

*So do not fear,  
for I am with you;*

*do not be dismayed,  
for I am your God.*

*I will strengthen  
you and help you;*

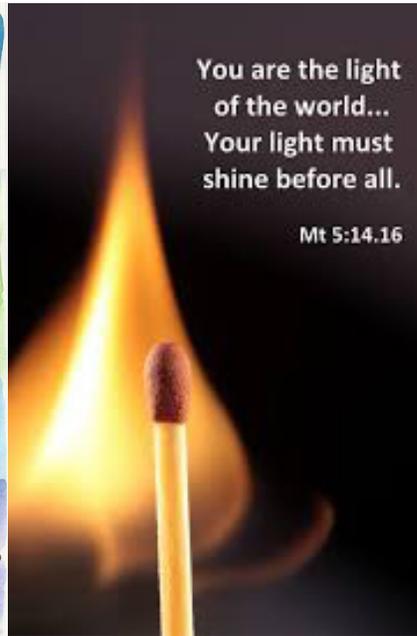
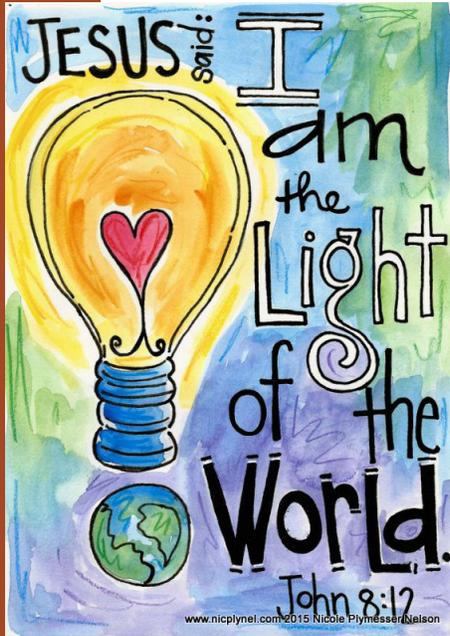
*I will uphold you  
with my righteous  
right hand.*



*Welcome to*  
**MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**February 8, 2026**

# The Pastor Jots It Down!

My dear parishioners and friends of Mary Help of Christians,



Our Liturgy of the Word today focuses on light.

In the Responsorial Psalm, Jesus tells us that He is the Light of World and that whoever follows him will have the light of life.

Then in the Gospel, Jesus says: “You are the Light of the World.”

We may profitably ponder today on our Baptismal calling when we put on Jesus Christ and were called to be a light to the world. During the

Baptismal service, the priest lights the newly baptized’s candle from the Pascal Candle and presents it saying: “Receive the light of Christ.”

The readings prompt us to ask ourselves: **How are we the light of Christ in our world today and how do we let it shine proclaiming Gospel truths?**

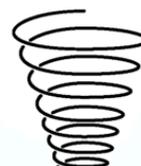
There is much division in our world today that is caused by our failure to call out the evil that is happening. It’s not a matter of Republicans vs Democrats. It’s a moral divide regarding the respect for each and every individual and their God given dignity. It’s a moral divide between the truth and lies. It’s a moral divide about seeking peace and unity and sowing divisiveness and discord. **Conversion is needed.**

We just can’t stop reading the newspaper or watching the news on TV, so we don’t get upset and think that things will eventually get better. We must do our part. As Sir Edmund Burke once said: “Evil will overcome the world, if good people do nothing.”

**Blessing of our Newly Opened Church by Archbishop James Checchio  
During the Saturday Evening Mass on February 21, 2026.  
Followed by Festive Dinner in MHC Hall with Archbishop Checchio**

God loves you,

*F. Maril*



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

# *A New Millennial Saint Emerging from Scotland?*

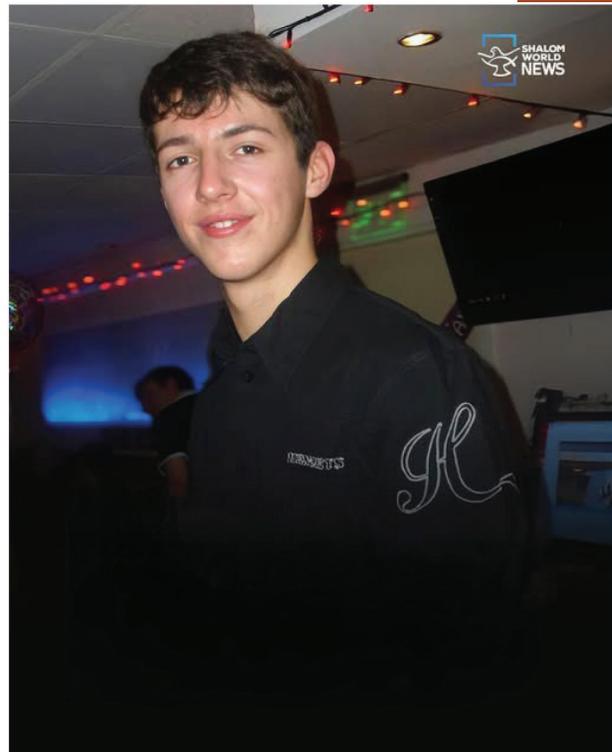


Image courtesy Joe Wilson Association

Joe Wilson, a Scottish teenager whose quiet faith left a deep and lasting impact, is increasingly being spoken of as a possible new millennial saint, as interest grows in his life and spiritual legacy.

Born in 1994 in Carfin, North Lanarkshire, to Alan and Veronica Wilson. They had raised him in faith along with his younger sister, Angela, for whom Joe had felt special affection.

Joe lived an outwardly ordinary life — attending school, spending time with friends, and supporting his family.

Yet beneath that simplicity was a profound commitment to prayer and trust in God. Joe attended daily Mass, when possible, prayed the Rosary regularly, and sought to live his faith through kindness, humility, and service to others. Joe died suddenly in December 2011 at the age of 17 due to complications known as Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome, a congenital heart condition.

In the weeks that followed, his family discovered personal journals he had kept as a teenager. The writings revealed a striking spiritual maturity, marked by reflections on God's love, suffering, and the desire to live fully for Christ. These journals, later published, have since inspired thousands, particularly young people seeking authentic Christian witness.

Devotion to Joe has grown steadily, especially at Carfin Grotto, a Marian shrine he loved and frequently visited. Prayer gatherings, talks, and online initiatives now share his words and encourage others to follow his example of faithful living in everyday life.

In a significant development, the Catholic Church in Scotland has approved the opening of Joe Wilson's cause for canonization, the first formal step toward sainthood. While the process is lengthy and requires careful examination of his life and virtues, many already see Joe as a powerful model of holiness for a new generation.

Joe Wilson's story offers a simple but compelling message: sanctity is possible, even in ordinary teenage life, when lived with extraordinary faith.

Text and Picture from Shalom World News!

<https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029VaDtpyDDmFWVtAdhG1s>

# Mary Help of Christians

## 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 Kraus  
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  
Hilton Landry II  
Arnold Lassere

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:30am Danos/Bartolo Families  
Linda Breux

10:30am William DeBlanc  
Doris & Walter Treadaway  
Malcolm LeBlanc (DOD)  
Troy Richoux  
Hepting/Mauro Families  
Antonio Damico (DOB)  
Lou Grace & Nelson Cantrelle, Jr.  
Peter & Rose Vicari  
Art Landry, Jr.  
Byron S. LeJeune  
LeJeune/Rodrigue/Danos &  
Orgeron Families  
Billy, Jr. & Derek DiMarco  
John Carpenter  
Kevin Fitzhenry  
Christie Poussard  
Chimine Pitre  
Ann & George White  
Pat & Richard Diez  
Robert Heath, Sr.  
Keith Matherne, Sr.  
Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.  
Shannon Morvant Olivero  
Artney J. Morvant  
Morvant/Benoit/Broussard Families

8:00pm All Parishioners

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:00am William Henry Ford

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:00am Armbruster/Brown Families dec.  
Stephen Craig Baye (DOB)

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:00am Robert V. Zang

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:00am Ryan Welch (DOB)

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:00am Sedonia Clement Cantrelle (DOB)  
Conversion of Poor Sinners

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:00am Nevel & Jennie Mayeaux  
4:00pm Richard J. Tullier, Sr.  
Margie & Wilton Montet  
Anthony & Conrad Saluto  
Tony & Jaden Phillips  
Terry Thompson  
Joseph Quang, Trong Nguyen &  
Maria Tu Thi Hoang  
Peter Tam Van Nguyen  
Martha Can Thi Nguyen  
Arthur & Joretta Bourgeois (MOAnn)  
Roland J. Bourgeois, 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  
Keith Matherne, Sr.

## MASSES FOR HEALING:

Alexa Schexnaildre, Kathleen Orgeron,  
Jackie Morvant Bush, Malena Llamas,  
Hazel Johansen, Heidi LeBlanc  
Merrill & Lenora Martinez, Pat Brehm  
Andrew Aceves, Rami Champagne,  
Jane Jacobs, Ricky Savoy, B. Amerson

## Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions



## FOR CHILDREN WITH INCURABLE DISEASES

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

## *In Our Parish*

### ALTAR BREAD & WINE

*is given in memory of*

**Carlo & Beverly Damico**

### SANCTUARY LAMP

*will burn for healing of*

**Ryan De La Cerda**

### MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

*will burn in memory of*

**Doris & Walter Treadaway**

### SACRED HEART'S LAMP

*will burn in memory of*

**Julie Kirkland**

### ST. ROSALIE'S LAMP

*will burn in memory of*

**Deceased Parishioners**

### BLESSED MOTHER'S LAMP

*will burn in memory of*

**Ryan Welch**

### ST. JOHN BOSCO'S LAMP

*will burn for*

**All Parishioners**

### DIVINE MERCY LAMPS

**Lamp 1 will burn for healing of**

**Yves Bourgeois II**

**Lamp 2 will burn healing of**

**Amber Von Wolff**

## 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 12, 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.

### NOTICE!

### CHA-MOTION Exercise Class

Classes will be cancelled on  
Wednesdays February 11th & 18th  
and resume on the 25th

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  
For information Call Pat - (504) 217-1174

### 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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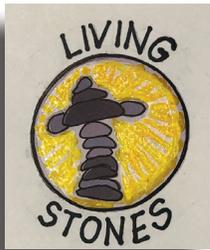
## Confession

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

**FEBRUARY 28, 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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600 Second Avenue – Harvey, LA  
504-340-1962**

**Office Hours:  
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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**

**You are  
the light  
of the world.**

**Matthew 5:14**

