MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 16th Burell Carter

Tuesday, December 17th No Mass

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18th

Father Mark Beard, Raella Armand, Ronald & Hazel Scioneaux, Roland Bourgeois, Barbara Broussard, Ann Danna, John Lane, Christine Sharp, Nancy Brown, Alice Currier, James Dugar Sr., Manette G. Bateman, Harold & Mark Wright, Frank D'Amico, Brandon Hammons, Emile Bellavia, Fr. Joseph Vu Dang Huan, Hazel Anderson, Cynthia Ware Walker, Chubby Campo, Jennifer Brown, David Paul Delaune, Michael Henry, Billy Higgins, Harold Beard, The Vilcan Family, Ashlee Travis, Wanda Ponder, Halie Cox Wright

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19th

Father Mark Beard, Johnnie "Lil Man" Santangelo, Raella Armand, Barbara Broussard, Frank D'Amico, Alice Currier, Nina Binder, Brian Cox, Phine Mancuso, Ann Danna, Harrell Griffin, Joe & Sandra Schlumbrecht. M/M Nick Marciano, Joe Perise, Kenny Hastings, Wilma Fave Preslev Taylor, Orlando Banos, Dolores & Tommy Pizzolato, Beverly Esteven, Rose & James Webb, David Paul Delaune, Michael Henry, Billy Higgins, Harold Beard, Living & Deceased Members of Nick & Anglee Bellavia Family, Souls in Purgatory, Ashlee Travis

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20th Shelby Kirby

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21st Ioe & Frances Currier

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22nd | 9:00am English Rose & James Webb

Sunday, December 22^{nd} | 2:00pm Spanish The People of St. Helena Church

PRAYER LIST

Hunter Holden, Kab Hoevab, Janet Perise, Rosemary Lee, Desire Jones, Catherine Calamari, Mary Lou Lee, Jean Stafford, Kelly Spinks, Donald Carter, JoJo Holden, Marilyn Dees, Jenna Blades, Alice Steven, George Ann Smith, Bella Ferris, Brody Ferris, Tina Hymel, Imelda Travis, Kenneth Travis, Shan Grout, Suzanne Bridgewater, Janett Relan, Brian Guichet, Henry McCabe, Hurless Clouatre, Michelle Robbins, Doris Wright, Brent Covington, Josephine Capdeboscq, Lindsey Booty, Laura Faust, Halie Cox Wright, Sondra Sagnibene, Bronwyn Corcoran, Joan Scarle, Cindy Frazier, Eric Tarver, Savina Campo, Katelyn Delbasty, Lorie Delbasty, Ronnie Delbasty, Diann Delbasty, Shawn Delbasty, Patrick Delbasty, Wanda Miles, Mya Arrazate, Toney Cantu, Kenneth Hill, Conner Corkern, Alice Perez, Frances Currier, Jay Ardillo, Brian Rueb, Hank & Karen Scheumacher, Douglas Hill, Ashlee Travis, Tisa & John Cooper, Mac Perkins Jr.

IN DEFENSE OF MOTHER CHURCH

The Color For Iov

A pink candle that signifies joy makes sense since it is lit on Gaudete Sunday-names for the entrance antiphon for that Sunday's Masss: "Rejoice (gaudete) in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice." The joy is subdued, however, as the penitential violet of the other weeks lessens to rose as we move closer to Christmas.

As Advent is patterned in part after Lent, Gaudete Sunday is similar to the Lenten Laetare Sunday, which also represents joy and falls at the midpoint of Lent.

And that finally leads to the explanation for the pink candle. In the ancient Church on Laetare Sunday in Lent, the Pope gave a citizen a pink rose. The tradition has contined, as Popes bestowed golden roses on Catholic rulers and now more commonly, on places of devotion.

Following the papal rose custom, bishops and priests began wearing rose-colored vesments on Laetare Sunday. The Church then brought the Lenten practice of rose vestments to Advent on Gaudette Sunday. As a result, the pink candle gained a place in the Advent

Although the culture tells us it's already Christmas, the Church reminds us through the pink candle of Advent that there is an appointed time for everything (Eccl. 3:1). The time now is for rejoicing-because the Lord is coming soon!

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25th THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

Tuesday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

4:00pm Vigil Mass - St. Helena, 4:00pm Vigil Mass - Mater Dolorosa 6:30pm Vigil Mass - St. Dominic, 7:00pm Spanish Vigil Mass - St. Helena

Wednesday, December 25th, Christmas Day

8:00am Mass - Mater Dolorosa, 9:00am Mass - St. Helena

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1st THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD Tuesday, December 31st, New Year's Eve

6:00pm Vigil Mass - Mater Dolorosa, 7:00pm Spanish Vigil Mass - St. Helena

Wednesday, January 1st, New Year's Day

7:30am Mass - St. Helena, 8:00am Mass - Mater Dolorosa

NO CONFESSIONS ON

DECEMBER 25th & 26th | January 1st & January 2nd

Many of the spanish families held a Guadalupe Novena in their homes. Thank you for honoring Our Lady!



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St. Helena Catholic Church will host it's annual

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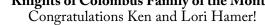
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MINISTRIES AT ST. HELENA

If you would like to learn more about the following

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IN THE KNOW...

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY (WEDDINGS/CONVALIDATIONS)

6 Months in Advance

PARISH OFFICE NOTIFICATION

We are asking that you notify the Parish Office if a family member is Ill, Homebound or Hospitalized.

BAPTISMAL SEMINARS

Please contact the Church Office in advance to register for a class.



DECEMBER 15, 2024 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me." God is empowering you for a specific purpose! How will you respond to so great a love? Is He asking you to follow Him by serving in the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225-336-8778 or via email: jjohnson@diobr.org

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Catherine Calamari (504 -236-8983) For the Families of St. Helena

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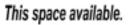
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MASS SCHEDULE: CONFESSION SCHEDULE: Monday 7:30am Monday 7:00am Tuesday Tuesday No Mass No Confession Wednesday 7:30am Wednesday 7:00am 5:00pm 7:00am 5:00pm Thursday 7:30am Thursday Friday 7:30am Friday 7:00am Saturday Vigil 4:00pm Saturday Vigil 3:00pm Sunday 9:00am Sunday 8:00am Sunday Spanish 2:00pm Sunday Spanish 1:00pm

and fire." Luke 3:10-18

1ST SATURDAY MASS: 8:00am at Mater Dolorosa in Independence, LA OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8am-5pm | Friday 8am-12pm