

*John The Baptist
Prepared The Way
For Jesus Christ*

Welcome to

**MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
CATHOLIC CHURCH
December 7, 2025**

The Pastor Jots It Down!

My dear parishioners and friends of Mary Help of Christians,

Peace be with you! As we light the second candle on the Advent Wreath, we are reminded that we await the birth of the **Prince of Peace**.

We read in Luke's Gospel that Jesus' mission is "To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of **peace**."

Jesus' greatest desire is to bring us peace so that we may be at one with Him. He gave us the great sacrament of Peace, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to forgive our sins and to bestow sanctifying grace upon us.

These days as we think of gifts for our loved ones and friends, let's think about a great gift for ourselves and a great gift for Jesus, those being one and the same: our Advent confession. I admit sometimes I find confession difficult confessing to another priest especially when the devil is working overtime tempting one not to go or to make a bad confession.

Every time I resist the temptations of the devil, go to confession and am completely honest with the priest, I bask in the Lord's Love and feel like I could fly. That's what keeps me going back to confession.

If in the past you had a bad experience in the sacrament and have stopped going, consider this as an invitation from Jesus to let go of the past and to let God's Love, Mercy, and Sanctifying Grace take root in your heart once again.

St. John Bosco was in the soul business. His desire was to help the young people entrusted to his care as well as all those he encountered to save their souls – to be holy and happy – to be saints. To this end he constantly recommended worthy reception of Jesus in Holy Communion and frequent, sincere confessions. As members of this Salesian Parish, let us heed his advice and follow Don Bosco in the ways of holiness.

Opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation between now and Christmas:

- Wednesdays December 10th and 17th – 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Saturdays December 13th and 20th after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and from 3:15-3:45 p.m.
- Last opportunity before Christmas Tuesday, December 23rd 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- No Wednesday evening confessions on Christmas Eve December 24th

If these times, don't work for you, please call the parish office to set up an appointment with a parish priest of your choice.

God loves you!

F. Mark



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

Mary Help of Christians

SECOND COLLECTION

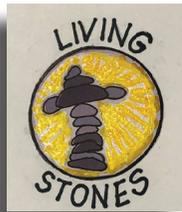
Next Weekend the 13th & 14th



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

A lifetime of service deserves care in return. "Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community," says Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. Please consider giving next week.



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

**MASS IS STILL BEING HELD
IN THE MHC HALL
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!**



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

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.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

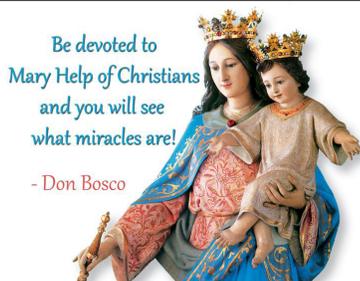
8:00am Loreto Montagnino
 4:00pm Spano/Hennegan/Gulizo Family
 Hunter/Guastella/Breaux Family
 Michael Brehm
 Josephine & Bert LeBlanc, Sr.
 Claude & Verine Zeringue
 Ethel & Henry Kraus
 Cindy Robichaux
 Saladino & LeBlanc Families
 Estanislao & Maria Ana Gongora
 Juan B. & Marcela Rodriguez
 Roland Bourgeois, Sr.
 Dorothy Saladino
 Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.
 Terry Thompson
 Arnold Laserre
 Wayne Delaune (MOB)
 Keith Matherne, Sr.
 Geraldine & Hilton Landry
 Hilton Landry II
 Alexis & Beverly Vicari
 Beverly, Raymond & Craig LeBlanc
 Donald Comeaux
 Frances Bruce
 Ryan Welch

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.



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

- Don Bosco

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:30am All Veterans of Pearl Harbor
 Ethel Winterstein
 Clarence & Dorothy Badeaux
 Theresa Ricotta
 Ronald Wise
 10:30am Carlos Savona
 Doris & Walter Treadaway
 Lorena & Avie Legendre
 Ruby & Godfrey Boudreaux, Sr.
 Hepting & Mauro Families
 Victims of Pearl Harbor
 Marilyn DeBlanc
 Daniel DeBlanc
 Spano/Hennegan/Gulizo Families
 Jancarl Campi
 Brasset Family
 Brignac Family
 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 8

7:00am All Parishioners
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

7:00am Melvin Cheramie
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:00am Merrill Martinez
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:00am William Allen (DOD)
 Cecilia Mulvaney (DOBap)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:00am Frank Muscarello, Sr.
 Maria Karam (DOBap)



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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:00am Merrill Martinez
 4:00pm Troy Dean Williams II
 Jimmy Richoux (DOB)
 Tim & Malcolm LeBlanc
 Antonio D'Amico
 Barbara Euvino (DOB)
 John Veillon
 Wayne Oubre
 Roland Bourgeois, Sr.
 Dorothy Saladino
 Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.
 Terry Thompson
 Arnold Laserre
 Wayne Delaune (MOB)
 Keith Matherne, Sr.
 Geraldine & Hilton Landry
 Hilton Landry II
 Alexis & Beverly Vicari
 Beverly, Raymond & Craig LeBlanc
 Donald Comeaux
 Frances Bruce
 Ryan Welch

In Our Parish

BREAD & WINE
is given in memory of
Melvin & Ruth Cheramie

SANCTUARY LAMP
will burn in memory of
Angelina & Billy Shrader

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
Angelina & Billy Shrader

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 in memory of
Julie Kirkland

Mary Help of Christians

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Sanctuary Committee

The Sanctuary Committee for the weekend of December 13, 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.

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



First and third Monday at 6pm, every month
Mary Help of Christians Hall

What is an Estuary?

Geographically speaking, an estuary is the area where fresh water from a river meets up with the salt water of the ocean. But we use “Estuary” metaphorically. Estuary is a place where people come for conversation. Honest conversation. Not ideological warfare, politics, or a place to vent anger or frustration, but a place of mutually respectful sharing. Estuary is a place where different ideas and perspectives meet. Where participants allow themselves to be exposed to new ways of thinking, and where listening well becomes a practiced skill.

We all sense that we live in extraordinary times. The world under our feet seems to be moving back and forth, to and fro. Many of us do not have places or people where we can talk about the things that are important to us; the big questions we have. Estuary is a place where together, not looking at our phones, but face to face, we can better make sense of the world and each other. Estuary is a place of fellowship, at the local level.

Who is invited to Estuary?

If you are 18 years old or older, you are welcome to attend! Christian or Non-Christian, Jews and Gentiles, you are welcome! Anyone who is interested in genuine, interesting conversation and fellowship is welcome to attend. Our Estuary here on the West Bank is held at Mary Help of Christians Catholic church, but you do not need to be Catholic to attend.

How does the Estuary process work?

Formally called 'The Estuary protocol', it is a very simple process:

Round 1: Introductions (10-20 minutes)

– Every person in attendance introduces themselves. It could be as little as your name, but also any other key personal details, like where you are from, and what brought you to Estuary. Typically this round is no longer than a minute or two per person.

Round 2: The Pitch (10-15 minutes)

– Each participant is free to pass on this round. The idea of the pitch round is to take what is on your heart, what you are thinking most about, and lay it on the table. The pitch round is an opportunity for a very quick summary—an idea or topic to get the attention of others. To make the eyes of the other members of the Estuary go wide and think, "Wow, I want to talk about that!"

– The shorter the pitch, the better it usually is! Aim to keep the pitch under 1 minute in length.

– Pitches typically fall into one of 4 categories (but it doesn't have to fall neatly in one category):

- **Personal**
(something that happened or you are experiencing personally, such as a personal tragedy or difficulty)

- **Intellectual**
(an idea, something you read, something you saw, something you're thinking about, that you would like to discuss with the

group)

- **Contextual**

(something going on in the world, our country, our local community, the church, your workplace, etc.)

- **Estuarial**

(something about the Estuary process itself, or the Estuary group, that needs discussing)

Round 3: The Point (5-10 minutes)

– Each participant may NOT skip this round. In this round, you must point to someone else's pitch! (not your own)

– Once again, brevity is key. A good point simply indicates the topic you wish to discuss, and perhaps one or two sentences on what exactly caught your attention about it. Again, no more than a minute.

– Point to just a single pitch. No multiple votes allowed, even though it is often tempting.

Round 4: Open Discussion (45 minutes to 1 hour)

– Let the discussion begin!

– This is a time of open discussion. It's important that no one person monopolizes the discussion, and that everyone who wishes has an opportunity to share.

– The Estuary leader will help guide the conversation as necessary, but a good estuary typically requires very little guidance, because, usually people form strong friendships within just a few Estuary sessions!

What should I bring to the Estuary meeting?

A pen and notebook are very good to have, because it is helpful to take notes on the pitches of others. It can be very difficult to remember so many good and interesting ideas! Also if you have something to say, rather than interrupting, it's good to be able to write it down, and then when there's an opportunity, jump into the conversation.

Other than that, we recommend bringing a water bottle or beverage if you like. We will be meeting in the Mary Help of Christians Hall (*formerly called the Saint Rosalie Church Cafetorium*), every first and third Monday of the month at 6pm.

We look forward to seeing you where the salt water meets the fresh!

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.



Christmas Drive for the Homeless

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!