

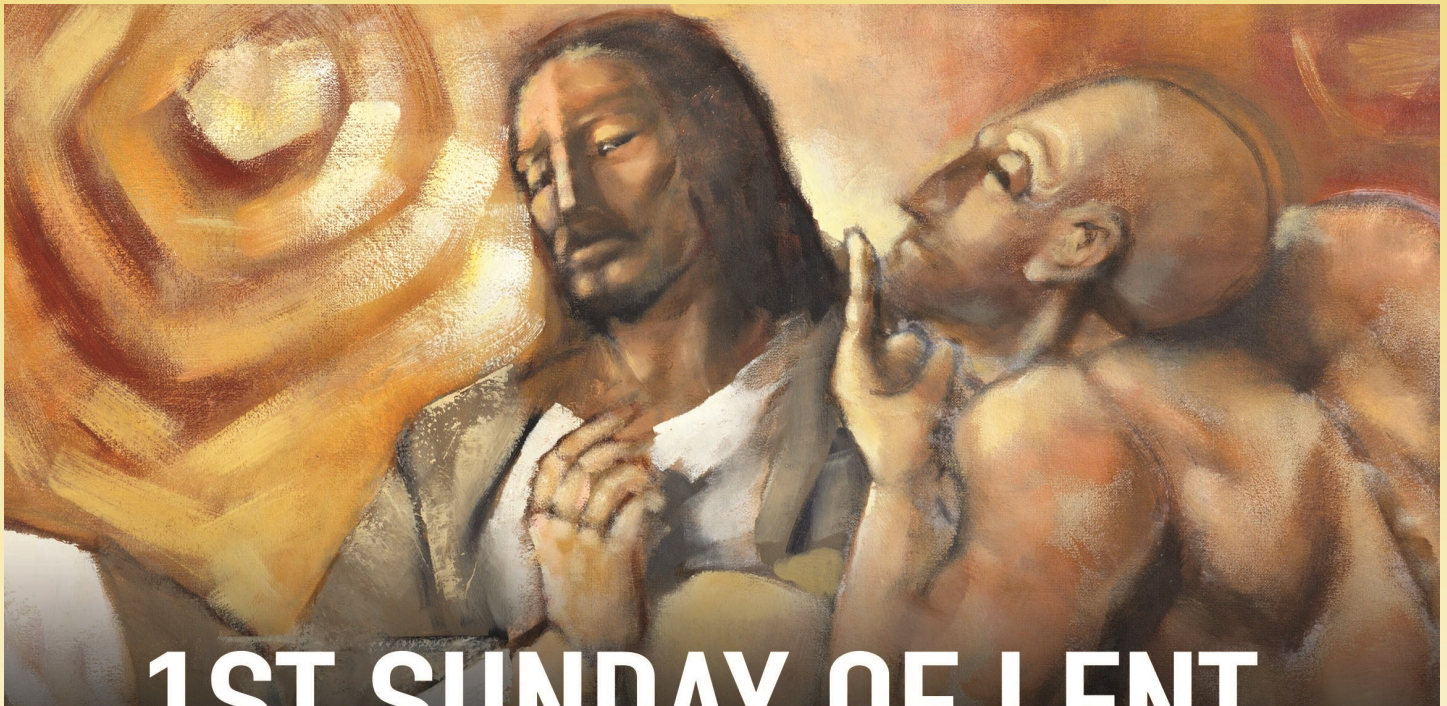
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PARISH MESSENGER



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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

"The tempter approached and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread.' He said in reply, 'It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.'" Mt 4: 1-4

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays: No Daily Mass
Tuesdays: 6:00 PM Mass
Wednesdays: 8:00 AM Mass/
Divine Mercy Novena 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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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

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◆ ◆ 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.



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Fridays of Lent ♦ 5:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church

February 20 February 27

March 6 March 13

March 20 March 27

All are welcome.

What is an ACTS Retreat?

An ACTS Retreat is a parish-based event which offers parishioners an opportunity to experience the love of Jesus Christ. This in turn fosters a desire for intentional discipleship. ACTS Retreats are given by parishioners for parishioners, and in this way, serve to build Christian community at the parish.



SACRED HEART
OF JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH



THE PILLARS OF THE RETREAT

ADORATION:

Responding through prayer and worship to receiving God's gifts of grace, mercy, and love

COMMUNITY:

Living and participating in the One Body of Christ as Church, beginning with our parish

THEOLOGY:

Deepening our relationship with God through prayerful study to better understand and fulfill His will for our lives

SERVICE:

Answering the call to discipleship by following the model Christ gave us

THE RETREAT EXPERIENCE:

The ACTS Retreat begins Thursday evening at the Tracy Center and ends with Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church.

Utilizing prayer, service, and teaching, the ACTS Retreat meets people where they are in their spiritual journey and invites them to experience God in a manner that is both personal and communal.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Men's ACTS Retreat

March 26 - 29, 2026

Tracy Center, Baton Rouge.



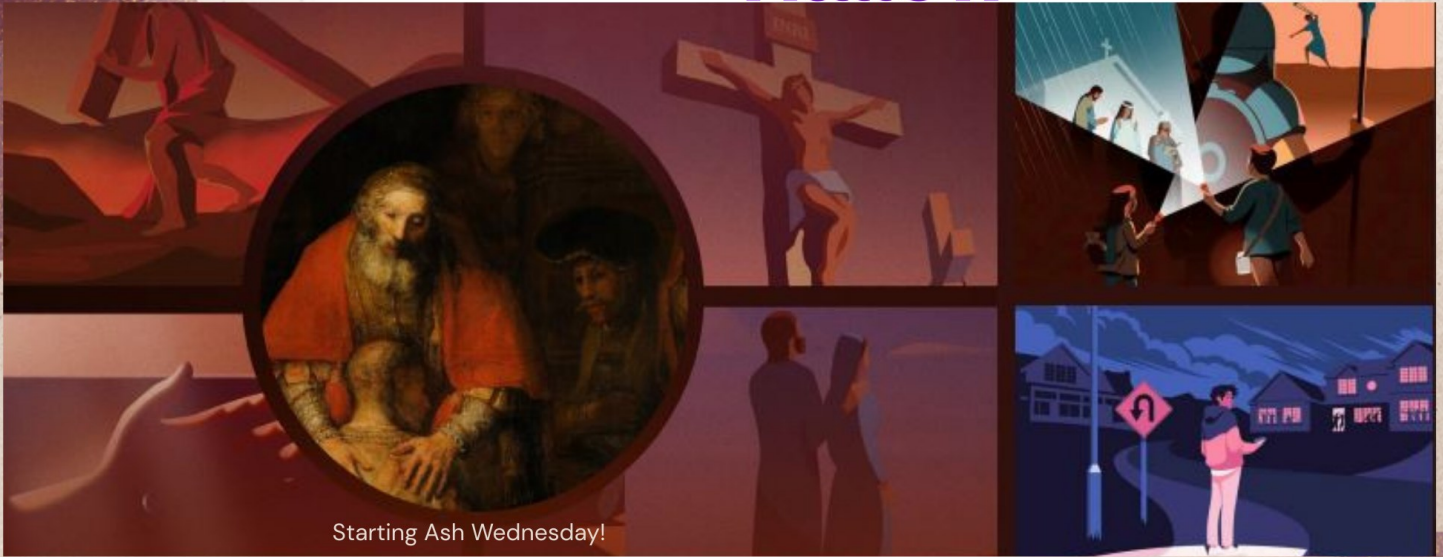
Deadline for applications is
Monday, March 9th by 9PM.

The electronic application form can be found
using this QR Code.

Space is limited to 36 retreatants and the total retreat cost is \$325. If more than 36 apply, the names will be placed in a drawing. If your name is selected, the retreat fee made payable to Sacred Heart Church (Men's ACTS in memo) will be required in order to hold your spot.

"Parishes have been revitalized, diaconate classes have been filled, and all seek to deepen their relationship with Christ through prayer and service." ~ACTS Missions .org

Join Sacred Heart on **Hallow** this Lent



Starting Ash Wednesday!

LENT PRAY40: THE RETURN

Join Johnathan Rومية, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Mark Wahlberg, Chris Pratt, Mother Olga, Sister Miriam, Jeff Cavins, and more this Lent for Pray40 – a journey back home to the Father with *The Brothers Karamazov* and the *Return of the Prodigal Son* by Fr. Henri Nouwen. We'll see how Dostoevsky's famous novel brings the Parable of the Prodigal Son to life like never before, showing us how we're all farther from God than we need to be.

TEEN LENT: THE 180

Join Mark Hart, Sr. Josephine, Fr. Frankie Cicero and more for The 180, a Lent challenge for teens presented by Life Teen. Designed for busy schedules, this challenge features short, 180-second sessions all designed to help you make a 180-degree turn towards Christ.

KIDS LENT: MIRACLE HUNTERS

Join the Kids' Lent Challenge: Miracle Hunters! Follow Mia, Paul, Brad and Grace as they set out to discover the truth about miracles and how God is always at work in our lives. Throughout the series, families will meet new friends, dive into Saints Alive-style saint stories, hear inspiring vocation journeys, play games, pray together, and enjoy episodes from the hit game show Holy Moly! Together we'll see that even when miracles don't happen the way we want or expect, God is still at work in His love for us.



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Sundays in Lent Starting February 22nd
4:00pm - 5:30pm in The HUB
Sacred Heart of Jesus Church

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— SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHURCH —

May 31–June 6, 2026

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

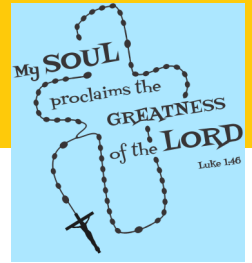


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For more information contact shmidcitymission@gmail.com



Valentine's Day & Mardi Gras

This year, Sacred Heart students rocked their Valentine's Day themed outfits on Thursday, February 12. The next day, the 4th Grade students hosted the annual Mardi Gras Parade. This year's theme was "Famous Musicians" and students made floats and presentations about Prince, Phil Collins, Lauren Daigle, and more! Following the float parade, Connor Mount and Rowyn Houston, this year's King and Queen led the 4th Grade class as they paraded through the schoolyard throwing beads for the student body!



Novena of Divine Mercy

Wednesday February 25, 2026

8:00 AM Mass

9:00 AM Novena Prayers & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
led by Fr. Miles Walsh

Please join us for the nine Wednesdays leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday on April 12, 2026.

Divine Mercy Portrait | Sacred Heart of Jesus Church | east transept - oil on canvas by Katherine Borgatti © 2019

◆◆ Readings ◆◆

<p>Sunday, February 22 Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11</p>	<p>Tuesday, February 24 Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15</p>	<p>Thursday, February 26 Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12</p>	<p>Saturday, February 28 Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48</p>
<p>Monday, February 23 Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 25 Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32</p>	<p>Friday, February 27 Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26</p>	<p>Sunday, March 1 Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9</p>

◆◆ Calendar ◆◆

MON 23	<p>No Daily Mass <i>Walking with Purpose</i>, 5:30 PM, Parish Hall <i>Men's ACTS Formation</i>, 6 PM, AC-Fr. Blasco Rm. <i>Knights of Columbus Officers' Mtg.</i>, 6:30 PM, KC Office</p>
TUE 24	<p>Rosary, 5:20 PM Confessions, 5:30PM Daily Mass, 6PM <i>Vagabond Teen Open Gym</i>, 4 PM, AC-Gym <i>Cor Jesu</i>, 6:30 PM, Parish Hall/AC-Fr. Blasco Rm.</p>
WED 25	<p>Confessions, 7:30 AM Daily Mass, 8 AM <i>(Divine Mercy Novena following 8 AM Mass)</i> Staff/Team Prayer Meeting-Office Closed, 10:30-12:00 <i>Vagabond Teens Bible Study</i>, 4 PM, Underground HUB <i>Young Adults Adoration</i>, 6 PM, Church O.C.I.A. Class, 6 PM, AC-Fr. Blasco Rm. <i>Choir Practice</i>, 6:30 PM, Choir Rm.</p>
THU 26	<p>Daily Mass, 6 AM, Church Confessions, 6:30 AM <i>(Note: Confessions follow Mass on Thursdays.)</i> SHS February Birthday Free Dress <i>Men's Lectio Divina</i>, 6:30 AM, Parish Hall <i>SoulCore</i>, 7:55 AM, AC-Gym <i>Vagabond OPEN Holy Hour</i>, 9 AM, Church</p>
FRI 27	<p>Confessions, 7:30 AM Daily Mass w/ SHS, 8 AM SHS Black History Month Program, 1:45 PM, SHS-Gym <i>Stations of the Cross</i>, 5:30 PM, Church</p>
SAT 28	<p>Confessions, 3 PM Rosary, 3:20 PM Vigil Mass/2nd Collection for Maintenance Fund, 4 PM SVdP Visitation Meeting, 8:30 AM, HUB Conference Rm.</p>
SUN 1	<p>2nd Sunday of Lent Masses/2nd Collection for Maintenance Fund, 9 & 11 AM <i>Coffee & Doughnuts</i> following 9 am Mass PSR 1st Eucharist Class, 10 AM, AC-Fr. Smith Rm. <i>Vagabond Teen Jesus Class</i>, 12 PM, Underground HUB <i>Amata Christi</i>, 4 PM, Underground HUB see pg. 4 Sober Hearts: Open AA Meeting, 5 PM, AC-Fr. Gauci Rm.</p>

◆◆ Mass Intentions ◆◆

Date	Mass	Intention(s)
Tuesday 02-24-26	6 PM	Clyde LeBlanc
Wednesday 02-25-26	8 AM	Ryan Spencer Leggio
Thursday 02-26-26	6 AM	Myria Butler
Friday 02-27-26	8 AM	Melissa Riley-Byrd
Saturday 02-28-26	4 PM	Mr. Wilbert Warren DeCuir Special Intention of Tammy Simien
Sunday 03-01-26	9 AM	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
	11 AM	Maude L. Amorello; David & Bradley Smith; Ryan Spencer Leggio; Susie Hotard Heroman



The Sacred Heart Sanctuary Lamp for the month of February is lit for the intentions of Deacon Chris Landry and Family and A La Carte Foods Properties LLC.



The Sacred Heart Adoration Chapel Lamp for the month of February is lit in memory of Richard and Rose King

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 

Adoration Chapel Hours | 7AM - 9PM Daily

◆◆ Minister Assignments ◆◆

February 21 - 22: First Sunday of Lent		
Mass	Readers	Cantor
Saturday 4:00 PM	Mark LeBlanc (1) Dana Barton (2)	Melissa Simien
Sunday 9:00 AM	Perry Key (1) Tamekia Jones (2)	Melissa Simien
Sunday 11:00 AM	Sara Smith (1) Jackie Culotta (2)	Melissa Simien

February 28 - March 1: Second Sunday of Lent		
Mass	Readers	Cantor
Saturday 4:00 PM	Philip O'Neill (1) Veronique Le Melle (2)	Denise Williston
Sunday 9:00 AM	Pamela Bennett (1) Risa Mueller (2)	Alana Buckley
Sunday 11:00 AM	Tammy Simien (1) Anthony O'Connor (2)	Alana Buckley

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