

*4th
Sunday
in
Advent*

God has spoken

"Joseph son of David,
do not be afraid
to take Mary home as your wife,
because what is conceived in her
is from the Holy Spirit."

(Matthew 1:20)

Welcome to

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
CATHOLIC CHURCH
December 21, 2025

The Pastor Jots It Down!

My dear parishioners and friends of Mary Help of Christians,

Happy 4th Sunday of Advent!

Almost but not yet. Our fourth week of Advent is a short week – only four days – Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. In the hustle and bustle of our final preparations, let's remember that Jesus is the reason for the season. Let's take some quiet time during these three days to stop our physical preparations, slow down our minds and to reflect on the reason why Jesus, the Son of God, took on human flesh.

St. John tells us in his Gospel that God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life and that the world might be saved through Him. God's great plans for us: to be with Him, and the Father, and the Holy Spirit, the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the angels and saints in heaven.

Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life was born to show the Father's great love for us and His desire for us to enjoy everlasting life forever in heaven. He came to earth to show us how to live life fully not only by keeping the 10 Commandments but also by living the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-10) and the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy (Matthew 25:31-46). He came to model for us a life of service to those in need. In the last hours of His life, he taught us to accept God's will in our lives, no matter the cost. In the final moments of his life, he showed us how to forgive: "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." To the "Good Thief": "This day you will be with me in paradise."

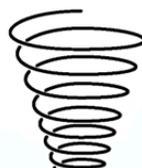
In his Gospel, St. John tells us: "Jesus came that we may have life and have it abundantly." That is not only the mission of Jesus but also our mission as Catholic Christians. Jesus doesn't want us to go to heaven alone. He wants us to share the treasure of our faith and our love for Him with as many as we can. In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus tells us to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations."

This Wednesday evening and Thursday, we will have the opportunity to welcome many to our parish Christmas Masses. As members of a Salesian Parish, we are called by Don Bosco to be a "home that welcomes." This Christmas let's go out of our way to make our guests feel welcome and at home.

On behalf of the Salesians, the parish staff and volunteers, prayers and best wishes for a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

God loves you!

F. Mark



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



Christmas Flowers

Gerald & Pat Zeringue Goldie Adams Nelson & Chelsea Cantrelle
Victoria Winter George & Opal Boudreaux Iris Isemann
Tony & Nicole Campiso Jo Tullier Bryan & Wendy Gaudin Cheryl Morvant
Jeffrey & Kelly Robichaux Rosalie Oubre Alfred & Desiree Cambre
Katherine Savona Pedro & Evangelina Rodriguez Joseph & Jennifer Fall
Edward & Sarah Comeaux Gervais & Florence Joubert John & Linda LeJeune
Dennis & Stephanie Schieffler Nathan & Amy Ridge Brandy-Lynn Euvino
Michal & Noelie Scholl Karen Oseguera-Boudreaux David & Joan Lyon
Gerald & Gail Brown Raymond & Christi Landry Darryl & Cherlyn Klein
Clyde & Juana Ortego Pedro & Lydia Guzman David & Lauren Hidalgo
Ha & Truc Vu Howard & Susan Welch Ronald & Linda Blanchard
Mary Landry Wayne & Mary Allemand Ronald & Bonnie Perrin
Joseph & Alana Gabriel Timothy & Guyann Murphy
Joseph & Mary Rudolph Don & Tina Robertson Duane & Patti Martinez
Terry & Laurie Thompson Ronnie & Patti Touns Milagros Ferrer
Shirley McDonald Judy Baldasarro Anthony & Donna DiFulco
Vincent & Gail Culotta Faye Richoux Carl & Judith Muller Dawn Cantrelle
Charlie & Jennifer Hooker Alden & Sharyn Lafonta Julio & Amanda Oliva
Julie Waguespack Marguerite DeMolle Gail Cherie
David & Dodie McGovern Jewell LeBlanc Jane Burke Jane Jacobs
Steven & Karen Perque Rhonda Hidalgo Gary & Faye Gomez
Kris & Deborah Hepting Irvin & Shelia Grinder Imelda Vetra
Karen Delcid Cherrye Barrilleaux Claude & Linda Ocmann
Victor & Anh Van Dolores Matherne Hollie & Ashley Fitzhenry
Victor & Stephanie Despenza Brenda Schouest
Jackie Gerstner David & Melanie Owens

Mary Help of Christians

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.
 Dorothy Saladino
 Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.
 Terry Thompson
 Arnold Laserre
 Keith Matherne, Sr.
 Geraldine & Hilton Landry
 Hilton Landry II
 Alexis & Beverly Vicari
 Beverly, Raymond & Craig LeBlanc
 Donald Comeaux
 Frances Bruce
 Ryan Welch



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



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:30am Ethel Winterstein
 Clarence & Dorothy Badeaux
 Theresa Ricotta
 Ronald Wise
 Guillermo & Candida Calimlim
 Mark Darsey
 10:30am Carlos Savona
 Alma & Frank Savona
 Angelina & Billy Shrader
 Peter & Rose Vicari
 Art Landry, Jr.
 Marilyn DeBlanc
 Guillermo & Dandida Calimlim
 Merrill Martinez
 Stephen Craig Baye (DOD)
 John Carpenter
 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 22

7:00am Fritz Martin
 Johnny Carpenter
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:00am Hang Ha 'Moon' (DOB)
 Linda Clement
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:00am Steve Tassin
 Fred Gerstner, Jr.
 Mahl Family
 Richard Tullier
 Estanislao & Maria Ana Gongora
 Juan B. & Marcela Rodriguez
 Donald Comeaux
 Frances Bruce
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:00am Irvin Hepting, Jr.
 Steve & Tommy Blanchard

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:00am Toby Wattigney
 4:00pm Saladino & LeBlanc Family dec.
 Jesse Gros
 Cindy & Percy Robichaux
 Dorothy Saladino
 Wayne Delaune
 Michael Brehm
 Roland Bourgeois, Sr.
 Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.
 Terry Thompson
 Arnold Laserre
 Keith Matherne, Sr.
 Geraldine & Hilton Landry
 Hilton Landry II
 Alexis & Beverly Vicari
 Beverly, Raymond & Craig LeBlanc
 Donald Comeaux
 Frances Bruce
 Ryan Welch

*Mary Help of Christians
 Pray for us!*

In Our Parish

ALTAR 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
Carlos Savona

SACRED HEART'S LAMP
will burn in memory of
Steven Craig Baye

ST. ROSALIE'S LAMP
will burn in memory of
Richard Tullier

BLESSED MOTHER'S LAMP
will burn in memory of
Byron S. LeJeune

ST. JOHN BOSCO'S LAMP
will burn in memory of
John Carpenter

DIVINE MERCY LAMPS
Lamp 1 *will burn in memory of*
John Carpenter

Lamp 2 *will burn in memory of*
Julie Kirkland

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Sanctuary Committee

The Sanctuary Committee for the weekend of December 27, 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!

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.

The Parish Office will be closed from
December 24 until January 4th



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

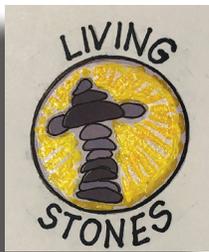
Confessions:
Saturday 3:15-3:45 pm
Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Adoration
Wednesday 7:30 am - 8:00 pm

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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!

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



JOY
to the
world

the
LORD
has come

Karla
dornacher