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January 7, 2024 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

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MASS SCHEDULE:

MASS OF ANTICIPATION (VIGIL)

SATURDAY: 4:30 PM

SUNDAY:

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, AND 5:00 PM MONDAY, WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY:

8:15 AM

TUESDAY: 6:00 PM

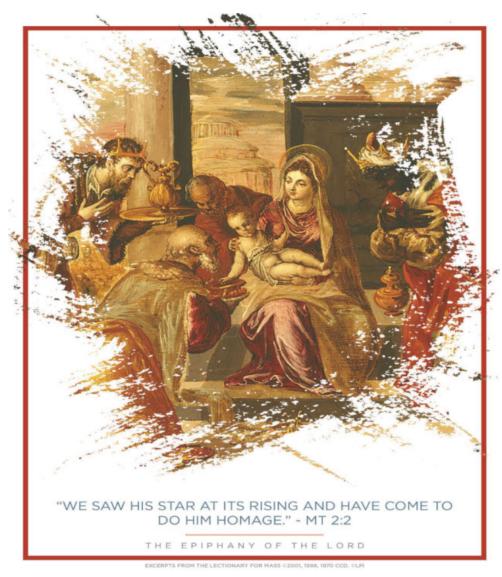
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THE MISSION OF ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

is to bestow Christ's love through worship, education, outreach and stewardship that will provide an avenue for salvation to our parishioners.



THIS BULLETIN IS IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARTIN & ORY FAMILIES



SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH

• Family Mass 10:00 AM

MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH

PSR 6:00 PM at AOL

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9TH

- Tuesday Morning Disciples at 6:00 AM in FLC
- Adoration from 3:00 PM—5:30 PM in church
- RCIA 6:30 PM in FLC
- KC Bingo at 7:00 PM at 346 Fir St.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10TH

- Confessions at 8:45 AM in church
- RCIC 3:00 PM in St Joseph's Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11TH

- Legion of Mary 9:15 AM in FLC
- Golden Oaks 1:00 PM in the FLC
- Chancel Choir 6:30 PM in the church

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12TH

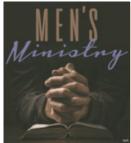
SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH

• Blood Drive 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM in the FLC



The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics who serve the Church and their neighbor on a voluntary basis.

Join us every Thursday at 9:15 AM in the FLC.

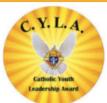


All men of the parish are invited to attend the **Tuesday Morning Disciples** prayer group. Join us
Tuesday mornings from
6:00 am - 7:00 am in the FLC for coffee and fellowship.



PARISH EVENTS





ATTENTION ALL SENIORS



The Knights of Columbus is taking applications for their Catholic Youth Leadership Award.

Fill out the online application at www.louisianakc.org - one Senior Boy and one Senior Girl will win \$500 on the local level.

Apply by January 25th.

Win on the local level and you advance for a chance to win \$1,000 on the Diocesan level.

Win on the Diocesan level and and advance for a chance to win up to \$5,000 on the state level.

Men's Emmaus Retreat

Put aside the "hustle and bustle" of daily life and attend the Men's Emmaus Retreat the weekend of February 2-4, 2024 at the William J. Kelley Retreat Center in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. The retreat is based on the scripture passage "The appearance on the road to Emmaus" (Luke 24: 13-35). It begins at 4:00 PM Friday and ends after the 5:30 PM mass on Sunday. Round trip transportation is provided from St. Dominic Church, New Orleans.

Please contact the following men for additional information: Norm Madere @ 504-481-0411 or Steve Schulkens @ 504-401-6990 or

Colin Taulis @ 504-494-4511
Or you can email us for a registration form at sdMensEmmaus@gmail.com
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SACRAMENTS

CONFESSIONS: Before the Vigil Mass & all Sunday Masses and at 8:45 AM on Wednesdays and First Saturdays. **BAPTISMS:** First Sunday of the month following the 10 AM Mass. To begin the preparation process, call the Parish Office.

WEDDINGS: Arrangements must be made at least 8 months prior to the wedding. Call the Parish Office to schedule a meeting with the priest and to book the church.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call the Parish Office or 504-584-6079 (evenings).

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If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

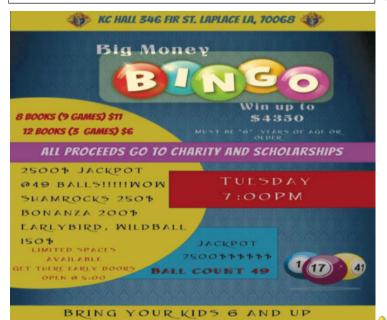
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January 13, 2024 10:00 am - 3:00 pm **Family Life** Center

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LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY

Interested in helping to decorate our church and take care of the flowers & plants in church - join the Ladies Altar Society.

The deadline for membership dues of \$10 is the end of January. Members can bring their dues to the office or put it in the collection basket in an envelope marked "LAS" Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of every other month.

The next meeting is at 12:00 PM on January 16th at the KC Hall.















January 10— Report Cards Issued January 15—Martin Luther King Day—No School January 18—Men's Club Meeting

January 27—Carnival Ball

January 29 to February 2—Catholic Schools Week





PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gerald Bercegeay, Shelly Bourg, Bryan Bourgeois, Elizabeth Bourgeois, Marlene Bourgeois, Wallace Bourgeois, Jr., Brynleigh Bowers, Jamie Brady, Mary Breaud, Melanie Deslatte Brown, Zachary Brown, Hayden Cashio, Felix Cerami, Mary Cooper, Stephen Cupit, Nathan DeLuke, Edward Demley, Lorraine & Kernis Dugas, Mavis Dumas, Marguerite Duplechian, Tommy Dupuy, Kenny Jo Edmonds, Jr., Austin Falgout, Brantley & Oakley Falgout, Lisa Falgout, Ryan Falgout, Lakin Felder, Linda Feucht, Caleb Gary, Reyna Gary, Linda & Warren Gaudin, Joan George, Rowena Guillot, Eddie Harris, Sandy Haydel, Larry Hebert, Mary Hebert, Lorraine Hebert, Elexia Henderson, Dustin Hopkins, F.J. Keller, Brother Benedict Kelley, Jonathan L., Geraldine Labat, Acadia LaBranche, Randy Lambert, Carson Landry, Megan Landry, Meredith Landry, Raymond Laviolette, Jr., Shirley Lawrence, Sue LeBlanc, Wanda Lee, Rebecca Vicknair Lewis, Bradley J. Luminais, Jr., Bryan Madere, Luce Marks (the barber), Dale McClain, Faith McNeely, Godfrey McNeely, Casey McKee, Martha Menard, Lawrence Michele, Jill Montz, Steven Montz, Millicent A. Mullen, Deanna Normand, Wilbert Ocmond, Brenda Ola, James Oubre, Janice Parquette, Lee Perilloux, Jonathan Perret, Charlee Grace Petit, Adam Pete Pitre, Dillan Pope, Louis Prejean, Bill Provence, Mary Punch, Jennifer Redlin, Vivienne Rettinger, Joel Rivera, Carmen Rivere, Clyde & Mable Rixner, Michael & Brenda Romain, Nick Rose, Ceothile Roy, Michael Scallan, Althea Schaefer, Special intention, Stephanie Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Smith & family, Andrea Tamplain, Frankie Tarullo, Leslie Terry, Ty Triche, Ron Troxler, Brayden Turner, Marie Turner, Steven Turner, Kathy Tuson, Dawn Wactor, Glenda Wactor, Laci Weber, Toby Weber, Darlene Wempren, Hayden White

JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS & SEMINARIANS:

Jan. 7—Rev. Gregory Tung D. Vu, S.D.D.
Jan. 8— Rev. Randy P. Roux
Jan. 9— Rev. William Patrick Mumphrey
Jan. 10— Rev. Vincent H. Phan
Jan. 11—Rev. Maurice J. Nutt, S.Ss.R.
Jan. 12— Rev. Jerome Aubert, O.S.B.
Jan. 13—Rev. Msgr. William M. Bilinsky



ST. JOAN OF ARC PATRON OF SOLDIERS, PRAY FOR US

May God keep special watch over these men and women in the United States Military.

Monica Bourg
2nd Lt. Gregory Boyle
Casey Williams Deen
Raymond Gendron, III
Cpt. Thomas Gray
LCpl Jonathan Grenier
PFC Michael Hanley
Cpt. Alex Hernandez
Cpt. Ashley Hernandez
Heidi Mayeux Hymel
SPC Chase Ingram

LCpl Matthew Johnson

Edwin Preston Johnston
Sgt. SPC Dylan L. Mabile
PO3 Alexander J. Norris
SFC Paul J. Pena
2nd Lt. James Perilloux
James Poulin
Vanessa Poulin
Cadet Christopher Purnell
Brett Rosa
Lt. Cdr. Mark Zachary Roussel
1st Lt. Matthew Suarez
Cpt. Nick Sutton
Wesley Triche



PARISH INFORMATION







Join us for our

BLUE † MASS

HONORING AND REMEMBERING OUT PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL WHO GIVE THEIR LIVES IN FAITHFUL

> Thursday, Jan 18 AT 10 AM

LESSING OF THE FLEET TO FOLLOW

Candles will Burn week of 1/8/24—1/14/24 For:

SANCTUARY LIGHT
David Dill, III

CONVENT LIGHT

Armand & Elizabeth Martin

SACRED HEART CHAPEL LIGHT
SJA School & Church Staff

Kids' Corner



Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

WISE MEN STAR HEROD

MESSIAH WORSHIP EXCITED GIFTS WARNED DREAM

U W A R N E D E K O E
J I N E G A J W I N G
A S U T O F I O S A I
N E X C I T E D U D F
O M I Y U B A U W E T
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S O Y I E O M A S T U
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A S U L M E S S I A H



Mon, January 8, 2024—The Baptism of Our Lord

8:15 AM: Jerry & Billy Luminais

Tues, January 9, 2024

6:00 PM: Leroy Gravois

Wed, January 10, 2024

8:15 AM: Mark Trosclair

Thurs, January 11, 2024

8:15 AM: Robert Lasseigne

Fri, January 12, 2024

8:15 AM: Armand & Elizabeth Martin

Sat, January 13, 2024—St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:15 AM: Dudley & Mildred "Sis" Melancon

Sat, January 13, 2024 – Anticipatory, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jim Riley; Rosemary Morrison; Living & De-4:30 PM: ceased Members of the Cupit & Rayne Families; The Rollo & Dottolo Families; Joseph S. & Muriel Millet; Dolly Ocmond; Deceased Members of the Oubre & Vilemont Families; Stephen Hotard; Willie Peranio; Guy Clement; Kevin & Shawn Keller; Jennie & Octave Mabile; All Living & Deceased Members of the F. J. Keller Family; All Living & Deceased Members of the Mabile Family; Ryan Falgout; Austin Falgout; Living & Deceased Members of the Van Dalen & Meariman Families; Living & Deceased Members of the Duplechian & Prejean Families; Rita & Clement Madere; Chuck, Nadge & Rose Druin; Jean Fuselier; Therese' & Robert Cazenave; Eddie & Marie Jouty; Norman & Verna Millet; Kathryn "Kitty" Clement Gomez; Eddie Jouty, Jr.; Jerry & Billy Luminais; Clifford "CP" Gendron, Jr.; Therese' & Foster Cambre; Melanie Deslatte Brown; Herman, Jr. & Karen Deslatte; Herman, Sr. & Marie Deslatte; Pete Brown; Sarah Brown; Christopher Diano; Alice Dupuy

Sun, January 14, 2024—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM: Mass for the People

10:00 AM: Bryan Beauchamp; Eddie Jouty, Jr.; Michael Brouwer; Dolly Ocmond; Paul Cimino; Elmer Cimino; Sam Cimino; David Dill, III; Daniel Guidry; Ron & Shelia Troxler; Farrel Weber, Jr. & Sr.; Toby Weber; Anna Weber; Frenches Hung Trinh; Marie Ory Dupont; Robert Bailey; Guy Gene Reine; Jean Fuselier; Norman & Kirk Zeringue; Etienne & Emma Feucht; Audrey Feucht Boe; Patrick Cupit; Jeffrey Cupit; Dorothy Donnelly; Natalie Sutton; Edward & Marie Sutton; Raymond Laviolette, Jr.; David Faucheux; Foster & Therese' Cambre; Malcolm Cambre; Grace Pierson; The Deceased Members of the Olidy & Elise Hymel Family; The Douglas Cambre Family; Jamie Brady

5:00 PM: Guy Gene Reine



GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Epiphany of the Lord

A stranger in a foreign land, I was exhausted and homesick as my summer Spanish immersion ended in Guatemala. The rusty minivan arriving outside my small residence filled me with joyful hope. I was flying home to the U.S. and would be, at long last, completely happy. Or so I thought. After about half an hour of being home, I thought to myself, "This place is boring. I want to go somewhere." So, I hopped in my car and left to see my friends. As I drove, I wistfully wondered, "Where am I *truly* at home?"

The feast of Epiphany has a lot to do with our notion of home. Where is our origin? Where are we going? When is our wandering done? Saint Matthew tells us of the Magi, "They were overjoyed at seeing the star." This star will bring them *home*, to a place where their questing will end, and they will be satisfied. Their real home is neither in the East nor in the earthly Jerusalem. Somehow, their home is wherever this boy and his parents are.

If you're a teenager or older, you probably know by now that every physical home we have is temporary. So, we look up at the countless stars in our proverbial skies: things which bedazzle and beckon us to follow toward peace. The Gospel invites us to behold that — at long last — God has sent us a star to follow home, one that whispers, "Follow me! I will take you home!" Perhaps that star is your spouse. A friend. An opportunity. A cause. An intuition about a new direction. A prayer group. What is it for you? How will you know? It will lead you to Mary and Joseph and their son, and you will be home.

— Father John Muir



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