

The Feast of Don Bosco



Welcome to
**MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
February 1, 2026



Ten encouragements from Don Bosco for living a happy year

St. John Bosco believed that true happiness consisted in living according to Christian virtues and building an environment of hope. Here are ten tips, based on Don Bosco's teachings, for having a full and happy year.

1. Cultivate charity in your relationships

Don Bosco said that love for one's neighbor was the key to transforming society. For him, charity was not just a material donation but the ability to welcome, understand, and help others in their needs. This year, try to treat people with kindness, listen carefully, and offer your time to help those who need you.

2. Be patient in your daily struggles

Patience was a fundamental virtue in Don Bosco's work with young people. He faced many difficulties but he never lost his cool. Use this example to remind yourself that patience is essential for facing challenges and achieving your goals. Be patient with yourself and others, and don't give up on your dreams, even if the path seems difficult.

3. Be humble in your successes

Humility was fundamental to Don Bosco. He never boasted about his achievements, but recognized that everything was God's work. As you celebrate your successes this year, remember to remain humble. Acknowledge the support of those who have been by your side and thank God for the opportunities you have had.

4. Trust in Divine Providence

Don Bosco had an unshakable faith in Divine Providence. He believed that God always provided what was necessary to accomplish his mission. When you face uncertainty, trust that God has a plan for you. Pray, entrust your concerns to Him, and move forward with confidence.

5. Keep hope alive

Even in the face of great difficulties Don Bosco was an example of hope. He believed that a heart full of hope could overcome any obstacle. This year, avoid sadness, face challenges with optimism, and believe that good things will come.

6. Value prayer in your life

For Don Bosco, prayer was an inexhaustible source of strength. Dedicate time each day to connecting with God, whether through formal prayers or simple moments of reflection. Prayer helps you find peace and make wise decisions.

7. Seek wisdom through education and experience

Invest in your personal and professional growth this year. Don Bosco believed that education was the way to transform lives. Read, study, seek new knowledge, and learn from everyday experiences.

8. Cultivate joy in everyday life

Joy was an essential element in Don Bosco's pedagogy. He said that holiness is achieved through happiness. Find reasons to smile every day, even in difficult times. Celebrate small victories, share moments of joy with the people you love, and spread good cheer around you.

9. Persevere in your goals

Don Bosco never gave up, even in the face of great adversity. Perseverance is the key to achieving your goals. This year, set clear goals and work diligently to achieve them. Remember that the greatest successes are achieved through perseverance and constant commitment.

10. Practice justice in every situation

In your daily life, try to be fair in your actions and decisions. Don Bosco fought for justice and the rights of young people. Treat everyone fairly, respect them, and contribute to a more just and supportive world. Small acts of justice make a big difference in society.

TAFT Salesian Volunteers

TAFT = Teens and Friends Together
Not just service but mentoring



We're
Searching for
Volunteers

Mary Help of Christians Church
600 Second Avenue, Harvey
9am-11:30

Lunch 11:30 am in Youth Center

FEBRUARY 7, 2026

What: Taking care of the material needs of the parish
Something for everyone....

RSVP: Text 614-607-0593



Mary Help of Christians

FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH
GROUP

FUN, FOOD, GAMES, MUSIC & GOOD CONVERSATION
6:00 - 8:00 PM. – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026
In the Youth Center across from Church.
Bring a dish if you want. But just come and see!!

Mary Help of Christians

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

8:00am William J. Guillory, Jr. (AOD)
Rosa Laura Arbolida

4:00pm Charles Fazende (MOD)
June & Gerard Punch
Jimmy Richoux
Timothy Gabriel, Sr.
Calvin J. Grisafe
Roland J. Bourgeois, Sr.
Marcela Rodriguez (DOB)
Keith Matherne, Sr.
Beverly & Alexis Vicari
Beverly, Raymond & Craig LeBlanc
Michael Brehm
Donald Comeaux
Frances Bruce
Dorothy & Dominick Saladino
Hilton & Geraldine Landry
Hilton Landry II
Arnold Lassere

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:30am Linda Breaux
Artney J. Morvant
Anthony Stoner (Dof Bap)

10:30am Marilyn DeBlanc
Carlos Savona
Alma & Frank Savona
Jake Savona
Hong Nguyen (AOD)
Parishioners of MHC
Lou Grace & Nelson Cantrelle, Jr.
Peter & Rose Vicari
Art Landry, Jr.
Byron S. LeJeune
John Carpenter
Kevin Fitzhenry
Christie Poussard
Chimine Pitre
Ann & George White
Pat & Richard Diez
Robert Heath, Sr.
Keith Matherne, Sr.
Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.
Chetta Doming
Laura Ann D. Walker
L.J. Doming
Sam & Laura Ditta
Margaret Ditta Panepinto
Joseph Panepinto, Sr.

8:00pm All Parishioners

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7:00am Fr. Thomas Perrier OSB

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:00am Linda Breaux

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:00am James Hennegan
Dorsay Clement
Fritz Martin

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:00am Steve & Tommy Blanchard

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory
Caffey/Danos Family
Royce & Rylan Guidry (DOB)
Julie Kirkland
Yves "Vessie" Bourgeois

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:00am Fr. Ky Nguyen, SDB
Fr. John Langan, SDB
Fr. Basil Burns OSB

4:00pm Honoré & Beulah Daigle
Gary Guidry (DOB)
Juan B. & Marcela Rodriguez
Joseph & Bert LeBlanc, Sr.
Claude & Verine Zeringue
Ethel & Henry Kraux
Joseph Quang, Trong Nguyen &
Maria Tu Thi Hoang
Peter Tam Van Nguyen
Martha Can Thi Nguyen
Pokeno Pals
Lelia Lefort
Beverly & Alexis Vicari
Beverly, Raymond & Craig LeBlanc
Michael Brehm
Donald Comeaux
Frances Bruce
Dorothy & Dominick Saladino
Hilton & Geraldine Landry
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MASSES FOR HEALING:

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

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

- Don Bosco



In Our Parish

ALTAR BREAD & WINE

is given for

All Parishioners

SANCTUARY LAMP

will burn in memory of

John Carpenter

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

will burn in memory of

Deceased Parishioners

SACRED HEART'S LAMP

will burn in memory of

Yves 'Vessie' Bourgeois

ST. ROSALIE'S LAMP

will burn in memory of

Calvin Danos, Sr.

BLESSED MOTHER'S LAMP

will burn for

All Parishioners

ST. JOHN BOSCO'S LAMP

will burn in memory of

All Parishioners

DIVINE MERCY LAMPS

Lamp 1 will burn for healing of

Yves Bourgeois II

Lamp 2 will burn in memory of

Julie Kirkland

Why A Vigil Light?

The subject of light is frequently referred to in the Bible.

Jesus said of Himself: "I am the Light of the world." (John 8:12)

Therefore, if we try to live according to His teaching and example, we will not "walk in darkness."

A VIGIL light, as the name suggests, is one that symbolically

"keeps watch" for us before the Lord when we cannot be physically present to pray in that particular place.

As we fulfill our daily responsibilities in our homes or places of work and business, the burning light symbolically expresses our petitions, our praise and our thanksgiving to God.

Mary Help of Christians

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Sanctuary Committee

The Sanctuary Committee for the weekend of February 7, 2026 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.

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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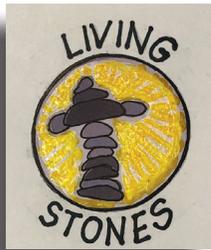
Confession

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

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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

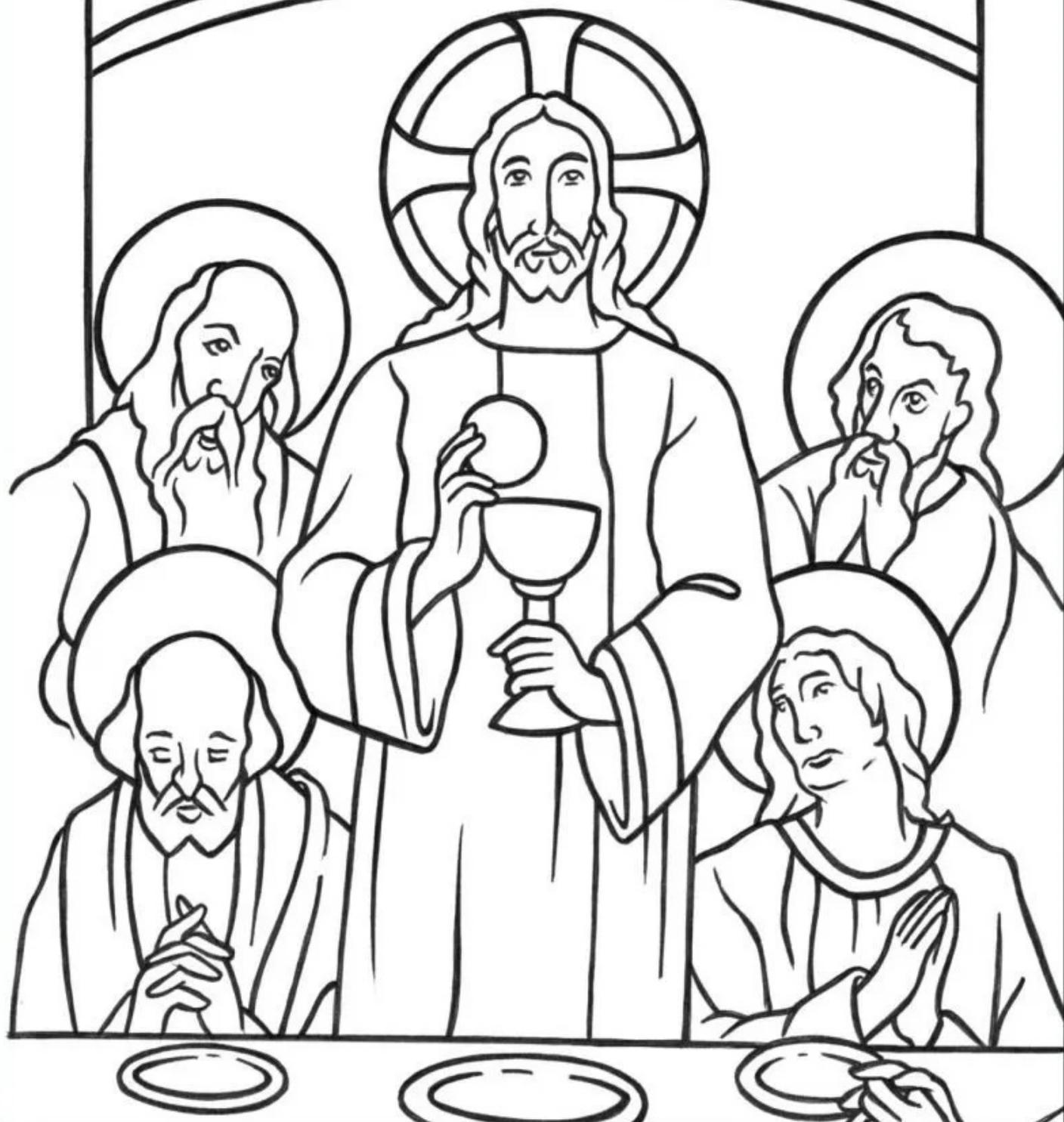
For couples celebrating their

25th - 30th wedding anniversaries in 2026

(Married during the years 1996 - 2001)

REGISTRATION IS OPEN THROUGH MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2026

THIS IS MY BODY



Jesus instituted the Sacrament of the Eucharist - © TheCatholicKid.com