

# SACRED HEART OF JESUS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

## PARISH MESSENGER



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"Behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him." Mt 3:16

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### 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 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 participate, call the parish office: 225-387-6671

## DOROTHY DAY CAFÉ

Monday through Friday

7:30–9:30 a.m.  
in the Underground Hub



## CONNECT WITH SACRED HEART CHURCH!



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Phone  
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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

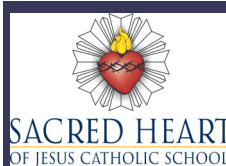
Tuesdays: 5:30 PM

Wednesdays: 7:30 AM

Thursdays: 6:30 AM

Fridays: 7:30 AM

Saturdays: 3:00 PM



## SACRED HEART OF JESUS SCHOOL

2251 Main Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802  
Telephone: (225)383-7481

Principal  
Mrs. Sharon Jones

Assistant Principal  
Mother Mary Rosario

Website: www.sacredheartbr.com

Email: info@sacredheartbr.com

## SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

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 requests to the Parish Office Receptionist at 387-6671 or Receptionist@sacredheartbr.org

# MCM

MID-CITY  MISSION

— SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHURCH —

## May 31–June 6, 2026

A week-long, overnight mission for high school students to experience faith, fellowship, and service to our community.

- Service to Our Neighbors in Need
- Faith Sharing and Evangelization
- Daily Mass and Prayer



Cost: \$250



Scan the QR code to register

For more information contact [shmidcitymission@gmail.com](mailto:shmidcitymission@gmail.com)

## From the Archives

### Sacred Heart's Baptismal Font

In front of the side altar dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary is Sacred Heart's unique baptismal font. Made of marble and bronze, the design was the conception of Monsignor Blasco. The overall shape is octagonal, which represents rebirth. Eight-sided shapes are assigned this meaning because there were eight souls on Noah's ark who were saved from the flood and through whom the earth was renewed. Waves and circles decorate the cover of the font. The waves represent the purifying water of baptism and the circles signify the completeness of this purification. The cover is crowned with a cross, the instrument of salvation. The cross motif is repeated on the base. Also crowning the cover is a descending dove: the Holy Spirit which we receive at baptism. The front of the font is decorated with a scallop shell. According to legend, St. John the Baptist used a shell to pour water from the Jordan River over Christ's head when he baptized him. Surrounding the shell is a vine, representing believers in Christ: "I am the vine, you are the branches (John 15:5).



The Roman Catholic Diocese of  
**BATON ROUGE**

## RESPECT LIFE MASS

Celebrated by Bishop Michael Duca

**January 24, 2026 | 8:30 a.m.**

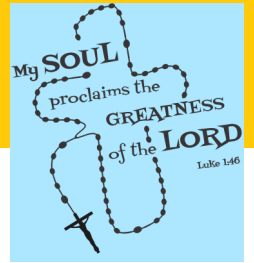
**St. Joseph Cathedral**  
401 Main Street, Baton Rouge LA

Join us, following Mass, for fellowship, coffee and hot chocolate before we join thousands of others for the Louisiana Life March beginning @ 10 am on the State Capitol Lawn.

**SCHOOL LOT PARKING**  
Please **MOVE** your car immediately after Mass if you park in the school lot so the security guard can lock the gates.  
**Thank you!**



SACRED HEART  
OF JESUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL



# SACRED HEART OF JESUS SCHOOL

Open House  
January 15  
5-7 PM



Pre-K3 through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

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◆◆ Readings ◆◆

<p><b>Sunday, January 11</b> Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, January 13</b> 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28</p>	<p><b>Thursday, January 15</b> 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45</p>	<p><b>Saturday, January 17</b> 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17</p>
<p><b>Monday, January 12</b> 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, January 14</b> 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39</p>	<p><b>Friday, January 16</b> 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12</p>	<p><b>Sunday, January 18</b> Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34</p>

◆◆ Calendar ◆◆

MON 12	<p><b>No Daily Mass</b> <i>Walking with Purpose</i>, 5:30 PM, AC-Fr. Gauci Rm. <i>Men's ACTS Team Formation</i>, 6 PM, AC-Fr. Blasco Rm.</p>
TUE 13	<p><b>Rosary, 5:20 PM   Confessions, 5:30PM   Daily Mass, 6PM</b> <i>Cor Jesu</i>, 6:30 PM, Parish Hall/AC-Fr. Blasco Rm.</p>
WED 14	<p><b>Confessions, 7:30 AM   Daily Mass, 8 AM</b> <i>Staff/Team Prayer Meeting-Office Closed, 10:30-12:00</i> <b>PSR 1st Reconciliation Service</b>, 6 PM, Church <b>O.C.I.A. Class</b>, 6 PM, AC-Fr. Blasco Rm. <i>Walking with Purpose</i>, 6 PM, Parish Hall</p>
THU 15	<p><b>Daily Mass, 6 AM, Church   Confessions, 6:30 AM</b> <i>(Note: Confessions follow Mass on Thursdays.)</i> <b>Men's Lectio Divina</b>, 6:30 AM, Parish Hall <b>Soul Core</b>, 7:55 AM, AC-Gym <b>Vagabond Open Holy Hour</b>, 9 AM, Church <b>SHS Open House</b>, 5 PM, SHS Campus</p>
FRI 16	<p><b>Confessions, 7:30 AM   Daily Mass w/ SHS, 8 AM</b></p>
SAT 17	<p><b>Confessions, 3 PM   Rosary, 3:20 PM</b> <b>Vigil Mass/2nd Collection for St. Vincent dePaul</b>, 4 PM <b>SVdP Visitation Meeting</b>, 8:30 AM, HUB Conference Rm. <b>Young Adults Coffeehouse Social</b> 9 AM, Dorothy Day Café <b>Confirmation Practice</b>, 10 AM, Church</p>
SUN 18	<p><b>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Masses/2nd Collection for St. Vincent dePaul</b>, 9 &amp; 11 AM <b>Coffee &amp; Doughnuts</b> following 9 am Mass <b>only</b> <b>PSR 1st Eucharist Class</b>, 10 AM, AC-Fr. Smith Rm. <b>Confirmation Mass</b>, 1 PM, Church <b>Confirmation Reception</b>, 2 PM, Parish Hall <b>Sober Hearts: Open AA Meeting</b>, 5 PM, AC-Fr. Gauci Rm.</p>

◆◆ Mass Intentions ◆◆

Date	Mass	Intention(s)
Tuesday 01-13-26	6 PM	The Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday 01-14-26	8 AM	Jerome Leggio Jr.
Thursday 01-15-26	6 AM	Myria Butler
Friday 01-16-26	8 AM	Ryan Spencer Leggio
Saturday 01-17-26	4 PM	Sandra Ann Fisher
Sunday 01-18-26	9 AM	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
	11 AM	David & Bradley Smith; Ryan Spencer Leggio; Peter & Nelda Polozola; Jerome Leggio Jr.



The Sacred Heart Sanctuary Light for the month of January is lit in memory of **Ryan Spencer Leggio**

The Sacred Heart Adoration Chapel Lamp for the month of January is lit for the **Parishioners of Sacred Heart**

The Adoration Chapel Lamp is available for the month of February. If you are interested in requesting the Church lights for your loved one for February, or to see what other months are available, please contact the Church Office.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Adoration Chapel Hours | 7AM - 9PM Daily



◆◆ Minister Assignments ◆◆

January 10 - 11: The Baptism of the Lord		
Mass	Readers	Cantor
Saturday 4:00 PM	Clare Coulon (1) Joell Keller (2)	Natalie Overall
Sunday 9:00 AM	Perry Key (1) Tamekia Jones (2)	Natalie Overall
Sunday 11:00 AM	SHS Student 1 (1) SHS Student 2 (2)	Natalie Overall

January 17 - 18: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Mass	Readers	Cantor
Saturday 4:00 PM	Jacquelyn Dawson (1) Deanna Wilson (2)	Denise Williston
Sunday 9:00 AM	Pamela Bennett (1) Risa Mueller (2)	Denise Williston
Sunday 11:00 AM	Sara Smith (1) Anthony O'Connor (2)	Denise Williston

**MARRIAGE**

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

**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.

**BAPTISM**

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

**FUNERAL PLANNING**

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



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