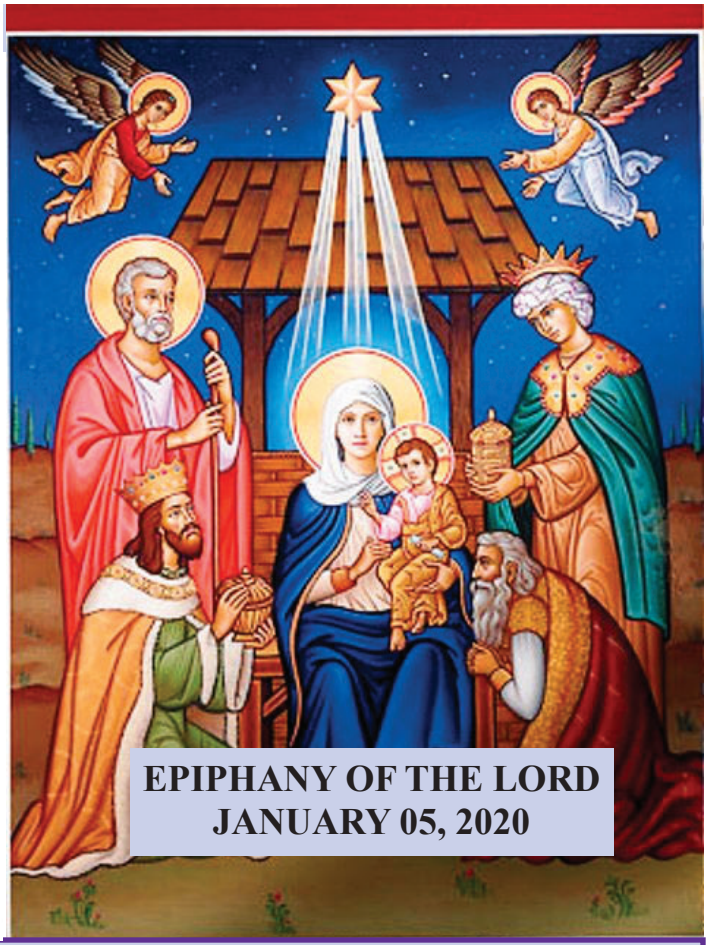
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
DECEMBER 29, 2019



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 05, 2020

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12N & 6:00 P.M.

Holy Days: Vigil 4:00 PM; Feast - announced

Weekdays: 6:30 & 8:00AM Monday-Friday; Saturday 8:00 AM

School Mass: Friday 9:00 AM (or as announced)

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel: Open 24 hours daily.

Confessions: Monday to Saturday: 7:40-7:55AM; Saturday 8:30-9:00AM, 3:00-3:45PM & 5:00-5:30PM

Baptism: Contact Parish Center 1 month prior to due date. Seminar 7:00P.M. - Second Monday of the month.

Wedding: Contact parish clergy at least 6 months in advance. Coordinator: Linda Jones 504-421-7946.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
Joseph, Faithful Guardian, Protector, Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family — Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Like all Jewish parents, Joseph and Mary raised Jesus with reverence for God. Joseph was the head of the family. He was faithful to Mary and Jesus by taking care of them. He was their steadfast guardian and protector. He was a man of God, a man of obedience and a man of service. Through prayer and faith, he recognized the hand of God in the mystery of Jesus taking flesh in Mary's womb. Joseph also was a man of action. He responded immediately when God called him to take his family from Israel and bring them to Egypt to protect them from the murderous rage of King Herod.

Just as God had a plan for Joseph, so too God has a plan for each of us. God gives us the grace for the plan and assures us He is with us always. Do we trust God's plan for our lives? Are we willing to sacrifice our plans for God's plans and pursue the mission God gives us?

"Lord Jesus, make us faithful servants and guardian of your truth. Help us to obey you willingly, like Joseph, with unquestioning trust and with joyful hope."

SUNDAY, JANUARY 05, 2020
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
The Visit of the Magi, Mt 2:1-12

Jesus was born in obscurity. Initially, only lowly shepherds recognized him at his birth. Then, three Magi or Kings from afar journeyed to Bethlehem to pay homage to him, recognizing him as the newborn King of Israel. The Magi, who were foreigners, studied and discussed the prophecies of the Hebrew Scriptures to learn where the Messianic King would be born. God led them by means of an extraordinary star across a vast desert to a little town called Bethlehem. In their thirst for God, the Magi left their home and family and found the source of true knowledge and love, the King and Savior of the world. They humbly worshiped him and gave him magnificent gifts.

To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to know God personally. In the encounter of the Magi with Jesus, we see the plan of God to give his only Son not only to Jewish people but to all nations, so that everyone might find true and lasting peace in God. Let us pray that all seek Jesus on their journey of life. Let us bring the light of Jesus to those whom we meet through the witness of our lives.

"Lord Jesus, thank you for bringing salvation to all nations. May the gospel be proclaimed to every person on earth. Help us to be faithful witnesses to everyone we meet."

PASTOR'S COLUMN

The Christmas Season, 10th Anniversary of Church, and Coming Attractions

The Christmas Season. I can't believe I just typed 2020. It seems like the new Millennium just began and here we are 20 years into it and ready to begin the calendar year 2020. Of course, there is more Christmas celebrating to do as we near the year's end.

The Christmas Season doesn't conclude until the Lord's Baptism on Sunday, January 12, 2020. Why does Christmas go on for several weeks? Once Christmas Day has passed, there are still several major Christmas liturgical celebrations: (1) the Feast of the Holy Family (recognizing the special role of Joseph and Mary in the nativity and life of Jesus); (2) the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (recalling Mary's role as the Mother of Jesus); (3) the Solemnity of the Epiphany (remembering the Magi's visit to Bethlehem and the opening up of salvation to non-Jews); and (4) the Baptism of Jesus (recalling Jesus' baptism and our own baptism into Christ). We have these celebrations during Christmas Time because the incarnation of Jesus Christ into human flesh is so great an event that we just can't mark it for one day and be done with it. Rather, there must be a proper observance of this defining event in our salvation history. That is why Christmas is a Season, not a Day. So, let us savor God becoming one of us at Christmas

10th Anniversary of the New Church. A reminder that we will commemorate the 10th Anniversary of our New Church on January 5, 2020. As previously advised, there will be special festivities at the 10:00 am Mass that day. Hope you can join us.

Coming Attractions.

+Cookie-making for the St. Joseph Altar begins on January 4. Just show up at the School Cafeteria between 9 am and 12 noon to lend a hand.
+The Rite of Enrollment for Confirmation Candidates takes place on January 5 at 6 pm.
+The 5-part Marriage Prayer Series for newly married couples begins on January 8.
+The Rite of Enrollment for First Communion takes place on January 12 at 6 pm.
+The Baby Bottle Campaign runs on January 18-19.
+The Isaiah 43 Parenting Program resumes on January 20.
+First Reconciliation is at 10 am on January 25.
+The Parish Volunteer Thank-You Party is at 5 pm on January 25.
+The Daughters of Isabella Luncheon is on January 26 at the Metairie Country Club.

In brief, 2020 is right around the corner and all the 2020 activities will be here quickly. Christmas blessings to all as the countdown to 2020 begins.

Fr. Joe

COMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Every Thursday

- Helping Hands Food Bank, 9-11 AM, Parish Center
- Deacon Ed's Rosary at 6 PM in Church near Adoration Chapel

Sunday, December 29

- RCIA Session, Breaking Open the Word Only 10:30-11AM
- No PSR Classes due to New Year's Holiday

Tuesday, December 31

Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass, 4PM (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, January 01

Solemnity of Mary Masses at 8AM and 10AM (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, January 02

Adoration Chapel reopens at 7am; Parish Office reopens at 8am

Saturday/Sunday, January 04/05

- Welcome Sunday Weekend, Reception after all Masses
- Special Collection at all Masses for Maintenance Fund
- 10th Anniversary of New Church celebrated at all Masses

Saturday, January 04

St. Joseph Altar Cookie Workshop, 9am-12pm, School Cafeteria

Sunday, January 05

- 10 Anniversary Celebration at 10AM Mass
- RCIA Session, 11-12:30 PM, Old Rectory
- PSR Classes, 4:15-5:45 PM, begin in School Cafeteria
- CYO Mass at 6PM, Meeting follows in Parish Center
- Confirmation Enrollment, 6PM Mass; class to follow 7-8:30PM

Monday, January 06

- SFX School Reopens
- Children's Choir Rehearsal from 3-4:15PM in Church

Wednesday, January 08

- Children's Choir Rehearsal from 3-4:15PM in Church
- School Board Meeting at 6:30PM in Parish Center Fr. T room
- Marriage Enrichment Program, 6:30-8PM in SJ Hall

SOCK SUNDAY—JANUARY 12

Our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry is sponsoring "Sock Sunday" the weekend of Jan. 11/12. Baskets will be in Church to collect new socks to be distributed to the poor and homeless in the New Orleans Metro area. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORTING, DEC 14/15

WEEKLY OFFERING	$11,122.00
OTHER (Faith Direct pro rata)	$2,850.00
MISCELLANEOUS	$2,454.00
TOTAL INCOME	**$16,426.00**
WEEKLY BUDGET	$20,395.00
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	**($3,969.00)**
Retirement Fund for Religious	$1,574.00
DEACON ED'S FOOD BANK	$458.00
CHRISTMAS MEALS	$3,021.00

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW CHURCH—JAN. 4/5

Our new church will turn 10 years old in January, 2020. We will recognize that Anniversary at all Masses on the weekend of January 4-5. The main celebration will be at the 10AM Mass on Sunday, January 5. There will be several concelebrating priests. Fr. T will give the homily. The contractor, architect, window designer and other key contributors to the project will be present. Mark your calendars for the Mass and reception which follows.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION REMINDERS

Confirmation students who have enrolled in our Confirmation Program are reminded that we begin on January 5 with the Rite of Enrollment at the 6PM Mass. Class follows that night from 7-8:30PM. Check your schedules for additional details. Reminder - reports on the Sponsor, Saint and letter to Father Palermo are due at the session on January 5. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Religious Education (834-0348).

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR PREPARATIONS BEGIN

Cookie Workshops start in January for our St. Joseph Altar in March. Cookie-making and baking are part of what makes our St. Joseph Altar the best! Everyone is invited to help at the school cafeteria on Saturdays between Jan. 4th – Mar. 07th from 9am -12 noon. All work is done by volunteers and we need YOU! High School students are welcome to help; learn this age-old custom and earn service hours. Contact Rick at kc8546@cox.net or 504-460-6014.

COMMUNION ENROLLMENT MASS—JAN. 12

Our First Communion students will participate in the Rite of Enrollment on January 12th at the 6:00PM Mass. The parish assembly will be asked to pray for the students for their First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. There will be a bread ceremony in which the students will bring a loaf of bread to someone in the congregation. The person receiving the bread will be asked to pray for the student and may choose to send a card to the student through the Parish Office.

INSTEAD OF A PARISH VOLUNTEER CHRISTMAS PARTY. . .

We have hundreds of volunteers who work in our more than 50 Parish Ministries. Instead of having a Volunteer Christmas Party to thank everyone during the busy holiday time, we will have our Volunteer Thank-You Party until Saturday, January 25, immediately after the 4pm Vigil Mass. It will be a big celebration. Mark your calendars.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA PRESENTS "SAILING THE HIGH SEAS"

The Daughters of Isabella will host their 12th Annual Luncheon and Production on January 26, 2020 at Metairie Country Club. Doors open at 11:30am and lunch will be served at 1 pm. Come early to see all the incredible prizes, including the parade of prizes and the grand raffle prizes. All proceeds benefit a scholarship for young women attending Catholic Schools. Bring your family and friends. Individual tickets and full tables are available. Call 504-723-3664.

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and Dr. Basil Davis

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- Prayers of Repentance, Forgiveness, Lament, Trust, and Surrender
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- Prayers of Petition, Intercession, Discernment, and Deliverance
- Rituals and Forming Prayer Rituals in Families

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Child Care will be provided

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ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS
Office of Marriage and Family Life

CELEBRANTS/READERS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 28 & 29

Saturday, 12/28—4:00 PM

Celebrant: Rev. Thien Nguyen **Homilist:** Dcn. Robert Normand
EM: Dcn. Robert Normand, CheeChee O'Conner, Carol Pritchard, Pete Quirk, Suzanne Thomas
Reader: Carolyn Diaz

Sunday, 12/29—8:00 AM

Celebrant: Rev. Andrew Taormina **Homilist:** Dcn. V. M. Wheeler
EM: Gail Siciliano, Jack Siliano
Dick Watson, Natalie Watson, Dcn. V. M. Wheeler, III
Reader: Charlene Peterson

Sunday, 12/29—10:00 AM

Celebrant: Rev. Leo Meyer **Homilist:** Dcn. V. M. Wheeler
EM: Lex Allain, Chuck Taylor
Rita Taylor, Dianne Walet, Dcn. V. M. Wheeler, III.
Reader: Michele Gonzales

Sunday, 12/29—12:00 Noon

Celebrant: Rev. Thien Nguyen **Homilist:** Dcn. Kevin Darrah
EM: Dcn. Kevin Darrah, Lynda Favret, Suzy Friedrichs
Carol Gambel, Peggy Kleinschmidt
Reader: Frank Sunseri

Sunday, 12/29—6:00 PM

Celebrant: Rev. Thien Nguyen **Homilist:** Dcn. Kevin Darrah
EM: Dcn. Kevin Darrah, Cynthia Graham, Michael Graham
Jerry Kurzweg, Ray Massett
Reader: Billy Dantagnan

SANCTUARY LAMP

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FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

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PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

Ann Marie B. White, Kaylin, Barbara Johnson, L.P.T., Patti, Maria
Beverly Brickman, Arghiro Kleamenakis, Toni Edwards, Anna Smith
Sherron Smith, Michael Harrison, Rose Marie Pontiff, Sr. Janet Dohr
Amanda Beal, Michelle Guidry, Donna Pizanie, Janie Smith
Lance Peytavin, Connor Vorhoff, Stephen A Losee, Marie L Sylvester
Alma Weilbaecher {Call 834-0340 for Prayer List.}

VOCATION PRAYER CHALICE

This week the Vocation Chalice will be at the home of **Kevin and Dawn Sisung**. Please join them in praying for vocations to the priesthood, religious life and permanent diaconate. Call 834-0340 to have the chalice in your home for a week.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 28, 2019—4:00 PM

Raymond Bailey, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. C L Phillips Jr.
Raymond Bailey, Sr., Mary Ellen Rooney, Jack Culotta
Elizabeth Rooney Fitzwilliam, Esmond De Vun, Sr.
Frances Ferran, Judge Pat Schott, William "Billy" Connick
In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Carlos Gutierrez
Birthday Intentions of Kathleen Berry and Lauren Holmes*
Speedy Recovery of Ann Marie Briuglio White*

Sunday, December 29, 2019—8:00 AM

Christopher Briede

Sunday, December 29, 2019—10:00 AM

Stephen J. Laizer, Jr., Stephen J. Laizer III, Edna Reinhardt
Thelma Laizer, Edward & Estelle Laizer, Janet Brignac
Aimeé Perrault, Gregory Brunet, Doris Staples
Bonnie Murray, Bert Leaveau, Jerrie Leaveau, John Egle
Judge Pat Schott, Marjorie Bradley, Carlos Gutierrez
Melva Cook Helwig, Virgie Brennan, Randle Vuillet
Dr John Daly, Dr Lawrence Bole, Christopher Vanderbrook
William "Billy" Connick, Beatrice Mestayer, Daria Chaney
In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, J. Walter Ward, Jr.
Dr. & Mrs. Anthony Failla, Naomi Louise Messina
Ann Marie Briuglio White*, Birthday Ints Caroline Smith*

Sunday, December 29, 2019—12:00 Noon

Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier

Sunday, December 29, 2019—6:00PM

Sean Patrick Griffin

Monday, December 30, 2019

6:30 AM—In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:00 AM—Charles Sabrio

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

6:30 AM—In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:00 AM—Betty Bordelon*
4:00 PM—William "Billy" Connick

Wednesday, January 01, 2020

8:00 AM—Betty Bordelon*
10:00 AM—Imelda & Thornton Kuntz
William "Billy" Connick, Joseph Romano, III.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Romano, Jr.
In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Cathy Nosacka*

Thursday, January 02, 2020

6:30 AM—In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:00 AM—Betty Bordelon*

Friday, January 03, 2020

6:30 AM—Reid Chadwick
8:00 AM—In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday, December 28, 2019

8:00 AM—Parishioners of St. Francis *Denotes Living

READINGS FOR DEC. 29 thru JAN. 04

Sun: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Mon: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Tues: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Wed: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Thurs:1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Fri: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Ps 98:1, 3-6; Jn 1:29-34
Sat: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

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Saturday, 01/04—4:00 PM

Celebrant: Rev. Joe Palermo
EM: Kathy Calder, Jane Chauvin, Carolyn Diaz
Tracy Vogelsanger, Sarah Wambsgans
Reader: Peter Michell

Sunday, 01/05—8:00 AM

Celebrant: Rev. Thien Nguyen
EM: Rob Adoue**,** Ron Carter, Conner Ellis
Patty Jourdan, Diane Killeen
Reader: Steve Vaccaro

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EM: Fr. Thien Nguyen, Dcn. Kevin Darrah, Dcn. Robert Normand
Dcn. V. M. Wheeler
Reader: Carolyn Diaz, Bill Blessey

Sunday, 01/05—12:00 Noon

Celebrant: Rev. Thien Nguyen
EM: Peggy Kleinschmidt, Sherri Knoepfler, Jane Pendleton
Jeannie Redmann, Ann Rhodenhiser
Reader: Yvonne Adler

Sunday, 01/05—6:00 PM

Celebrant: Rev. Joe Palermo
EM: Billy Dantagnan, Marie Puglia, Doug Robicheaux
Norris Robicheaux, Elois Williams
Reader: CYO Member

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Jack Culotta, Judge Pat Schott, Sean Patrick Griffin
Beatrice Mestayer, Nina Fox, Carlos Gutierrez
Rita Olivia, Birthday Intentions of Robert Floyd*

Sunday, January 05, 2020—8:00 AM

Eddie Laizer

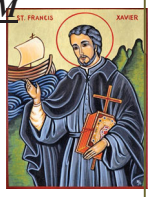
Sunday, January 05, 2020—10:00 AM

Estelle Laizer, Bonnie Murray, Judge Pat Schott
Lester and Therese Steckler, Dr. Lawrence Bole
Imelda and Thornton Kuntz, Randle Vulliet, Robert Harper
Daria Chaney, Kathy Kingsmill Olsen, J. Walter Ward, Jr.
Carlos Gutierrez, Naomi Louise Messina
Caroline Smith*, Winx & Jim McCarthy*

Sunday, January 05, 2020—12:00 Noon

Dagro and Deckelmann Family

Sunday, January 05, 2020—6:00PM



Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier

Monday, January 06, 2020

6:30 AM—Susan Daigle
8:00 AM—Betty Bordelon*

Tuesday, January 07, 2020

6:30 AM—Mary Bordelon*
8:00 AM—Hilda Sabrio

Wednesday, January 08, 2020

6:30 AM—Susan Daigle
8:00 AM—Betty Bordelon*

Thursday, January 09, 2020

6:30 AM—Mattea Taravella Montagnino
8:00 AM—Catherine Diez

Friday, January 10, 2020

6:30 AM—Birthday Intentions of Renee Laborde*
8:00 AM—Eddie Laizer

Saturday, January 11, 2020

8:00 AM—Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier
*Denotes Living

READINGS FOR JANUARY 05 thru 11

Sun: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Mon: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Ps 2:7-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tues: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wed: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thurs: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

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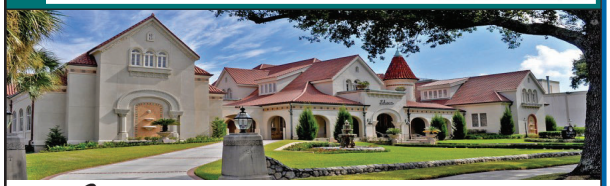

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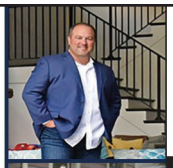
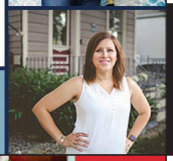

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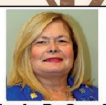
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