

*John
in
Prison*



Welcome to
MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
CATHOLIC CHURCH
December 14, 2025

The Pastor Jots It Down!

My dear parishioners and friends of Mary Help of Christians,

Happy 3rd Sunday of Advent! Happy Gaudete Sunday!

Today, Holy Mother Church invites us to be joyful, knowing that Advent is more than half over and Christmas will soon be here. To express the Church's joy, the priest may wear rose colored vestments today instead of penitential purple.

Now the question before us today: How have our Advent Practices been going? If we have to admit that these first two weeks of Advent have slipped by without any serious effort on our part, then we have to be glad today that there is still time left for us to intensify or to begin our spiritual preparation for Christ's coming on Christmas Day and for Christ's coming when he comes to bring us home to everlasting life.

One great way to prepare for Jesus's birth is to gift Him and one's self a good, complete and sincere Advent Confession.

Confession is not only for the forgiveness of sins but also for growth in friendship with Jesus. The sanctifying grace bestowed in a good confession helps us grow in virtue and gives us strength to resist the temptations of the devil.

When we go to confession numbers and certain specifics are necessary to give the priest a good understanding of your weaknesses and sins.

Self Revelation Is GOOD for you, your body, your soul, your doctor and your confessor.

Doctors and confessors are not mind readers. They are ready to help you to physical and spiritual health and wellbeing, but they need your cooperation. You need to tell them in very concrete terms what is ailing you. The more specific you are about who you are (state in life) and your ailments and your sins, the better able they will be to guide you and help you walk more closely in the footsteps of Jesus.



This week Jesus is knocking on the door of your heart. He's inviting you to receive the sacrament of peace. He cannot force you to open the door of your heart.

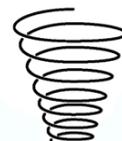
Look at the picture to the left. Notice that the door has no knob on the outside. The only way Jesus can come into your house and your heart is if you let him.

May all of us have the grace, strength and courage to open our hearts to Jesus and his redeeming love channeled to us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

This week there will three opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Wednesday evening from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.; Saturday morning after 8:00 a.m. Mass and at 3:15 - 3:45 p.m. in the afternoon.

God loves you!

F. Mark



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

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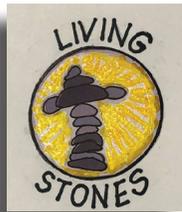
This Weekend! **SECOND COLLECTION**



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Our senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. They have spent decades caring for those in need, but years of service for little or no pay have left many religious communities without sufficient retirement savings. Today, over 20,500 elderly religious depend on the Retirement Fund for Religious to help cover their rising health care costs, medication, and daily living expenses. Your gift can help ensure they receive the care they deserve. Please give back to those who have given a lifetime



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.

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

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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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:30am Ethel Winterstein

Clarence & Dorothy Badeaux

Theresa Ricotta

Ronald Wise

10:30am Mamie & William Treadaway

Ruby & Godfrey Boudreaux, Sr.

Philamena Bartolo

John Carpenter

Frances G. Campi

Merrill Joseph Martinez

Sheila Bolan

Charles & Genevieve Darsey

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

LeJeune/Rodrigue/Orgeron &

Guidry Families

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 15

7:00am Donna Danos

Ivy Landry

Rosalie Landry (AOD)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:00am Frank Muscarello, Sr.

Armbruster/Brown Family

Margie & Wilton Montet

Theresa Eckert (DOB)

Jimmy Eckert

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:00am Melvin & Ruth Cheramie

Cecilia Doepke (DOD)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

7:00am Loreto Montagnino

Fr. Mark Hyde, SDB (DOB)

Sheila Golan (DOB)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:00am Johnny Carpenter

Curtis Mirabin (MOB)

*Mary Help of Christians
Pray for us!*

In Our Parish

ALTAR BREAD & WINE

is given in memory of

Alma & Frank Savona

SANCTUARY LAMP

will burn in memory of

Ruby & Godfrey Boudreaux, Sr.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

will burn in memory of

Doris & Walter Treadaway

SACRED HEART'S LAMP

will burn in memory of

Byron LeJeune

ST. ROSALIE'S LAMP

will burn for

All Parishioners

BLESSED MOTHER'S LAMP

will burn in memory of

Steve Tassin

ST. JOHN BOSCO'S LAMP

will burn for healing of

Yves Bourgeois II

DIVINE MERCY LAMPS

**Lamp 1 will burn for healing of
Robert Bourgeois, Sr.**

**Lamp 2 will burn in memory of
Julie Kirkland**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00am Toby Wattigney

4:00pm Wayne Delaune

Hidalgo/Tassin/Simoneaux Family

Michael Brehm

Frank, Cecilia & Kathleen Repak

Josie Palermo

Rose Gaspar

Malcolm 'Buck' Cortez

Billy Seal

Estanislao & Maria Ana Gongora

Juan B. & Marcela Rodriguez

Margie & Wilton Montet

Conrad & Anthony Saluto

Honoré & Beulah Daigle

Tony & Jaden Phillips

Danos Family

Roland Bourgeois, Sr.

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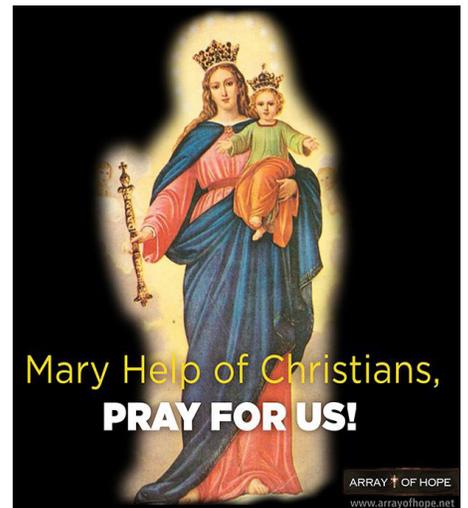
Frances Bruce

Ryan Welch



MASSSES 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



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Sanctuary Committee

The Sanctuary Committee for the weekend of December 20, 2025 is Team 3, which consists of Judy Baldassarro, Melissa Dugas, Krissy Orgeron and Marsha Danos.

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

Holiday Mass Schedule

Christmas Confession

December 23rd 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.



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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Website:
www.maryhelpofchristiansla.org

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!

