

5th Sunday of Lent



Jesus Wept!

Welcome to
**MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
March 22, 2026

The Pastor Jots It Down!

My dear parishioners and friends of Mary Help of Christians,



What the world desperately needs now is PEACE!

The first words of Pope Leo when he gave his First Apostolic Blessing *Urbi et Orbi* were “Peace be with you all.”

His first book, newly released in English, is titled: “Peace Be With You! My words to the Church and to the World.”

In the foreword of the book, Pope Leo tells us that peace is both a gift and a commitment: “a gift from God built by men and women.”

He continues: “We live in a world wounded by too many conflicts and struck by bloody hostilities.”

“Even before peace is crushed on the battlefield, peace is defeated in the human heart when we give in to selfishness and greed and when we allow partisan interests to prevail instead of looking to the common good.”

“Depersonalizing others is the first step in any war.”

“...peace is a commitment and responsibility for each one of us. Peace means teaching children to respect others and not to bully others when they play. Peace means overcoming our personal pride and making room for the other, in our family, at work, in sports. Peace is when our heart and our life are inhabited by silence, meditation, and listening to God; because God never blesses violence, he never approves of taking advantage of others, or of the frenzied abuse of the one Earth that is disfiguring Creation, a caress of the Creator.”

“Prayer is the ‘unarmed force’ that seeks only the common good, without exclusions. By praying, we disarm our ego and become capable of gratuitousness and sincerity.”

“...our heart is the most important battlefield. It is there that we must learn the bloodless but necessary victory over the impulses of death and the tendencies toward domination: only peaceful hearts can build a world of peace.”

Let us ponder these words of our Holy Father. Let them touch our hearts and cause us to walk in the ways of peace.

May they assist us in our responsibility to be peace makers in our families, in our neighborhoods, in our country and in our world.

God loves you,

F. Mail



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

The Annunciation of the Lord



Mary Help of Christians

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

8:00am All Parishioners
 4:00pm Malcolm 'Buck' Cortez
 Troy Dean Williams II
 Randy Rink
 Earl, A.J. & Dave Knockart
 June & Gerard Punch
 Jimmy Richoux
 Margie & Wilton Montet
 Anthony & Conrad Saluto
 Terry Thompson
 Hidalgo/Tassin/Simoneaux Families
 Sam Rotolo (AOD)
 Roland J. Bourgeois, Sr.
 Judy Muller
 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
 Joretta Bourgeois (DOB)
 Estanislao & Maria Ana Gongora
 Juan B. & Marcela Rodriguez
 John Bercegeay
 Lisa Gaudin

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

7:30am Charles, Genevieve & Mark Darsey
 Alex Mahl (DOB)
 Fritz Martin
 10:30am Alicia Claros
 Fred Schmit
 Carlos Savona
 Alma & Frank Savona
 J.D. Spano
 Billy, Jr. & Derek DiMarco
 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, MARCH 23

7:00am All Nuns' Souls
 Servicemen killed in Iran
 George Boudreaux

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

7:00am All Souls
 Octavio Baldassaro
 All Veterans in Iran

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

7:00am Tyler Hopkins
 Antoine Domino III (MOB)
 George Boudreaux
 All Veterans in Iran

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

7:00am Tim LeBlanc (DOD)
 Lisa Delahoussaye (DOD)
 Catherine Karams (DOB)

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

7:00am Josie Russo
 Servicemen killed in Iran

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

8:00am All Parishioners
 4:00pm Rosalie Gaspar (DOB)
 Amay Moorman (DOD)
 Joseph Quang, Trong Nguyen &
 Maria Tu Thi Hoang
 Peter Tam Van Nguyen &
 Martha Can Thi Nguyen
 Rosemary Domino (MOB)
 Terry Thompson
 Roland J. Bourgeois, Sr.
 Judy Muller
 Beverly & Alexis Vicari
 Michael Brehm
 Donald Comeaux
 Frances Bruce
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 Arnold Lassere
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 Ryan Welch



MASSES FOR HEALING:

Alexa Schexnaildre, Kathleen Orgeron,
 Jackie Morvant Bush, Malena Llamas,
 Hazel Johansen, Heidi LeBlanc
 Lenora Martinez, Andrew Aceves,
 Rami Champagne, Ricky Savoy,
 B. Amerson, Yves Bourgeois II
 George Von Wolff, Timothy De La Cerda

SPECIAL MASS:

In thanksgiving for the birth of a healthy
 new baby girl, Brynlee Gerstner and
 mother, Kasse.

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

Alex Mahl

SANCTUARY LAMP

will burn in honor of

Kasse Gerstner & Baby Brynlee

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

will burn in memory of

Alex Mahl

SACRED HEART'S LAMP

will burn in memory of

Yves Bourgeois

ST. ROSALIE'S LAMP

will burn in memory of

Cindy Robichaux

BLESSED MOTHER'S LAMP

will burn in memory of

Ruby & Godfrey Boudreaux, Sr.

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 for healing of

Timothy De La Cerda

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 March 28, 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 10:00 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
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.

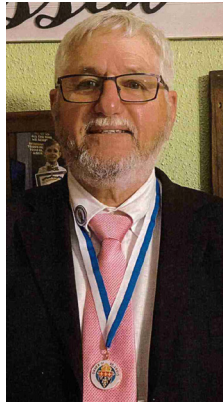
*Anyone interested in signing up
please contact*

CLAUDIA PRICE
at
504-453-7684

Mary Help of Christians

Congratulations

On March 8, Archbishop James Checchio conferred the Order of St. Louis IX Medal on nearly 200 local Catholics in recognition of their leadership and dedication of service to the Church, in their parishes and throughout the Archdiocese of New Orleans.



We extend congratulations to Anthony DiFulco, this year's recipient of the award representing Mary Help of Christians Parish.

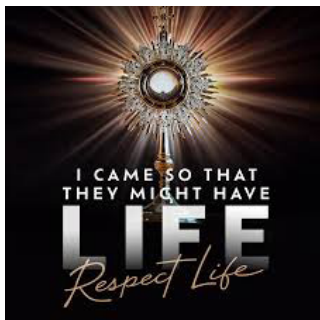
Anthony and his wife, Donna originally were active members of St. John Bosco for over 15 years. The closing and merger of St. John Bosco and St. Rosalie brought the formation of the new parish, Mary Help of Christians.

'Active member' certainly is an accurate description of Anthony. He, from the beginning, seemed to be everywhere. It seemed as if he knew what had to be done and when it had to be done. **And, he got it done!** Worker extraordinaire!

He is a member of the Rosary Guild, participant of the Fatima Rosary, and attends the Fountain of Youth Group meetings and Cha-Motion Exercise Group.

He is heavily involved in organizing the Taft Salesian Volunteers and helps behind the scenes at the Food Pantry.

Last, but certainly not least, is his role in maintenance and upkeep of the parish facilities. Thank you, Anthony.



Pro-Life Committee

Supporting Life from the Moment of Conception to Natural Death

First Meeting of those interested:

Saturday, March 28th

1:00 p.m. in the Gathering Room

Easter Duty

Easter Duty – Catholics who have been admitted to the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist are obliged to receive Holy Communion and Confession at least once a year between the First Sunday of Lent (February 18) and Holy Trinity Sunday (May 26).

**March 25th is the Last and Final Wednesday
from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.**

that was designated as "Nights for Confession."

**Wednesday, April 1st will be the last chance for Confession
before Easter.**

It will be the usual time of 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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

MARCH 28, 2026
12:00 Noon in Church
Rosary Rally Captain
Gina McCain (504 909-9013)



Stations of the Cross
Every Friday – 7:00 p.m.
The last Stations will be
March 27th.

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.



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.

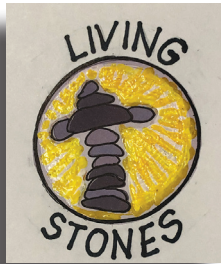
Adoration
Wednesday 7:30 am - 8:00 pm

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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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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