

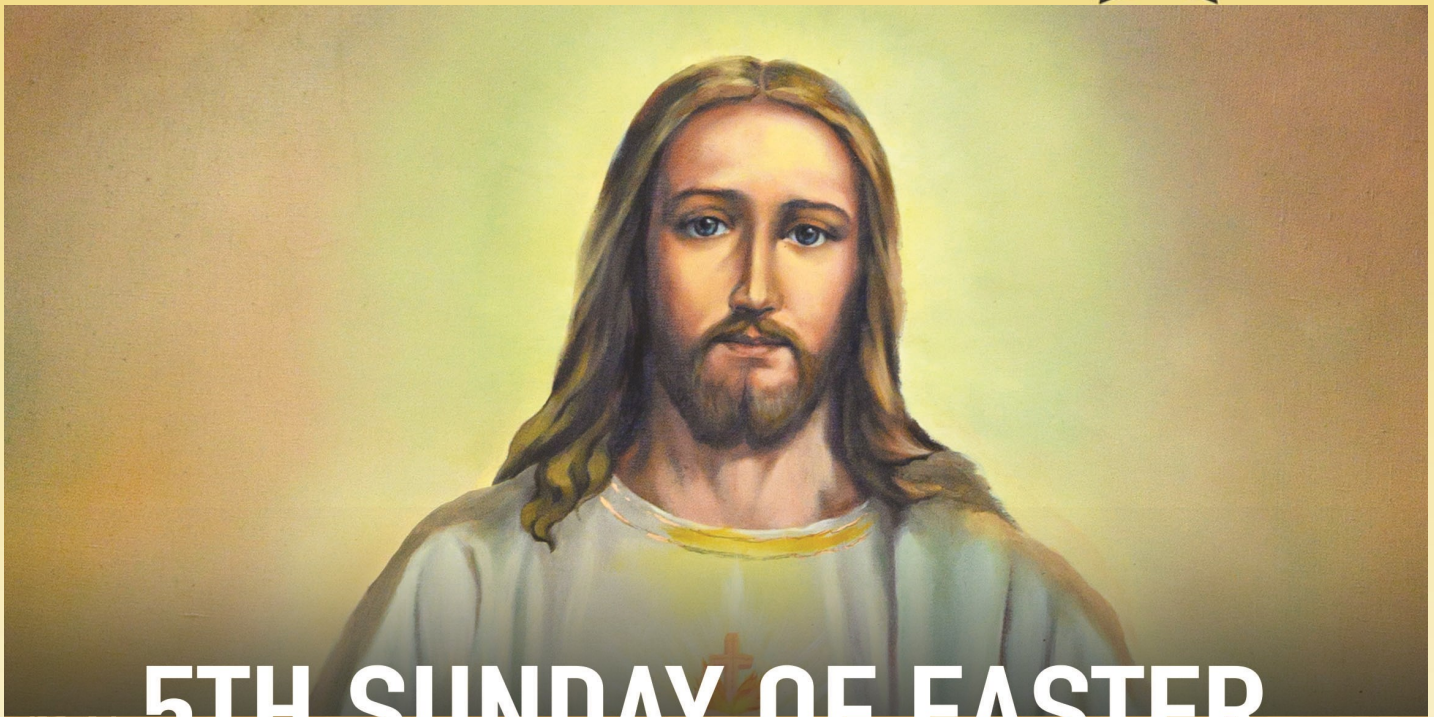
# SACRED HEART OF JESUS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

## PARISH MESSENGER



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



# 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me." John 14:1

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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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### 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

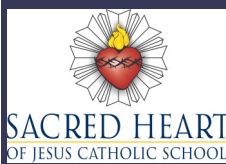
Tuesdays: 5:30 PM

Wednesdays: 7:30 AM

Thursdays: 6:30 AM

Fridays: 7:30 AM

Saturdays: 3:00 PM



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### 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.

## Women's Giving Circle 2026

Every year, the Women's Giving Circle in the Diocese of Baton Rouge gathers to pray and learn about the different missions, non-profits, programs, and more throughout the Diocese. These ladies select programs and groups to present information on the work they are doing in the local community and award donations of various amounts to a select number of projects and programs.

For 2026, Sacred Heart is blessed to be the recipient of two Women's Giving Circle awards. Both the Blessed Stanley Rother House of Formation and the Dorothy Day Café received awards for their impactful work within the community.

The gift to the Blessed Stanley Rother House of Formation will enable Sacred Heart to make needed renovations to the House of Formation and create space to host more men in the fall who are entering seminary formation for the diocese. The seminary house of formation is a gift to the Sacred Heart Community where young men grow in prayer, fraternity, and formation as they discern their call to the priesthood.

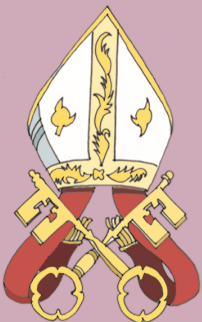
Additionally, the gift to the Dorothy Day Café will help Sacred Heart continue to expand the mission of the Café. As we welcome our neighbors from the Mid City community, we will be better equipped to serve with dignity, hospitality, and love.



**NATIONAL DAY  
OF PRAYER**

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**THURSDAY  
MAY 7, 2026**



**Pope's  
Prayer  
Intentions**

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**HOLY FATHER'S  
PRAYER INTENTION**  
*for May 2026*

**That everyone might have food**

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

## From the Archives

### Sacred Heart's Pews

Sacred Heart's pews were designed by the architect Albert Bendernagel, specifically for our church. They are made of solid quarter-sawn white oak with a decorative circular pattern carved on the ends. They were created by Riecke Cabinet Works of New Orleans and crafted on site by John Toto Biondo (who crafted all the original woodwork in the church).

The pews were the topic of several of Father Blasco's early sermons in the new church, particularly during the children's Masses. The pews in the old church had been badly marred with scratches and carved graffiti. Father Blasco all but threatened excommunication to any parishioner or schoolchild who defaced the new pews. To this day, the pews remain remarkably free from disfigurement.

In 1971-72, during the pastorate of Msgr. Cage Gordon, the pews were refinished, a few at a time. Parishioners "adopted" pews to be refinished for \$125 per pew.



*Parish Messenger*, May 11, 1941

#### MILE OF DIMES CLUB

Our good people are always doing things. They never tire working for the glory of God and religion. They realize that we are still lacking \$2500 for the pews and they are determined to raise the amount. A new scheme has been adopted. The Mile of Dimes Club was formed at the last meeting of the Festival workers. It is our intention to enroll every family in this newly organized Club. THE MARCH OF DIMES IS ON. We are determined to complete one mile of dimes by September. One foot of dimes will bring in \$5; one mile, \$26,400. If all cooperate, this new enterprise will spell success and we will not have to worry about the pews, the fixtures, the confessional boxes and other things absolutely necessary in the Church. Let's go to it!

*Parish Messenger*, February 25, 1945

#### AN APPEAL FOR THE KNEELER CUSHIONS

Compliments and expressions of gratification over the new Kneeler Cushions, which we installed recently in Church, have come from many parishioners. We believe that we echo the sentiments of the entire Congregation when we say that the addition of these cushions is one of the best improvements in the Church since its erection. Convinced of this unanimous satisfaction, your Pastor feels confident that his people will welcome the opportunity to help pay for the cost of the cushions. The price is \$2975, which includes material and installation, carrying a guarantee of 25 years. The Ushers today will give to each parishioner a special envelope which you may use for your contribution. Kindly return it next Sunday, March 4, and drop it in the Offertory Collection. Make this your Lenten sacrifice and show your zeal for the house of the Lord.



Photo by Whitney Williston



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OF JESUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL



### SHS 8th Grade Traditions

The 8th Grade Class of 2026 participated in the 8th Grade vs. Teacher Lip Sync Battle and the 8th Grade vs. Teacher Volleyball Game. The students and teachers performed their lip sync routines for the student body. Students voted by bringing food item donations all week securing 8th Grade the win. All these events led up to the Spring Pep Rally and volleyball game!



◆◆ Readings ◆◆

<p><b>Sunday, May 3</b> Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, May 5</b> Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a</p>	<p><b>Thursday, May 7</b> Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11</p>	<p><b>Saturday, May 9</b> Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/ Jn 15:18-21</p>
<p><b>Monday, May 4</b> Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, May 6</b> Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8</p>	<p><b>Friday, May 8</b> Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17</p>	<p><b>Sunday, May 10</b> Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21</p>

◆◆ Calendar ◆◆

MON 4	<p><b>No Daily Mass</b> <b>Knight's of Columbus Rosary/Mtg</b>, 6:30 PM, Parish Hall <b>Walking with Purpose</b>, 5:30 PM, AC-Fr. Gauci Rm. <b>SHS Drama Club Production</b>, 6 PM, AC-Gym</p>
TUE 5	<p><b>Rosary, 5:20 PM   Confessions, 5:30PM   Daily Mass, 6PM</b> <b>Baptism Seminar</b>, 6 PM, AC-Fr. Dugas Rm.</p>
WED 6	<p><b>Confessions, 7:30 AM   Daily Mass/Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion, 8 AM</b> <b>Staff/Team Prayer Mtg-Office Closed, 10:30-12:30</b> <b>Choir Practice</b>, 6:30 PM, Choir Rm.</p>
THU 7	<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, Underground HUB <b>SoulCore</b>, 7:55 AM, AC-Gym <b>Vagabond OPEN Holy Hour</b>, 9 AM, Church <b>SHS Faculty Meeting</b>, 3:15 PM, SHS Library</p>
FRI 8	<p><b>Confessions, 7:30 AM   Daily Mass w/ SHS, 8 AM</b></p>
SAT 9	<p><b>Vigil Mass/2nd Collection for SH School, 4 PM</b> <b>SVdP Visitation Meeting</b>, 8:30 AM, HUB Conference Rm.</p>
SUN 10	<p><b>6th Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Masses/2nd Collection for SH School, 9 &amp; 11 AM/School Mass &amp; May Crowning at 11 AM Mass</b> <b>Coffee &amp; Doughnuts</b> following 9 AM Mass, Parish Hall <b>OCIA Becoming Catholic</b>, 10 AM, AC-Fr. Blasco Rm. <b>Sober Hearts: Open AA Meeting</b>, 5 PM, AC-Fr. Blasco Rm.</p>

◆◆ Mass Intentions ◆◆

Date	Mass	Intention(s)
Tuesday 5-05-26	6 PM	Joel Reech
Wednesday 5-06-26	8 AM	Ryan Spencer Leggio
Thursday 5-07-26	6 AM	Michael DiVincenti III
Friday 5-08-26	8 AM	Eric Parsons
Saturday 5-09-26	4 PM	Mrs. Eunice DeCuir; Willie Mae Dartson; Joel Reech; Elizabeth Cottle; Clyde LeBlanc
Sunday 5-10-26	9 AM	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
	11 AM	Cecilia & Shelley Tramonte; Marion D. Key; David & Bradley Smith; Laurie Molesini; Ryan Spencer Leggio; Judy Zelden; Brett Hollifield; Susie Hotard Heroman

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Adoration Chapel Hours | 7AM - 9PM Daily



The Sacred Heart Sanctuary Lamp  
for the month of May is lit in loving memory of  
**David & Bradley Smith**

The Sacred Heart  
Adoration Chapel Lamp  
for the month of May is lit in loving memory of  
**Mollie Barbara Helm**

◆◆ Minister Assignments ◆◆

May 2-3: Fifth Sunday of Easter			May 9-10: Sixth Sunday of Easter		
Mass	Readers	Cantor	Mass	Readers	Cantor
Saturday 4:00 PM	Jared Hromadka (1) Lisa Gardner (2)	Natalie Overall	Saturday 4:00 PM	Jacquelyn Dawson (1) Clare Coulon (2)	Denise Williston
Sunday 9:00 AM	Pamela Davis (1) Sara Smith (2)	Alana Buckley	Sunday 9:00 AM	Tamekia Jones (1) Perry Key (2)	Denise Williston
Sunday 11:00 AM	Tammy Simien (1) Kristin Smith (2)	Alana Buckley	Sunday 11:00 AM	SHS Student 1 (1) SHS Student 2 (2)	Denise Williston

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