

DIVINE
MERCY



JESUS,
I TRUST IN
YOU!

Welcome to
MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
CATHOLIC CHURCH
April 12, 2026

The Pastor Jots It Down!

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Mary Help of Christians Parish,

Happy Divine Mercy Sunday!

This day is a reminder that God wants each and everyone of us to be saints and He and Holy Mother Church bend over backwards to help free us from our sins.

St. Augustine, a great saint who was also a great sinner in his early life, tells us: **“There is no saint without a past, no sinner without a future.”** Because of God’s great Mercy, there is great hope of sanctity for every one of us. We are all called to be saints. To be so, the Gospel proclamation of repentance calls us to change our ways, to turn away from sin and to walk more closely in the footsteps of Jesus.

We can look at the following list of sinners and their lifestyles before they accepted the Gospel. At one point in their lives they let go and let God in. They changed their ways and they became saints:

St. Dismas: Thief

St. Olga: Murderer, Torturer

St. Vladimir: Murderer, Rapist

St. Paul: Persecutor of Christians

St. Augustine: Hedonistic Partyer

Blessed Bartolo Longo: Satanic priest

St Andrew Wouters: Priest, Fornicator

St. Mary of Egypt: Seductress, Prostitute

St. Philip Howard: Playboy, Gambler, Fop

St. Angela of Foligno: Vain, Materialistic Adulteress

St. Thomas Becket: Obscenely Wealthy, Cold Hearted

St. Ignatius, when recuperating from an injury, only found a Lives of the Saints to read. It wasn’t his preferred type of reading material, but it was something to help him pass the time of day while his leg healed. His reluctance to read about saintly people soon turned into fascination and ignited his desire to become a saint. He said: If they, why not I. The same goes for us, if they **WHY** not I?

Some lessons for us today:

1. *Even when we choose to let anger, vengeance, and retaliation take over our actions, despite how ugly our past may be and how many people we have hurt God touches even the hardest of hearts.*
2. *Those who have abused their authority, lied and done horrific things to gain power and control can still turn around and follow God. They can be some of the greatest doors God uses to usher in Christianity to others.*
3. *Even those we label or see as the lowest of low in society are important to God and He wants to use them to spread the Word of God.*
4. *The greatest plans God has may include the worst of sinners, even the enemies of God’s people. Never allow fear and someone’s past cloud your attitude toward them and the hope they will come to Christ.*
5. *Those in sexual sins are loved by Christ and He seeks to love them, change their lives, and use them*
6. *No one is beyond the reach of God’s grace and forgiveness. Prayer is the most powerful weapon we have in helping others come to the faith. Never quit praying.*
7. *Reading the lives of the saints, can change our lives.*

Lessons 1-6 from an article by Amelia Monroe Carlson (Catholic 365.com)

God bless you!

F. Mail



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

Divine Mercy ABCs

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A

Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B

Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C

Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.



The message and devotional practices proposed in the Diary of Saint Faustina are completely in accordance with the teachings of Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Savior. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

From: TheDivineMercy.org website

Mary Help of Christians

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

8:00am Fr. Ky Nguyen, SDB
Fr. John Langan, SDB
Fr. Basil Burns, OSB
Lawrence F.J. Benoit, Sr.

4:00pm Troy Dean Williams
Malcolm, Tim & Victoria LeBlanc
Timothy Gabriel, Sr.
Margarie & Wilton Montet
Anthony & Conrad Saluto
Tony & Jaden Phillips
Honoré & Beulah Daigle
Hidalgo/Tassin/Simoneaux Families
Juan B. & Marcela Rodriguez
Estanislao & Maria Ana Gongora
Joseph Quang, Trong Nguyen & Maria Tu Thi Hoang
Peter Tam Van Nguyen & Martha Can Thi Nguyen
Beverly & Alexis Vicari
Michael Brehm
Antonio D'Amico
Roland J. Bourgeois, Sr.
Terry Thompson
Lisa Gaudin
Victoria LeBlanc
Judy Muller
Rose Champagne
Donald Comeaux
Frances Bruce
Dorothy & Dominick Saladino
Hilton & Geraldine Landry
Hilton Landry II
Arnold Lassere
Keith Matherne, Sr.
Ryan Welch
Po Ke No Pals

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

7:30am Danos & Bartolo Families
10:30am Marilyn DeBlanc
Carlos Savona
Doris & Walter Treadaway
Rose & Alton Arcement
Angelina & Billy Shrader
Avie & Lorena Legendre
Thanksgiving to St. Jude
Hepting & Mauro Families
Hennegan/Gulizo/Spano Families
Peter & Rose Vicari / Art Landry, Jr.
Judy Muller
Billy, Jr. & Derek DiMarco
Bobbie & Gerald Thibodeaux
Ruby & Godfrey Boudreaux, Sr.
Cherie Angela Edmonds
Mary Lou Saddler
Alicia Claros
Jewel Albarado
LeJeune/Rodrigue/Danos & Orgeron Families
Byron S. LeJeune
John Carpenter
Kevin Fitzhenry
Christie Poussard
Chimene Pitre
Vincent Baldassarro, Jr.
Shannon Morvant Olivero
Artney J. Morvant
Marlene Benoit
Morvant/Benoit/Broussard Families

8:00pm No 8:00 p.m. Mass on Easter

MONDAY, APRIL 13

7:00am Conversion of Poor Sinners

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

7:00am Armbruster/Brown Families dec.
Jim Stoner (D of Bap)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

7:00am Scott Adams

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

7:00am Richard J. Tullier, Sr.
Peggy DiMarco (DOB)

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

7:00am Lawrence Sinatra

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

8:00am Emily Gegenheimer
4:00pm Juan B. & Marcela Rodriguez
Estanislao & Maria Ana Gongora
Josephine & Bert LeBlanc, Sr.
Claude & Verine Zeringue
Ethel & Henry Kraus
Rosalie Gaspar
John Paul 'J.P.' Guillot (DOD)
Joseph Quang, Trong Nguyen & Maria Tu Thi Hoang
Peter Tam Van Nguyen & Martha Can Thi Nguyen
Beverly & Alexis Vicari
Michael Brehm
Roland J. Bourgeois, Sr.
Terry Thompson
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Hilton & Geraldine Landry
Hilton Landry II
Arnold Lassere
Keith Matherne, Sr.
Ryan Welch
Arthur Bourgeois (MOB)
John Bercegeay



MASSES FOR HEALING:

Alexa Schexnaldre, 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, Joel Monaco, Tyler Gallo, Dean Walton, Angelle Baye Wagnon, Gail Cheramie

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
Carlo & Beverly Damico

SANCTUARY LAMP

will burn in memory of
John Carpenter

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

will burn for

Alayna Raine Parks

On the event of her First Communion

SACRED HEART'S LAMP

will burn in memory of
Yves 'Vessie' Bourgeois

ST. ROSALIE'S LAMP

will burn

In Thanksgiving

BLESSED MOTHER'S LAMP

will burn in memory of
Julie Kirkland

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

George Von Wolff

Mary Help of Christians

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Sanctuary Committee

The Sanctuary Committee for the weekend of April 18, 2026 is Team 2, which consists of Marion Cortez, Rosalie Oubre, Jackie Gerstner and Faye Gomez.

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



Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration



The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce the annual Archdiocese of New Orleans Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, New Orleans. This prayer service will honor couples who are celebrating or have recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The celebration is open to couples married in 1976 or before.

**To register, please contact your parish office
(504) 340-1962 BEFORE Friday, April 17, 2026**

*We will be unable to accept late registrants this year.
so your cooperation in maintaining this deadline is appreciated.*

Please Note: The Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration is a prayer service, not a Mass and will not fulfill the couple's Sunday obligation. Couples should plan to attend Mass at their home parishes.



Fatima Rosary

**APRIL 25, 2026
12:00 Noon in Church
Rosary Rally Captain
Gina McCain (504 909-9013)**

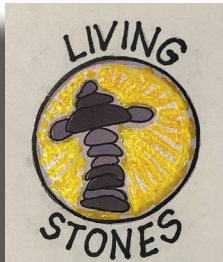
*Coming
Soon!*

Rent-a-Table Flea Market

**Friday, May 15 – 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 16 – 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Table Rental
Fee
\$20.00

Signup for a table before and after all Masses. Rental fee of \$20 is to be paid at signup. See flyers at back of church for detailed information.



Young Adult & Youth Mass

**The Latest Mass
on the Westbank!**

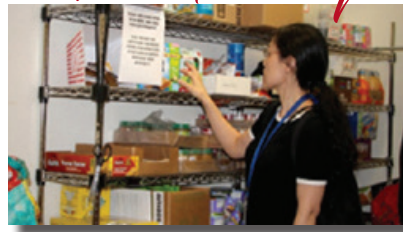
Sunday – 8:00 p.m.

**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**

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:
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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