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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. (*Rosary begins at 3:20*)

Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday through Friday: 8:00 a.m.

(*1st Friday of every month, Mass is at 8 a.m. and 12 noon.*)

Church is open for prayer Tuesday - Friday; 12 noon - 4 p.m.

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Sign up at SacredHeartBR.org

February 27, 2023–April 7, 2023 (Good Friday)
Monday–Friday ♦ 9:00 am–7:00 pm

Sketch of the
Monstrance design
for the Adoration Chapel,
created by Andrew Coleman

**The greater the sinner...
the greater his or her right to My Mercy. (Diary. 723)**



NOVENA OF DIVINE MERCY

**Tuesday Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by
Novena Prayers and Benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament**

**March 7, March 14, March 21,
March 28, April 4, April 11**

Divine Mercy Sunday: April 16, 2023



Vocations Chalice Program

**Join our Sacred Heart Parish
prayer efforts for an increase in
holy vocations in our diocese.**

**Every Sunday a family will be presented with
Father Josh's ordination chalice to take home and
pray the entire week for an increase in vocations.**

*If your family would like to take Father Josh's chalice home,
contact Clare Coulon in the parish office
to be put on the schedule: 225-387-6671*

Stations of the Cross



Fridays of Lent ♦ 5:30 p.m.
Sacred Heart of Jesus Church



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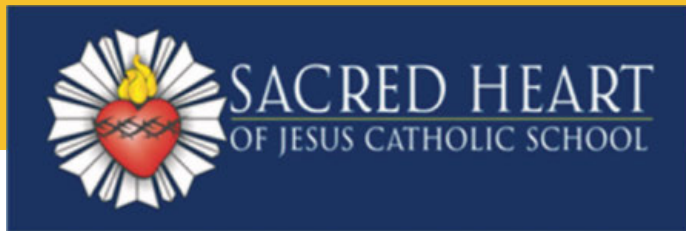
*Friday, March 17
12-1:30 PM*

*Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Hall
2550 Main Street, Baton Rouge*

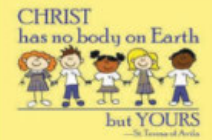
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#SacredHeartProud



Mardi Gras at Sacred Heart!

This year's theme for the annual 4th grade parade was Greek Mythology and was led by King Ronan Geismar and Queen Josie Broussard. Fourth grade students presented a summary of their character and then paraded around the gym to show off their float. When each student finished their presentation, Fr. Josh led them in the Second Line and they paraded outside to throw beads to the rest of the students. Special thanks to 4th grade teacher Brooke Robinson, emcee Fr. Josh, and everyone that helped her make this day a success.

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◆◆ *Observances for the Week of March 5, 2023* ◆◆

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Monday: Lenten Weekday

Tuesday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. John of God, Religious

Thursday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Friday: Lenten Weekday

Saturday: Lenten Weekday

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins

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SPOTLIGHT ON SERVANT OF GOD SISTER THEA BOWMAN

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Servant of God Sr. Thea Bowman

Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman was a second generation free Black American born Bertha Bowman in Yazoo City, Mississippi in 1937. She later took the name Sister Thea when joining the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. Being the only black woman in her order, Sister Thea committed her life to serving Black Catholics and their unique spirituality. When asked what it meant to be a black Catholic, she said —

“It means that I come to my church fully functioning. I bring myself, my black self, all that I am, all that I have, all that I hope to become. I bring my whole history, my traditions, my experience, my culture, my African-American song and dance and gesture and movement and teaching and preaching and healing and responsibility as gift to the Church.”

She held a Ph.D. in English from the Catholic University of America where she also taught, committing herself to educating others. Additionally, over the course of her life, she taught at Xavier University in New Orleans, Viterbo College in La Crosse, an elementary school in Wisconsin, and a high school in Mississippi.

Sister Thea Bowman helped shape Black Catholic identity in countless ways. She was instrumental in the 1987 publication of the first Black Catholic hymnal, *Lead Me, Guide Me: The African American Catholic Hymnal*, making sure the hymnal properly showcased black spirituality and culture. She sang and recorded 25 spirituals and worship songs that were recently remastered and released on most music streaming platforms as recently as 2020!

She traveled and spoke around the world, captivating audiences with her ministry of joy. Sister Thea taught those she ministered to about celebrating each culture's unique differences and lifting those differences up in each culture's distinctive expression of the Christian faith. When confronted with the fact that women were not allowed to preach in the Catholic church, she noted in one speech she gave that this rule could not stop her from preaching everywhere else!

Dying of cancer on March 30, 1990, at the age of 52, Sister Thea's legacy lives on in the more than 18 institutions named after her, her music, numerous works she authored, and countless students who received a college education thanks to the Sister Thea Bowman Black Catholic Educational Foundation. The U.S. bishops endorsed her cause for sainthood on Nov. 14, 2018.

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◆ ◆ *Calendar* ◆ ◆

MON 6	No Daily Mass Eucharistic Adoration , 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Chapel Knight's of Columbus Rosary/Meeting , 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall
TUE 7	Confessions , 7 a.m. Daily Mass/Divine Mercy Novena , 8 a.m., Church Eucharistic Adoration , 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Chapel Church Open For Prayer 12 noon - 4 p.m. Baptism Seminar , 6 p.m., AC-Fr. Gauci Rm.
WED 8	Confessions , 7 a.m. Daily Mass , 8 a.m., Church Church Open For Prayer 12 noon - 4 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration , 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Chapel Staff/Team Prayer Meeting/Lunch Office Closed, 10:30-12:30 Parish Finance Board Mtg. , 12 p.m., AC-Fr. Gauci Rm. SVdP Meeting , 6:30 p.m., AC-Fr. Dugas Rm.
THU 9	SHS Birthday Free Dress Confessions , 7 a.m. Daily Mass , 8 a.m., Church Eucharistic Adoration , 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Chapel Church Open For Prayer 12 noon - 4 p.m. SHS Faculty Meeting , 3:15 p.m., SHS Library
FRI 10	Confessions , 7 a.m. Daily Mass with School , 8 a.m., Church Eucharistic Adoration , 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Chapel Church Open For Prayer 12 noon - 4 p.m. SHS 3rd Gr. Musical , 1:45 p.m., SHS Gym Stations of the Cross , 5:30 p.m., Church SHS Dance , Time TBD, SHS Gym
SAT 11	Confessions , 3 p.m., Church Rosary , 3:20 p.m., Church Vigil Mass/2nd Collection for SH School , 4 p.m., Church
SUN 12	3rd Sunday of Lent Daylight Saving Time Begins Masses/2nd Collection for SH School , 9 & 11 a.m. PSR 1st Eucharist Class , 10 a.m., AC-Fr. Smith Rm. Girl Scout Cookie Sale after 9 & 11 am Masses



◆ ◆ *Readings* ◆ ◆

Sunday, March 5 Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/ Mt 17:1-9	Thursday, March 9 Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
Monday, March 6 Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38	Friday, March 10 Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Tuesday, March 7 Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc- 17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12	Saturday, March 11 Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3 -4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Wednesday, March 8 Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15- 16/Mt 20:17-28	Sunday, March 12 Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

◆ ◆ *Mass Intentions* ◆ ◆

Date	Mass	Intention(s)
Tuesday 03-07-23	8 a.m.	Joseph, Marion & Connie Politz
Wednesday 03-08-23	8 a.m.	Ryan Spencer Leggio
Thursday 03-09-23	8 a.m.	A Special Intention
Friday 03-10-23	8 a.m.	Karin Rester Herrin Thomas G. Day
Saturday 03-11-23	4 p.m.	Melissa Riley Lorraine D. Fourrier Michael DiVincenti III Betty Holliday Thudium
Sunday 03-12-23	9 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
	11 a.m.	Bradley & David Smith Dale Hotard Lindley Spaht Dodson Sam & Virginia Messina Frank Culotta Ryan Spencer Leggio Cecilia & Shelley Tramonte Leah Tatman

◆ ◆ *Minister Assignments* ◆ ◆

March 4-5, 2023: 2nd Sunday of Lent		
Mass	Readers	Cantor
Saturday 4:00 PM	Jacquelyn Dawson (1) Dana Barton (2)	Melissa Simien
Sunday 9:00 AM	Risa Mueller (1) Pamela Bennett (2)	Melissa Simien
Sunday 11:00 AM	Sid Bowden, Sr. (1) Sara Smith (2)	Melissa Simien

March 11-12, 2023: 3rd Sunday of Lent		
Mass	Readers	Cantor
Saturday 4:00 PM	Phyllis Territo (1) Jared Hromadka (2)	Natalie Overall
Sunday 9:00 AM	Glynn O'Neill (1) Lisa Gardner (2)	Natalie Overall
Sunday 11:00 AM	Jackie Culotta (1) Tammy Simien (2)	Natalie Overall

NOVENA OF DIVINE MERCY

Follows 8:00 a.m. Mass on Tuesday

NOVENA TO THE SACRED

HEART OF JESUS

EVERY 1ST FRIDAY OCTOBER - JUNE

CONFESSIONS: 11 a.m. MASS: 12 noon

NOVENA: 12:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday-Friday, 7:00 a.m.

Saturday 3:00 p.m. and by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Couples should contact the Parish Office at least six (6) months prior to the desired date and must complete the Marriage Preparation Program.

BAPTISM

Seminar required. Please visit the website or call the Parish Office for information.

CARE OF THE SICK

Visits made regularly to hospitalized and homebound. Contact the Parish Office for Anointing of the Sick or to receive Holy Communion.

FUNERAL PLANNING

Please call the Parish Office prior to scheduling with the funeral home.

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