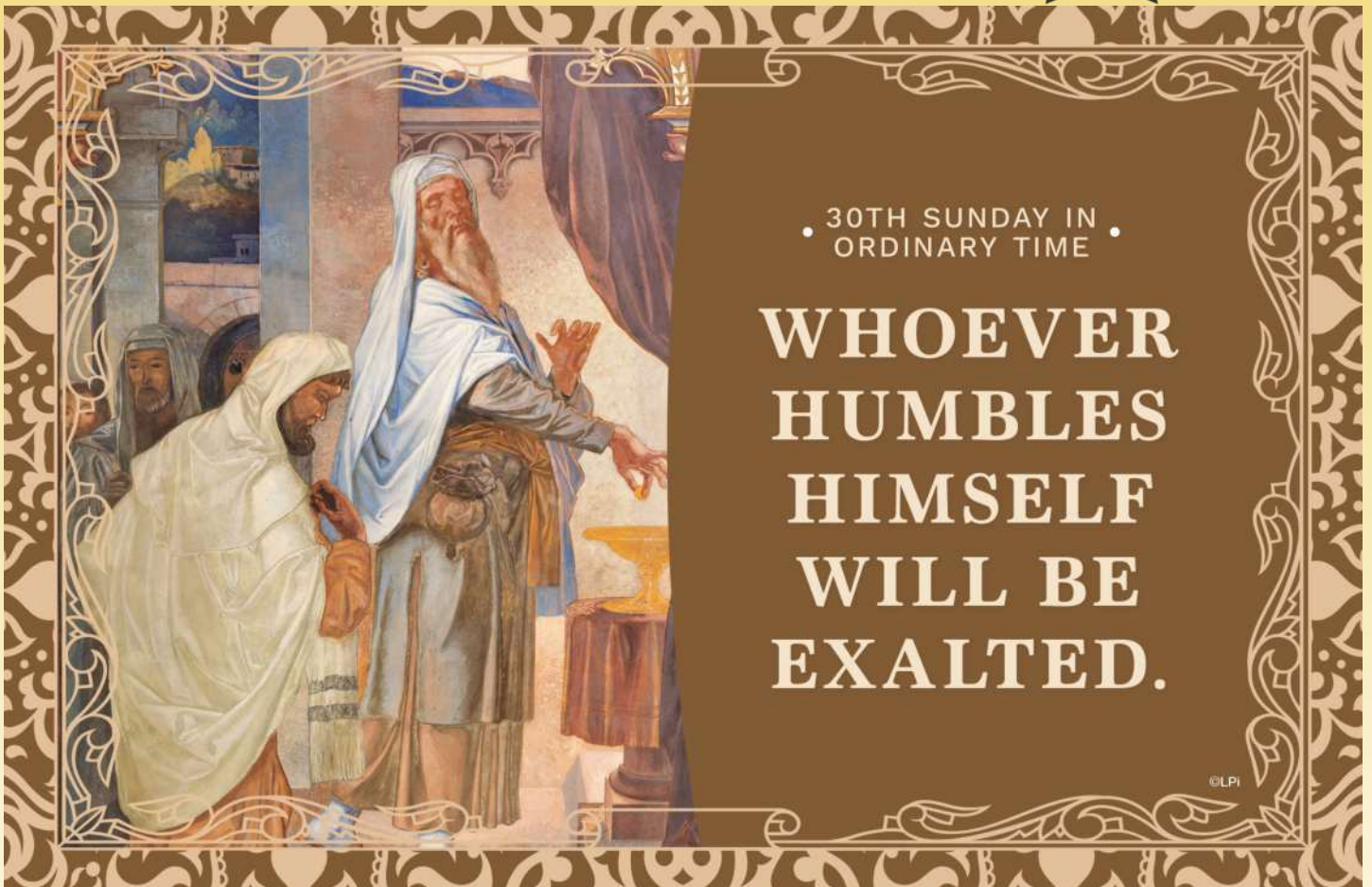


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MASS SCHEDULE



Give online
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QR code.

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
Sundays: 9:00 AM
11:00 AM

ROSARY TIMES

Tuesdays: 5:20 PM (*Before Mass*)
Saturdays: 3:20 PM (*Before Mass*)

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AED located in the
back, west stairwell of
the Church.

Vocations Chalice Program



Join our
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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 participate,
call the parish office: 225-387-6671*

DOROTHY DAY CAFÉ

**Monday
through
Friday**

7:30–9:30 a.m.
in the Underground Hub



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OFFICE HOURS

Mondays–Thursdays: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Fridays: CLOSED

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

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

ADORATION CHAPEL

Mondays–Sundays: 7:00 AM – 9:00 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

Saturdays: 3:00 PM



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Monday–Friday 7:15 AM – 3:05 PM,

(Summer Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM)

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

EVERY 1ST FRIDAY
OCTOBER - JUNE ONLY

CONFESSIONS: 11 AM

MASS: 12 noon

NOVENA: 12:30 PM

*Please call or e-mail your prayer
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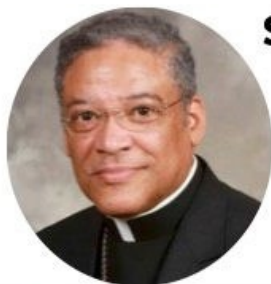


Black Catholic History Mass **Thriving as Sons and Daughters of God**

This Mass is a celebration to help all realize that the Catholic Church is a homeland for people of all culture and ethnic tradition. Jesus' Church is full of beautiful faces and voices. Come and celebrate with us as we share our gifts and make a joyful noise to our Lord. Come let us give thanks and praise to our God who has brought us this far by faith. "There's Plenty Good Room!"

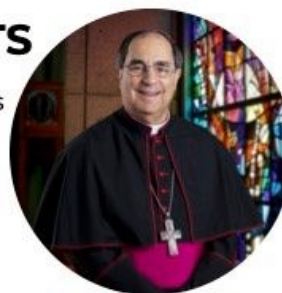
NOVEMBER 2, 2025
5 p.m.

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Homilist
&
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Mass & Blessing of the Graves

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025 @ 10AM

Roselawn Memorial Park | 4045 North Street



◆ ◆ *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.

A Message from Fr. Josh Johnson, Pastor

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

Recently our seminarians, Vagabond Missionaries and I were walking through the neighborhood praying the rosary. As we passed by one of the houses, a woman came outside and asked if we could pray with her. She wasn't Catholic, but she shared her heart with us and told us how grateful she is for Sacred Heart Church. She said, "I'm not Catholic, but your church is the only one in this community that really seems to care about all of us who live here. We see your seminarians and missionaries praying in the neighborhood all the time, and every time we've called for help with groceries, y'all have been there. You've welcomed us through the Café and made us feel like we belong."

That conversation has stayed with me. It reminded me that Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish isn't just a set of buildings on Main Street. It's a living witness of God's love in the heart of Mid-City Baton Rouge. The presence of Jesus is visible here through the prayers, the laughter, the service, and the welcome we extend to everyone who crosses our path.

Below you'll find the accounting report of our parish finances for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. I see this report as more than a list of numbers but as a testimony of what God can do when His people place their trust in Him.

This summer we opened the Underground Hub, the Dorothy Day Café and the new St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, and both have already become places where lives are changing. Our Vagabond Missionaries are hosting Bible studies, fellowship nights, and a Becoming Catholic program for our teens. Twelve of our young people are now coming to Mass every Sunday, and four are preparing to enter the Catholic Church. Watching them encounter Jesus and find their place in the Church reminds me why we do what we do. It is all about helping people discover that they are seen, known, and loved by God.

This fall we also opened the Blessed Stanley Rother Seminary House of Formation right here in the rectory. Our seminarians are taking classes at FranU, serving in Sacred Heart School, partnering with Vagabond Missions, praying the rosary in our neighborhood, joining mission trips, and spending a lot of time with Jesus in adoration. Their presence has brought new joy, energy, and holiness to our parish. They are learning how to be priests who love the Eucharist, the poor, and the people of God, and it is a gift to watch them grow.

In August we began our new First Saturday: Mass, Meals, and Mission. Each month we honor the Blessed Mother by offering confessions at 7:30 am, Mass at 8:00 am, adoration and rosary at 8:30 am, coffee and fellowship at 9:00 am, and service to our neighbors from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Together we have picked up litter, stocked the food pantry, made blessing bags and shared them with people at the bus station, cleaned up Sweet Olive Cemetery, and delivered groceries to families who have called us for help. It has been a beautiful way to pray, worship, and serve side by side.

Sacred Heart School also continues to grow in faith and excellence. When I first arrived, we had 185 students. This year, we have 238. Under the leadership of Principal Sharon Jones, the Mercedarian Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament have moved into our renovated convent and are serving in more ways than ever as president, assistant principal, receptionist, campus minister, disciplinarian, and second-grade religion teacher. Their joy and prayerful spirit have brought peace to our hallways and a deeper faith to our children and teachers. And yes, our three therapy dogs have become beloved members of the Sacred Heart family too.

Our Becoming Catholic program has also exploded in growth from three participants my first year to thirty this year. The Holy Spirit is truly moving through our parish, stirring hearts to conversion and drawing people to the sacraments. Every new Catholic reminds me that God is still in the business of changing lives right here in our community.

Every classroom, every renovated space, every new program, every soul being drawn closer to Jesus is a reminder that God is faithful. We are becoming what we have always prayed to be, a parish of worship, prayer, study, fellowship, and service.

Of course, just as your own household feels the strain of rising costs, so does our parish. The costs of ministry, maintenance, and mission continue to rise, but through your generosity we are able to keep going and keep growing. Your tithes, online giving, and sacrificial generosity make all of this possible.

This year, I am excited to share some truly hopeful news. A generous donor has come forward with a commitment to match our parish giving if we can demonstrate consistent growth in our collections up to a total of \$150,000. That means that every gift you give, every increase in offertory, and every new online giver helps us unlock even greater resources for the mission of Jesus here at Sacred Heart. It is a beautiful opportunity to multiply generosity and to see what God can do when we give together in faith.

If you haven't yet joined our online giving program, I invite you to consider it. You can use the QR code below to sign up, and if you need help, please reach out to our Business Manager, Tiffany Dykes, at (225) 387-6671.

Thank you for your faith, your prayers, your generosity, and your love for Jesus and His Church. Because of you, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish and School has become a home of hope, joy, and mercy. Let's keep building together, keep loving together, and keep letting our hearts burn with the love of Christ.

In Christ,



Fr. Josh Johnson, *Pastor*

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church	
Annual Report	
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025	
General Receipts:	
Church Support Collections*	\$ 1,099,554.74
Designated Donations (Building Fund)	\$ 56,766.27
(Vagabond Mission)	\$ 214,200.40
Interest Earned	\$ 18,072.52
Other Earnings (Includes Capital Improvements, Memorial Donations, Wedding & Funeral Stipends)	\$ 78,267.16
Diocesan Collections Retained in Parish	\$ 306.00
Total General Receipts	\$ 1,467,167.09
Extraordinary Receipts:	
Diocese Subsidy	\$ 21,978.97
Religious Education Income	\$ 1,206.30
Other	\$ 1,700.00
Total Extraordinary Receipts	\$ 24,885.27
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 1,492,052.36
General Disbursements	
Administrative Expense	\$ 720,806.65
Annual Diocese Assessment	\$ 218,412.00
Pastoral Services	\$ 50,374.67
Plant Operation & Maintenance	\$ 311,666.66
Interest on Loans	\$ 7,576.94
Total General Disbursements	\$ 1,308,836.92
Extraordinary Disbursements:	
School Subsidy	\$ 1,850.00
Other	\$ -
Total Extraordinary Disbursements	\$ 1,850.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 1,310,686.92
RECEIPTS LESS DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 181,365.44

*Note: The second collections listed below are not included in offertory collections as they are remitted directly to the entity: St. Vincent de Paul - \$72,237.74 and Sacred Heart School - \$27,645.60

◆ ◆ Readings ◆ ◆

Sunday, October 26 Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14 Monday, October 27 Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 & 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17	Tuesday, October 28 Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16 Wednesday, October 29 Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30	Thursday, October 30 Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/Lk 13:31-35 Friday, October 31 Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6	Saturday, November 1 Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a Sunday, November 2 Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
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◆ ◆ Calendar ◆ ◆

MON 27	No Daily Mass SHS 6-8 Gr. Conferences (NO SCHOOL 6-8 Gr. Only) 5-6 Gr. PSR Mtg. , 6 PM, Parish Hall Knights of Columbus Officers' Mtg. , 6:30 PM, KC Office
TUE 28	Rosary, 5:20 PM Confessions, 5:30PM Daily Mass, 6PM Cor Jesu , 6:30 PM, Parish Hall/AC-Fr. Blasco Rm. Young Adult Small Group. , 6:30 PM, HUB
WED 29	Confessions, 7:30 AM Daily Mass 8 AM Staff/Team Prayer Meeting-Office Closed, 10:30-12:30 Vagabond Teen Bible Study , 4:30 PM, HUB O.C.I.A. Class , 6:00 PM, AC-Fr. Blasco Rm. Choir Practice , 6:30 PM, Choir Rm. SVdP Meeting , 6:30 PM, AC-Fr. Gauci Rm.
THU 30	Daily Mass, 6 AM, Church Confessions, 6:30 AM <i>(Note: Confessions follow Mass on Thursdays.)</i> Men's Lectio Divina , 6:30 AM, Parish Hall SoulCore Class , 7:55 AM, AC-Gym Vagabond Open Holy Hour , 9 AM, Church
FRI 31	Confessions, 7:30 AM Daily Mass w/ SHS, 8 AM
SAT 1	Solemnity of All Saints (NOT a Holy Day of Obligation) Roselawn Memorial Park Mass & Blessing of the Graves <i>(Confessions, 9:30 AM Mass, 10 AM)</i> Confessions, 3 PM Rosary, 3:20 PM Vigil Mass/2nd Collection for Maintenance, 4 PM
SUN 2	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed Masses/2nd Collection for Maintenance, 9 & 11 AM National Black Catholic History Mass, 5 PM , see pg. 3 Coffee & Doughnuts following 9 AM Mass only PSR 1st Eucharist Class , 10 AM, AC-Fr. Smith Rm. Confirmation Session 5 , 12 PM, Church Campus Sober Hearts: Open AA Meeting , 5 PM, AC-Fr. Gauci Rm.

◆ ◆ Mass Intentions ◆ ◆

Date	Mass	Intention(s)
Tuesday 10-28-25	6 PM	Juanita Holden McGregor Leon J Rester
Wednesday 10-29-25	8 AM	Ryan Spencer Leggio
Thursday 10-30-25	6 AM	Cecilia & Shelley Tramonte
Friday 10-31-25	8 AM	Melissa Riley-Byrd
Saturday 11-01-25	10 AM	Mass & Blessing of the Graves at Roselawn Jerome Leggio Jr.
	4 PM	All deceased members of the DeCuir Family; Lucille Thomas; Mother Adela Galindo
Sunday 11-02-25	9 AM	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
	11 AM	Shirlene Cooper; Michael DiVincenti III; Ryan Spencer Leggio; E. Paul Alonzo; David & Bradley Smith; Alex Hankel; Peter & Nelda Polozola

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

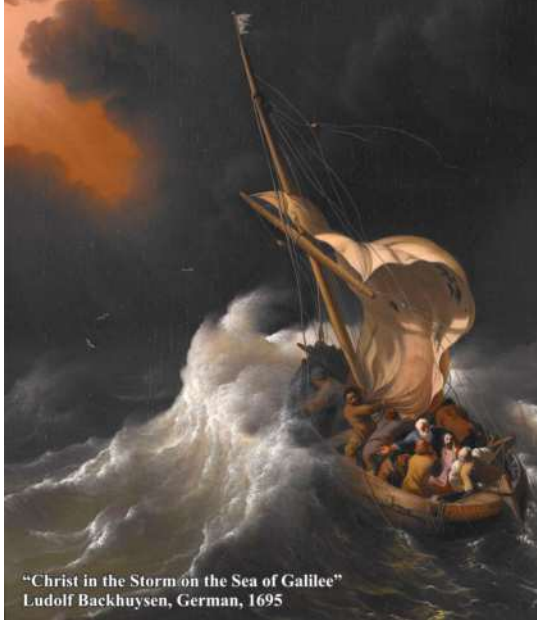
Adoration Chapel Hours | 7AM - 9PM Daily



◆ ◆ Minister Assignments ◆ ◆

October 25-26: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time			November 1-2: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed		
Mass	Readers	Cantor	Mass	Readers	Cantor
Saturday 4:00 PM	Kay Gaudin (1) Clare Coulon (2)	Melissa Simien	Saturday 4:00 PM	Philip O'Neill (1) Jacquelyn Dawson (2)	Melissa Simien
Sunday 9:00 AM	Tamekia Jones (1) Lisa Gardner (2)	Melissa Simien	Sunday 9:00 AM	Ghedy Matus (1) Perry Key (2)	Alana Buckley
Sunday 11:00 AM	Tammy Simien (1) Jared Hromadka (2)	Melissa Simien	Sunday 11:00 AM	Anthony O'Connor (1) Sara Smith (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. Should it be your will, we ask that we be spared from tragedies like those of the past and that you 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. Should this not be His will, we pray for strength to grow closer to Him through these and other hardships we face.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us!



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