# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

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***Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time***
***August 20, 2023***

***A Canaanite woman pleads for Jesus' help, seeking healing for her possessed daughter. Though initially hesitant, Jesus praises her great faith. Her daughter is healed instantly.***

***- Matthew 15:21-28***



## Eucharistic Celebration

**Weekends:**
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM

**Weekdays:**
Tuesday: 6:00PM
Wednesday-Friday: 8:00AM

### Adoration/Healing Mass

The 1st Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 5:00 P.M. and Mass at 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday - Friday: Thirty minutes Adoration before Mass.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday and Sunday: Thirty minutes before each Mass or by appointment.

**Baptism:** Infant Baptism is celebrated the 3rd Sunday of the month. At least one parent must be a registered member of the parish for at least 3 months. Parents **and** godparents **must** attend a one hour Baptism preparation class prior to the scheduled Baptism. For other guidelines and details, please call the parish office.

**Matrimony:** Call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor. Diocesan guidelines require an initial interview at least 6 months before the wedding date. Please call the parish office for further information.

**R.C.I.A.:** This is a process for anyone who wishes to become Catholic. Please call the parish office for further information.

Mass Intentions **August 19th 4:30PM** Gloria Mae Roy, Gussie Roy & Gus Roy (RIP) by Berlinda Mouton; Susan Broussard Grieg (Happy Heavenly Birthday-RIP) by Rodney & Brenda Broussard; Gustavia Scypion Adams (RIP) by Langston Adams



**August 20th 9:00AM For All Parishioners**
**August 22nd 6:00PM No Mass.....No Mass**
**August 23rd 8:00AM No Mass.....No Mass**
**August 24th 8:00AM No Mass.....No Mass**
**August 25th 8:00AM No Mass.....No Mass**
**August 26th 4:30PM** Stephen Gary (RIP) by The Family; Gustavia Scypion Adams (RIP) by Langston Adams; Joyce Yowman Death Anniversary-RIP) by Bernadette Brown; Theresa Barnes (Happy Heavenly Birthday-RIP) by The Narcisse & Barnes Family




**August 12th & August 13th**

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| **9:00AM** | **$2,554.00** |
| **4:30PM** | **$1,149.00** |
| **Mail** | **$ 965.40** |
| **Totals** | **$4,668.40** |




***Sacred Heart Church is in great need of volunteer counters. Please sign up at the Parish Office.***

**We have received the Appeal for Catholic Ministries 2023 update for July. To date, we have received $35,675 in pledges. Of that amount, payments of $24,560 have been received. We are $13,393 short of reaching our goal of $37,953. If you have made a pledge, thank you and please continue to make your payments. If you have not, please consider making a pledge or giving a one-time donation. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Stewardship Committee.**

***TODAY'S READINGS***

***First Reading —Isaiah 56:1,6-7***
***The Lord reveals his salvation to all.***
***Psalm —Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8***
***All the nations will praise God.***
***Second Reading —Romans 11:13-15,29-32***
***God's favor to Israel is irrevocable.***
***Gospel —Matthew 15:21-28***
***Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman because of her great faith.***




***Welcome to the Lincoln High School Class of 1978 worshiping with us on Sunday, August 20th at 9:00am Mass.***



***Happy 88th Birthday Alma Martin***

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***Happy 81st Birthday James Spencer, Jr.***





***Happy 59th Wedding Anniversary Charles & Margaret Jones***

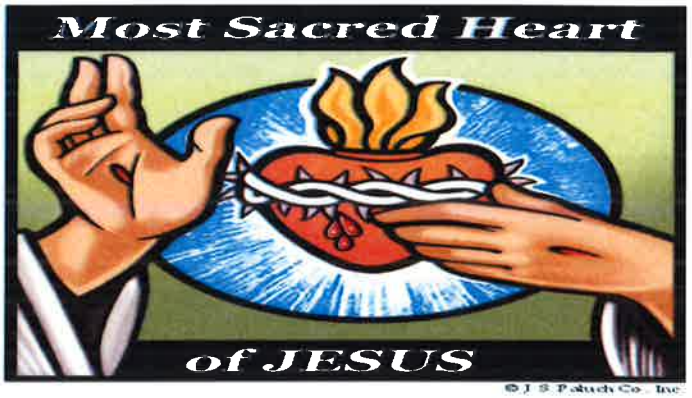
***Parishioners there will be no Masses on Tuesday, August 22nd--Friday, August 25th. Fr. Anthony will be attending the 2023 Priests Convocation for the Diocese of Beaumont. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Parish Office.***

***READINGS FOR THE WEEK***

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| ***Monday:*** | Jgs 2:11-19; 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44; Mt 5:3; Mt 19:16-22 |
| ***Tuesday:*** | Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Cor 8:9; Mt 19:23-30 |
| ***Wednesday:*** | Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Heb 4:12; Mt 20:1-16 |
| ***Thursday:*** | Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:49b;Jn 1:45-51 |
| ***Friday:*** | Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Ps 25:4b, 5a; Mt 22:34-40 |
| ***Saturday:*** | Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:9b, 10b; Mt 23:1-12 |
| ***Sunday:*** | Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:18; Mt 16:13-20 |

## *"Come Back to the Heart of Jesus"*

The Gospel is from St. Matthew 15:21-28. There is a lesson, a very necessary one, for all of us in this episode of Christ's public life. It is the necessity of perseverance in our prayers of petition. Prayer is an essential part of our Christian life, and the essential part of prayer is that of adoration and thanksgiving, but prayer of petition has a big part in our daily prayers. We have so many spiritual and temporal needs, needs which we cannot provide by ourselves. Christ himself has told us to ask Him for these needs: "ask and you shall receive."Do we ask with the fervor and perseverance which prove that we have "great faith"? That faith is the proof which Christ needs before He grants our requests. The Canaanite woman of whom we have just heard is for us an example of that deep-seated faith and trust in Christ's power and Christ's goodness. Even though He ignored her she continued to beseech Him, and when He answered with what seemed a direct refusal, her faith and trust did not waver. She answered His reason for refusal with another statement which showed that the granting of her petition would not in any way interfere with or impede His primary task, His mission to His father's chosen people. This was the proof of great faith which He required. He granted her request.We must imitate and learn from this pagan mother. Her love for her child made her ready to undergo every hardship or suffering for the restoration to health of her loved one. When we turn to Christ in our needs is our faith in Him as sincere and unwavering as was this woman's? No doubt it often is, and yet we do not get the desired answer. As Christians we know that our particular request may not always be for our good, or for the final good of the person for whom we are praying. In that case, the good God will not grant what would be to our eternal disadvantage. But if our prayer is sincere and persevering, we shall always get an answer, and one which is better than what we asked for. How often do we wonder at or perhaps doubt God's mercy when we see, for example, the young father of a family being taken from his loved and helpless ones, notwithstanding the prayers and tears of his wife and children. Where is God's mercy here? Where is His answer to these sincere prayers? But who are we to question God's mercy? The answer is there and often clear enough: that death brings out in his relatives and neighbors virtues which they would otherwise never have had occasion to practice—virtues that will earn for them eternal life.




***Meetings***

***-4th Degree*** will meet on Sunday, August 27th at 2:00pm at the KPC Hall.

***-Altar Society*** will meet on Wednesday, September 6th at 5:00pm in the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building. If anyone is interested in becoming a member you are also welcome. Please contact Mrs. Sheresse Conner-Seales at (832)704-1092 for any further information.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Prayer Group

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Prayer Group will meet every third Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm in the Sacristy. All parishioners are invited to join this prayer group as we praise and honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We will be using the red My Treasured Sacred Heart Prayer Book. If you have not purchase a book check with the Parish Office, if you plan to join us..

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

***Save The Date***

***Bishop Guillory 80th Birthday***
***St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica***
***Mass and Reception at 6pm***

***Come help Bishop Guillory***
***Celebrate his 80th Birthday***
***He will be very happy to see you. Bring someone with you. It will be a good food and good time.***

**THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES. NEXT WEEKEND THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND.**

**Fr. Anthony will bless our youth. Next weekend he will bless thought celebrating a birthday in August.**

**See our Bulletin Board in the Vestibule for announcement/information in our community and local area.**

**IF YOUR FAMILY OR FRIEND IS ON OUR PRAYER LIST AND HE/SHE GETS WELL OR PASSES. PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO DELETE HIS/HER NAME. THANKS**



Ethel Allen, Lucinda Allen, Nedra Alpough, Thelma Alpough, Lyric Anderson, Kenya Avila, Juliana Barnes, Emma Bonton, Diane Bowd, Aletra Bowman, Tom Bronnon, Geraldine Broussard, Bernadette Brown, Cecilia Brown, Beverly Carmouche, Doris Jacob Castile, Martin Charles, Curtis Clark, Lionel Clark, Jr., Kenneth Cormier, Aletha Covington, Isaiah Covington, III, Nekemia Covington, Cheetara Cox, Janelle Dale, Bernadette Dames,Valerie Dennis, Charles Doyle, Kaitlyn Dugas, Herman Dugay, Yourmae Duplechain, Henry Dwin, Vincent Fertitta, Ronald Fontenette, Sandra Fontenette, Jonathan Fontenot, Michael Fontnette, Jr., Gloria Foreman, Carolyn Francis, John Francis, Alton Gallentine, Wilda Green, Malinie Guidry, Annie Guillory, Elzina Harris, Zacchaeus Hart, Robin Hataway, Aerial Hawkins, Mildred Hayes & Family, Edmonia Henderson, Crystal Henton, James Henry, Harrison Hill, Jr., Fay Hines, Gladys Wilson-Hollins Donnette Eulain-Jackson, Yvette Jacquet, Mary Jenkins, Darlene Joe, Zackary U. Johnson, Jr., Linda M. Jones & Family, Roderick Jones, Steven Jones, Wilda Jones, Curtis Joseph, Hilda Joseph & Family, Elda Kennerson, Lucien Lavallais, Wildred Lavine, Bobbette Lawson, Johanna Lewis, Akliah Lopez, Adrienne Davis-Lott, Joseph Marcel, Marita Marcel, Phil C. Mahoney, Veronica Mayo, Dorothy McClarin, Mabry McZeal, Robert Mae Mims, Denisha Montgomery, Erma Moore, Velma Morgan, Yvette Morris, Berlinda Mouton, Bernard Mouton, Jr., Elvina Mouton, Sophia Mouton, Linda Nico, Dewey Normand, Dallas Oliver, Donald Oliver, Rita Oliver, Helen Orsort, Johnny Owens, Roger Paris, Iris Phillips, Lester Pickney, Mary Polk, Bernice Potier, Chery Prevost, Jared Prevost, Joseph Prevost, Margie Provost, JoAnn Pugh, Mary Riggle, Jocelyn Rush, Earline Smith, Eldridge Smith, Ree Smith, Jayden Spencer, Lillie Stewart, Michella Sulldan, Aneel Thomas, Clarence Thomas, Alozia Vaughns, Jennie Veal, Jean Vincent, Larry Viltz, Rosina Viltz, Phyllis Voliby, Iris Waymon, Rose Mary Williams, Juanita Williams, Shahara Williams, Jamon Wilson, Andre' Winston, Jr., Tadarell Woods, and Hazeletta Younger .

***Sick & Shut-In***

For the Sick and Homebound Parishioner who may need Confession. Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office for the Priest at (409)985-5104. Also, if you want or know someone that need to be added to the prayer request list.

**6TH ANNUAL**
**CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**
**AUGUST 26, 2023**
**MONTAGNE CENTER**
**at LAMAR UNIVERSITY, BEAUMONT, TX**
**English Session: Registration @7am-4:30pm**
**Spanish Session: Registration @2:30pm-8pm**
**Lunch & Dinner Catered**
**Enter code: EARLY BIRD**
**for 10% off before June 30th**
**Tickets and Information**
**www.christinyou-cmc.com**
***"Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, as indeed you do." 1Thessalonians 5:11***




Parish Social Service Ministry is available to assist anyone in the parish that needs help with electric, gas, or water bills. Other services are available based on the parishioners need. All assistance provided is confidential. We are now in our 7th year of service to the parish and the community. If you would like to know more about Parish Social Ministry, please take home a brochure located in the vestibule.




Parish Social Service Ministry is collecting Jell-o monthly for the United Board of Missions. The box is still located in the vestibule. This will be put in the low income bags given to members of the community who apply through United Board of Missions. Please be generous. If you have any questions, you can contact Brenda Broussard or Sheryl Alpough.

***WEEKLY SCHEDULE***

**August 26th & August 27th**

**LECTORS**

**SAT. 4:30PM** **Corine Jones**
**Delores Yeggins**

**SUN. 9:00AM** **Jasline Sebile**
**Sharlene Hatch**

**EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS**

**SUN. 9:00AM** **Margaret Taylor**
**Wanda Thompson**

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