

*1st Sunday
in Lent*



*One does not live on bread alone, but on every
word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*

MT 4:4

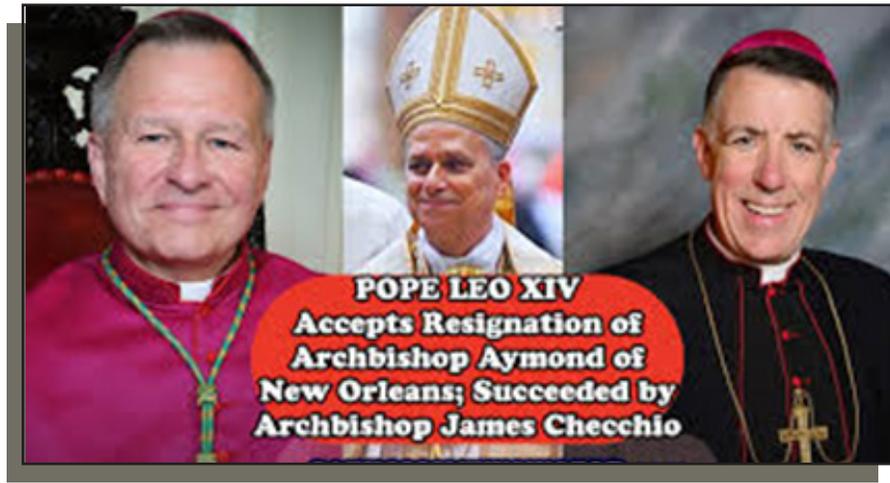
Welcome to

**MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

February 22, 2026

The Pastor Jots It Down!

My dear parishioners and friends of Mary Help of Christians,



Archbishop Checchio, welcome to Mary Help of Christians Parish, a parish entrusted to the Salesians of St. John Bosco!

We are blessed to have you come to Mary Help to celebrate one of your first Masses as the Archbishop of New Orleans.

Thank you for coming to bless and celebrate with us the re-opening of our newly re-furbished parish church. The damage done to our church by Hurricane Ida has finally been undone. Mary Help of Christians Parish is the result of the archdiocese's re-organization combining the two parishes in Harvey, St. Rosalie and St. John Bosco, both administered by the Salesians of St. John Bosco, into the new Parish of Mary Help of Christians.

Our parish is growing both in vibrancy and numbers. Thanks be to God!

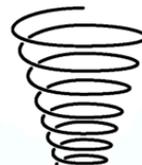
Financially, we struggle. Hopefully with the sale of the property at St. John Bosco and our property on the canal side of 1st Avenue, we can eliminate our debt to the archdiocese and cut down on future expenses.

Archbishop Aymond, thank you, for your 15 years of service and pastoral leadership as the Archbishop of New Orleans. Thank you for your goodness to the Parishes of St. Rosalie and St. John Bosco during the discernment regarding the re-organization of parishes.

Dear parishioners and friends of Mary Help of Christians, may our Lenten practices truly help us to grow in our relationship with Jesus and empower us as missionary disciples in building up Christ's Body here on earth.

God loves you,

F. Mark



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

Saint Pedro Calungsod:

Teenage Saint, Missionary and Martyr

In the mid-17th century, in the sun-drenched islands of the Visayas, a boy was growing in faith and simplicity. Though the exact year and place of his birth remain uncertain, most historians agree he was born around 1654 somewhere in the Visayan region of the Philippines (likely in what is now Cebu, Leyte or Iloilo).

From his youth he showed a love for the faith, learning the catechism and serving the Church in ways only his small community might have noticed. But God was preparing him for something far greater.

As a teenager he came under the influence of Fr. Diego Luis de San Vitores and the Jesuit missionaries who were establishing a mission among the native peoples of the Marianas Islands.

Around 1668, when he was about 14 or 15, Pedro accepted a grave and joyful invitation: to travel with the Jesuits from the Philippines to the *Islas de los Ladrones* (today's Marianas Islands). There, he would serve as a lay catechist and missionary helper, bringing the faith to people who had never heard the Gospel.

The journey was arduous. The mission land was remote, the climate tropical and unforgiving, and supplies scarce. Pedro learned Spanish; he worked as sacristan, catechist, teacher; he ministered to children; he walked through dense jungles and visited villages with his mentor Father San Vitores.

On the island of Guam – among the indigenous Chamorro people – Pedro's cheerful spirit and humility became a witness. He taught prayers, he led catechism classes, he assisted in baptisms and Masses. The mission's intention was to share the love of Christ, yet the cultural and political dynamics of the time made this mission fragile and contested.

One factor of tension: rumors spread among the Chamorro that the missionaries' baptismal water was poisonous, especially when some sickly infants who had been baptized died soon after. This caused suspicion and fear, making

Pedro's mission very dangerous.

It was on a morning of stillness and promise that everything shifted. On April 2, 1672, Pedro accompanied Father San Vitores

to the village of Tumon on Guam to baptize a Christian mother's child at her request.

While the priest baptized the child, the village chief Matá'pang, incensed by the rumor-filled fears about baptism, gathered compatriots and attacked. Pedro could have fled – he was young, swift, and unarmed – but he chose to stand with his mentor.

The attackers struck: Pedro was wounded in the chest; Father San Vitores then absolved him before also being killed. Their bodies were tied to stones and thrown into the sea.

Thus, in his youth (he is believed to have been about 17-18 years old), Pedro laid down his life as a martyr for the faith.

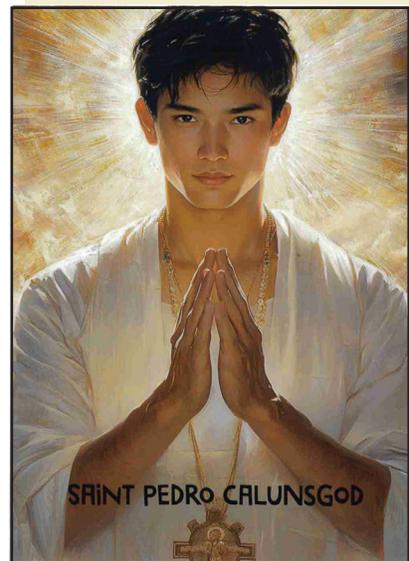
Though his life was short, Pedro's witness rippled through history. On March 5, 2000, Pope John Paul II beatified him, recognizing him as a martyr.

Then, on October 21, 2012, Pope Benedict XVI canonized him as a saint in Rome, making him the second Filipino saint after Saint Lorenzo Ruiz.

He is now venerated as Patron of Filipino youth, catechists, and evangelizers. His feast day has been celebrated on April 2 (the day of his martyrdom).

Saint Pedro Calungsod stands as a guiding star especially for young people: those questioning, seeking purpose, longing to serve. He says to us: "Here I am. Use me, Lord."

In a world saturated with distractions and shallow definitions of success, his life whispers: Mount your dreams on the One who never fails.



Mary Help of Christians

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:30am Charles, Genevieve &

Mark Darsey

Weinstock/Grossman/Lewis dec.

10:30am Henrietta Schmit

Doris & Walter Treadaway

Julie Kirkland

Yves Bourgeois

Rose & Alton Arcement

Ann & George White

Pat & Richard Diez

Robert Heath, Sr.

Parishioners of MHC

Martha & Dagoberto Martinez

Ruby & Godfrey Boudreaux, Sr.

Jewel Albarado

Byron S. LeJeune

John Carpenter

Kevin Fitzhenry

Christie Poussard

Chimene Pitre

Keith Matherne, Sr.

Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.

Shannon Morvant Olivero

Artney J. Morvant

Marlene Benoit

Morvant/Benoit/Broussard Families

8:00pm All Parishioners

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:00am Nelson J. Cantrelle, Jr. (DOB)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:00am Lynne Young Grisafe

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:00am Ô/B Lòi

Frederick Dimpfel (DOB)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:00am Ô/Bà Ru

Antoine Domino, Jr. (MOB)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00am Troy Dean Williams II (DOD)

Jill Stoner (DOB)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:00am All Parishioners

4:00pm Cindy Robichaux

Jewel Albarado

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

Arnold Lassere

Keith Matherne, Sr.

Ryan Welch



MASSES FOR HEALING:

Alexa Schexnaildre, Kathleen Orgeron,

Jackie Morvant Bush, Malena Llamas,

Hazel Johansen, Heidi LeBlanc

Lenora Martinez, Pat Brehm

Andrew Aceves, Rami Champagne,

Jane Jacobs, Ricky Savoy, B. Amerson

George Von Wolff, Timothy De La Cerda

Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions

FEBRUARY



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 in memory of

Cindy, Percy, Todd &

Scott Robichaux

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

will burn in memory of

Carlos Savona

SACRED HEART'S LAMP

will burn in memory of

All Deceased Parishioners

ST. ROSALIE'S LAMP

will burn in for

All Parishioners

BLESSED MOTHER'S LAMP

will burn in memory of

Ruby & Godfrey Boudreaux, Sr.

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.

Mary Help of Christians

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Sanctuary Committee

The Sanctuary Committee for the weekend of February 28, 2026 is Team 7, which consists of Kathy Savona, Toni Savona and Tally Gros.

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

Classes will resume this
Wednesday, February 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

Second Collection

The Second Collection being taken up at all Masses this weekend, February 21st and 22nd is 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.

What is Lent?

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.

During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by **giving alms**; and we practice self-control through **fasting**. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts – not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

The norms on **fasting** are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning **abstinence** from meat are binding upon members from age 14 onwards.

USCCB

Westbank

Special Needs

Sunday Mass

February 28, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

601 2nd Avenue Harvey, Louisiana

Special Needs Masses are held every 4th Sunday of the Month

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

Mary Help of Christians



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

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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Stations of the Cross
Every Friday – 7:00 p.m.

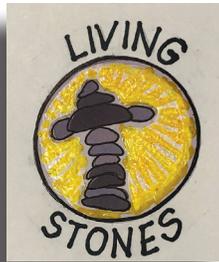


Lenten Schedule

Daily Masses
Monday - Friday – 7:00 a.m.
Tuesday & Thursday also 12:00 noon

Weekend Masses
Saturday – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday – 7:30 & 10:30 a.m.
and 8:00 p.m.

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



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

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