



*The Holy Family*

*Welcome to*  
MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
December 28, 2025

# *The Pastor Jots It Down!*

Dear Parishioners and friends of Mary Help of Christians,

## ***Happy Holy Family Sunday!***

Today, we recall the image of the Holy Family of Nazareth: Jesus, Mary and Joseph. At times, we tend to idolize them as the perfect family. Though as in all families, life in the Holy Family had its ups and downs.

While Mary and Joseph were engaged both received unusual messages from God. Mary that she was to conceive and bear a child by the power of God and Joseph that his fiancée was pregnant even though they had no relations and that he was still to take Mary as his wife. Both found it hard to understand. But both placed their trust in God which every family is called to do.

Eight days after his birth, Jesus was circumcised. Mary and Joseph gave him the name of Jesus as they were told by the angel.

Then when it came time for their purification, Jesus and Mary brought Jesus to the temple and offered the prescribed sacrifice. Meeting Simeon and Anna in the temple, Mary and Joseph were amazed by what those two said about their child.

Joseph and Mary raised Jesus in a home where love and faith were the norm.

When Jesus was twelve years old, according to festival custom, the entire family went to Jerusalem for the celebration of the Passover feast. Returning home after the feast, Mary thought Jesus was with Joseph; Joseph thought Jesus was with Mary. And when they discovered that he was with neither, they thought he must be with some other family members. Not finding him with relatives and friends in the caravan, one can only imagine how Mary and Joseph felt not knowing where their 12-year-old could be.

Looking for Jesus, they retraced their steps going back to Jerusalem. After searching for three days, they found Him in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. His parents were astonished, and Mary asked: "Why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." Jesus replied: "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

Together, they went back home to Nazareth. There, Jesus was obedient to them, growing in wisdom, age and favor before God.

Sometimes during those years, Joseph died, leaving just Jesus and Mary in the immediate family.

Then fast forward to that 1st Good Friday, with Jesus being hung on the cross as a criminal with Mary at the foot of the cross. Just imagine her anguish, sorrow, and pain.

The Holy Family faced the challenges of family life with the help of God. May we rely on God in every instance of family life and remember that family consists of the people who support and love you day in and day out.

God loves you!

*F. Mark*

# Mary Help of Christians

## 2025 Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration



Sunday, March 15, 2026

3:00 PM



### Our Lady of the Rosary Church

3368 Esplanade Ave, New Orleans

For couples celebrating their 25th - 30th wedding anniversaries in 2026  
(Married during the years 1996 - 2001)

REGISTRATION IS OPEN THROUGH MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2026



### The Lay Arm of Don Bosco's Family: Salesian Cooperators

**The Salesian Cooperators** are Catholics who are living the gospel message in the spirit of Saint John Bosco while choosing to live in the world.

They are single or married lay men and women, or diocesan clergy, who dedicate themselves to the welfare of young people, and live guided by Don Bosco's Salesian Spirit.

The core of the Salesian Cooperator's commitment is to live his or her life as a good Christian and a good Catholic. The Salesian Cooperator embraces a Gospel way of life sharing in the Church's mission to bring Christ to society, especially the young.



# Mary Help of Christians

## 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



### 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

*Mary Help of Christians  
Pray for us!*

## 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.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:30am Fred Gerstner, Jr.  
Ethel Winterstein  
Douglas F. Ferrer  
Theresa Ricotta  
Ronald Wise  
10:30am Doris & Walter Treadaway  
Jake Savona  
Josephine Messina  
Merrill Martinez  
Rose & Alton Arcement  
Hanh & Phan Vuong (Ann.)  
Douglas F. Ferrer  
John Carpenter  
Martha & Dagoberto Martinez  
Peter & Rose Vicari  
Art Landry, Jr.  
Marilyn DeBlanc  
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 29

7:00am Geraldine Landry  
Marilyn & Charles 'Tee' Blanchard  
Maria Ana Gongora  
Godfrey Boudreaux, Sr.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:00am Fritz Martin, Sr.  
Lori Ann Rholdon  
Jose Ramos

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:00am Percy, Cindy & Todd Robichaux  
Donald Comeaux  
Frances Bruce  
Mahl & Gerstner Families

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

*New Year's Day*

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

7:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

8:00am Fr. Ky Nguyen, SDB  
Fr. John Langan, SDB  
Fr. Basil Burns, OSB  
4:00pm Joseph & Faye Muscarello  
Martin Mulvaney (DOB)  
Michael Burke, Sr.  
Terry Thompson  
Michael Brehm  
Juan B. & Marcela Rodriguez  
Estanislao & Maria Ana Gongora  
Roland Bourgeois, Sr.  
Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.  
Arnold Laserre  
Keith Matherne, Sr.  
Geraldine & Hilton Landry  
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## *In Our Parish*

### ALTAR BREAD & WINE

*is given in memory of  
Carlos Savona*

### SANCTUARY LAMP

*will burn in memory of  
Fred Gerstner, Jr.*

### MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

*will burn in memory of  
Fred Gerstner, Jr.*

### SACRED HEART'S LAMP

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

### ST. ROSALIE'S LAMP

*will burn in memory of  
John Carpenter*

### BLESSED MOTHER'S LAMP

*will burn in memory of  
Students of St. John Bosco*

### ST. JOHN BOSCO'S LAMP

*will burn in memory of  
John Carpenter*

### DIVINE MERCY LAMPS

*Lamp 1 will burn for healing of  
Yves Bourgeois II*

*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 January 3, 2026 is Team 5, which consists of Ruthie Tassin and Gail Brown.

### 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

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## 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

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

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

As 2025 comes to a close we would like to express our

*Thanks*

to the many volunteers that have answered the call when needed whether at TAFT or just around the campus.

To the workers at our Food Pantry.

To the many contributors whose generosity helped us to keep the pantry stocked in order to feed the needy in our area.

And to all our Parishioners may you and your family have a Blessed and Happy New Year.



*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

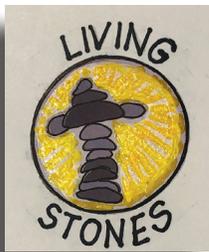
Confessions:  
Saturday 3:15-3:45 pm  
Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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!

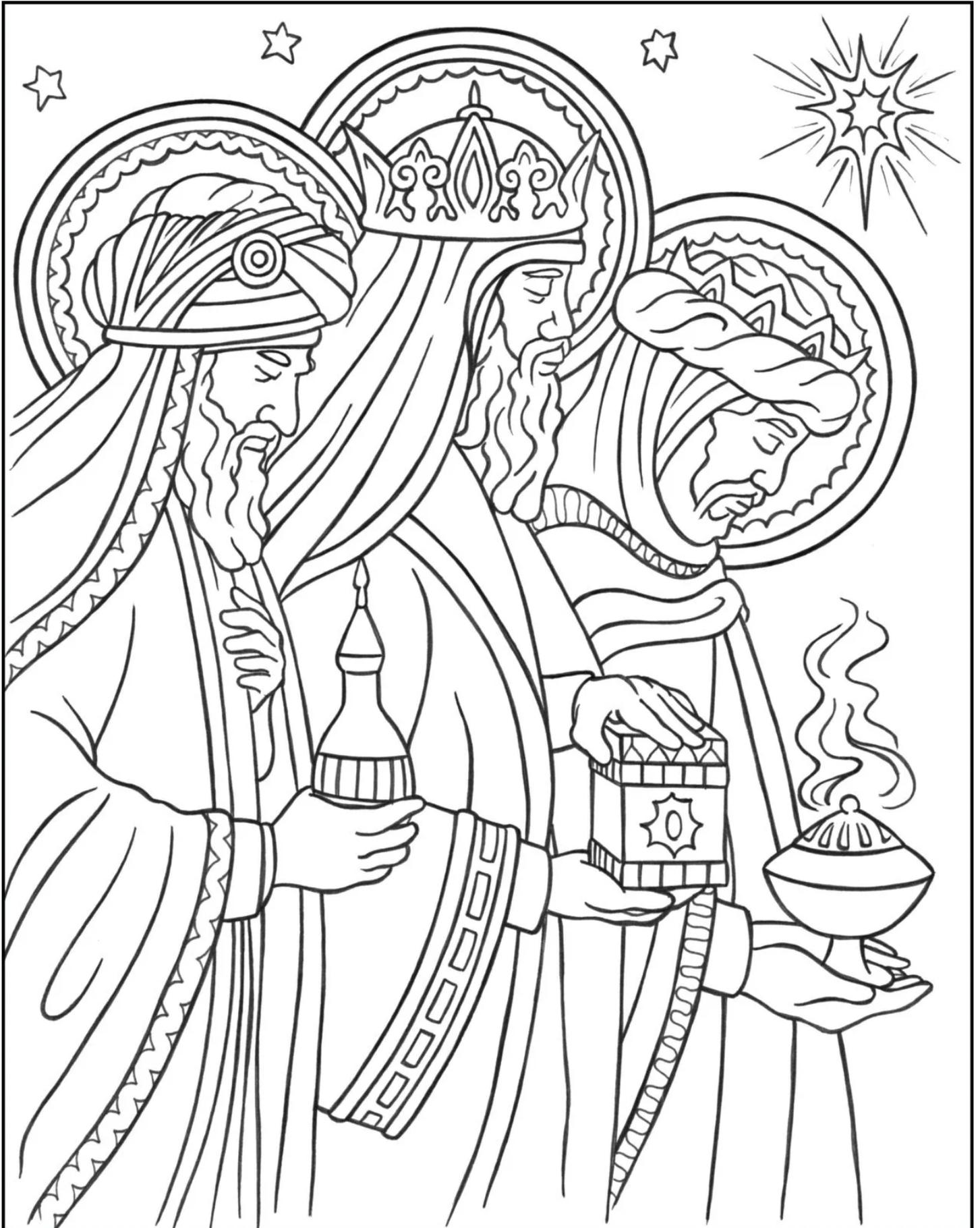
**Open 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.**  
**1st and 3rd Tuesdays**  
**of Each Month**

*For Individuals and*  
*Families in Need of Food*

**Located near the MHC HALL**  
formerly the Cafetorium

*Handicapped Accessible*

**620 First Avenue**  
**Harvey**



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