

# SACRED HEART OF JESUS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



*Alleluia!*  
*He Is Risen!*

The design on Sacred Heart's 2026 Paschal candle was inspired by the original bronze gates at the center of the altar rail. Designed by the church's architect, Albert Bendernagel, and crafted by Paul Bajon of the Webre Steel Company of Baton Rouge, the gates were removed during the 1970 renovation of the Sanctuary.

The Lamb of God image on the right gate symbolizes Christ as the perfect sacrifice for our sins. The banner with cross represents His victory over sin and death. The book is a reference to the Lamb in the Book of Revelation who is worthy to take the judgment scroll from God and break the seven seals.

The pelican, illustrated on the left gate, was once believed to feed her chicks with her own blood and thus became a symbol of Jesus's sacrifice of Himself for humanity.



### 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

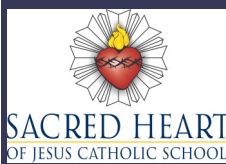
Tuesdays: 5:30 PM

Wednesdays: 7:30 AM

Thursdays: 6:30 AM

Fridays: 7:30 AM

Saturdays: 3:00 PM



### SACRED HEART OF JESUS SCHOOL

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### 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](mailto:Receptionist@sacredheartbr.org)*

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## ◆ ◆ Sacraments ◆ ◆

### MARRIAGE

Couples should contact the Parish Office at least eight (8) 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 50 Year Paschal Tradition*

For 50 years, Sacred Heart's own parishioner and archivist, Mary Lee Eggart, has blessed this community by sharing her talents in a special way each Easter season.

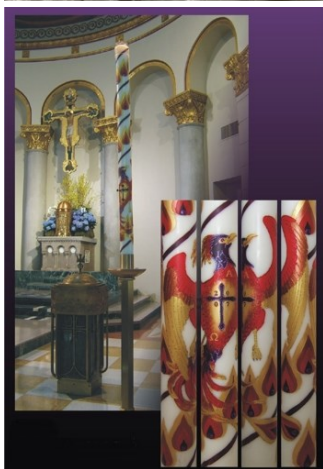


Since 1977, Mary Lee has painted the Parish's Paschal Candle which is lit at the beginning of the Easter Vigil liturgy and burns throughout the Easter Season and for special occasions including baptisms and funerals.

She finds inspiration from motifs and elements within the Church's art and architecture, will highlight a theme or charism within the Catholic Church, or bring to life symbols of the resurrection and Easter! This year, Mary Lee's inspiration came from the original bronze gates at the center of the altar rail. You can read more about this year's artwork on the bulletin cover.

Above you can see behind the scenes photos of the process; from transferring the design to the candle to the different phases and layers of painting! Below see some of the past candles and the different motifs and elements they referenced!

*Photos by Mary Lee Eggart and Davis C. Hotard Photography*



2007

Rising from the ashes, the mythical phoenix has long been a symbol of the resurrection and the new fire she rises from as a symbol of the light of Christ.



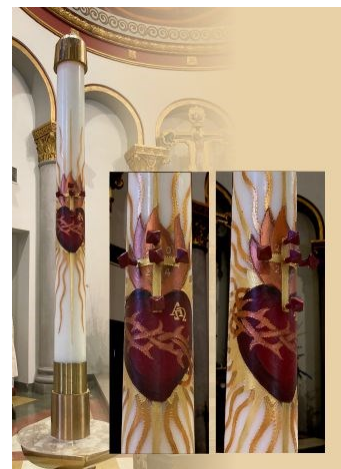
2001

Inspired by the panels flanking the side altars of the Church.



2023

Inspired by butterflies which are a longstanding symbol of the resurrection coming from their transfiguration when they emerge from their chrysalis.



2024

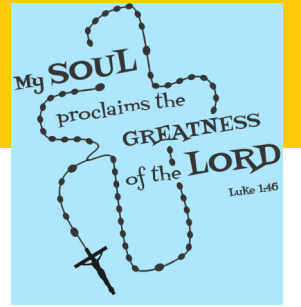
Inspired by the Monstrance (built by Andrew Coleman) in the Sacred Heart Adoration Chapel which parishioners can visit to adore the Blessed Sacrament.



2025

The dove and flowers are symbols of hope as the faithful celebrated the Jubilee Year of Hope in 2025.



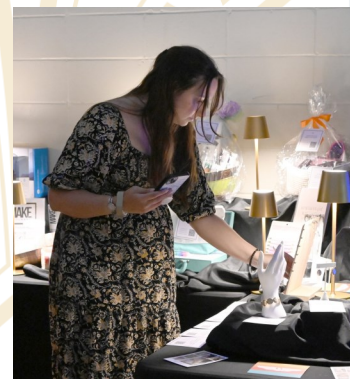


## Sacred Heart Speakeasy Auction 2026

Every year, Sacred Heart Home and School Association puts on an auction to raise money and support Sacred Heart School. This year the Parish Activity Center was transformed into a 1920's speakeasy and the Church, School, and Neighborhood community were invited to join in a night of revelry with one goal: to support the school. From a live and silent auction, to dancing, casino games, and more the night was full of fellowship and fun.

Thank you to all the sponsors, item donors, attendees, and especially the auction committee who made the event possible. This year, the auction raised over \$110,000 for the school!

*Photos by Wendy Milam*



◆◆ Readings ◆◆

<p><b>Sunday, April 5</b> Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, April 7</b> Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15</p>	<p><b>Thursday, April 9</b> Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48</p>	<p><b>Saturday, April 11</b> Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15</p>
<p><b>Monday, April 6</b> Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, April 8</b> Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35</p>	<p><b>Friday, April 10</b> Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14</p>	<p><b>Sunday, April 12</b> Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31</p>

◆◆ Calendar ◆◆

MON 6	<p><b>No Daily Mass</b> <b>Parish &amp; School Offices Closed—Easter Break</b> <b>Walking with Purpose</b>, 5:30 PM, AC-Fr. Gauci Rm. <b>Knights of Columbus Rosary/Mtg</b>, 6:30 PM, Parish Hall</p>
TUE 7	<p><b>Rosary</b>, 5:20 PM   <b>Confessions</b>, 5:30PM   <b>Daily Mass</b>, 6PM <b>School Office Closed—Easter Break</b></p>
WED 8	<p><b>Confessions</b>, 7:30 AM   <b>Mass/Divine Mercy Novena</b>, 8 AM <b>School Office Closed—Easter Break</b> <b>Staff/Team Prayer Mtg-Office Closed</b>, 10:30-12:30 <b>Choir Practice</b>, 6:30 PM, Choir Rm.</p>
THU 9	<p><b>Daily Mass</b>, 6 AM, Church   <b>Confessions</b>, 6:30 AM (Note: Confessions follow Mass on Thursdays.) <b>School Office Closed—Easter Break</b> <b>Men's Lectio Divina</b>, 6:30 AM, Parish Hall</p>
FRI 10	<p><b>Confessions</b>, 7:30 AM   <b>Daily Mass</b>, 8 AM <b>School Office Closed—Easter Break</b></p>
SAT 11	<p><b>SVdP Visitation Meeting</b>, 8:30 AM, HUB Conference Rm. <b>Vigil Mass/2nd Collection for SH School</b>, 4 PM</p>
SUN 12	<p><b>Sunday of Divine Mercy</b> <b>Masses/2nd Collection for SH School</b>, 9 &amp; 11 AM/School Mass at 11 AM Mass <b>Coffee &amp; Doughnuts</b> following 9 AM Mass <b>Sober Hearts: Open AA Meeting</b>, 5 PM, AC-Fr. Blasco Rm.</p>

◆◆ Mass Intentions ◆◆

Date	Mass	Intention(s)
Tuesday 4-07-26	6 PM	Clyde LeBlanc
Wednesday 4-08-26	8 AM	Ryan Spencer Leggio
Thursday 4-09-26	6 AM	Mollie Barbara Helm
Friday 4-10-26	8 AM	Lindley Spaht Dodson
Saturday 4-11-26	4 PM	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Sunday 4-12-26	9 AM	Clyde LeBlanc; Cecilia & Shelley Tramonte; Ryan Spencer Leggio
	11 AM	David & Bradley Smith; Joel Reech; Peter & Nelda Polozola

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Adoration Chapel Hours | 7AM - 9PM Daily



The Sacred Heart Sanctuary Lamp  
for the month of April is lit in loving memory of  
**Joel Reech**

The Sacred Heart  
Adoration Chapel Lamp  
for the month of April is lit for  
**Benedict Dante Fontenelle**

◆◆ Minister Assignments ◆◆

April 4-5: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 11-12: Sunday of Divine Mercy

Mass	Readers	Cantor	Mass	Readers	Cantor
Holy Saturday 8:00 PM	Charlotte Bertrand (1) Gene Todaro (2) Kristin Smith (3) Sara Smith (4)	Denise Williston	Saturday 4:00 PM	Phyllis Territo (1) Dana Barton (2)	Alana Buckley
Easter Sunday 9:00 AM	Jeanne Garcia (1) Caesar Garcia (2)	Alana Buckley	Sunday 9:00 AM	Ghedy Matus (1) Bill Bryan (2)	Alana Buckley
Easter Sunday 11:00 AM	Franny Comeaux (1) Veronique Le Melle (2)	Alana Buckley	Sunday 11:00 AM	SHS Student 1 (1) SHS Student 2 (2)	Alana Buckley

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