six weeks. The book: “Living the Our Father – Pathway to Discipleship” by Fr. Albert Haas, OFM. Fr. Albert directed our parish mission several years back. He is a dynamic author and preacher.
2. K of C Blood Drive, 629 1st Ave., Sunday, September 14th from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Giving Blood saves lives.
3. K of C and Auxiliary Meeting, 600 2nd Ave., Tuesday, September 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center and Ruekert Hall.

God loves you!

F. Mark



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

Mary Help of Christians



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September 2025

To: Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

It is our archdiocesan tradition to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation, better known as confession, on a weekday evening in September near the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. I am pleased to inform you that many people in the Archdiocese of New Orleans have taken advantage of this opportunity.

This year confessions will be available in all Catholic churches on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, from 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM. Please consider inviting the healing Christ into your heart with his promise of mercy.

*Pope Leo XIV's Apostolic Blessing "Urbi et Orbi," May 8, 2025, he reminds us -
"God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail!"*

Please consider having your family come to church together for Confession on Wednesday, September 17.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

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“Hope in God’s Mercy”

PARISH MISSION

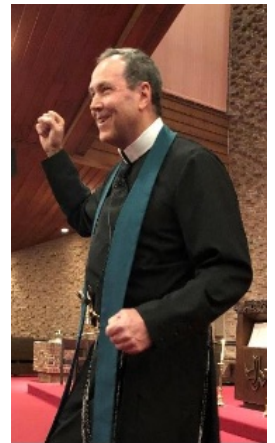
Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church
(Meeting in Cafetorium, 628 First Avenue, Harvey)

**Monday, September 29 - Wednesday,
October 1, 2025**

6 PM

(Morning Sessions at 7 am mass)

Fr. MacDonald is a Redemptorist priest from Woburn, Massachusetts, about 10 miles north of Boston. He entered the Redemptorist Missionary Order after attending Boston College and playing seven years of professional baseball with the Pittsburgh Pirates organization and overseas in Holland and Australia. He is a member of the Boston College Hall of Fame. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1991 and worked as a parish priest in Dominica, New York, Boston, St. Lucia, and the Virgin Islands. He is currently assigned to San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, New Jersey.



LIVING THE LORD’S PRAYER

CONTACT: NICOLE PERQUE 504-881-0486
OR SARAH COMEAUX
504-452-0374

The Way of the Disciple

**MARY, HELP OF
CHRISTIANS**

Book Club

**Sunday, September 14th
9:00AM for 6 weeks**

Meeting in the youth
center

ALBERT HAASE, O.F.M.



illuminate 2025 NOLA CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 27, 2025
9AM-5PM JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL

THIS ONE-DAY CONFERENCE IS A TIME FOR CELEBRATION, LEARNING, PRAYER, AND CHALLENGES IN A CONTEXT OF COMMUNITY FOR 7TH-12TH GRADE STUDENTS.

ATTENTION:

7th - 12th GRADE STUDENTS

This year's NOLA Catholic Youth Conference, sponsored by the Archdiocese of New Orleans Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office, will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at Jesuit High School. Hundreds of teens from parishes and schools across the Archdiocese of New Orleans will gather to celebrate being the young Church, deepen their faith, pray together, and share time with Archbishop Aymond. Will you be in that number? To register, contact your parish office.

Mary Help of Christians

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:00am Alcide & Dolores Guidry
 4:00pm Troy Dean Williams
 Jimmy Richoux
 Tim & Malcolm LeBlanc
 Antonio D'Amico
 Steve Tassin
 Jesse Gros
 Margie & Wilton Montet
 Anthony & Conrad Saluto
 Roland Bourgeois, Sr.
 Pamela A. Florida (MOB)
 Oliver & Gloria Blanchard
 Dorothy Saladino
 Wayne Delaune
 Michael Brehm
 Roland Bourgeois, Sr.
 Keith Matherne, Sr.
 Terry Thompson
 Geraldine & Hilton Landry
 Hilton Landry II
 Raymond Champagne
 Alexis & Beverly Vicari
 Beverly, Raymond & Craig LeBlanc
 Donald Comeaux
 Frances Bruce
 Ryan Welch
 Arnold Lassere
 Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

7:30am Ethel Winterstein
 Clarence & Dorothy Badeaux
 Douglas F. Ferrer
 Richard Tullier
 10:30am Angelina & Billy Shrader
 Roxanne Richoux
 Nguyen Khoa Dieu Mai (MOD)
 Marilyn DeBlanc
 Joseph DeBlanc, Jr.
 Jim, Jill, Rosalie, Cecilia,
 Anthony & Dominic Stoner
 Douglas F. Ferrer
 Peter & Rose Vicari
 Art Landry, Jr.
 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
 LeJeune/Rodrigue/Orgeron &
 Guidry Families
 Gary Orgeron
 Shannon Morvant Olivero
 Artney J. Morvant
 Marlene Benoit Babin

SUNDAY, SEPT. 14 (continued)

Broussard/Benoit/Morvant Families
 Rodney Isemann
 T-Van Falgout
 Madeline Behette
 Anne, William, Thomas &
 Marguerite Hart (L)

8:00pm All Parishioners

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7:00am Rose Mauro
 Steve & Tommy Blanchard

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:00am Joseph & Maria Terese Rigolio
 Mable Gerstner

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:00am Elizabeth Halstead

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:00am Mark Moorman
 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:00am Anthony Mauro, Sr.
 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:00am Dorothy Saladino
 4:00pm Michael Brehm
 Hidalgo/Tassin/Simoneaux Family
 Rose Gaspar
 Malcolm 'Buck' Cortez
 Cindy Robichaux
 John Veillon
 Jesse Gros
 Troy Dean Williams II
 Jimmy Richoux
 Estanislao & Maria Ana Gongora
 Juan B. & Marcela Rodriguez
 Mark Moorman
 Dorothy Saladino
 Wayne & Jimmy Planche
 Johnny Majoria
 Wayne Delaune
 Keith Matherne, Sr.
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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, Samantha Holifield

In Our Parish

BREAD & WINE

is given for

All Parishioners

SANCTUARY LAMP

will burn in memory of

G. Harrison Scott

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

will burn in memory of

Josephine & Bert LeBlanc, Sr.

SACRED HEART'S LAMP

will burn in memory of

Byron S. LeJeune

ST. ROSALIE'S LAMP

will burn in memory of

Mamie & William Treadaway

BLESSED MOTHER'S LAMP

will burn in memory of

Cindy Robichaux

ST. JOHN BOSCO'S LAMP

will burn in memory of

All Parishioners

DIVINE MERCY LAMPS

Lamp 1 *will burn for healing of*

April Von Wolff

Lamp 2 *will burn in memory of*

Julie Kirkland

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.*

Mary Help of Christians

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Sanctuary Committee

The Sanctuary Committee for the weekend of September 20, 2025 is Team 2, which consists of Marion Cortez, Rosalie Oubre, Jackie Gerstner and Faye Gomez.

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!

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.

CHA-MOTION

Exercise Class

**Breath, Balance and Motion
From Your Chair**

Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. - \$5/class
Open to Men & Women

**Classes at Mary Help of Christians'
Hawks Haven - 616 2nd Ave. Harvey**

**Taught by Suzanne Ward
For 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 6 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

Saying Good Bye!

The time has come for another change as we continue to build our new, vibrant parish. For a few years now, the school has been closed, yet we still have a "Cafetorium." As we look to the future with the newly redone space, the time has come to say Good Bye Cafetorium and Hello to the new MHC HALL.

Our plans are to lease the HALL for events, i.e., receptions, parties, large gatherings, etc. as an income for the parish.

Just for laughs!

One and Twenty Dollar Bills



Two well-worn bills arrived at the Federal Reserve Bank to be retired - a twenty and a one. As they traveled down the conveyor belt, they struck up a conversation. The twenty reminisced about the interesting life he had, traveling all over the country. "I've been to the finest restaurants, Broadway shows, Las Vegas, Atlantic City." he said. "I even went on a Caribbean cruise. where have you been?" "Oh," said the one-dollar bill, "I've been to Methodist churches, Episcopal churches, Lutheran churches, and Catholic churches." "What's a church?" asked the twenty.

West Bank High School Catholic Religion

Grades 9th - 10th - 11th & 12th

*Join us to develop a
personal relationship with Jesus.
Discover His life and how He guides
you to live yours.*

**SATURDAYS 9:00 - 12:00
ONCE A MONTH**

Registration has passed, however,
it is not too late to join a class.

There is a \$40.00 fee -
checks, cash, and Venmo accepted.
(If you cannot afford the fee,
please speak with someone the day you registration.)

Registration information-
Facebook: facebook.com/WBHRSR

Next Class - September 20, 2025

St. Martha Church

2555 Apollo Avenue - Harvey, LA 70058
504-366-1604

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS



**50/50
Drawing!**

**Tickets
\$10.00**

**BYOL
18 & UP!**

Wear your Poodle Skirts and rolled up jeans-
Zoot Suits if you got em!

Prizes for the best dressed male and female of the era.

plus A Dance Contest - Celebrity Judges

DJ - MARK SANDERS

Get out your dancing shoes and join us for an evening of "Bringing back memories!"

September 20, 2025

7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

**In the Cafetorium
628 1st Avenue - Harvey**

Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.

Bring your own food and snacks!
There will be soft drinks for sale.

*Thank you
for donating*



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**

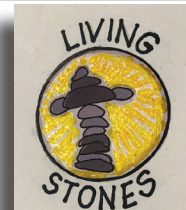
*For Individuals and
Families in Need of Food*

Located near the MHC HALL

formerly the Cafetorium

Handicapped Accessible

**620 First Avenue
Harvey**



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!**

Mary Help of Christians



Fatima Rosary

Saturday, September 27th
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

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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2000 Years of Christianity The Fifteenth Century

Political struggles in Italy led to nostalgia for the triumphs of ancient Rome. Greatly encouraging the arts, this idealization of pagan civilization wldetermined the influence of the Church.

Joan of Arc heard angelic voices calling her to save France. This young girl led the French armies to victory. Captured by the English, she was burned at the stake.

The invention of the printing press created an explosion of culture. Publishing greatly magnified the influence of even insignificant ideas.



The invention of the astrolabe enabled sailors to navigate beyond the shoreline into the open sea. This was an Age of Discovery and Christian expansion. Missionaries accompanied Columbus on his second voyage to the New World.

Humanists turned from divine things to focus on worldly affairs. In the moral decline that followed, many great preachers arose.

They traveled from city to city inciting huge crowds co make bonfires of their playing cards, wigs, lewd paintings and other vanities in the public squares.