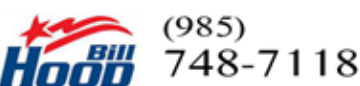


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15th
Sunday
in Ordinary Time
July 12, 2026

*“This is why I speak to them in parables,
because they look but do not see
and hear
but do not listen or understand.
Matthew 13:1-23*



The Church Bulletin

Serving the communities of St. Helena Catholic Church,
Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church and St. Dominic Catholic Church

The Office is located at 122 South 1st Street Amite, LA 70422
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Welcome To Our Growing Parish Communities!

St. Helena (SHCC) Mass Intentions
Monday, July 13, 2026 7:30am +John Campo Sr.
Wednesday, July 15, 2026 7:30am +Harold & +Mark Wright
Thursday, July 16, 2026 7:30am +Jacob Gifford
Friday, July 17, 2026 7:30am +Hank Schumacher
Saturday, July 18, 2026 4:00pm +Father Mark Beard, +Harold & Flo Beard, +Father Howard Adkins, +Ray Smith, +Joan Scarle, +Frances Jones, +Dwayne Ardeneaux, +Savina Campo, +Jacob Gifford, +Louis Blanchard, +Charles Currier, +Joe & +Sandra Schlumbrecht, +Russell & +Dot Thompson, +Russell Thompson Jr., +Dominick Cuti, +Betty Pousson, +Anthony John Christiano, +Clark Colgan, +Robert Yakum, +John Campo Sr., +Hank Schumacher, +Thomas Bellavia, +David Paul Delaune, +Michael Henry, +Bill Higgins, Conversion of Sinners, Marilyn Dees, Theresa & Mike Delatte, Nancy Barman
Sunday, July 19, 2026 9:00am +Father Mark Beard, +Harold & Flo Beard, +Father Howard Adkins, +Ashley Travis, +Charles Currier, +Louis Blanchard, +Frances Jones, +John Campo Sr., +Joan Scarle, +Savina Campo, +Dwayne Ardeneaux, +Jacob Gifford, +Tommy Bellavia, +Anthony & +Lena Girgenti, +Magdalene Ford, +Kathy McShan, +Gayle Currier, +Norwood & +Elizabeth Forshag, +Vernon & +Jency Miller, +Roland Miller, +David Paul Delaune, +Michael Henry, +Bill Higgins, +Souls in Purgatory, Conversion of Sinners, Karen Giglio, Julian Bourg
Sunday, July 19, 2026 12:30pm The People of the Parish

JULY 12, 2026
15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
“He began to send them out two by two.”
Just as Jesus was sending out His disciples in pairs, perhaps you too are being called to discipleship for this shared mission as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225-336-8778 or via email: ablount@diobr.org

Please remember to pray for all the sick who could not worship today because of illness, especially

Gail Keller, Lindsey Booty, Eric Tarver, Kenneth Hill, Connor Corkern, Frances Currier, Jay Ardillo, Brian Rueb, Karen Schumacher, Mac Perkins Sr., Angela Perkins, Jacqie Sticker, Ramona Kaul, Juanita Dugar, Catherine Calamari, Cameron Tarver, Rosalina Rotolo, Paul Kluka, Mitchell Warren, Rayford Conerly, Suzanne Bridgewater, Henry McCabe, Imelda & Kenneth Travis, Josephine Capdeboscq, Marianne Polman, Hurless Clouatre, Tracy Brumfield, John Brumfield, Susan Brumfield, Chris Burden, Susan Reid, Matt Smith, Rickey Robertson, Owen Clotiaux

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Mater Dolorosa (MD) St. Dominic (SD) Mass Intentions
Tuesday, July 14, 2026 SD 6:00pm +Hank Schumacher
Wednesday, July 15, 2026 MD 8:00am Josh Alston
Thursday, July 16, 2026 MD 8:00am Mark Pilie
Friday, July 17, 2026 MD 8:00am JoAnn Zeringue & Family
Saturday, July 18, 2026 MD 4:00pm +Allen & Lucy Capdeboscq, +Chris Paille, +Katie & Charlie Varisco, Sr., Tommy Sharp, +Jason Baglio, +Vincent Calcagno, Sr., Joseph Mandella, +Nick & Theresa Liotta, +Lena Marie Crowdus, Rosalino Rotolo, Zachary Mashon
Sunday, July 19, 2026 SD 8:15am Autumn Hill, Bobbie Hill, Kristine & Micah Scaling, Lucy Mae Boudreaux, Jeffery Boudreaux, +Cherie Culbreath, Tom & Steve Pousson, Lynn McKearan, Leo Guenther, Mary Ann McKearan, Howard Heno
Sunday, July 19, 2026 MD 11:00am People of the Parish

 *Heavenly Father, creator of mankind, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask You to bless all members of our Armed Forces. Please be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. We ask this in Your Holy Name. Amen.*

George Van Zandt, Larry Toups, Peter Vangjel, James Hoover, Dennis Toups, William Graham, Vince Owen, Brandon Thompson, Jerry Dyer, Jamie Cutrer, Eric Russell, James Sylvester, Mark Prine, Nic Edwards, Jake Cristina, Scott Swilley, Angie Swilley, Chris Brunet, Jacob Rankin, James Michael Dupuis, Daniel Mays, Jim Bravis Redmond Jr., Daniel Santora, Jerry Simmons, Wesley Corkern, Lucas Edward Thigpen, John Accord, Maxwell Conger, Kyle Joseph Rosalies, Jordon Quinn, Adrian Gonzalez Moreno, Sgt. Matthew Vallot, Lt. Molly Fekete, Wesley Corkern, Jacob Frazier, Braeden Hallmark, Andrew Zaffuto, Blake Blades, Aivah Noble, Jared Guidry, Dillon Guidry, Jonah Brumfield, Joshua Aikman, Braxton Greenlee

 Greetings Parishioners,

As we continue preparing for another school year, we are excited to share that our faculty is now fully staffed with dedicated, faith-filled educators who are committed to forming the hearts, minds, and souls of our students.

At Mater Dolorosa Catholic School, our mission is to form students in Jesus Christ, instill strong leadership qualities, and promote academic growth and excellence. Every aspect of school life reflects this mission as we partner with parents in the sacred work of educating the whole child.

A Catholic education is about much more than academics. It teaches children that they are loved by God, created with purpose, and called to live lives of faith, service, integrity, and compassion. These values prepare our students not only for future success but also to become faithful disciples and servant leaders within our families, parishes, and communities.

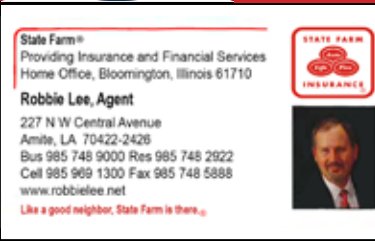
Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year continues, and we are thankful for the many new families who share our mission and are joining our school community. We still have limited openings in select grade levels, but those spaces are filling quickly. We invite you to schedule a personal tour and experience the difference for yourself.

Thank you to our parish families, alumni, volunteers, and benefactors for your continued prayers and support. Together, we are building a community where Christ is at the center of all we do.

As St. Elizabeth Ann Seton beautifully said, “Be children of the Church.” May God continue to bless our school, our parishes, and all the families we are privileged to serve.

In Christ,
Melissa Capadona, Principal, Mater Dolorosa Catholic School

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Thursday, July 16, 2026
2:00 pm

Sacred Heart Chapel
920 East Alhambra Rd., Alhambra, California 91801



Scan to register today!

Medjugorje Pilgrimage 2027

June 2 - 11, 2027

Father Reuben will be leading parishioners of St Helena, Mater Dolorosa, and St Dominic on our 2027 Pilgrimage to Medjugorje and Dubrovnik. Pricing is Land Only. Flight booked individually closer to travel time. Non-refundable \$500 per person deposit due at registration.

Questions? Email Sandy Barnes at sandy.barnes3dtravelcompany.com



Baptism Seminars

If you are in need of a Baptism Seminar, please call the Church Office (985) 748-9057 to register.

The Seminar dates are:

Sunday, July 19, 2026 - following 9am Mass at St. Helena
Monday, July 20, 2026 - 6:30pm at Mater Dolorosa
Tuesday, July 21, 2026 - 5:30pm at St. Helena
Monday, August 24, 2026 - 6:30pm at Mater Dolorosa



FIRST SATURDAY MASS AUGUST 1st

Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church in Independence
7:00am Confession • 8:00am Mass

St. Helena Catholic Church in Amite
8:00am Confession • 9:00am Spanish Mass

Ministries

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETINGS AT ST. HELENA
Every Monday in classroom 203 at 5pm. We are open to all who wish to live their faith by loving and serving their neighbor.

BIBLE STUDY AT ST. HELENA
In classroom 101 after 7:30am Mass. All are welcome to attend the Bible Study.

MATER DOLOROSA ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS
Will be held on the second Thursday of the month at 5:30pm at Mater Dolorosa Church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETINGS

- Amite Knights of Columbus #10911 meets the first Tuesday of the month in classroom 101. Rosary 6pm, meeting 6:30pm.
- Independence Knights of Columbus #5627 meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6pm in the KC Hall.
- Visit our Facebook page at [Knights of Columbus St. Helena Council No 10911](#)

ST. HELENA CDA MEETINGS
Have you thought about becoming a Catholic Daughter? Please join us at 5:30pm in classroom 101 every second Monday.

PARISH COLLECTIONS		
Mater Dolorosa Collections	7/5/2026	\$ 9,489.00
Facilities & Maintenance		\$ 752.00
Building Fund		\$ 951.00
The second collection at Mater Dolorosa NEXT weekend (7/19) is for Poor Relief.		
St. Helena Collections	7/5/2026	\$ 5,977.00
Facilities & Maintenance		\$ 2,457.00
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10% of the Day's Sales will be going to Fr. Mark's Ministries.



This Week's Readings

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026
Isaiah 1:10-17; Psalm 50; Matthew 10:34-11:1

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026
Isaiah 7:1-9 Psalm 48; Matthew 11:20-24

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2026
Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16; Psalm 94; Matthew 11:25-27

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026
Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Psalm 102; Matthew 11:28-30

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2026
Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Isaiah 38; Matthew 12:1-8

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026
Micah 2:1-5; Psalm 10; Matthew 12:14-21

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026
Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Psalm 86; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43

Ministers Schedule for July 18-19, 2026

St. Helena

MASS	DEACON	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	SACRISTANS
7/18 4:00pm		R. Snyder, J. Redmond	R. LaBarbera, G. Kellem V. Pritchett, H. Hendry	N. LaBarbera, H. Bishop	M. Potts
7/19 9:00am		B. Glasgow, E. Gauff	C. Glasgow, S. Ware, S. Thompson. S. Oliver	B. Webb, R. Menard, E. Brouillette, A. Vosbein	T. Hymel

Mater Dolorosa • St. Dominic

MASS	DEACON	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	SACRISTANS
7/18 4:00pm	Dcn. Steve	B. Thiel		V. Greenfield, G. Finch	
7/19 8:15am	Dcn. Steve	K. Tassin	Rog, L. Dunn	L. Neel, T. Tassin, L. Danna	
7/19 11:00am	Dcn. Steve	B. Angelette	M. Vicknair, Ja Costa	J. Messina, L. Radford, G. Dufrene	

FOCUS ON FASTING

JULY INTENTIONS

- As we celebrate our nations 250th year, that we never take for granted the freedoms we have and of Gods great love and mercy that He pours out upon us daily.
- For constancy and dedication in our prayer life to enrich our faith, hope, and love.
- For an increase in priestly vocations.
- For the hastening of the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
- For the Grace of the New Pentecost to be poured out upon our parish communities

By the time the unborn baby is...

18 days: the baby's heart is beating
42 days: brain waves are detected
52 days: the baby has hiccups and yawns
8 weeks: all the baby's organs are functioning
9 weeks: the baby has fingerprints
10 weeks: the baby can feel pain
12 weeks: the baby can smile



PRO LIFE



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Baptisms are celebrated regularly throughout the year. Expectant parents should contact the Parish Office for information concerning Pre-Baptismal Preparation.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY (WEDDINGS/CONVALIDATIONS)
Contact the Parish priest at least six (6) Months in advance from the date desired.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
Please notify the Parish Office if a family member is ill, homebound or hospitalized.

ENCOUNTER
THE PRESENCE OF JESUS



3rd Thursday of each month
Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church
5:30pm-7:00pm
Join us: July 16th, August 20th, September 17th

NO DAILY MASS
AT ST. HELENA NEXT WEEK

NO 7:30am Daily Mass at St. Helena on
Monday, July 13th; Wednesday, July 15th - Friday, July 17th

Mater Dolorosa WILL have 8:00am Daily Mass on
Wednesday, July 15th - Friday, July 17th

 Amite Knights of Columbus #10911
JULY FAMILY OF THE MONTH
Congratulations to Joe & Ann Binder!

 **HOLY FACE DEVOTION**
at St. Helena Catholic Church
Monday, July 27th 6:00pm

WELCOME FR. ADIRIANO OGEN
Fr. Ogen will visit St. Helena this weekend. He will be here to speak
about his Mission Support for the Archdiocese of Tororo Uganda.
If you would like to know more about supporting Fr. Ogen's Mission,
go to aot@tororoarchdiocese.org

Please go to the link to read Bishop Duca's Letter regarding the priestly Fraternity of St. Pius X.
<https://www.diobr.org/news/bishop-ducas-statement-regarding-the-sspx>

 Jesus the Way; Jesus the Truth; Jesus the Life...

Welcome back to another edition of *Jesus the Way; Jesus the Truth; Jesus the Life*. As a reminder, these articles are a deep dive into a particular part of the Sunday readings meant to help you pray with Sacred Scripture and deepen your relationship with Christ.

Anyone who ever reads the gospels understands Jesus' main method of teaching is parables. These are meant to perplex us and give us the room to ponder and contemplate the mysteries of our faith. One might ask, however, why Jesus wouldn't make the faith easy to understand; why must our faith be hidden in stories and scenarios instead of laid out in a bulleted to-do list?

The disciples themselves ask this question to Jesus: "Why do you speak to them in parables?" (Matthew 13:10). In a study on the word "parable" (Greek: Parabolē), theologian Scott Hahn writes that it is "a spoken or literary 'comparison' between two things for illustration.... Parables invite the humble to reach behind the images and lay hold of God's truth." Jesus begins to teach using parables after the Pharisees have outright rejected Him (Scott Hahn). Therefore, practically speaking, the use of parables hides the truth of Jesus' teachings from the prideful Pharisees who conspire to twist His words while still allowing the meek and humble to ponder and understand His words.

So, what use are parables for us who attend mass, receive the Eucharist, follow the Church established by Christ, and are not prideful Pharisees? The answer to this is hidden in Jesus' explanation of the parable of the sower. In truth, the answer is not in the explanation but is the explanation that Jesus gives. In following Jesus, the disciples are given the special grace to hear His word, but they also allow Him to explain it to them. This is what it means to follow Christ. Theologians Dr. Edward Sri and Curtis Mitch in their commentary on the gospel of Matthew write that "It is not enough to see and hear Christ's words physically. One must follow him. Many see his miracles and hear his teaching, but still refuse to follow him.... [The disciples] respond from the heart to Christ's message, follow him, and are given explanations that help them understand the meaning of the parables."

As you take this Scripture, and any other Scripture containing a parable, *allow Christ's word to penetrate your heart. But most importantly, give Him the silence and time to speak to you and allow Him to reveal the deeper meaning of the parable to you in your heart.*

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For Kids
Pre-Kindergarten thru 8th

(Bring photo ID, Kids' SS cards or Benefits Letter)

St. Helena Catholic Church
122 S. 1st Street, Amite, LA 70422

July, 23rd & 24th 8am-4pm
July, 25th 8am-noon

Amite Elementary Magnet, Chesbrough Elementary, Independence Magnet, Kentwood High Grades 7-8, Loranger Middle, Perrin Early Learning, Spring Creek, Amite Westside Middle, Independence Leadership, Jewel M. Sumner Middle, Loranger Elementary, O.W. Dillon Leadership, Roseland Montessori

 Evangelization & Catechesis

St. Helena Mater Dolorosa St. Dominic

"The Church exists to evangelize."
Pope Saint Paul VI

YOUTH NIGHTS

JR. HIGH SCHOOL • GRADES 5th - 8th • 5pm-7pm

July 12th Jr. High Night at St. Helena
July 26th Jr. High Night at St. Helena

HIGH SCHOOL • GRADES 8th - 12th • 5pm-7pm

Monday July 20th High School Night at St. Dominic
August 2nd High School Night at St. Helena

If you would like to join Remind, text 81010.
To provide a meal for the Youth, contact Brooke at 985-474-9281.

AUGUST 16TH
PSR

ST. HELENA - MATER DOLOROSA - ST. DOMINIC

PSR will be held on St. Helena campus,
please park across from Church

During PSR There will be a brief Parents meeting for parents of 7-9th graders (confirmation) in the hall. All other parents are invited to the giftshop, the coffee shop, the hall for food, or the Church for prayer/Adoration. Students grades k-9th will be picked up at classrooms at 6:30 parents will be responsible for bringing students to the hall for dinner.

Students will be dropped off by parents in their classrooms
Sunday August 16th 5-7pm

Our Theme color is:
MARIAN BLUE!

For More information please call the office!
Please text @psr7-9 to the number 81010 to join our messaging system

 **(OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

Do you know someone who wants to learn more about our Catholic Faith?
If so, encourage them to call the Church Office and register for the OCIA Inquiry Sessions.
CLASSES WILL BEGIN IN AUGUST.

PARABLE OF THE SEED

THE HEART OF THE STORY
The type of soil represents our hearts. God's Word is the Seed.
What kind of heart are you preparing today?

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God's Word (Seed) Our Heart (Soil) Fruitful Life (Harvest)

Path – The seeds on the path are stolen by birds.
This is when someone hears God's Word, but the evil one comes and takes it away.
Reflection: Do I give Satan a chance to take God's Word from my heart?

Rocky Soil – The seeds sprout quickly, but the sun burns them and they die.
This is when someone hears the Word with joy, but when trouble comes, they give up.
Reflection: Do I stay strong in my faith when life gets hard?

Thorny Soil – The seeds grow, but the thorns choke them and they don't produce.
This is when worries, cares, and the desire for other things crowd out God's word.
Reflection: What things might be crowding God's Word out of my life?

Good Soil – The seeds grow, produce fruit, and yield a harvest!
This is when someone hears, understands, and obeys God's Word. It produces fruit!
Reflection: Am I living in a way that allows God's Word to grow in me?