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they will save you. Sir. 15:15*

Welcome to
MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CATHOLIC CHURCH
February 15, 2026

The Pastor Jots It Down!

My dear parishioners and friends of Mary Help of Christians,

Our Liturgy of the Word today focuses on **right living**.

In our 1st Reading from the Book of Sirach, we read:

“If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you.”

“Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him.”

The responsorial refrain: “Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord.”

Jesus tells us in the Gospel: “Whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven.”

“Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Then Jesus goes on to stress the importance of the 5th, 6th and 8th Commandments.

He talks about anger: “Whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment...will be liable to fiery Gehenna...if you bring your gift to the altar and there recall your brother has anything against you, leave your gift at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother and then come and offer your gift.”

Regarding the 6th Commandment, Jesus tells us: “everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” To stress the seriousness of keeping this Commandment, Jesus says: “It is better for you to lose one of your members (i.e., eye or hand) than to have your whole body go into Gehenna.”

He also tells us: “Whoever divorces his wife – unless the marriage is unlawful – causes her to commit adultery and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.”

I urge all those who have not be married in the Church to talk with one of the priests about having your marriage regularized.

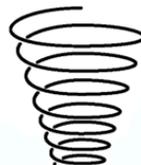
And lastly, Jesus tells his listeners, as well as each one of us: “Do not take a false oath...do not swear at all...Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’”

Jesus shows us the way to Heaven, if you choose, these commandments will save you.

**Blessing of our Newly Opened Church by Archbishop James Checchio
During the Saturday Evening Mass on February 21st, 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!***

What to Give Up for Lent



*****GIVE UP grumbling!**

Instead, “In everything give thanks.” Constructive criticism is OK, but “moaning, groaning, and complaining” are not Christian disciplines.

*****GIVE UP 10 to 15 minutes in bed!**

Instead, use that time in prayer, Bible study and personal devotion.

*****GIVE UP looking at other people’s worst points.**

Instead concentrate on their best points. We all have faults. It is a lot easier to have people overlook our shortcomings when we overlook theirs first.

*****GIVE UP speaking unkindly. (Gossip)**

Instead, let your speech be generous and understanding. It costs so little to say something kind and uplifting. Why not check that sharp tongue at the door?

*****GIVE UP your hatred of anyone or anything!**

Instead, learn the discipline of love. “Love covers a multitude of sins.”

GIVE UP your worries and anxieties!

Instead, trust God with them. Anxiety is spending emotional energy on something we can do nothing about, like tomorrow! Live today and let God’s grace be enough.

GIVE UP TV (cell phone/computer/internet) one evening a week!

Instead, visit some lonely or sick person. There are those who are isolated by illness or age. Why isolate yourself in front of the “tube?” Give someone a precious gift: your time!

GIVE UP buying anything but essentials for yourself!

Instead, give the money to God. The money you would spend on the luxuries could help someone meet basic needs. We are called to be stewards of God’s riches, not consumers.

GIVE UP judging by appearances and by the standard of the world!

Instead, learn to give up yourself to God. There is only one who has the right to judge, Jesus Christ.

Mary Help of Christians

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.
Ryan Welch

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:30am Douglas F. Ferrer
Rotolo/Territo/Martin
& Gibson families
10:30am Marilyn DeBlanc
Carlos Savona
Avie & Lorena Legendre
Ann & George White
Pat & Richard Diez
Robert Heath, Sr.
Parishioners of MHC
Buddy Masters
Byron S. LeJeune
John Carpenter
Kevin Fitzhenry
Christie Poussard
Chimene Pitre
Robert Heath, Sr.
Keith Matherne, Sr.
Vincent Baldassarro, Jr.
Shannon Morvant Olivero
Artney J. Morvant
Morvant/Benoit/Broussard Families

8:00pm All Parishioners

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:00am Anthony & Lena Muscarello
Maria Ana Gongora (DOD)
Anatola Domino (DOD)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:00am Roy C. Paretto (DOD)
Marilyn & Charles 'Tee' Blanchard

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:00am Jose M. Monreal
Spano/Hennigan/Gulizo Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7:00am Arcelia Monreal
Mary LaCombe
Sam LaChute (DOD)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:00am Joseph Vergona, Sr. (DOD)
Fred Gerstner, Jr. (DOB)
Anthony Guccione (DOB)
Kathleen &
Karen van Meerveld (DOD)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:00am All Parishioners
4:00pm June & Gerard Punch
Jimmy Richoux
Bourgeois & Keller Family dec.
Hidalgo/Tassin/Simoneaux Families
Malcolm 'Buck' Cortez
Juan B. & Marcela Rodriguez
Estanislao & Maria Ana Gongora
Joseph Quang, Trong Nguyen &
Maria Tu Thi Hoang
Peter Tam Van Nguyen
Martha Can Thi Nguyen
Roland J. Bourgeois, Sr.
Beverly & Alexis Vicari
Beverly, Raymond & Craig LeBlanc
Michael Brehm
Donald Comeaux
Frances Bruce
Dorothy & Dominick Saladino
Terry Thompson
Hilton & Geraldine Landry
Hilton Landry II
Anatola Domino (MOB)
Arnold Lassere
Keith Matherne, Sr.
Ryan Welch
Rosalie Gaspar



MASSSES 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

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

- Don Bosco



In Our Parish

ALTAR BREAD & WINE

is given in memory of
Ruby & Godfrey Boudreaux, Sr.

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
Fallon Martin, Sr.

ST. ROSALIE'S LAMP

will burn in for
All Parishioners

BLESSED MOTHER'S LAMP

will burn in memory of
Julie Kirkland

ST. JOHN BOSCO'S LAMP

will burn for healing of
Yves Bourgeois II

DIVINE MERCY LAMPS

Lamp 1 will burn for
All Parishioners
Lamp 2 will burn for healing of
George 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.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Sanctuary Committee

The Sanctuary Committee for the weekend of February 21, 2026 is Team 6, which consists of Bonnie Perrin, Melody Clark and Carol Pelegrin.

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

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



The Parish Office will be closed
Monday, February 16th
Tuesday, February 17th
for Mardi Gras.

*Have a Safe and
Happy Mardi Gras!*

Prayer for Mardi Gras

by Andy Alexander, SJ

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for it is from your goodness that we have this day to celebrate on the threshold of the Season of Lent.

Tomorrow we will fast and abstain from meat. Today we feast. We thank you especially for one another. As we give you thanks, we are mindful of those who have so much less than we do. As we share these wonderful gifts together, we commit ourselves to greater generosity toward those who need our support.

Prepare us for tomorrow. Tasting the fullness of what we have today, let us experience some hunger tomorrow. May our fasting make us more alert and may it heighten our consciousness so that we might be ready to hear your Word and respond to your call.

As our feasting fills us with gratitude, so may our fasting and abstinence hollow out in us a place for deeper desires and an attentiveness to hear the cry of the poor. May our self-denial turn our hearts to you and give us a new freedom for generous service to others.

We ask you these graces with our hearts full of delight and stirring with readiness for the journey ahead. We ask them with confidence in the name of Jesus the Lord.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/ash-wednesday/a-mardi-gras-prayer/>

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Masses

There will be two Masses on Ash Wednesday –
7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Ashes will be dispensed during Mass.
Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence – No Meat.
It is Not a Holy Day of Obligation.

Adoration

Adoration and Confession will go on as usual. Adoration will be paused for the 6:00 p.m. Mass and resume with Confession.

The OJ Orgeron Lenten Friday Night Fish Fry

sponsored by

The Knights of Columbus

Fr. Jonathan D. Parks, SDB Council #10057

Every Friday during Lent
excluding Good Friday
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.



Fried Fish Plate - \$12.00
Fried Fish & Shrimp Combo Plate - \$13.00
Fried Shrimp Plate - \$14.00
includes
French Fries, Cole Slaw & Hushpuppies

Crawfish Pies - \$5.00

Homemade desserts
also available
to purchase.

Dine-In or Drive Thru!

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Catholic Church

Parish Center across from the church.

600 2nd Ave., Harvey

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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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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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Second Collection

There will be a Second Collection taken up at all Masses next weekend, February 21st and 22nd to benefit Catholic Charities.

The parish's support in this collection provides crucial funds that enable Catholic Charities to bring hope and support to those in need in our archdiocese.

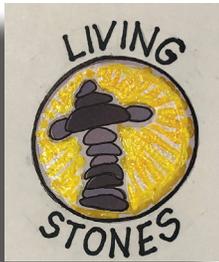
Please be as generous as possible.

Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone for your prayers for my recovery from my battle with Covid...a mighty opponent ...but no match for prayers!

Also, thank you to all those that volunteered to do my job in my absence – I know Father Mark was grateful for your help.

God bless y'all,
Jeannette



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



Come have fun with your friends
(and make some new ones!!)

February 19th 6-8 p.m.
in the Youth Center

Fun, Food, Games, Music
Good Conversation

Bring a dish if you want,
but just come and see!!

For more information call
Mitzie Leonard (504)447-1578

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