

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Year Of The Grace Of Honor

### SPEAK, LORD, WE ARE LISTENING

In today's first reading God keeps calling out in the night to a sleeping boy. Neither the boy, Samuel, nor his teacher, Eli, understands who is calling. But God's persistence convinces them. Samuel is then ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10).

In the Gospel Jesus is out teaching. Various people notice him and begin to gather around. They soon become disciples and, like the young Samuel, are ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak," they say, "we are listening."

God's voice is always with us, awake or asleep. It swirls around us like fog on a waterfront, enveloping us, gently urging us to wake up, to listen. Awareness of the voice comes first; then willingness to listen; then, in time, the decision to act, to live according to God's word. Let's ask today for the ability to keep our ears open so we don't miss God's voice.

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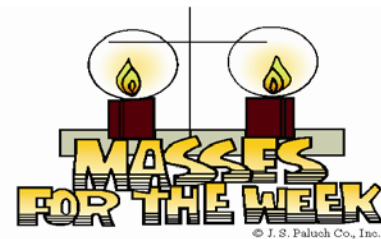
We have found  
the Messiah



### Our Mission Statement

The mission of Holy Cross Catholic Church is to foster the teachings of Our Lord Jesus Christ in all people in order to empower them to bring change and healing to all.

Through the celebration of the Sacraments, religious education programs for all age groups, and other programs, we are to enhance and enrich the discovery of the Sacred found in all people.



#### Monday, 1/16

**9 AM:** Jeff Fontenot

#### Tuesday, 1/17

**5:30 PM** Ben William Meaux, Pesson Family, Special Intentions for Alice Baronet

#### Wednesday, 1/18

**9 AM** Charlene Campo, Vincent Campo, Special Intentions, Ted Harrington, Mr & Mrs J.M. Perry, Henry Perrit, Sr., Alvin Dupuis.

#### Thursday, 1/19

**9AM** Madelle Lockard, Anton Zagar

#### Friday, 1/20

**9AM** Special Intentions – Ruth Moran, Conrad Breaux, Zachary & Neice' Breaux

#### Saturday, 1/21

**4PM:** Nina L. Breaux, Whitney Paul Lambert, Jr., Harold Guillot, Mrs. Bruno "Boo" Kidder, Laura G. Rhodes, Jean Jones, Jack Hudson, Kelly Perrin

#### Sunday, 1/22

**9AM:** For the Parishioners.

**11 AM:** Bob Buniva & Parents, Kyle Michael Borges, Mr. & Mrs. Lefiad Simon, Evelyn Nauck, Jeffrey Fontenot, Mrs. Odile Clement, David Meche, Willa Fletcher

**5 PM:** Michael Glynn Broussard

### LOVE OFFERING Ciboria for Daily Mass

The church is in need of replacing the Ciboria we use during our daily Celebration of the Eucharist. We welcome your love offering in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving. For more information please contact Elsa at 984-9636 ext 213

### SECOND OFFERING CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICAN

January 22nd

Next weekend is the offering for the Church in Latin America. This offering funds pastoral projects such as rural evangelization, seminary formation, and education to nurture the faith in the region. The funds will help deepen a sense of discipleship, foster leadership, and create missionaries in service of the Church in the region. **Thank you for your generosity!** Please visit the website [www.usccb.org/latinamerica](http://www.usccb.org/latinamerica) for more information.

### Church Offerings

January 8th Offerings \$26,852.00

Maintenance Offering 5,913.00

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving!

## THEOLOGY ON TAP

The next scheduled Theology on Tap will be on **January 18, 2012**, Lynn Wood, with Lynn Wood & Associates will be our speaker. All young adults (18-35) **married or single** are invited to join the discussion on **January 18th at 7:30pm. Tsunami in Downtown Lafayette.** Clergy, seminarians and religious are welcome as well!

If you would like to dine before the discussion we suggest you arrive early and order in the main restaurant.

Want a reminder? Email: [kchapman@diolaf.org](mailto:kchapman@diolaf.org)

## Catholics Returning Home

**St. Pius X Parish** is conducting another six weeks **Catholics Returning Home** program beginning **Monday, January 16, 2012 from 6:30pm – 8:00pm.** **John Schexnaildre, Holy Cross Adult Faith Formation Coordinator** will cosponsor the sessions representing Holy Cross as we did last Lent. Flyers are located on the tables at the entrances of church. If you know of anyone who is thinking about returning to the Catholic Church, this would be a good opportunity for them.

*Tools of our faith*  
*And Their Promises*  
*Immacul'ee*  
**March 16-17, 2012**  
**Cajundome Convention Center**  
**Friday 6:00-9:00pm**  
**Doors open at 5:00pm**  
**Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm**

Immacul'ee is here again to share about the "Tools of our Faith" which can inspire us to grow closer to God and live the life full of meaning and purpose as God intended.



For more information or to register  
[www.immaculee.com](http://www.immaculee.com)

## PRAYER

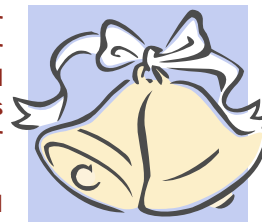
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*Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy. Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit, and raises man to Heaven..... St. Ephraem*

\*Dedicate each new day as a prayer of effort and intention. Express prayers of gratitude, reflection and personal relationship. Encourage family members to share prayer needs and request.

\*Attend Mass more than once a week to gain inspiration from Scripture, homilies and especially from the Eucharist. Listen carefully to Scripture readings and to the new wording in liturgies to enhance prayerful reflections.

## MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Office of Marriage and Family Life Ministry is again sponsoring the **DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** to honor couples who have been married 50, 60 or more years. Our upcoming anniversary mass will be on March 4, 2012 for those celebrating 50, 60 or more years of marriage. held at 2:00pm, at St. Peter's Church, 108 East St. Peter St., New Iberia, LA 70560.



Bishop Michael Jarrell will preside and a reception will follow in the Parish Hall. **Registration will CLOSE on February 17, 2012.** Couples may register by visiting our website, [www.diolaf.org](http://www.diolaf.org), click on the OFFICES tab and click on Marriage and Family Life.

**FRIENDS OF ROX RICHARD & CROSSROADS CATHOLIC BOOKSTORE**  
Host  
**PAULA D'ARCY**  
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Events are open to the public  
Book signing at Crossroads bookstore  
Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm  
Bring your books—books also available  
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Presentation  
Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 7:00 pm  
Location: Holy Cross Church  
**All Are Invited** to come and listen as she asks us to consider what life may be asking us to embrace. Even in the face of brokenness and loss, our deepest heart asks the questions: "Who am I not being that I could be...What is life trying to help me see...How might I love more truly?"



## Question of the Week

**John 1:35-42**

The reading tells us about the call of the first disciples. Followers of John the Baptist responded to the gentle invitation of Jesus; they came and stayed the whole day with him. Then these disciples called their friends to join them. One of them was Simon. Jesus told him that he would be called Peter, or Cephas, a Greek word for "rock". One day the Church would be built on the rocklike faith of Peter.

**Question for Adults:** What is Jesus calling you to do at this time in your life? How are you responding to His call?

**Question for Children:** What would you say to Jesus if you spent the afternoon with Him?

# Religious Formation

**THERE WILL BE NO RELIGIOUS FORMATION CLASSES THIS WEEK DUE TO THE MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY**

### The Confirmation retreat at WOW was a tremendous success.

Holy Cross parish wishes to thank the many people who made this retreat possible: **Elihu** and **FOCUS** for all the work they did in conjunction with the retreat, Catch You On The Flip Side.



**The Knights of Columbus** once again provided their delicious gumbo. Truly this retreat happens because of the work of parents, facilitators, coordinators, parish volunteers

### SENIOR CITIZENS GATHERING

Our monthly Senior Citizens' Gathering will be held on **Wednesday, January 18th**, in Mission Hall (Gym).

Bingo (\$1.00 per card) will begin at **10:30am**. Lunch will follow.



# Pro Life Activities



### PRO-LIFE WALK

St. Edmond Catholic Church KC Council #10293 is sponsoring it's annual **Pro-Life Walk** beginning at **8:30am, Saturday, January 21** at **St. Edmond's Church** with Fr. Gil Dutel leading the opening prayer. The walk will **begin at St. Edmond's**, go to **St. Mary's Church** on Doucet Rd and back to St. Edmond's. Police escort and Acadian Ambulance provided throughout the route. During the walk we will be praying the Rosary.

We are welcomed and encouraged to join in the walk! After returning to St. Edmonds a reception will be held For more information, please contact St. Edmond's Church at 981-0874

### LOUISIANA LIFE MARCH

**January 21, 2012**

**Baton Rouge**

**10:00 am – noon**

All are welcome to join the march from the *Old State Capitol up 4<sup>th</sup> Street to the current State Capitol*. Please visit the website for further details at [www.LALifeMarch.com](http://www.LALifeMarch.com)

- 9 - 10 AM *Gather behind Old State Capitol (100 North Blvd.)*
- 10:00 AM *March from Old State Capitol, up North Blvd, then down Fourth Street to State Capitol (walk is 0.8 of a mile).*
- 10:50 AM *Prayer and Inspiration on the steps of the State Capitol lead by religious, government, and community leaders*
- Noon [Life Ministry Mobilization Area](#) near Capitol

### RCIA

#### Would you like to become Catholic?

The RCIA is the normal way for unbaptized persons and those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition to become a Catholic, through a process of discerning and ritualizing the stages of gradual conversion. If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the Catholic faith and consider becoming Catholic, please call to enroll in the RCIA process. We have an ongoing process so you can enroll at any time. For more information, please call the church office at **984-9636 ext. 233** or **Adult Faith Formation office at 654-9671**.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15 <i>NO Religious Ed Class</i>  Rev. TJ Hebert	16 <i>NO Religious Ed Class</i> <i>Martin Luther King, Jr Day</i>  Msgr. Michael Herpin	17   Rev. Matthew Higginbotham	18 <i>NO Religious Ed Class</i> <i>Adult Choir Rehearsal</i> <i>Sr. Citizens Gathering</i>  Rev. Kenneth Howard, SSJ	19  <i>Children's Choir Rehearsal</i>  Rev. Godwin Imoru	20   Rev. Thomas James, SVD, VE	21  <i>St. Ed, pmd Church &amp; KC Right to LifeWalk</i>  Rev. Johnathan Janise
22   Rev. Bartłomiej Jasilek, SVD	23   Rev. Stanley Jawa, SVD	24   Rev. Ryszard Kalinowski, SVD	25   Rev. Donavan Labbe	26   Rev. Keith LaBove	27   Rev. Paul LaFleur	28   Rev. James Lambert, SJ

~ Please pray daily for our priest ~

## Question ?

In the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, why has *"one in being with the Father"* been changed to *"consubstantial with the Father?"*

The new translation is more in keeping with the ancient Latin text of the Creed and a more accurate translation.



The bishops at the Council of Nicea (AD 325), in order to ensure that Jesus was professed as the eternal Son of God, equal to the Father, stated that he is "the Son of God, begotten from the Father, the only-begotten, that is from the substance of the Father. God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, the same substance (homoousion) with the Father..." The Creed of the Council of Constantinople (381), which is professed at all Sunday Masses and Solemnities within the Catholic Church, similarly stated: "We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from True God, begotten, not made, of the same substance (homoousion) with the Father."

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

*January 15, 1929-April 4, 1968*

Martin Luther King, Jr. was an American civil rights leader. Leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and advocate of nonviolent protests of segregation and other anti-civil rights laws. Best known for his speech "I have a Dream" (1963). Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**