

# 7th Sunday of the Word of God

January 25, 2026



DICASTERY FOR EVANGELIZATION  
SECTION FOR FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS  
REGARDING EVANGELIZATION IN THE WORLD

*«The word of Christ  
dwells among you»*

(Col 3: 16)

*Welcome to*  
MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
January 25, 2026

# *The Pastor Jots It Down!*

## **INTRODUCTION**

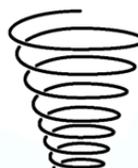
**H.E. archbishop Rino Fisichella** ;  
Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization  
Section for Fundamental Questions regarding Evangelization in the World

The biblical expression chosen for the celebration of the seventh edition of the Sunday of the Word of God is taken from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians: “**The word of Christ dwells among you**” (3:16). What we have received from the Apostle is not a simple moral exhortation, but the indication of a new way of living. Paul does not ask that the Word be merely listened to or studied; he wants it to dwell, that is, to take up stable residence, to shape our thoughts, guide our desires, and make credible the witness of the disciples. The Word of Christ remains a sure criterion that unifies and renders fruitful the life of the Christian community.

After the Holy Year, this motto remains for us a precious inheritance: an invitation addressed to the whole Church to place the Gospel once more at the centre, since every true renewal is born from docile listening to the Word. To welcome it means allowing ourselves to be accompanied by the One who does not deceive, because He gives life and hope. To be inhabited by the Word ultimately means permitting Christ to speak even today through our lives, so that every person may recognize His presence, which continues to illuminate the journey of history.

Every Christian and every community must rediscover the *primacy of the Word of God*. Its sincere and profound listening is an essential path through which human beings encounter God. When space is given to the Word, each person discovers that the Word of God dwells in the heart like a seed that, in due time, sprouts and bears fruit. Indeed, all of us are invited to nourish ourselves with the daily bread of the Word and, afterwards, to proclaim it to our brothers and sisters, for proclamation flows from the abundance of the heart, according to the Gospel saying: “from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks” (Mt 12:34; Lk 6:45).

It is particularly significant that this year the celebration of the *Sunday of the Word of God* coincides with the celebration of the Conversion of Saint Paul, the day that concludes the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Word that Christ addressed to Paul on the road to Damascus struck his heart so deeply that it made him the great evangelizer we know. Today it is up to us to ensure that the same Word reaches the ends of the earth, so as to transform the life of all peoples by *dwelling* among us.

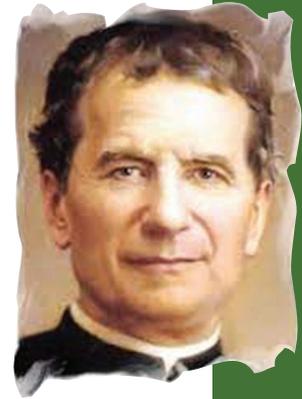


***Our parish and  
our apostolic zeal  
is to grow like a spiral!***

# January:

## *The Month of Don Bosco*

### **The Unlucky Friar and Don Bosco**



Got into a coach to find already there another priest and a friar, neither of whom recognized him. Along the way his companions began to discuss church affairs in general, and, in particular, the numerous works of charity for which Piedmont was famous. At a certain moment the priest brought up Don Bosco and his Oratory.

At the mention of Don Bosco's name, the friar exploded. "Don't believe a word of what you hear about this man! Charity? He doesn't know the meaning of the word. He's a sponger, a real blood-sucker, the father of lies! All he knows is how to collect money to make himself and his relatives rich. They may have begun as poor farmers but you should see how they live now. First, he bought them a beautiful home near the place, then he..."

Don Bosco waited until he had finished. "Did you ever meet this Don Bosco?" he asked quietly. "Or did you ever visit his Oratory?"

"No."

"Then where did you learn so much about him?"

"I have this from the most reliable sources."

"Let me tell you something," said Don Bosco. "I, instead have the visited the Oratory and I can assure you that I have never seen any of the things you mention. As for his relatives living in big houses..."

By the time he had finished, the train had already reached his station where he found several priests waiting to welcome him. These kept calling out his name so that the friar could not help finding out who he was. At the first opportunity he came up to beg Don Bosco's pardon.

**"I forgive you willingly,"** Don Bosco told him. **"But next time be careful not to speak about things of which you know absolutely nothing. What is even more important, never again speak so ill of your neighbor."**

# Mary Help of Christians

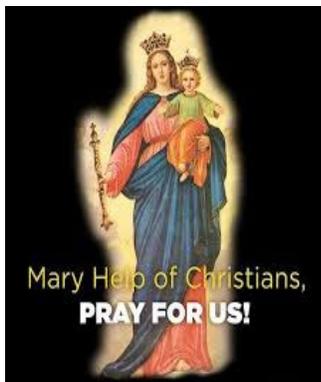
## SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

8:00am Joseph & Faye Muscarello  
 4:00pm Troy Dean Williams  
 Randy Rink  
 Mae K, Verna S., June Punch  
 Malcolm & Tim Le Blanc  
 Michael Burke, Sr.  
 Joe Partridge  
 Michael Brehm  
 Juan B & Marcella Rodriguez  
 Estanislao & Maria Ana  
 Gongora  
 Alexis & Beverly Vicari  
 Beverly, Raymond, & Craig  
 LeBlanc  
 Donald Comeaux  
 Frances Bruce  
 Keith Matherne, Sr.  
 Hilton, Geraldine, & Hilton  
 Landry II  
 Dorothy & Dominic Saladino  
 Hidalgo, Tassin, &  
 Simoneaux Families  
 Authur & Glen Bourgeois



### MASSES FOR HEALING:

Alexa Schnexnaildre, Kathleen  
 Orgeron, Jackie Morvant Bush,  
 Malena Llamas, Hazel Johansen,  
 Yves Bourgeois II, Robert  
 Bourgeois Sr., Jeanette Bourgeois,  
 Heidi LeBlanc, Lenora Martinez,  
 Andrew Aceves, Rami Champagne,  
 George Von Wolff, Pat Brehm, Jane  
 Jacobs, Ricky Savoy, B. Amerson



## SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

7:30am Cindy, Percy, Scott, &  
 Todd Robichaux  
 Lynda Breaux  
 Shannon Olivero, AJ  
 Morvant, Benoit,  
 Broussard, & Morvant  
 Families  
 Byron LeJuene  
 John Carpenter  
 Kevin Fitzhenry, Christie  
 Poussard, Chemene Pitre  
 10:30am Joseph DeBlanc, Jr.  
 Doris & Walter Treadaway  
 Mamie & William  
 Treadaway  
 Rosalie Landry (DOB) &  
 Ivy Landry  
 Billy & Evelyn Dimarco  
 54<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
 In Memory of:  
 Billy, Jr. & Derek Dimarco  
 Ann & George White  
 Pat & Richard Diaz  
 Robert Heath, Sr.  
 Parishioners of  
 Mary Help of Christians  
 Margaret & Dagaberto  
 Martinez  
 8:00pm All Parishioners

## MONDAY, JANUARY 26

7:00am Nguyen That

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

7:00am Josie Russo

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

7:00am Steve & Tommy Blanchard

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

7:00am Lynda Breaux

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

7:00am Marilyn & Chalres "Tee"  
 Blanchard

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

8:00am All Parishioners  
 4:00pm June & Gerard Punch & Jimmy  
 Richoux  
 Timothy Gabriel Sr.  
 Calvin J. Grisafe  
 Roland J. Bourgeois, Sr.  
 Marcela Rodriguez (DOB)  
 Keith Matherne, Sr.  
 Beverly & Alexis Vicari  
 Hilton, Geraldine, & Hilton  
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### In Our Parish

**ALTAR BREAD & WINE**  
**Religious Vocations**

**SANCTUARY LAMP**  
 will burn for  
**Melvin & Ruth Cheramie**

**MARY HELP OF**  
**CHRISTIANS**

will burn for  
**Cindy Robichaux**

**SACRED HEART'S LAMP**  
 will burn for the  
**Judy Miller**

**ST. ROSALIE'S LAMP**  
 will burn for  
**All Parishioners**

**BLESSED MOTHER'S**  
**LAMP**  
 will burn for  
**Souls in Purgatory**

**ST. JOHN BOSCO'S LAMP**  
 will burn for  
**Religious Vocations**

**DIVINE MERCY LAMPS**  
**Lamps 1 & 2** will burn for  
**Religious Vocations**

# Mary Help of Christians

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Sanctuary Committee

The Sanctuary Committee for the weekend of January 31, 2026 is Team 3, which consists of Judy Baldassaro, 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.

### CHA-MOTION

#### Exercise Class

#### Breath, Balance and Motion From Your Chair

Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. - \$5/class  
*Open to Men & Women*

Classes at Mary Help of Christians'  
Hawks Haven - 616 2nd Ave. Harvey

Taught by Suzanne Ward

### 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.

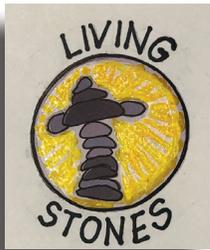
*Anyone interested in signing up  
please contact*

CLAUDIA PRICE

at

504-453-7684

# Mary Help of Christians



## 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**



## Fatima Rosary

**JANUARY 31, 2026**

**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**

**MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS**  
**600 Second Avenue – Harvey, LA**  
**504-340-1962**

Office Hours:  
Monday & Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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## 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

***This Weekend!!***

*Make Your 2026 Resolution to  
Save Lives... Give Blood*

*Happy New Year*

**THE BLOOD CENTER**  
*Serving you for life!*

# ***BLOOD DRIVE***

Mary Help of Christians

Sunday - January 25, 2026

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Bloodmobile



### **Be Part of the Blood Line!**

Donate blood and take home a collectible T-shirt by Terrance Osborne.

Donors will receive a choice of:

- ***Our Brand-New T-shirt, Blood Assurance Coverage***
- ***“From the Heart Club” (Send a child with cancer to camp)***
- ***Blood Replacement for a patient***
  - ***Help us collect our goal of 15 units of blood!***
- ***Please answer your 46 Medical/Travel questions only on the Morning of the blood drive to save time once you arrive. Then press print to Submit to our system. The link is [www.thebloodcenter.org/fastlane](http://www.thebloodcenter.org/fastlane)***
- ***Appointments are Honored First! We welcome Walk-Ins! Don't forget your Driver's License! Please scan the QR Code above to schedule your appointment!***



Speed up your donation by filling out your medical questionnaire using FastLane before you arrive!



Complete FastLane questions the  
DAY OF your donation to save time.  
Scan QR code with your phone's  
camera to open link to FastLane

**TheBloodCenter.org**  
**(800)86-BLOOD**