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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Summon the laborers
and give them their pay,
beginning with the last
and ending with the first.”
- Mt 20:1, 8

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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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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

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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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SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

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

Are you or someone you know thinking of



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jeffreybdunbar@gmail.com or 504-858-1407

Sessions will be held Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

First Session: Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Childcare and dinner will be provided

This Program is intended for:

- Unbaptized adults
- Christians baptized in another faith
- Baptized Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation
- Any Catholic wanting to deepen their faith

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Mass presided by Bishop Michael G. Duca
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10 a.m. ~ September 24, 2023
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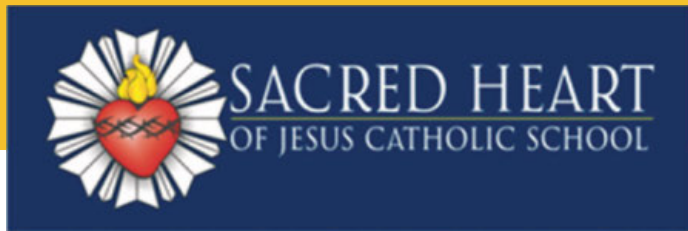
A night of Eucharistic Adoration,
Praise & Worship, and Prayer Ministry
for:

September 28: Cypress Springs Prayer Partners
October 21: Faculty of Diocese of Baton Rouge Schools
October 26: High School Students and families
November 16: Young Adults

(All are welcome to any Night of Adoration!)

6-8pm
Cypress Springs Mercedarian Prayer Center
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Questions, call (225) 752-8480



Friday, September 15, we celebrated the beginning of Hispanic Heritage month with an all school assembly. Students in 4th - 8th grade presented facts about each of the 21 Hispanic countries, performed a play and danced Héroe Favorito de Romeo Santos. Students and guests viewed projects of each country that were displayed around the gym, and everyone received churros upon leaving. The 8th grade ended the day with a fiesta with foods native to several of the countries such as pastelitos de carne from Honduras, gallo pinto from Costa Rica, cuban sandwiches from Cuba, mosto from Paraguay, tostones from Panama, and tres leches cake from Guatemala. A great big thank you goes to Señora Luque for bringing her culture to our school and to the Oseguera family for donating 200 churros! [#sacredheartproud](#) [#HispanicHeritage](#)



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Extended Care Workers

We are looking for responsible & dependable workers for Extended Care from 3:00 pm-5:30 pm. Flexible schedules are available. Contact Alexis Williams at awilliams@sacredheartbr.com if you are interested.




At Mass Fr. Josh gave our middle school Religion Teacher, Suzanne Payne, a relic of the cross that Jesus actually died on. During her religion classes, students were invited to pray at the table with the cross. Mrs. Payne said "We talked in class about the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. We discussed how the cross was previously a sign of torture, death, and humiliation. After Christ gave his life for our salvation on the cross, it is now a sign of life, hope, and sacrificial love. So today we laid all our burdens and petitions at the foot of the actual cross. Truly one of the most beautiful experiences of my life witnessing their reverence and devotion." The cross has been shared with the elementary Religion Teacher, Candice Brooks, so the elementary students will have the opportunity to pray with it as well.

◆ ◆ *Observances for the Week of September 24, 2023* ◆ ◆

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

Monday: Weekday

Tuesday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Thursday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

Friday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Saturday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

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SPOTLIGHT ON ST. WENCESLAUS



ST. WENCESLAUS | September 28

You may know St. Wenceslaus better than you think, he is in fact, the “Good King Wenceslas” from the Christmas carol penned in the 19th century.

He was born in 907 near Prague, the son of the Duke of Bohemia, raised and educated as a Christian by his paternal grandmother, Ludmila, who herself became a saint. The land of Bohemia at this time was a place in turmoil. Christianity had not yet taken hold and there were power struggles even within the noble family. When Saint Wenceslaus’ father died, his Christian grandmother became regent. However, his mother who may have been a pagan or at least held anti-Christian sentiments, upset at being overlooked, had Ludmilla killed. Wenceslaus, though young, eventually prevailed.

He ruled from 921-929, working at unification, he supported the Church building many churches, including the rotunda of Saint Vitus at Prague Castle. And like in the carol, he cared for sick, poor, widowed, and orphaned in his kingdom. To make peace with Germany, Wenceslaus recognized King Henry the Fowler as the successor of Charlemagne, which put Bohemia under King Henry. The peace was not a popular move with the non-Christian sects and nobles who wanted to remain outside of German rule.

Legend holds that his brother, Boleslaus the Cruel, led some anti-Christian movements. Whether Boleslaus plotted to murder Saint Wenceslaus or they just had a disagreement that ended in his death, it is generally accepted that the saint was killed by Boleslaus or his men. His last words were to forgive his brother.

Saint Wenceslaus was immediately recognized as a martyr for the faith and sainted. The Holy Roman Emperor Otto I posthumously gave him the title “king.” He is the first Czech saint and the patron saint of the Czech state.

◆ ◆ *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, September 24 Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a	Tuesday, September 26 Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1- 2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21	Thursday, September 28 Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9	Saturday, September 30 Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11- 12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45
Monday, September 25 Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18	Wednesday, September 27 Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6	Friday, September 29 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7- 12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/ Jn 1:47-51	Sunday, October 1 Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

◆ ◆ Calendar ◆ ◆

MON 25	No Daily Mass Eucharistic Adoration , 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Chapel Knights of Columbus Officers' Mtg. , 6:30 p.m., KC Office
TUE 26	Eucharistic Adoration , 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Chapel Confessions , 5:30 p.m. Daily Mass , 6 p.m.
WED 27	Confessions , 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass , 8 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration , 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Chapel Staff/Team Prayer Meeting-Office Closed, 10:30-12:30 Young Adult Adoration , 6 p.m., Adoration Chapel Choir Practice , 6:30 p.m., Choir Rm.
THU 28	Daily Mass , 6 a.m., Church Confessions , 6:30 a.m. <i>(Note: Confessions follow Mass on Thursdays.)</i> Eucharistic Adoration , 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Chapel Girl Scout Open House , 2:30 p.m., AC-Fr. Blasco Rm.
FRI 29	Confessions , 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass with School , 8 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration , 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Chapel SHS Birthday Free Dress
SAT 30	SVdP Visitation Meeting , 8:30 a.m., AC-Fr. Dugas Rm. Confessions , 3 p.m. Rosary , 3:20 p.m. Vigil Mass/2nd Collection for Maintenance , 4 p.m.
SUN 1	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses/2nd Collection for Maintenance , 9 & 11 a.m. PSR 1st Eucharist Class , 10 a.m., AC-Fr. Smith Rm.

◆ ◆ Mass Intentions ◆ ◆

Date	Mass	Intention(s)
Tuesday 09-26-23	6 PM	Sam, Mary & Joanne Politz
Wednesday 09-27-23	8 AM	Ryan Spencer Leggio
Thursday 09-28-23	6 AM	Milton Ourso, Jr.
Friday 09-29-23	8 AM	Michael DiVincenti III Leigh Whitney Hart
Saturday 09-30-23	4 PM	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Sunday 10-01-23	9 AM	Ryan Spencer Leggio Shirlene Cooper
	11 AM	Ralph J. Portier The Burns Family Bradley & David Smith Dale Hotard Maryanna Perryman



*The Sanctuary Light for the
month of September
is for the special intention of
Julia Dykes*

◆ ◆ Minister Assignments ◆ ◆

September 23-24, 2023: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time			September 30-October 1, 2023: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	Clare Coulon (1) Joell Keller (2)	Melissa Simien	Saturday 4:00 p.m.	Jacquelyn Dawson (1) Jared Hromadka (2)	Denise Williston
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Perry Key (1) Sara Smith (2)	Melissa Simien	Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Bill Bryan (1) Marilyn Kelley (2)	Alana Buckley
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Confirmation 1 (1) Confirmation 2 (2)	Melissa Simien	Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Sid Bowden, Sr. (1) Jackie Culotta (2)	Alana Buckley

A Prayer for Protection in Hurricane Season



"Christ in the Storm on the Sea of Galilee"
Ludolf Backhuysen, German, 1695

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of Your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your Son's command when He calmed the stormy waters and delivered the disciples from fear and harm.

During this hurricane season, we turn to You, O loving Lord, for Your mercy is without end. Spare us from tragedies like those of the past and keep us safe in Your loving care.

O Virgin Mother, Star of the Sea, we seek your powerful help. Plead for us with your Son that we might be spared all harm, whether natural or made by human hand, and walk safely in His footsteps until we reach our heavenly home.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us!

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Matthew 7:7

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