

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 29, 2023*

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”  
— Matthew 5:3*



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## 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.

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### 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.



**January 28th 4:30PM** Sylvia Bernard Sylvia (RIP) by Harold Sylvia; Stephen Gary (RIP) The Family; Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Lindon (RIP) by Gwendolyn Marie Lindon

**January 29th 9:00AM For All Parishioners**

**January 31st 6:00PM** Special Intention by Jasline Sebile

**February 1st 8:00AM**

**February 2nd 8:00AM** Christopher Smith, Warren Jones, III & Lucien Lavallais (Healing) by The Legion of Mary; **The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life**

**February 3rd 8:00AM** Mary Lee Gobert McZeal (RIP) by Nuong Tran & Family; **Blessing of Throats**

**February 4th 4:30PM** Levi Adams, Jr. (RIP) by Langston Adams; Michael Louis Linden, Sr. (RIP) by Leo & Beverly Carmouche; Namon & Hazel Narcisse (RIP) by Elvira Narcisse; Warren Jones, III (Healing) by Carolyn Francis; Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Lindon (RIP) by Gwendolyn Marie Lindon

## Collections

<b>January 21st &amp; January 22nd</b>	
<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>\$2,521.00</b>
<b>4:30PM</b>	<b>\$ 546.00</b>
<b>Mail</b>	<b>\$ 520.00</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$3,587.00</b>

*Turkey Leg Committee will be selling Smoke Turkey Legs for \$10 on Saturday, February 18, 2023 from 3pm to 6pm in the Parish Hall. We will be taking orders after Mass on Jan. 28 & 29, Feb. 4 & 5, and Feb. 11 & 12. You can also call or text orders to Leo Carmouche @ 409-344-1125 or Rodney Broussard @ 409-363-3375, or any committee member. Any parishioner who would like to help defray the expense of purchasing turkey legs please contact Leo or Rodney.*



*It's Mardi Gras time and we need your help! Mardi Gras SETX will be held on February 16th to 19th in Downtown Beaumont and we need volunteers. The more volunteer hours we work, the more profit the church earns. There are several areas that need volunteers. To sign up, or for additional information, please contact Crystal Williams at (409) 365-3790.*

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection (*Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13*).

**Psalm** — The Lord blesses the humble and gives them the heavenly kingdom (*Psalm 146*).

**Second Reading** — God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord (*1 Corinthians 1:26-31*).

**Gospel** — Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (*Matthew 5:1-12a*).

### THE PEOPLE OF GOD'S KINGDOM

In our Gospel reading from Matthew, we hear the Beatitudes, the stirring opening to the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is proclaiming the coming of the kingdom of God, and begins by considering what kind of people will enter and participate in this kingdom. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the clean of heart, the peacemakers. We hear both Zephaniah and Paul echo this, as God specifically chooses the weak and the lowly to be God's agents in ushering in the reign of God. By living with humility and integrity, their hearts are open to being transformed by the grace of God. We too are called to live in this way. Jesus invites us to be people with open hearts, to receive God's blessing. And working through us, God may bless all of creation.

*Happy 96th Birthday  
Margaret Eaglin*

*Happy 88th Birthday  
Erma Moore*

*Happy 80th Birthday  
Earline Narcisse*

*Happy 70th Birthday  
Brenda Broussard*



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday:** Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

**Friday:** Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday:** Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

Our readings this week all speak of the distinctive characteristics of the people God gathers to achieve God's purposes. The deep communion of love that God envisions requires a community that is humble and lowly, as Zephaniah describes. God chooses the weak and foolish to reveal God's strength and wisdom, as Paul says. And in the Beatitudes, Jesus teaches that a people who know their weakness and vulnerability can most fully place their trust in God and work for a just world. As Christians, we believe God will fully heal our world when Christ returns. But Christ also invites us to experience a foretaste of this future right now, through our life in Christian community, and in our work of peacemaking and justice-seeking in the world. Our poverty in spirit can enable us to be both recipients and instruments of the "kingdom of heaven" here and now.

#### THE BLESSED COMMUNITY

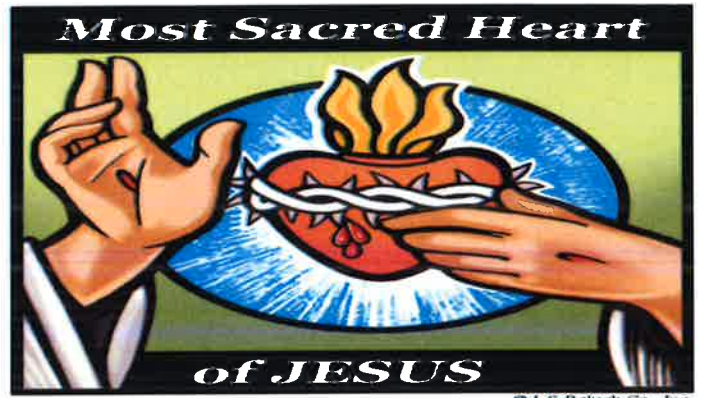
We turn to the first action of Jesus' public ministry described by Matthew—Jesus preaching to the crowds in what we call the Sermon on the Mount. The Sermon begins with today's Gospel passage, the Beatitudes. Having just called his first disciples to form a community, Jesus begins to spell out what this community is all about. The Beatitudes lay the foundation, describing the primary values and practices, and the core identity of this community.

Jesus tells his followers, first and foremost, that they are blessed by God. The community will reveal its blessed character through its humility, meekness, and hunger for justice. Knowing they are loved as God's children, they will have open and pure hearts, free to be merciful, and they will be able to endure suffering gracefully. Listening anew to the Beatitudes, we remember how far we fall short of Jesus' vision. But we know God has gathered us, and continues to transform us, to receive the fullness of blessing.

#### WHOM GOD HONORS

In Jesus' time, honor and shame were key markers for who is up and who is down in their society. Typically, those with wealth and power over others were to be honored. And in our own time, often we find ourselves drawn strongly toward having more abundance, control, and options to choose from. We avoid vulnerability and limitations. But Jesus says in the Beatitudes that the poor and meek are truly blessed, that is, honorable and privileged by God. How can this be?

Perhaps Jesus is first exposing the opposites to the poor and meek, the "rich in spirit." These develop such confidence in themselves, based on achievement or inherited privilege, that they isolate themselves from God, and either ignore or exploit others. Jesus also knew that the humble in heart realize that they cannot build an illusory self-affirmation, so they can be most open to God's affirmation of them. They can then become more deeply empowered to participate in God's work. God blesses and honors the open-hearted.



## “Come Back to the Heart of Jesus”

**Annual Diocesan Jubilee Mass  
to honor couples  
celebrating 25, 50 & 50+ years of marriage  
on Sunday, February 12, 2023 at 12:00 noon  
St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, Beaumont, TX  
The Most Reverend David L. Toups, S,Th.D.  
Principal Celebrant**

**\*\*\*Deadline: February 3, 2023**

*All couples who wish to be acknowledged must pre-register through the Office of Family, Marriage & Youth Ministry. Jubilee Mass Registration ([office.com](http://office.com)) or Robert Barbry by email ([rbarbry@dioceseofbmt.org](mailto:rbarbry@dioceseofbmt.org)) or 409-924-4362.*

### World Day for Consecrated Life



#### Boast in the Lord

What are you most proud of? What do you like to boast about? Were you top of your class in college? Do you work harder than anyone in your office? Or are you the best at appearing to work hard, but hardly working? Everyone likes to have something they are the best at, or at least very good. But it really is kind of silly to base your own worth on what you accomplish. What truly makes us important is that we are loved by God. Our second reading tells how God uses the foolish, weak, or poorest people to shame those who are wise, strong, and wealthy. Why? Because God loves the poor, the weak, the disabled, the homeless just as much as God loves the important people.

And it's not just the external qualities that are important. Some wealthy people have great love for the poor. Some of the best teachers only work with disabled children. Our Gospel on the Beatitudes today makes that clear if you listen carefully. Blessed are not just the poor, but the poor in spirit; not only the hungry, but those who hunger for righteousness. That's what Saint Paul means when he says, "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:31). So how do we get to be "important" to God? Instead of asking God to make my projects a success, I can ask what God wants me to do. And for all the good that you do, remember to thank the Lord.

**THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR THE BEREAVEMENT FUND. NEXT WEEKEND, THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR BUILDING FUNDS.**

**Fr. Anthony will bless those who lost a child in January. Next weekend he will bless singles, widows & widowers who lost a spouse in February.**

**Jr. Daughters of Cartagena Court #32** are looking for candidates, must have made your First Communion to join. We will meet on Sunday, January 28th after 9:00am Mass in the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building. Contact Jean Bergeron for more info. @718-7886.

**IF YOUR FAMILY MEMBER 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.**



**Pray for ...**

Sharon Adams, Ethel Allen, Lucinda Allen, Nedra Alpough, Thelma Alpough, Lyric Anderson, Juliana Barnes, Emma Bonton, Diane Bowd, Aletra Bowman,

Tom Bronnon, Geraldine Broussard, Cecilia Brown, Beverly Carmouche, Doris Jacob Castile, 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, Vincent Fertitta, Sylvia A. Fisk, Ronald Fontenette, Sandra Fontenette, Jonathan Fontenot, Normand Fontenot, Michael Fontnette, Jr., Gloria Foreman, 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, Fay Hines, Gladys Wilson-Hollins Yvette Jacquet, Hazel January, 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 Mac Mims, Denisha Montgomery, Erma Moore, Velma Morgan, Yvette Morris, Berlinda Mouton, 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, Estella Ray, Mary Riggle, Jocelyn Rush, Earline Smith, Eldridge Smith, Ree Smith, Schreida Solaire, Jayden Spencer, Lillie Stewart, Audry Stood, Henry Stood, 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, Hazeletta Younger and Tosharie Younger.

**Communicants:** Ethel Allen



**Meeting**

- KPC Council #164 will meet Saturday, January 28th at 10:00am at the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building.
- Core Committee will meet Tuesday, January 31st at 6:00pm at the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building.
- Sr. Usher will meet Sunday, February 5th after 9:00am Mass in the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building.
- KPC Ladies Auxillary Cartagena Court #32 will meet Sunday, February 5th at 11:00am at the KPC Hall.

*Thank you to Parishioners Dudley Champ, Damien Wiltz, Eldridge Smith & Alex Carrier for the removal of the damage Magnolia Tree.*



The Golden Age would like to place it's First Meet & Greet on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 10:00am in the Parish Hall. Please come join us as we fellowship with one another. Thank you and have a Bless Day in the LORD.

*Mildred Hayes Coordinator*

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**St. Katharine Drexel**  
**Feast Day Mass Celebration**  
**Wednesday, March 8, 2023 \*\*6pm**  
**St. Therese Church, 1409 6th Street, Orange**  
**Most Reverend David L. Touns**  
**Bishop of Beaumont-Celebrant**



**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**February 3, 2023**

**Blessing of Throats**

**First Friday Adoration-5pm/Mass-6pm**

**Delores Yeggins**

**February 4th & February 5th**

**LECTORS**

**SAT. 4:30PM**    **Leroy Leopold**  
**Linda LaCour**  
**SUN. 9:00AM**    **Jasline Sebile**  
**Esther Dugay**

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