

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 19, 2023*

*Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.
— Leviticus 19:2b*



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.



February 18th 4:30PM Sylvia Bernard Sylvia (RIP) by Harold Sylvia; Anthony Stevenson (RIP) by Chavis & Bowden Family; John B. Henry, Sr. (RIP) by Maggie Henry; “For All Children who were Victims of Abortion” by Langston Adams

February 19th 9:00AM For All Parishioners

February 21st 6:00PM Stephen Gary (RIP) by The Family

February 22nd 8:00AM Anthony Stevenson (RIP) by Nuong Tran & Family; Geneva & Cleveland Matthews (RIP), Donald Ray & Darrell Matthews (RIP), Elmer Wiltz, Jr. (Happy Heavenly Birthday-RIP), Chester Dalvin Wiltz (RIP) by Rebecca Wiltz & Family

February 23rd 8:00AM Ann Walker (Happy Birthday-Living) by The Family

February 24th 8:00AM

February 25th 4:30PM Levi Adams, Jr. (RIP) by Langston Adams; Barbara Williams (RIP) by Elvira Narcisse; Deceased Members of the Batiste & Martin Family by Alma Martin

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Ashes

There are three major Biblical traditions concerning ashes: repentance, mourning, and mortality, and they are interrelated. Repeatedly throughout the Bible we encounter the use of ashes (often together with sackcloth) as a penitential practice. A similar practice is seen when someone is in mourning or distress. And ashes are a metaphor for human life, which is seen as brief and destined to end in death:

Ashes are the result of fire, the complete burning of something that was alive. They are ephemeral; the slightest puff of air can send them away into nothingness. It is easy to see how ashes came to symbolize fleeting human life or the humility of repentance. Ashes can represent other things as well. For example, ashes are often used to fertilize our gardens and fields. Ash is therefore necessary to bring about and nourish life. We can now begin to see how appropriate a symbol ashes are for the season of Lent. For Lent is not only a time of repentance, of sorrow for our sins. It is a baptismal season of preparation for the new life of our catechumens and of recalling the new life of our own baptism. We start Lent in ashes, and end it in Easter. What will the ashes mean to you this Lent?



Easter Lilly or flowers envelopes are available. Please help us defray the cost by giving a generous donation.



Ash Wednesday is on February 22nd. Masses will be at 8:00am and 6:00pm. You are free to bring ashes to the sick and homebound parishioners.

***Abstinence:** Catholic from age 14 and above are obligated to abstain from meat on Fridays of Lent including Good Friday. **Fasting:** Catholics age 18-59 years are obligated to fast on Good Friday. One full meal is allowed and two other meals should be light.*



Collections

February 11th & February 12th

9:00AM \$2,266.00

4:30PM \$1,082.25

Mail \$1,461.40

Totals \$4,809.65

PARISH MISSION

SAVE THE DATE

PARISH MISSION/REVIVAL

March 8-10, 2023 at 6:00pm

“I Will Go Back To My Father” Luke15:18

Very Rev. Jude Ekenedilichukwu Ezuma

Holy Family Parish

Galveston/Bolivar

Invite relatives and friends

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself. (*Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18*).

Psalm — Our God shows mercy and graciousness (*Psalm 103*).

Second Reading — You are the temple of God, and holy (*1 Corinthians 3:16-23*).

Gospel — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (*Matthew 5:38-48*).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11



CCE Teachers & Parents will meet with DRE-Esther Dugay on Monday, February 27th at 5:30pm at the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building. We will discuss plans, events and activities for 2023-2024.

**Knights of Peter Claver Council & Court #32
2023 Annual Friday Lenten Fish Dinner Sale**
KPC Hall #32-Corner of Grannis Ave. & 10th Street
Menu: (2) Fried fish, Red rice, Green beans, Potato salad & Cake Cost:\$12

Friday, February 24, 2023 10am until Sold Out
Place your order with any Knight or Lady Auxiliary member or call or text Rodney Broussard@363-3375.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholic around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

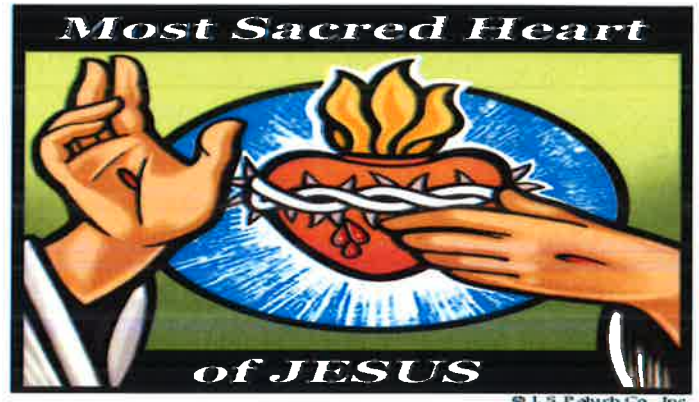


The Health and Safety Committee asks all parishioners to wear RED in honor of American Heart Association month on February 25-26, 2023.

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

11th Annual Lenten Walking Pilgrimage to the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday, March 4, 2023
Mass Kickoff at 9:00am-3:00pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe

Park before 8am at Queen of Peace Shrine
800 Ninth Ave., Port Arthur, Texas
Come walk, pray, and immerse yourself in traditions of centuries of the faithful during the Holy Season of Lent. For more information, call 409-724-1456



“Come Back to the Heart of Jesus”

BLACK HISTORY MONTH Xavier University located in New Orleans, LA is a HBCU (Historically Black Colleges & Universities) is the only Black college associated with the Catholic Church. Famous alumni include Regina Benjamin 18th US Surgeon General, current Mayor New Orleans Latoya Cantrell, Candice Stewart Miss Louisiana and Bishop Fernand Cheri (whom gave the Mission here at Sacred Heart). Our very own Asa Lewis was one of few CavOILcade Queen and Homecoming Queen at the University of Houston.

2022 Contribution Statements are available at the Parish Office for your tax purposes.

Passive Aggression or Active Love?

I wonder how many people read today's Gospel and said, "You expect me to do that?" Aren't we supposed to resist evil? Yes, and we do it as Jesus did--we conquer it with love.

When Jesus died on the cross, this was the victory over sin and death because he gave his life for us out of love. This love was for everyone, especially those sinners who need it. All he asks of us is to show love to everyone, even our enemies.

Now when we read the examples in the Gospel (Matthew 5:39-42), we may be tempted to say that the way to stop evil is to make people suffer for doing evil. But Jesus didn't say to let people run over us. Instead of a weak passivism, we actively offer the other cheek, hand over the cloak, or go the extra mile. And that's just for the ones who occasionally annoy us. Later in the same Gospel, Jesus tells us to love and pray for our enemies.

But notice what he doesn't say. He never promises that we will change these people, that our actions will eventually cause them to repent or become our friends. No, he only asks his disciples to change, to become "perfect" as the Father is perfect. That kind of holiness comes only from God, just as changing evil-doers or enemies is up to God. Perhaps the love we show to our enemies will at least open their hearts to the possibility of receiving the love of God, who can help them to become holy, too.

THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS & CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS. NEXT WEEKEND, THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR BEREAVEMENT FUND.

Fr. Anthony will bless our youth . Next weekend he will bless those celebrating a birthday in February.



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 Mae 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, Chris 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

-Heads of Ministries and Organizations will meet on Sunday, February 19th after 9:00am Mass in the Church.

-The Fund-raising Committee will meet on Thursday, February 23rd at 6:00pm at the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building to plan fund-raises for the Church. All parishioners are invited to participate and encouraged to join to help fund-raise for the Church!

-The Altar Society will meet on Wednesday, March 1st at 5:30pm in the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building. If anyone would like to join, please attend the meeting. Please contact Sheresse Conner-Seales @832-704-1092.

Jr. Daughters of Cartagena Court #32 are looking for candidates, must have made your First Communion to join. We will meet on Sunday, February 19th after 9:00am Mass in the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building. Contact Jean Bergeron for more infor. @718-7886.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

February 22nd-Ash Wednesday

8:00AM-Margaret Taylor

6:00PM-Jayla Livings & Gabrielle Sinegal

Sacrament of Reconciliation available during Stations of the Cross on Friday's
Stations of the Cross will be every Friday at 6:00pm followed by Mass.

February 24th-Stations of the Cross-Hospitality
FRI. 6:00PM Linda LaCour

February 25th & February 26th

LECTORS

SAT. 4:30PM Corine Jones

Delores Yeggins

SUN. 9:00AM Dhalaeacia Bergeron

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