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The Epiphany of the Lord
January 2, 2021
Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
~Isaiah 60:1



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM

Weekdays:
Tuesday: 6:00PM
Wednesday-Friday: 8:00AM

Adoration
The 1st Friday of the month at 5:00 P.M. and Mass at 6:00 P.M., morning Mass is cancelled on this day.
Forty-five minutes before every weekday 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

January 1st 4:30PM Winifield Fisk, Sr. (RIP) by Langston Adams; Thaddeus Sanders (RIP) by Johanna Lewis & Sonia Harris; Ethel Barros (RIP) by Denise Barros; Barbara Guidry (RIP) by Sacred Heart Class of 1965

January 2nd 9:00AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

January 4th 6:00PM Asa Lewis (Happy 21st Birthday-Living) by The Fontenot & Lewis Family

January 5th 8:00AM

January 6th 8:00AM

January 7th 6:00PM

January 8th 4:30PM Levi Adams, Jr. (RIP) & Gustavia Adams (RIP) by Langston Adams; Valynn White (RIP) by Corine Jones; Barbara Guidry (RIP) by Sacred Heart Class of 1965

Collections

December 24th
$1,332.00

December 25th
$ 714.00

December 26th
$1,708.00

Mail	**$2,689.00**
Totals	**$6,443.00**



Happy New Year from
Fr. Anthony Afangide & Parish Staff
Alex Carrier, Sandra Fontenot,
Maureen Roberts,
Esther Dugay and Crystal Williams

The Parish Office will resume to normal business hours on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

CCE classes will resume on Wednesday, January 5, 2022.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading —Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you ***(Isaiah 60:1-6)***.

Psalm —Lord, every nation on earth will adore you ***(Psalm 72)***.

Second Reading —The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel ***(Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).***

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" ***(Matthew 2:1-12)***.

BFA Stewardship Committee Report

Thank you for a successful year, faithful servants of Sacred Heart Parish. Our goal this year was $42,200. With 411 registered families in our parish, we had over 126 participating which is about 30%. These are the numbers we received on November 12, 2021. We received a report showing you contributed $59,999.00. During the Stewardship Banquet on December 9th, we were presented with a check for $17,794.00. We are continuing to receive your pledge and payments for this year so we will be getting an additional check as everyone fulfills their pledge by December 31, 2021. Thank you to all parishioners who participated this year. We are especially grateful to the following organizations/ministries who donated to the Bishop's Faith Appeal on behalf of our parish. The Altar Society, Knights of Peter Claver Council #32 and Ladies Auxiliary Court #32.

Remember the name has changed to **Appeal for Catholic Ministries - Building the Kingdom Together**. We look forward to another successful year in 2022.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Meeting

-Sr. Usher will meet Sunday, Jan. 9th after the 9:00am Mass in the Sacristy.

The new Pastoral Council members installation will be on Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 9:00am Mass.

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The new Finance Council members installation will be on Sunday, January 16, 2022 at 9:00am Mass.

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The new Evangelization Commission (Team Members) installation will be on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 4:30pm Mass.



Young Contemporary Catholic Adults (YCCA) will meet Sunday, January 9, 2022 after the 9:00am Mass in the St. Katharine Education Building. Anyone interested in joining is encouraged to attend.

Welcoming our community to join us in
Commemoration of the life of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
An evening of prayer and fellowship
Celebrant Bishop David L. Toups, S.Th.D.
January 15, 2022
St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica
4:00 pm Mass
Reception Following • Heavy Hors D'oeuvres
• Music by Carl Stewart & Company
"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others?"
~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



"Come Back to the Heart of Jesus"

The Epiphany of the Lord
A Gift for the Wise Men

A rather liberal priest was teasing one of the women of the parish, asking, "How do we know the Wise Men weren't Wise Women?" She answered, "If they were, they'd have brought bottles, diapers, and a bassinet, instead of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

The gifts, of course, are symbols of who Jesus is: a king who is both God and human. And I wonder what our gifts to the Lord say about our faith in him. Remember the song about the little drummer boy, who had no gift to bring but his ability to play the drum? It can remind us that a person who gives all they have, no matter how little it seems, is the most generous.

So what do we bring to the newborn King? I can give my time by coming to church for the feast of Epiphany and actually paying attention. Just making the effort to listen to the words of scripture, to hear what God may be trying to tell me, could be a great gift. Or I could bring someone in our family, or a friend, who doesn't go to church very much.

Now let's not forget the meaning of "epiphany." In ancient times it meant the appearance or manifestation of a divine being. Maybe a way to celebrate the Epiphany is to reflect on how God has been made known to me. Simple things, like a hug from a friend or an answered prayer, or major events like a wedding, the birth of a child, or a funeral, can all be ways to experience the Lord. The Wise Men received the gift of an epiphany by following a star. May the light of Christ lead you to him also.

Prayer to the Week

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR BEREAVEMENT FUND. NEXT WEEKEND, THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR THE BUILDING FUND.

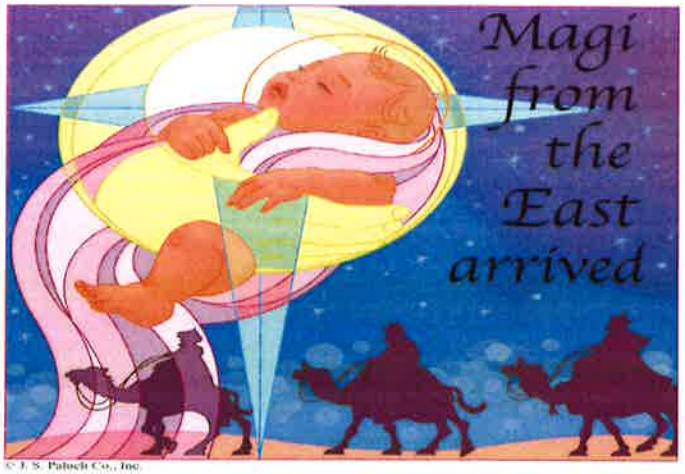


Father Anthony will bless singles, widows and widowers who lost a spouse in January. Next weekend he will bless those celebrating a wedding anniversary in January.

IF YOUR FAMILY MEMBER 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.

Pray for ...

Ethel Allen, Lucinda Allen, Nedra Alpough, Thelma Alpough, Lyric Anderson, Juliana Barnes, Emma Bonton, Diane Bowd, Kay Bridges, Tom Bronnon, Geraldine Broussard, Cecilia Brown, Beverly Carmouche, Doris Jacob Castile, Curtis Clark, Lionel Clark, Jr., Theresa Coleman, Emmett Comeaux, Kenneth Cormier, Aletha Covington, Isaiah Covington, III, Nekemia Covington, Cheetara Cox, Janelle Dale, Morris Davis, Valerie Dennis, Charles Doyle, Kaitlyn Dugas, Vincent Fertitta, Sandra Fontenette, Jonathan Fontenot, Lillian Fontenot, Normand Fontenot, Michael Fontnette, Jr., Gloria Foreman, John Francis, Alton Gallentine, Wilda Green, Malinie Guidry, Annie Guillory, Elzina Harris, Zacchaeus Hart, Robin Hataway, Aerial Hawkins, Mildred Hayes & Family, Edmonia Henderson, Crystal Henton, James Henry, Fay Hines, Yvette Jacquet, Hazel January, Mary Jenkins, Darlene Joe, Zackary U. Johnson, Jr., Linda M. Jones & Family, Roderick Jones, Steven Jones, Wilda Jones, Curtis Joseph, Hilda Joseph & Family, Elda Kennerson, Bernadette Lavine, Wildred Lavine, Bobbette Lawson, Michael Linden, Akliah Lopez, Adrienne Davis-Lott, Joseph Marcel, Marita Marcel, Phil C. Mahoney, Veronica Mayo, Mabry McZeal, Mary Lee McZeal, Robert Mae Mims, Denisha Montgomery, Erma Moore, Velma Morgan, Yvette Morris, Berlinda Mouton, Elvina Mouton, Sophie Mouton, Linda Nico, Dewey Normand, Helen Orsort, Johnny Owens, Roger Paris, Iris Phillips, Lester Pickney, Iris Plumber, Mary Polk, Bernice Potier, Chery Prevost, Jared Prevost, Joseph Prevost, JoAnn Pugh, Estella Ray, Mary Riggle, Jocelyn Rush, Earline Smith, Eldridge Smith, Ree Smith, Schreida Solaire, Lillie Stewart, Aneel Thomas, Clarence Thomas, Alozia Vaughns, Jennie Veal, Jean Vincent, Larry Viltz, Rosina Viltz, Phyllis Voliby, Rose Mary Williams, Gladys Wilson-Hollins, Jamon Wilson, Juanita Williams, Shahara Williams, Andre' Winston, Jr., Hazetta Younger and Tosharie Younger. **Communicants:** Ethel Allen



Reflection question:
What can I do this week to come to know God better?

JOURNEY TOWARD GOD

In our celebration of the Epiphany, two interwoven themes are present in the readings today. God is beginning something, and God gathers all of humanity to participate. For Isaiah, God's bright light, manifested in the people of Israel, attracts and summons people from many nations to Jerusalem. In the letter to the Ephesians, God's grace makes the Gentiles co-heirs and co-partners in the gospel. Matthew tells the story of the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel through the birth of Jesus, and simultaneously leading foreigners to share in these same promises. With the birth of Jesus, God chose a particular people, in a particular time and place, to enter most directly into the human story. Today's readings tech that God did this in order to gather all people, all cultures, into unity with God. Like the magi, we are drawn into a journey toward God, becoming co-partners in God's work.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE
January 8th & January 9th

LECTORS

SAT.	**4:30PM**	**Leroy Leopod**
		Cynthia Sinegal
SUN.	**9:00AM**	**Tanya Robertson**
		Sharlene Hatch

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