

# SACRED HEART OF JESUS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

## PARISH MESSENGER



Volume 96, Number 15 | April 12, 2026

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY/SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



## 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.'" John 20:27

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

©LPi

### 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)*



Give online  
via cell phone  
with our  
QR code.

## CONNECT WITH SACRED HEART CHURCH!

### PARISH CLERGY

*Pastor*

**Reverend Joshua Johnson**  
[JJohnson@diobr.org](mailto:JJohnson@diobr.org)

*Permanent Deacons*

**Deacon Clayton Hollier**  
[CHollier@sacredheartbr.org](mailto:CHollier@sacredheartbr.org)

**Deacon Eulis Simien**

[ESimien@sacredheartbr.org](mailto:ESimien@sacredheartbr.org)

### PARISH STAFF

*Business Manager*

Tiffany Dykes  
[TDykes@sacredheartbr.org](mailto:TDykes@sacredheartbr.org)

*Contribution Accounting*

Mary Eggart  
[info@sacredheartbr.org](mailto:info@sacredheartbr.org)

*Director of Music/Organist*

Davis Hotard  
[fpsparky@aol.com](mailto:fpsparky@aol.com)

*Receptionist/Wedding Coordinator*

Chloe LeBlanc  
[Receptionist@sacredheartbr.org](mailto:Receptionist@sacredheartbr.org)

*Director of Evangelization/Catechesis*

Jennifer Monette  
[JMonette@sacredheartbr.org](mailto:JMonette@sacredheartbr.org)

*Director of Integration*

*for Church & School*  
Jenny Morales  
[JMorales@sacredheartbr.org](mailto:JMorales@sacredheartbr.org)

*Custodian*

Edith Rivera-Blanco  
[erblanco@sacredheartbr.org](mailto:erblanco@sacredheartbr.org)

*Funeral Coordinator*

Rainette Stephens  
[Receptionist@sacredheartbr.org](mailto:Receptionist@sacredheartbr.org)

*Church/School Bookkeeper*

Denise Williston  
[DWilliston@sacredheartbr.org](mailto:DWilliston@sacredheartbr.org)



2250 Main Street  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802



Email  
[info@sacredheartbr.org](mailto:info@sacredheartbr.org)



Phone  
(225)387-6671



Website  
[www.sacredheartbr.org](http://www.sacredheartbr.org)

### 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

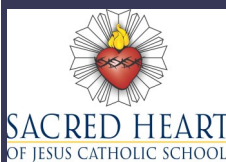
Tuesdays: 5:30 PM

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](http://www.sacredheartbr.com)

Email: [info@sacredheartbr.com](mailto: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](mailto:Receptionist@sacredheartbr.org)*

TEXT SHBR to 84576 or  
CONNECT ONLINE at  
[sacredheartbr.flocknote.com](http://sacredheartbr.flocknote.com)



flocknote

Text STOP to 84576 to stop text notifications at any time. Text HELP for help. There is no charge for this service, but your carrier message and data rates may apply. View full privacy policy and terms at [flocknote.com/text](http://flocknote.com/text).

### ◆ ◆ 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.

*CONGRATULATIONS  
to our newly Baptized & Confirmed*



*Join us in continued prayer and celebration for the candidates who received the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation and for those who were Confirmed in the Catholic faith.*



*Keliss R. Bell  
Danniyelle N. Bennett  
Katherine F. Cangelosi  
Connor B. Chatman  
Kim M. Cranford*

*Joshua J. Dickey  
Ryan P. Gray  
Brandy R. Irving  
Kamryn M. Jackson  
Craig J. McNaughton  
Tabj J. Patterson  
Chima E. Okwu  
Victoria E. Perkins  
Liam A. Robinson  
Sarah A. Shelton  
Josette A. Solet  
Noah H. Solet  
Eva R. Terry  
Jack B. Vaughn  
Andrew J. Wyly*

*Landon B. McDade  
Taylor T. Jones  
Stephanie M. Rodriguez  
Johnathan J. Weber  
Ty'von J. Wilkinson*



## *Celebrating the Triduum at Sacred Heart*

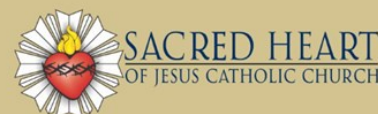


# *Feast of Divine Mercy*

**Sunday, April 12, 2026**

*Eternal Father,  
I offer you the Body and Blood,  
Soul and Divinity  
Of your dearly beloved Son,  
Our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
In atonement for our sins  
And those of the whole world.  
For the sake of his Sorrowful Passion,  
Have mercy on us and  
On the whole world.*

Divine Mercy Portrait  
Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, east transept  
Oil on canvas by Katherine Borgatti © 2019





*Living Way of the Cross*

SHS students, faculty, and parents witnessed another moving and powerful Living Way of the Cross Thursday, April 2 by the eighth-grade class. They all participated with reverence and respect. On Holy Thursday, we are invited to think ahead to the next few days and pray that the promise of Easter fills our hearts with peace and joy.

SHS is proud to recognize the “gift that keeps on giving” and its creator, David Portier '95. As an eighth-grader in 1994-95, David graciously shared his artistic talents with us to create the cloth that is used by Veronica during the Living Way of the Cross. Remember that Jesus stops on his way to the crucifixion and Veronica wipes His face. Without speaking a word, Jesus gave Veronica a powerful message as he left the image of His face on the cloth. David’s beautiful depiction of a crying Jesus shows His suffering. We remember David every year at this time and want to say “thank you” for the gift that keeps on giving.



◆◆ Readings ◆◆

<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	<b>Tuesday, April 14</b> Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15	<b>Thursday, April 16</b> Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17- 18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36	<b>Saturday, April 18</b> Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18- 19/Jn 6:16-21
<b>Monday, April 13</b> Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b- 9/Jn 3:1-8	<b>Wednesday, April 15</b> Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21	<b>Friday, April 17</b> Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/ Jn 6:1-15	<b>Sunday, April 19</b> Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

◆◆ Calendar ◆◆

<b>MON 13</b>	<b>No Daily Mass</b> <b>SHS Students Return</b> <b>Walking with Purpose</b> , 5:30 PM, Parish Hall
<b>TUE 14</b>	<b>Rosary, 5:20 PM   Confessions, 5:30PM   Daily Mass, 6PM</b> <b>Vagabond Teen Open Underground</b> , 4 PM, Underground HUB <b>Cor Jesu</b> , 6:30 PM, Parish Hall/AC-Fr. Blasco Rm.
<b>WED 15</b>	<b>Confessions, 7:30 AM   Daily Mass/Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena, 8 AM</b> <b>Staff/Team Prayer Mtg-Office Closed, 10:30-12:30</b> <b>Vagabond Teens Bible Study</b> , 4 PM, Underground HUB <b>SVdP Meeting</b> , 6:30 PM, AC-Fr. Gauci Rm.
<b>THU 16</b>	<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>SoulCore</b> , 7:55 AM, AC-Gym <b>SHS Faculty Meeting</b> , 3:15 PM, SHS Library <b>Vagabond OPEN Holy Hour</b> , 9 AM, Church
<b>FRI 17</b>	<b>Confessions, 7:30 AM   Daily Mass w/ SHS, 8 AM</b> <b>SHS 8th Gr. Lip Sync Battle</b> , 1:45 PM, SHS Gym
<b>SAT 18</b>	<b>Young Adults Coffeehouse Social</b> , 9 AM, Dorothy Day Café <b>1st Communion Retreat</b> , 9 AM, AC-Meeting Rooms/Church <b>SHS Biddy Sports Tournament</b> , 1 PM, Ballfield <b>Vigil Mass/2nd Collection for St. Vincent de Paul</b> , 4 PM
<b>SUN 19</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Masses/2nd Collection for St. Vincent de Paul</b> , 9 & 11 AM, 1st Communion at 11 AM Mass <b>NO Coffee &amp; Doughnuts</b> <b>1st Communion Reception</b> , 12 PM, Parish Hall <b>Sober Hearts: Open AA Meeting</b> , 5 PM, AC-Fr. Blasco Rm.

◆◆ Mass Intentions ◆◆

Date	Mass	Intention(s)
Tuesday 4-14-26	6 PM	Tammy Simien
Wednesday 4-15-26	8 AM	Ryan Spencer Leggio
Thursday 4-16-26	6 AM	Joel Reech
Friday 4-17-26	8 AM	Melissa Riley-Byrd
Saturday 4-18-26	4 PM	Clyde LeBlanc Linda March
Sunday 4-19-26	9 AM	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
	11 AM	David & Bradley Smith Joel Reech Ryan Spencer Leggio Lindley Spaht Dodson

**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 11-12: Sunday of Divine Mercy			April 18-19: Third Sunday of Easter		
Mass	Readers	Cantor	Mass	Readers	Cantor
<b>Saturday 4:00 PM</b>	Phyllis Territo (1) Dana Barton (2)	Alana Buckley	<b>Saturday 4:00 PM</b>	Veronique Le Melle (1) Joell Keller (2)	Gerard Fontenelle
<b>Sunday 9:00 AM</b>	Ghedy Matus (1) Bill Bryan (2)	Alana Buckley	<b>Sunday 9:00 AM</b>	Gene Todaro (1) Pamela Bennett (2)	Gerard Fontenelle
<b>Sunday 11:00 AM</b>	SHS Student 1 (1) SHS Student 2 (2)	Alana Buckley	<b>Sunday 11:00 AM</b>	Sid Bowden, Sr. (1) Jackie Culotta (2)	Gerard Fontenelle

# Dorothy Day Café



Filling hearts  
one cup at a time

Open Daily  
Monday - Friday\*  
7:30 AM - 9:30 AM



Volunteers Needed\*\*  
Sign-up using the QR Code



\*Café closure schedule follows the Parish Office schedule.

\*\*Volunteers donating packaged bars and muffins can drop items off during café hours.



<p>DANIEL PALM, DDS ALLISON LANDRY, DDS   CATHERINE NEUSETZER, DDS</p> <p>Baton Rouge   7604 Goodwood Blvd   927-7545 Prairieville   40398 Highway 42   622-2545 palmfamilydentistry.com</p>	<p>RESIDENTIAL TRANSACTIONS COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS REFINANCE</p> <p>(225) 767-7777 signtitle.com</p> <p>ALLEN GRAVES • DAVID CARLEY 2137 Quail Run Drive, Building B / Baton Rouge, LA 70808</p>		
<p>SAIA (225) 926-0800 www.saia.net</p> <p>ELECTRIC INCORPORATED BATON ROUGE, LA</p>	<p>cleardefensepest.com</p>	<p><b>IF YOU LIVE ALONE</b></p> <p><b>MDMedAlert!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Ambulance/Police</li> <li>✓ Family/Friends</li> <li>✓ GPS &amp; Fall Alert</li> </ul> <p>STARTING AT \$19<sup>95</sup> /mo.</p> <p><b>CALL NOW!</b> 800.809.3570</p> <p>IBSA A+ Rating * md-medalert.com</p>	
<p>brunch</p>	<p>LANHUONG NGUYEN, D.O.</p> <p>CHILD, ADOLESCENT &amp; ADULT PSYCHIATRY BOARD CERTIFIED</p> <p>225-377-4362</p>	<p>April Palombo Setliff redstickrefinement.com april@redstickrefinement.com</p>	<p>RED STICK REFINEMENT MODERN ETIQUETTE</p>
<p><b>PRESCRIPTIONS TO GEAX</b></p> <p>6251 Perkins Rd. <b>225-389-6251</b> Local Owner Providing Quality Care</p>	<p>mikeandersons.com</p>		<p><b>A Good Neighbor has your back.</b></p> <p>Steven Brooksher 225.769.9955</p>
	<p>For ad info. call 1-800-477-4574 • www.4lpi.com</p>		<p>14-0803</p>

**BIN 77**  
**225-763-2288**  
 10111 Perkins Rowe  
 Baton Rouge  
[www.bin77.com](http://www.bin77.com)

**Cannatella**  
 Italian Market  
 Muffuletta's  
 Specialty Meats  
**225-218-4361**  
 3869 Government St., Baton Rouge

**Mary Beth Shoptaugh CPA LLC**  
 Income Tax & Accounting Services  
 9026 Jefferson Hwy., Suite 103, Baton Rouge, LA 70809  
 (225) 445-7325

**TruBlueWater**  
 TRU HYDRATION AT ITS FINEST  
**225-313-1299**  
[www.trubluewater.com](http://www.trubluewater.com)

**ACE Hardware**  
 Serving Baton Rouge Since 1967  
**225-927-2906**  
 519 N Foster Drive  
 7:00 - 5:00 M-F  
 8:00 - 3:00 Sat  
[NCHardware.com](http://NCHardware.com)

**MID CITY CAR WASH**  
**OPEN 24 HRS**  
**5601 Government St.**  
*(next to Anthony's deli)*

**THE THORN**  
 MAR 17 & 18  
 RIVER CENTER THEATRE  
[THETHORN.COM](http://THETHORN.COM)

**Simien & Simien, LLC**  
 Eulis Simien, Jr.  
 Personal Injury Attorney  
 Attorneys at Law  
 7908 Wrenwood Boulevard  
 Baton Rouge, LA 70809  
 (225) 224-2222 • (800) 374-8422

**Knights of Columbus**  
 Monsignor Dominic Blasco Council 3298  
 Since 1950  
 Contact Raymond Calandro **225-802-2997**

A UNITED SOLUTION FOR ALL BENEFITS INSURANCE & INVESTMENT NEEDS  
  
**OLINDE GROUP ONE SOLUTION**  
 225.922.9999  
[olinde.com](http://olinde.com) | [ofg@olinde.com](mailto:ofg@olinde.com)

**Victoria's Toy Station**  
 Toys and Gifts for Children  
 Established 1984  
**(225) 924-3632**  
[vts1984@cox.net](mailto:vts1984@cox.net)  
 5466 Government Street  
 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806

Dine In, Drive Thru and Online Ordering  
 • Delicious Fried Fish  
 • Jumbo Gulf Shrimp  
 • Crawfish Etouffee  
 • Hot Beignets  
**225-478-9128**  
 5131 Government St.  
[www.corksfishandshrimp.com](http://www.corksfishandshrimp.com)  
 Open Daily 10:30am-9:00pm

**THE EXECUTIVE CENTER**  
 Corporate Training and Special Events Venue  
[TheExecutiveCenterBR.com](http://TheExecutiveCenterBR.com)  
**225.377.4400**  
**PRESENT AD, GET 10% OFF**  
 -A Franklin Associates Company-

**AKIN ORAL SURGERY**  
 DENTAL IMPLANTS | WISDOM TEETH  
**(225) 927-3463**  
[DRAKIN.COM](http://DRAKIN.COM)

**VRI**  
[retina.com](http://retina.com)  
 Adam C. Janot, MD  
 Daniel R. Salisbury, MD  
 Jamie L. Hatcher, MD  
 • VITREORETINAL DISEASES AND SURGERY  
 • RETINAL DETACHMENT • MACULAR DEGENERATION  
 • DIABETIC RETINOPATHY • FLOATERS  
**225-927-8141 • 7698 Goodwood Blvd., Baton Rouge**

**Hughes Mechanical Contractors**  
 Air Conditioning & Heating  
 ALL BRANDS  
 Commercial & Residential  
**225-658-2147**  
 ~ 35 Years Experience ~

**Commercial Roofing Specialists**  
**225-715-2550**  
[www.partinroofing.com](http://www.partinroofing.com)

**MARINO & SON**  
 PLUMBING INCORPORATED  
 LMP#3490  
 Serving Baton Rouge since 1925  
 2731 North Street  
**343-3022 383-0451**  
[www.marinoandson.com](http://www.marinoandson.com)

**JED'S LOCAL**  
 RESTAURANT & BAR  
 Join Us for Sunday Brunch!  
 672 Jefferson Highway  
[jedlocal.com](http://jedlocal.com)  
 Mon-Wed 11-3 • Thu-Sat 11-8  
**SUNDAY BRUNCH 10-2**

**HOMETOWN PHARMACY**  
 OF ZACHARY  
 Josiah Howell,  
 Pharmacist, Owner  
[www.myzacharyrx.com](http://www.myzacharyrx.com)  
 Pharmacy Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am - 6pm Sat 8:30am - 1pm  
**(225) 654-8383**  
 2250 CHURCH STREET • ZACHARY, LOUISIANA

**Sarah Booth**  
 REALTOR®  
 4983 Bluebonnet Blvd., Suite A, Baton Rouge, LA 70809  
 225-953-8889 • [www.TeamSmithSells225.com](http://www.TeamSmithSells225.com)  
 Licensed by Louisiana Real Estate Commission, USA  
**225 400 1425 • SarahTeamSmith@gmail.com**

**BRMATTRESS OUTLET**  
 LOCALLY OWNED  
 SHOW THIS AD at one of our locations for **10% OFF** your first purchase!  
**brmattressoutlet.com**  
 7543 Jefferson Hwy. BATON ROUGE 225-930-5779  
 18340 Highland Rd. BATON ROUGE 225-223-6001

**SHELTER INSURANCE**  
 AUTO • HOME • LIFE  
**Mackey McNabb**  
 Agent  
**Call/Text 225-296-8141**  
[MMcNabb@ShelterInsurance.com](mailto:MMcNabb@ShelterInsurance.com)

**ANTHONY'S ITALIAN DELI**  
 Baton Rouge's  
 Only True Italian Deli Since 1978  
 HOME OF THE BEST MUFFOLETTA  
 5575 Government St.  
**225-272-6817**

**Fourrier Insurance Agency**  
 Since 1946  
**383-0682**  
 4275 Government St.

**ROTO-ROOTER**  
 PLUMBERS  
**225.925.8710**  
[www.rotorooterbr.com](http://www.rotorooterbr.com)