

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 12, 2023*

While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour. --Matt 25:10-13



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 November 11th 4:30PM Stephen Gary (RIP) by The Family; Deceased Members of The Marks, Narcisse & Alexander Family by Elvira Narcisse; Marie Conner (22yrs. Death Anniversary-RIP) & Judith Broxton (RIP) by The Conner Family; Levi Adams, Jr. (RIP) by Langston Adams; Bernard J. Mouton, Jr. (RIP) by Mary & Harold Joseph; Edward Paul Powell, Sr. (RIP) by Helen Carrier; Harold Manuel (RIP)

by Addie Manuel, Neka Manuel & Family

November 12th 9:00AM For All Parishioners

November 14th 6:00PM Bernard J. Mouton, Jr. (RIP) by Mary & Harold Joseph; Edward Paul Powell, Sr. (RIP); Joseph Lee Green & Elijah Livings (RIP) by Mable Smith

November 15th 8:00AM Bernard J. Mouton, Jr. (RIP) by Sherold & Joseph Alpough; Elijah Living (RIP) & Thelma Newcost (RIP) by Joyce Livings

November 16th 8:00AM Bernard J. Mouton, Jr. (RIP) by Tracey Young

November 17th 8:00AM Bernard J. Mouton, Jr. (RIP) by Tracey Young; Mary Lee McZeal (1yr. Death Anniversary-RIP) by The McZeal & Allen Family

November 18th 4:30PM Sylvia Bernard Sylvia (RIP) by The late Harold Sylvia; Gustavia Scypion Adams (RIP) by Langston Adams; Edward Paul Powell, Sr. (RIP) Sharon Adams; Bernard J. Mouton, Jr. (RIP) by Brenda & Rodney Broussard; Cecile Thomas, Denver Marks, Hazel Narcisse & Joyce Thompson (RIP) by Elvira Narcisse; Billy Bernard (RIP) by Sacred Heart Parish



Collections

November 4th & November 5th	
9:00AM	\$3,669.00
4:30PM	\$1,997.00
Mail	\$ 638.00
Totals	\$6,304.00

We have received the Appeal for Catholic Ministries 2023 update for October. To date, we have received \$39,303.00 in pledges. Of that amount, payments of \$35,211.00 have been received. We are \$2,742.00 short of reaching our goal of \$37,953.00. 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 — *Wisdom 6:12-16*

Wisdom will come to those who seek it.

Psalm — *Psalm 63:2,3-4,5-6,7-8*

Our souls are thirsting for God..

Second Reading — *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

(shorter form: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14)

God will raise all those who have died.

Gospel — *Matthew 25:1-13*

Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, teaching his disciples the importance of being prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven.

Altar Society



Welcome to the Altar Society who turnout on Saturday, November 11th at 4:30pm Mass in honor of their deceased members.



**Happy 82nd Birthday
Betty Polk**



**Happy 85th Birthday
Rueben Infante**



Parish Christmas Dinner and Program will be held on Sunday, December 10, 2023, after 9:00am Mass in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are encouraged to come out and support our CCE students and fellowship with each other. This will be dine in only event, absolutely no take outs.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10; Phil 2:15d, 16a; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23-3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Jn 14:23; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; 1 Thes 5:18; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1; Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175; Jn 15:5; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab; Lk 21:28; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; 2 Thes 2:14; Lk 18:1-8;

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Jn 15:4a, 5b; Mt 25:14-30

“Come Back to the Heart of Jesus”

Meetings

-The Drexel Society, Inc. will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 14th at 4:00pm in the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building.

-Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 14th at 6:30pm in the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building.

Obituary Announcement

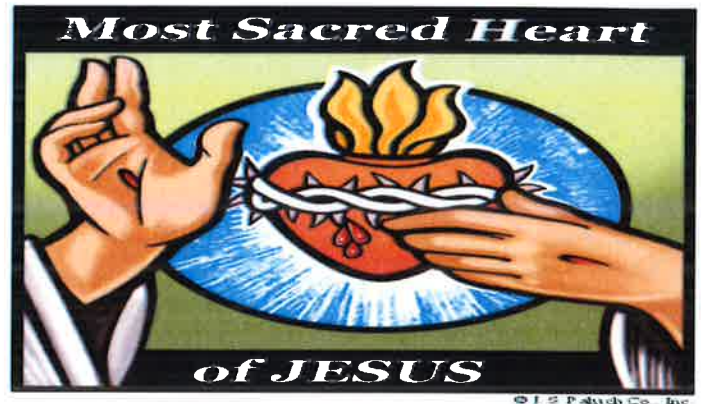
Our beloved parishioner Shandarell Alexander, the sister to Carolyn Hilstock and Patricia Pierre died Friday, November 3, 2023. Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 11:00am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Please remember to keep the family in your prayers.

In this week’s Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week’s reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus’ parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week’s Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity’s struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today’s parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus’ return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?



Youth Ministry is preparing to order T-shirts for our youth. Please contact Crystal Williams at 409-365-3790 as soon as possible with your youth’s T-shirt size, no later than Sunday, November 12, 2023.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, November 15th at 6:00pm in the Prayer Room in the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building. Come all and join us.



There will be No CCE Classes on Wednesday, November 22nd, classes will resume on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 6:00pm in the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building.

Any adults who has been Baptized and received your First Communion, but not confirmed. Please call the Parish Office to sign up. Classes are being held for Confirmation on every Wednesday at 5:00pm in the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building.

Mass Schedule/Events

November is Black Catholic History Month

-November 18-19th-Youth Day/National Catholic Black History

-November 18th-Parish Social Ministry Health and Wellness Fair at 1pm-4pm in the Parish Hall.

November 19th-Youth participation in the Rosary and Mass

-November 19th-Movie Night-Hosted by Parish Council (TBD)

-Thanksgiving Day Mass will be held on Thursday, November 23rd at 9:00am.

-Solemnity of Christ the King will be held on Sunday, November 26th at 9:00am Mass and this is the last Sunday in the liturgical year before Advent.

THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR BUILDING FUND. NEXT WEEKEND THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT.

ONE PILL CAN KILL!

A public meeting on the deadly threat of FENTANYL/OPIOID ABUSE in our Community
5 Texans die every day from FENTANYL OVERDOSES
Thursday, November 16th @6:00pm
Ecclesia Church
5900 9th Avenue, Port Arthur, TX 77642
Questions: Brit Featherston @409-835-8612
(Drawings for Giveaways)

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, Diane Bowd, Aletra Bowman, Tom Bronnon, Geraldine Broussard, Bernadette Brown, Cecilia Brown, Beverly Carmouche, Doris Jacob Castile, Dudley Champ, 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, Gilbert Green, Jr., Wilda Green, Malinie Guidry, Annie Guillory, Thomas 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, Dorothy Johnson, 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, Chery Prevost, Jared Prevost, Joseph Prevost, Margie Provost, Troy Prevost, JoAnn Pugh, Mary Riggle, Jocelyn Rush, Earline Smith, Eldridge Smith, Ree Smith, Jayden Spencer, Lillie Stewart, Michella Sulldan, Prozella Taylor, Aneel Thomas, Clarence Thomas, Michael Price Thompson, Alozia Vaughns, Jennie Veal, Jean Vincent, Larry Viltz, Phyllis Voliby, Iris Waymon, Rose Mary Williams, Juanita Williams, Shahara Williams, Jamon Wilson, Andre' Winston, Jr., and Hazeletta Younger.

Fr. Anthony will bless those celebrating a wedding anniversary in November. Next weekend he will bless our youth.



Our parish is partnering with the United Board of Missions Share A Toy this year. You are invited to join us to help a child this Christmas with a toy or gift. You can help by taking a tag from the tree located in the vestibule and providing suggested gifts for a local child. Ministries can participate by asking their members to participate. Each tag has a child's age and gender to provide for gift suggestions. Please return your gift selections to the church before December 5th. We will take the gifts to the United Board of Missions by the deadline. For more information or questions please contact Sherold Alpough or Brenda Broussard.



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

November 18th & November 19th

LECTORS

**SAT. 4:30PM Margaret Taylor
Delores Yeggins**

**SUN. 9:00AM Jada Guillory
JaKalen DeCuire**

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS

**SUN. 9:00AM Herbert James
Wanda Thompson**



November 23rd-Thanksgiving Day Mass

LECTORS

**THU. 9:00AM Jasline Sebile
Cynthia Sinegal**

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS

**THU. 9:00AM Elvira Narcisse
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