

# HOLY FAMILY PARISH BULLETIN

Port Allen, Louisiana 70767



## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 29, 2012

*Come, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.*

— *Psalm 95:6*

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**MASSES:** Saturdays: 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass  
Sundays: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.  
**HOLY DAYS:** Vigil 6:00 p.m.; 6:30, 8:00 a.m.  
**WEEKDAYS:** Tuesday - 5:00 p.m. (Novena following),  
Wednesday - 5:00 p.m., Thursday - 8:00 a.m.,  
Friday - 12:00 noon  
**CONFESSIONS:** Saturdays: 3:00 to 3:30 p.m.  
or any day by appointment.  
**BAPTISMS:** Check the monthly calendar or call the office.  
Couples should contact the priest during pregnancy to  
schedule a Baptism interview, and to register for a Bap-  
tism Seminar (usually held every other month, odd  
numbered months). Godparents are also expected to  
attend a **Baptism Seminar**.  
**MATRIMONY:** Couples should contact priest at least SIX  
months before making other arrangements. Diocesan  
Policy requires a Marriage Preparation Program which  
will be explained to the couple.  
**PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA:** Every Tuesday following 5:00  
p.m. Mass.  
**SICK CALLS:** Parishioners are urged to contact priest to in-  
form him of persons who are ill.  
**SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Offered at  
daily Mass or privately to those who are facing surgery  
or illness. Call the office.  
**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Are requested to contact the Rectory to  
register as parishioners.  
**ADORATION:** Tuesday & Wednesday from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Thursday & Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon

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RCIA Office: 474 N. Jefferson Ave. 389-0120



## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Holy Family Parish is a loving, caring community of devoted and committed Catholic Christians. Our mission purpose is to spread and deepen the Kingdom of God among all people. Our aim is to carry out this mission through our *strong tradition of faith and family*, through a *strong sacramental and liturgical life*, through a *total Catholic educational program*, through a *ministry to the social needs of the community* and *through evangelization*.

## FALSE PROPHETS, TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice, the Holy One of God.

The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, January 29

9:30 am - RCIA - Mass

School Open House after 9:30 Mass in Honor of  
Catholic Schools' Week

### Monday, January 30

6:00 pm - Confirmation Class - Marian Hall

### Tuesday, January 31

7:00 pm - ISPD - Parish Hall

### Thursday, February 2

8:00 am - School Mass

### Friday, February 3

Pre-K3 St. Jude Fundraiser Starts

Diocesan Catholic School's Week Mass - Cathedral

### Saturday, February 4

3:00 – 3:30 pm - Confession – Daily Chapel

Souper Bowl of Caring Collection

4:00 pm - Baptisms

### Sunday, January 29

9:30 am - RCIA - Mass

10:00 am - PSR - Marian Hall

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Robert Muench will celebrate a liturgy honoring couples on their 25th, 50th, and 65th or greater wedding anniversary. It liturgy will be held on Sunday, March 4th at 3:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. The families of the honored couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and reception afterward in the Sacred Heart School Gym. If you are interested in attending this mass, please call Holy Family Church Office at 383-1838 to register.



### MORE THAN 20 YEARS AGO,

<sup>SM</sup> the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:  
“Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl Football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat.”

Since that day, more than \$81 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Souper Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. After masses on Saturday, February 4th and Sunday, February 5th, individuals will be outside to accept donations that will be divided between the West Baton Rouge Food Pantry and St. Vincent de Paul.

*Together we can make a difference!*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39



## STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

### COLLECTION COUNTERS - Monday, January 30:

Janet Hotard, Leonard Dodd, James L. Hebert.



### COLLECTION REPORT for January 15, 2012

General Collection — Identified Givers - \$ 6,764.00

Unidentified Givers - \$ 384.66

**Total General Collection - \$ 7,148.66**

**Total Jubilee Campaign - \$ 1,380.50**

### COLLECTION REPORT for January 22, 2012

General Collection — Identified Givers - \$ 9,095.00

Unidentified Givers - \$ 500.12

**Total General Collection - \$ 7,819.12**

**Total Jubilee Campaign - \$ 1,367.00**

**Special Collection:** The collection for the Jubilee Campaign: **The Next Steps** will be taken up next weekend. Please place your envelope in the collection basket.

## BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Holy Family Parish is considering starting a Bereavement Ministry. This ministry would be two-fold. The first component would be providing food for the **immediate family** of a deceased parishioner on the day of the funeral. A committee of 6-7 persons would prepare food and bring to the home of the family. The second component would be writing a note of condolence and commitment of prayer for the family of the deceased.

If you would like to become part of this compassionate ministry, please plan to attend a meeting on **Thursday, February 2, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at Jubilee Hall**. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to be part of this ministry, please call the church office at 383-1838 or Sue Blanchard at 344-9188. It is our hope that we would have enough volunteers to begin this ministry the first week of March.

## SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

*“By the sacred anointing of the sick and the prayer of the priests the whole church commends those who are ill to the suffering and glorified Lord, that he may raise them up and save them. And indeed she exhorts them to contribute to the good of the People of God by freely uniting themselves to the Passion and death of Christ.”*

*Catechism of the Catholic Church, pg. 375*

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is offered here to anyone who is facing surgery or serious illness. It is offered either at daily Mass or privately. Please call the Church Office.

## BEAR CHALLENGE



On Saturday, February 11, Holy Family School will host the first Bear Challenge, featuring a 5K and 1-mile family run/walk, jambalaya cook-off, and volleyball and horseshoe tournaments. The event, which replaces this year's Holy Family Athletic Department Gumbo Ya-Ya, will take place on the grounds of Holy Family's Parish Hall

in Port Allen.

Registration takes place at 7:00 a.m. Pre-registration is recommended (online form available). The one-mile family run/walk will begin at 9:00 a.m.; the 5K begins at 9:45 a.m. Join your family and friends to form a jambalaya cook-off team and/or team to compete in the volleyball or horseshoe tournaments that will take place after lunch.

The Bear Challenge Package is \$45 and includes a run entry, t-shirt, horseshoe and volleyball entry and jambalaya. For \$25, you can do the Bear 5K Package, which includes a run entry, t-shirt and jambalaya. The horseshoe and volleyball entry with jambalaya is \$20.00. For the run entry and jambalaya, you pay only \$15.00. For enjoyment of the jambalaya, you pay \$5.00.

Proceeds benefit the Holy Family Athletic Department. All students at HFS benefit from funding through physical education equipment.

Registration forms are located on the school's website at [www.holyfamilyschool.com](http://www.holyfamilyschool.com). For questions or donor/sponsorship information, contact Saia at [athleticdirector@hfspa.com](mailto:athleticdirector@hfspa.com).



Each month, HFS students of a selected grade are invited to attend a Covenant Mass. At the mass, students and their families agree to follow the same mission of the school – to reflect Christ's light in our daily thought, words and actions, by attending mass and living a life for Christ. A small reception is held after each Covenant Mass in the Parish Hall, thanks to our Home & School volunteers.

On Sunday, January 22, our 4<sup>th</sup> graders and their families along with their teachers, Mrs. Lisa Holcombe and Mrs. Gayle Henderson, celebrated a Covenant Mass. The mass was well-attended, and Deacon Pat Broussard wanted to especially thank our parents and students for attending.

## HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Holy Family School will kick off Catholic Schools Week with an open house for all current families, parishioners, prospective students and families and others interested in Holy Family School. The open house will be held this Sunday, January 29, from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. (between 9:30 and 11:30 masses at Holy Family Catholic Church). Registration for current families for the 2012-13 school year will be held February 13 – 17. Information will be available at the open house. For more information, please contact the Holy Family Office of Development at [info@hfspa.com](mailto:info@hfspa.com) or call (225) 344-4100. Catholic Schools Week is celebrated nationally from Sunday, January 29 – Sunday, February 5, 2012.

## THANK YOU!!

What a beautiful Advent and Christmas we celebrated as Church during December and early January.

Many thanks go out to all who were so kind and generous with your notes and gifts at Christmas time. The cards, sweets, food, gifts, cash and prayers were deeply appreciated. They were touching and humbling. Please be assured of the continued prayers offered for all of you now and through out this 2012 to be a blessed year.

Let us work to make this a truly holy year for Holy Family, our home. I, Fr. David and Deacon Pat are honored to be able to minister to you in the journey of faith. Together we shall grow like the child, Jesus, in wisdom, age and grace. God bless you again and thank you for being so kind.

Peace in the Lord,  
Fr. David

## YOU ARE NOT ALONE

"Heart of Prisoners" Family Support Group gives emotional support and brings comfort to the broken hearts of prison families.

Meeting February 1, 2012

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Activity Center - Room 1

402 South Kirkland Drive (River Road)

Brusly, Louisiana 70719

Meetings are held the

First Wednesday of Every Month

7:00 - 8:00 pm

E-mail [group.hopfamily@gmail.com](mailto:group.hopfamily@gmail.com) for more information.

## LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR

To love the world is no big chore. It's that miserable person next door who is the problem. —Anonymous