



Welcome to
**MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
November 30, 2025

The Pastor Jots It Down!

My dear parishioners and friends of Mary Help of Christians,

Happy Advent!



This Advent season is a time of preparation for our hearts and minds for the celebration of the birth of Jesus on Christmas.

Many families celebrate Advent by putting up an Advent Wreath and lighting another candle each week. The use of the wreath and candles during Advent is a longstanding Catholic tradition that was originally adopted by Christians in the Middle Ages as part of their **spiritual preparation for Christmas**.

The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The wreath itself, which is made of evergreens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Jesus Christ.

The four candles signify the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday. Three of the candles are purple because the color violet is a liturgical color that signifies a time of **prayer, penance, and sacrifice**.

The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes **hope**. It is sometimes called the “Prophecy Candle” in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

The second candle, also purple, represents **faith**. It is called the “Bethlehem Candle” as a reminder of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem.

The third candle is pink and symbolizes **joy**. It is called the “Shepherd’s Candle,” and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

On the fourth Sunday of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the “Angel’s Candle,” symbolizes **peace**. It reminds us of the message of the angels: “Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.”

Celebrating Advent is an excellent way to prepare our minds and hearts for Christmas. My prayers these Advent days are that all of us may do the spiritual preparation that we need to do in order to have the great joy Jesus wants us to have on Christmas Day.

God loves you!

F. Mark



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



Mary Help of Christians

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:00am Janice & Felix Rabito, Sr.
 4:00pm Steve Tassin
 Joseph DeBlanc, Jr. (MOB)
 Juan B. & Marcela Rodriguez
 Estanislao & Maria Ana Gongora
 Lois & James Stoner, Sr. (AOB)
 Michael Brehm
 Roland Bourgeois, Sr.
 Dorothy Saladino
 Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.
 Terry Thompson
 Arnold Laserre
 Wayne Delaune
 Keith Matherne, Sr.
 Geraldine & Hilton Landry
 Hilton Landry II
 Alexis & Beverly Vicari
 Beverly, Raymond & Craig LeBlanc
 Donald Comeaux
 Frances Bruce
 Ryan Welch
 Wayne Oubre

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:30am Richard Tullier
 Ethel Winterstein
 Clarence & Dorothy Badeaux
 Theresa Ricotta
 Ronald Wise
 10:30am Alma & Frank Savona
 Merrill Joseph Martinez
 William DeBlanc (DOD)
 Martha & Dagoberto Martinez
 Henry & Angel Estrade
 Brasset Family
 Brignac Family
 Blake Hunter
 Bertha D. Danos
 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)

8:00pm All Parishioners
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1
 7:00am Estanislao Gongora

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

7:00am Peggy DiMarco (DOD)
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:00am Clemence Regan
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:00am Janice & Felix Rabito, Sr.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory
 Janis van Meerveld (DOB)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:00am Loreto Montagnino
 4:00pm Spano/Hennegan/Gulizo Family
 Hunter/Guastella/Breaux Family
 Michael Brehm
 Josephine & Bert LeBlanc, Sr.
 Claude & Verine Zeringue
 Ethel & Henry Kraus
 Cindy Robichaux
 Saladino & LeBlanc Families
 Estanislao & Maria Ana Gongora
 Juan B. & Marcela Rodriguez
 Roland Bourgeois, Sr.
 Dorothy Saladino
 Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.
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In Our Parish

BREAD & WINE

is given in memory of
All Parishioners

SANCTUARY LAMP

will burn in memory of
Richard Tullier

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

will burn for healing of
George Duke Von Wolff

SACRED HEART'S LAMP

will burn for
All Parishioners

ST. ROSALIE'S LAMP

will burn for
All Parishioners

BLESSED MOTHER'S LAMP

will burn in memory of
Julie Kirkland

ST. JOHN BOSCO'S LAMP

will burn for healing of
Yves Bourgeois II

DIVINE MERCY LAMPS

Lamp 1 *will burn in memory of*
Yves 'Vessie' Bourgeois

Lamp 2 *will burn for healing of*
Robert Bourgeois, Sr.

POPE'S INTENTIONS DECEMBER



For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



MASSES FOR HEALING:

Alexa Schexnaildre, Kathleen Orgeron, Jackie Morvant Bush, Malena Llamas, Hazel Johansen, Yves Bourgeois II, Robert Bourgeois, Sr.; Heidi LeBlanc, Lenora Martinez, Andrew Aceves, Rami Champagne, George Von Wolff

Be devoted to
Mary Help of Christians
and you will see
what miracles are!

- Don Bosco



Mary Help of Christians

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Sanctuary Committee

The Sanctuary Committee for the weekend of December 6, 2025 is Team 7, which consists of Kathy Savona, Toni Savona and Tally Gros.

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.

Please Note!

CHA-MOTION Exercise Class

Holiday Schedule

NO CLASSES ON
November 26th
December 24th &
December 31st

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

Et

Confession

7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

*Anyone interested in signing up
please contact*

CLAUDIA PRICE
at
504-453-7684

Mary Help of Christians



Come Sing With Us For
The Holidays
*Blend your voice
with others and
sing joyfully
to the newborn King!*

For information contact GAIL ADAMS
email at gailadams2000@yahoo.com or call (985) 869-1523

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

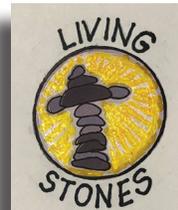
**620 First Avenue
Harvey**

Living Nativity



We will have a Living Nativity on
Christmas Eve before 4:00 p.m. Mass
Boys and girls 3 years old and above
are invited to participate.
Meet at 2:00 p.m. Christmas Eve for practice.
Costumes are provided.

For information contact GAIL ADAMS
email at gailadams2000@yahoo.com or call (985) 869-1523



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 MHC HALL
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!**

Mary Help of Christians



Fatima Rosary

Saturday, December 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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Holiday Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Adoration Monday

December 22nd 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Christmas Confession

December 22nd 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Vigil with *Living Nativity*

9:00 p.m. Mass at Night

Christmas Day

7:30 and 10:30 a.m. No 8:00 p.m. Mass

New Year's Eve 4:00 p.m. Vigil

New Year's Day 7:30 and 9:00 a.m.



Sponsored by the Come Lord Jesus Group

Items needed:

Heavy Winter Socks and Wool Watch Caps

Items can be brought to the Parish Office until the Advent Tree is up in the church, then they may be placed under the Advent Tree or in the box in the Gathering Room.

Please have items in by **Wednesday, December 17th**
so they can be given out by Christmas Eve!