

Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church



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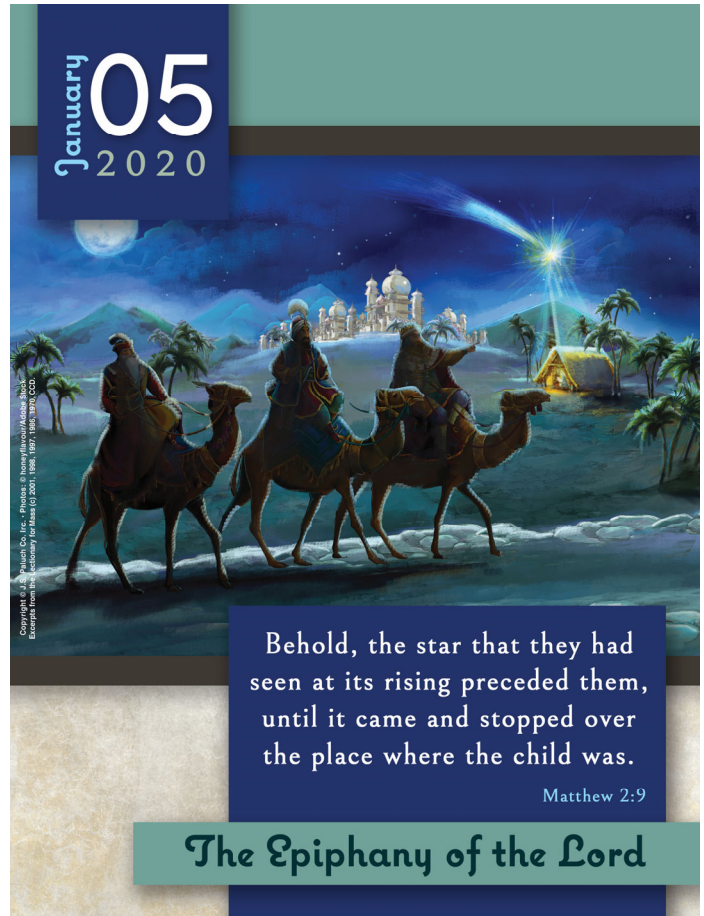
website: olgcommunity.com

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our purpose, at Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church, is to provide a place of spiritual worship and growth for our members, our children, and all visitors. We wish to instill a spirit of prayer, integrity and generosity in each other, with a special concern for the poor, sick, elderly, disabled, the unborn and the weak. We especially encourage our parish members and organizations in their practice of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy with the poor and infirmed.



Behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

Matthew 2:9

The Epiphany of the Lord

PARISH STAFF

PASTOR

Rev. Fr. Christopher Chike Amadi, S.S.J.

PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Mrs. Martha S. Creecy (985) 536-2613

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Mrs. Vanessa Noble (504) 220-7674

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

Mrs. Precious A. Joseph (985) 536-3115

RCIA CLASSES

Any adult interested in joining the Catholic Faith or knowing more about the Catholic Religion should contact the Parish Office to sign up for RCIA faith classes.

Announcements for the bulletin can be brought to the parish office, faxed or sent via email to olgchurch@arch-no.org. The deadline to submit announcements to be placed in the bulletin is on **Mondays by 12 noon**.

MASS SCHEDULE

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 5, 2020

VIGIL MASSES

Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday **NO MASS**
Tuesday 6:00 PM
Wednesday 5:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00 PM Sick of the Parish
Thursday 8:30 AM Special Intentions
Friday 8:30 AM Parish Mass
Saturday 8:00 AM (1ST SATURDAY ONLY)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Begins 1 Hour before each Mass and ends 15 minutes before Mass or by appointment anytime.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents and god-parents preparation is held on the 3rd Sunday of each month after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Baptism will take place on the 4th Sunday of each month. **Baptismal registration takes place ONLY at the Parish Office prior to baptism preparation class.**

MARRIAGES

Please notify the Priest at least six to eight months prior to planning the wedding.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office if someone is sick or hospitalized.

FUNERALS

Please call the Parish Office before making arrangements with the funeral director.



Almost every year at Christmastime, you can find a newspaper article or TV documentary about the star of Bethlehem. Astronomers give various theories about whether the magi saw a supernova, or a comet, or a conjunction of two or more planets. But for us, the star has a deeper meaning.

In Matthew's Gospel, light is used as a symbol of the good news of Jesus coming into the world. That's why verse 9 of the Gospel has the image of the star preceding the wise men and stopping over the house where Jesus was. By following the star, they become followers of Christ. So what do the magi show us about following Jesus? First, they take the initiative. They saw the star, figured out what it meant, and made their journey. As followers of Jesus, we can look for what needs to be done (in our family, parish, or community) and do it.

Second, they expressed their faith in Jesus by the gifts they brought: gold—a gift for a king, who is worthy to be followed; frankincense—Jesus is worthy to be worshiped as Son of God; and myrrh—Jesus becomes king by dying for us all. We can express our faith in many ways. We can volunteer to help the poor, the elderly, or the disabled. We can teach our children how to pray and tell them about all that God has done for us.

Third, they were not afraid to take risks for Jesus. How often do we take risks for the Lord, by openly speaking about our faith, or giving God credit for the good that we do? Let the star of Bethlehem remind us that Jesus is the star of our lives.

SCRIPTURE VERSE: *They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. — Matthew 2:11b*

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY JANUARY 4, 2020

4:00 PM Shirley Ann Johnson, Melvin Charles Hall, Agnes Hall (L), Mary Ann Parquet

SUNDAY JANUARY 5, 2020

8:00 AM Louise Joseph

11:00 AM Our Lady of Grace Parishioners

TUESDAY JANUARY 7, 2020

6:00 PM Isadore Sylve

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 8, 2020

5:00 PM HOLY HOUR

6:00 PM Isadore Sylve, Jr.

THURSDAY JANUARY 9, 2020

8:30 AM Dianne Lewis and Donald Sylve

FRIDAY JANUARY 10, 2020

8:30 AM Adean Shelton

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING (JANUARY 5, 2020 TO JANUARY 11, 2020)

Sunday: : Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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



PRAY FOR . . .

Agnes Hall, Joshua J. Morgan, Joseph Dupas, Olga Leblanc, Alethea Bardell, Kenisha Anderson, Leroy Houston, Joann Gray, Victoria Dominique, Ernest Morgan Jr., Catherine Twine Simon, Craig Watson, Michelle Marcadel, Cornel Jones, Montrelle Dennis, Romond Taylor, Devon Walker, Rosalee Sylvas, Donald Lipps, Donna C. Jackson, Sandra Simoneaux, Elizabeth Hebert, Sr. John Mary Jackson, Tierney Smith, Torriel Charde Smith, Karen Duhe-Wilson, James Jackson, Travis Thomas, Ceola Gerard, Gary Sylve, Arthur D. Parquet, Felton Parquet, Lorita Savoie, Shelia P. Melancon, Gloria Ferrygood, Chandra Johnson, Lindsay Marts, John Sylve, Sr., Sharon Parquet, Jeniffer Sylve Banks, Hilton Farlough, Monique Joseph, Theresa Fleming, Beverly Harris, Lois Gray, Wilhelmina Armour, Emile Rousseve, Amanda Cole, Johnny Bee Griffin, Thomas Parquet, Jr., Melvin Parquet, Tiana Roussel, Marjorie Schnyder Noble, Edward Scioneaux, Sr., Joseph & McCloud Family, Mark Mitchell

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WILLWOODS MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT: JANUARY 11TH – 12TH

Would you like to break away with your spouse and spend quality time enriching your marriage? Then join us on our upcoming Married Couples Retreat at the newly renovated St Joseph Abbey's Retreat Center in Covington, La. A Married Couples Retreat does not mean that someone is failing but rather it is a falling into the arms of our Lord. It is a weekend dedicated to giving you and your beloved time to rest and grow stronger in your faith and in your love for God and each other! For more information please see the flier on the bulletin board in the foyer of the church. To register call (504) 830-3716 or visit www.FaithandMarriage.org. A suggested donation is requested but not required. Cost should never be a reason why a couple cannot make a weekend! Scholarships are available.

SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK

Our Lady of Grace Church Parish continues to partner with Second Harvest Food Bank to distribute food to those in need. Food will be distributed from the Fr. Joseph C. Rodney Parish Hall **on Thursday, January 9, 2020 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM and Thursday, January 23, 2020 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.**

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed from **Tuesday, December 24, 2019 to Wednesday, January 1, 2020.** The parish office will reopen on **Thursday, January 2, 2020.** Please call the rectory at 985-536-2613 if there is an emergency. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



ARCHDIOCESE OF
NEW ORLEANS

Retreat Center

Upcoming Offerings

January 10-12

Becoming a Disciple of
Jesus of Nazareth
Rev. Glenn LeCompte

January 28 – Day of Prayer

Falling in Love with Prayer
Rev. Ken Smith

January 17-19

Finding God in the Now!
Everyday Experience
Rev. Jim Sichko

February 5 – Afternoon of Prayer

in Baton Rouge
Rev. Simeon Gallagher

January 24-26

Living the Virtue of Hope
Rev. Joe Krafft

February 11 – Day of Prayer

Hearts Ablaze with the Fire
of God's Love
Noel Delery

5500 St. Mary Street, Metairie, LA 70006
(504) 267-9604 * neworleansretreats.org

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

PROMOTION OF WORLD PEACE: *We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.*



**Bible
STUDY**
Join us!

**BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday's at
6:30 PM in the Fr. Joseph C.
Rodney Parish Hall. All are invited
and welcome to attend.**

Weekly Collections

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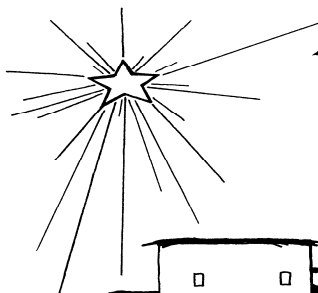
DECEMBER 21-22, 2019

REGULAR COLLECTION	\$3698.00
CLARION HERALD	\$ 284.00
TOTAL	\$3982.00

THANK YOU

Thank you for sharing your blessings! Your #GiveCatholic gift transforms lives, builds the body of Christ, and is multiplied by God in abundance. The faith that compelled your gift is an inspiration to us all.

#GIVECATHOLIC DONATION \$5664.00



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SANCTUARY LIGHT IN THE CHURCH

*The Sanctuary Light will be lit for:
In Memory of Chesney Jones, Jr.*

*Requested By: Mr. John Ewell & family
From: January 1, 2020 to January 15, 2020*



SANCTUARY LIGHT IN THE CHAPEL

*The Sanctuary Light will be lit for:
In Memory of Chesney Jones, Jr.*

*Requested By: Mrs. Shirley Anderson & family
From: January 1, 2020 to January 15, 2020*

