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Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:1-2

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MASS SCHEDULE



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WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays: No Daily Mass
Tuesdays: 6:00 PM Mass
Wednesdays: 8:00 AM Mass/
Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

follows Mass

Thursdays: 6:00 AM Mass **Fridays**: 8:00 AM Mass

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays: 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

(Rosary begins at 3:20)

Sundays: 9:00 AM

11:00 AM

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OFFICE HOURS

Mondays-Thursdays: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Fridays: 8:30 AM – NOON

Parish Office Closed every Wednesday from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM

(Closed Daily for Lunch 12:00 – 12:30 PM)

ADORATION CHAPEL

Mondays-Fridays: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

(The Chapel is in the Church Sacristy and can be accessed from the ramp in the rear of the Church. Call Parish Office for code to enter.)

CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays: 5:30 PM Wednesdays: 7:30 AM Thursdays: 6:30 AM Fridays: 7:30 AM



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Monday–Friday 7:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., (Summer Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM) Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

EVERY 1ST FRIDAY OCTOBER - JUNE ONLY

CONFESSIONS: 11 a.m. MASS: 12 noon NOVENA: 12:30 p.m.

Please call or e-mail your prayer requests to Clare Coulon at 387-6671 or ccoulon@sacredheartbr.org

From the Archives

Monsignor Blasco's Chalice Returns Home to Sacred Heart!

Dominic Blasco was born in Ganci, Sicily on December 24, 1894 and grew up in Cefalu. He entered the Diocesan Seminary of Cefalu in 1909 at the age of 15. Having a desire to serve in the New World, he offered his services to the archdiocese of New Orleans, arriving in 1914 to continue his studies at St. Joseph's Preparatory Seminary in St. Benedict. He completed his course work in philosophy and theology, in addition to other studies, at Kenrick Major Seminary in St. Louis. On June 12, 1921, he was ordained a priest at Kenrick by Archbishop (later Cardinal) John Glennon. Later that year, Archbishop Shaw of New Orleans assigned Father Blasco to assist Monsignor Gassler at St. Joseph's Church in Baton Rouge. In 1924 he was given the responsibility of conducting catechetical work for the newly formed Sacred Heart mission in addition to his other parish duties.





Photo by Cindy Malone Hunt

When the mission was officially established as Sacred Heart Parish in 1928, Father Blasco was appointed as its first pastor. The effectiveness of both his spiritual and fiscal leadership was demonstrated by the phenomenal growth of the Sacred Heart family and its parish plant. After years of planning and fund-raising, Father Blasco realized his dream of a beautiful church building for the parish when the new Sacred Heart Church was dedicated in April 1942. In May 1947, Pope Pius XII elevated the pastor to the rank of Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor. Monsignor Blasco's life and interests, his zeal and energy, were all dedicated to his flock at Sacred Heart. While preparing to administer the Last Rites to a parishioner on March 11, 1948, the pastor was stricken with a fatal heart attack. His body lay in state in the church he had built until the Pontifical Requiem Mass on March 15, officiated by Archbishop Joseph Francis Rummell. Monsignor Blasco took over a tiny mission and left it a flourishing parish with a beautiful church and a thriving school. Seventyfive years after his death, we continue to be blessed by the fruits of his labor.

Upon Monsignor Blasco's death in 1948, his ordination Chalice was preserved by his brother, Santo Blasco and wife Rose Graphia Blasco. The beautifully ornate vessel features the 14 stations of the cross encircling the cup and base. In later years, it was cared for by Monsignor Blasco's niece, Mattia Blasco Didier. The Blasco family is honored to deliver the Chalice back to Sacred Heart, its church home. The Chalice is being donated by Mattia's children, great nieces and nephew of Monsignor Blasco: Cindy Malone Hunt, Elizabeth Malone Troia, and Bernard Malone III, and Mattia's sisters: Catherine Blasco Gueho and Mary Blasco Nola. According to the wishes of the surviving members of the Blasco family, the Chalice will remain at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church.



and brother.



God of all

knowledge, you knew us when we were still in our mother's womb.

You know our comings and our goings.
Grant us wisdom to act on the knowledge we have of you, and humility to admit when we do not know what to do.

Bless our minds with the knowledge of you and how you sent your Son into the

world to show us the way to you.

Bless all students who are preparing to go back to school. Bless their teachers and aides that help them to learn.

In addition, give us who are parents the ability to be the first teachers in the faith we have received from our parents.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord

Amen.





Mrs. Mrs. Sharon Jones

Assistant Dean of Student Affairs

About Me

Education: Bachelor of Arts in Education grades 1-8 with a specialty in grades 1-4 from Southeastern Louisiana University &

Masters in Reading Education from Grand Canyon University

With 25 years of experience in education and 5 years in leadership, I've served in a variety of positions. I love working with children and could not imagine myself in any other profession.

I was baptized at Sacred Heart Church and my son, AJ, attended Sacred Heart School from Pre-K through 8th grade. My nieces, father, and uncles also attended Sacred Heart, so coming to SH is like coming home. I love the families we have met and the friends we have made throughout our years at Sacred Heart.

Fun Facts



I've been married 25 years, Rob, and have one son.



I love to bake. It relaxes me, but I need a reason to bake, so it doesn't stay at my house!



I'm the youngest of 5 girls.



I love to read and spend time with my family and friends.

Contact Me



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"Joining the Sacred Heart faculty is like coming home. Being a Sacred Heart parent for 11 years has allowed my family to meet and become friends with wonderful families. I can't wait to extend those friendships as a member of the faculty."



◆ ◆ Observances for the Week of August 6, 2023 ◆ ◆

Sunday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Monday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest

Tuesday: St. Dominic, Priest

Wednesday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

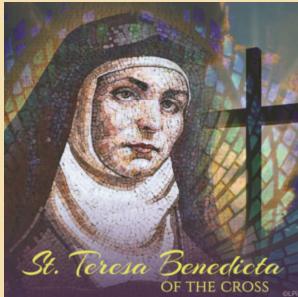
Friday: St. Clare, Virgin

Saturday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious **Next Sunday**: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SPOTLIGHT ON ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

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ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS | August 9

Edith Stein, born Jewish, was an outstanding philosopher and a committed atheist. While staying with friends she read the autobiography of Teresa of Avila and began a spiritual journey that led to her baptism in 1922. Twelve years later she imitated Saint Teresa by becoming a Carmelite, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. Edith came to Carmel after years of teaching philosophy in Germany. She lost her university position when the Nazis drove the Jews from public offices. She lived for four years in the Cologne Carmel, but moved to a monastery in Holland in 1938. The Nazis occupied that country in 1940. In retaliation for a letter read by the Dutch bishops denouncing them, the Nazis arrested all Dutch Jews who had become Christians. Teresa Benedicta died at Auschwitz on August 9, 1942.

◆ ◆ Sacraments ◆ ◆

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.

♦ Readings ♦ ♦

Sunday, August 6

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Tuesday, August 8

Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Thursday, August 10

2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Saturday, August 12

Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Monday, August 7 Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21 Wednesday, August 9 Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34 -35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt 15:21-28 Friday, August 11

Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Sunday, August 13

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

◆ ◆ Calendar ◆ ◆

MON 7	No Daily Mass SHS Faculty In-service Eucharistic Adoration, 9 a.m7 p.m., Chapel Knight's of Columbus Rosary/Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall
TUE 8	SHS Faculty In-service Eucharistic Adoration, 9 a.m7 p.m., Chapel Confessions, 5:30 p.m. Daily Mass, 6 p.m.
WED 9	SHS Faculty In-service Confessions, 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass, 8 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, 9 a.m7 p.m., Chapel Staff/Team Prayer Meeting-Office Closed, 10:30-12:30 SVdP Meeting, 6:30 p.m., AC-Fr. Dugas Rm.
THU 10	SHS 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL Daily Mass, 6 a.m., Church Confessions, 6:30 a.m. (Note: Confessions follow Mass on Thursdays.) Eucharistic Adoration, 9 a.m7 p.m., Chapel
FRI 11	Confessions, 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass, 8 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, 9 a.m7 p.m., Chapel
SAT 12	Confessions, 3 p.m. Rosary, 3:20 p.m. Vigil Mass/2nd Collection for SH School, 4 p.m. Knights of Columbus Installation, 5 p.m., Church
SUN 13	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses/2nd Collection for SH School, 9 & 11 a.m./ School Mass at 11 a.m. Mass Coffee & Doughnuts hosted by Knights of Columbus following both Masses

◆ ◆ Mass Intentions ◆ ◆

Date	Mass	Intention(s)	
Tuesday 08-08-23	6 PM	Joseph, Marion & Connie Politz	
Wednesday 08-09-23	8 AM	Ryan Spencer Leggio	
Thursday 08-10-23	6 AM	Michael DiVincenti III	
Friday 08-11-23	8 AM	Leah Tatman Nick Quartararo	
Saturday 08-12-23	4 PM	Thomas G. Day Ralph J. Portier Maryanna Perryman	
Sunday 08-13-23	9 AM	Ryan Spencer Leggio Frank Culotta Cecilia & Shelley Tramonte Karin Rester Herrin Betsey Tramonte Bradley & David Smith Shirlene Cooper	
	11 AM	Parishioners of Sacred Heart	

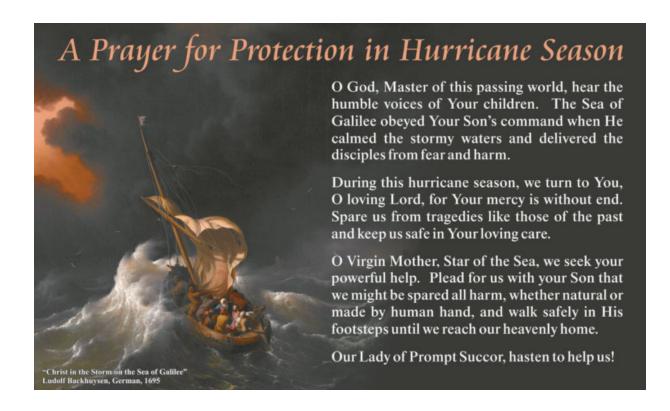


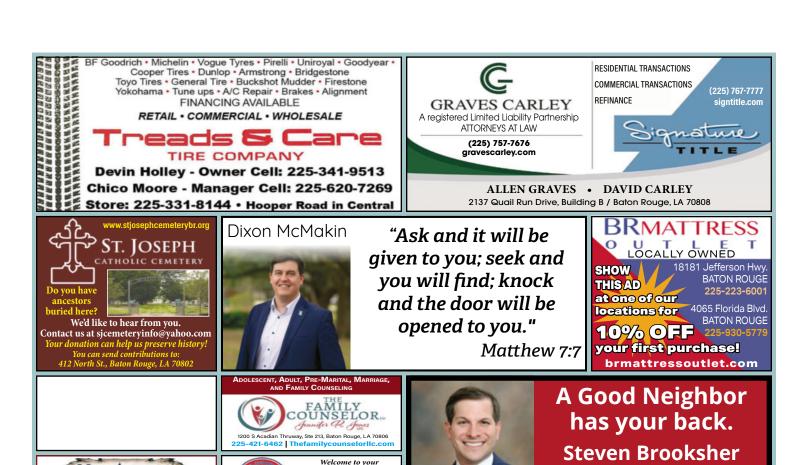
The Sanctuary Light for the month of August is in memory of Mattia Blasco "Marti" Didier

◆ ◆ Minister Assignments ◆ ◆

August 5-6, 2023: The Transfiguration of the Lord					
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	Philip O'Neill (1) Jacquelyn Dawson (2)	Denise Williston			
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Perry Key (1) Bill Bryan (2)	Denise Williston			
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Jared Hromadka (1) Charlotte Bertrand (2)	Denise Williston			

August 12-13, 2023: The Transfiguration of the Lord					
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	Joell Keller (1) Mark LeBlanc (2)	Melissa Simien			
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Jeanne Garcia (1) Caesar Garcia (2)	Melissa Simien			
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	SHS Student 1 (1) SHS Student 2 (2)	Melissa Simien			







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