

St. Charles Borromeo Church

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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday 7:30 AM
Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM
First Saturday 7:30 AM

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2024 MASS INTENTIONS

It is **not too late** to receive your 2024 Mass Intentions for your loved ones (living or deceased).

Reflections for the New Year

2023 was both a challenging and rewarding year for us all.

What have been the biggest challenges of 2023?

What blessings have I received in the past year?

Who has been a special person for me this past year and why?

Where was God's graces at work in my life?

As we begin 2024, we reflect on the magi's journey to Bethlehem, as they followed the star and found Christ. As this new year begins, we must ask ourselves how will Jesus' presence in our lives make a difference?

Which areas do I need to invite God in to do His work of healing and renewal?

What prayerful or spiritual habit will I adopt this year to help me grow?

How much time will I set aside daily for prayer and reflection?

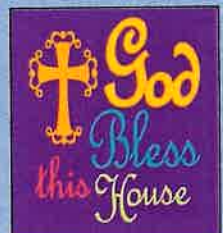
During 2024, let us pray that we can be more aware of the many ways in which God reveals himself to us in our daily lives.

Prayer for Epiphany Sunday

Our Father, I thank You for this Epiphany Sunday. I pray that You will be my daily star, guiding and directing me in all that I do. May your spirit guide me in all truth and knowledge and reveal to me what is of You and what is not of You. Father, I pray that You will teach me all things and help me to be more Christ-like in all that I do. Amen.

CHALKING THE DOOR

We invite you to take part in the tradition of "Chalking the Doors" to celebrate the Epiphany. Chalking your door is a way to honor God in our lives, and ask for His blessing on all those who live in, and visit your home in the coming year.



The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2024

THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING:

- Wanda Berthelot for organizing the Advent Sharing Tree and those who helped.
- All who gave gifts/money for the Sharing Tree.
- To those who helped put the outside Crib together.
- To those who helped decorate the church for Christmas!
- To the musicians and singers for the Christmas Masses.
- To all those who sent cards, gifts, and treats to the Priests and Staff.
- To all those who helped in any way.



"They prostrated themselves and did him homage."
(Matthew 2:11)

In your high school English class, you might have learned that an "epiphany" is the moment when a character is struck with a life-changing realization that changes the rest of the story. Every good novel has one. That's one way to think about the feast we're celebrating today. God revealed himself to the Gentiles, and that moment changed everything.

There had been hints of God welcoming the Gentiles throughout the Old Testament. But Matthew's Gospel shows us this pivotal moment: pagan astrologers from the East came to worship Jesus, the newborn king of the Jews (2:11). They are the first of the "nations" whom Isaiah prophesied would walk by the Lord's light (Isaiah 60:3). They are the first of those Paul says will be "coheirs . . . in Christ Jesus through the gospel" (Ephesians 3:6).

Why is this event so important? Because it reveals to us that God's love is far more expansive than anyone had ever thought. We begin to see that in Christ, a loving relationship with God is open to *everyone* who comes to him, Jew or Gentile.

That includes you! And your annoying cousin. And the notorious criminal on death row. And the atheist on that YouTube channel. The invitation to come to Jesus extends to everyone. Because God's loving desire to draw all people to himself cannot be contained; no one is excluded from it. And that's a life-changing realization!

Today, as you celebrate this great feast, give thanks to God who loves so extravagantly that he opens his arms wide to welcome everyone who believes. Pray, too, that all people will come to the Lord.

(The Word Among Us Daily Meditations)

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon...., 1/8 - 7:30 A.M. MASS – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord: Poor Souls in Purgatory; Claude Gaudet (B); Michael Robichaux (B)

Tues...., 1/9 - 7:30 A.M. MASS – George, Louise, & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Joyce B. Danos (DA); Mary W. Robichaux (DA)

Wed...., 1/10 - 6:00 P.M. MASS – George, Louise, & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Jerry Benoit (B)

Thurs...., 1/11 - 7:30 A.M. Mass – George, Louise, & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Mary Jane Rieth (B); Vital & Justila (DA) Chiasson; Calvin Boudreaux Sr.

Fri....., 1/12 - 7:30 A.M. Mass – David & June LeCompte; George, Louise, & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Jeanne Z. Trosclair (B); Philip Barrios & Family

Sat...., 1/13 - 4:00 P.M. Mass – Vigil Mass of The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Beryl Guidry; Charles & Nell Zeringue; Steve & Laurie Autin; T.J. & Nell France; Cleveland J. Foret; Clifton & Emma Lee Babin; Richard Babin; Curtis J. Giroir (DA-1/15); Dillon Fields; Donatien & Kate Danos; Dotsy Rodrigue; Frank & Edna Weimer; Gautreaux & Richard Families; George, Louise, & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Hugh & Irene Rodriguez; Iona M. Bergeron; Jake & Mabel Matherne; Jayme A. Gaubert Sevin (B); Jules Quatrevingt; Phyllis Dufrene; Louis & Inez Devillier Family; M/M Emile Barrios & Family; Aline & Marion; M/M Leroy Folse; Michael Trahan; Milfred Degruise; Philip, Eunice, & Joyce Ledet; Charlie Ledet; Philip Ledet Jr.; Raymond Arabie; Roy & Josephine Foret & Allen; Roy Bourgeois; Ryan Zeringue Jr.; Sally Thibodaux; Stone Savoy; Wilbert Dufrene; Ashley Dufrene; Beth Dufrene; Suzzane Champagne (B-1/15); V.J. Oliver & Family; Velma & Moise Ford; Velma & Scuddy Hebert; Betty Ann Hebert; Velma Ford; Wilfred & Dora Danos; William "Bill" Nezzio; Wilson J. & Gabriella W. Melancon; Ralph Melancon; Barbara Melancon; Kirby & Ricky Zeringue

Sun...., 1/14 - 7:30 A.M. – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Calvin Boudreaux Sr.; Calvin P. Boudreaux; Dave J. Robichaux; Mary W. Robichaux; Chester G. Boudreaux; Hazel B. Boudreaux; Carroll Acosta Sr.; Christine A. Tabor; Verdie Knoblock; Connie F. Troxler; Harry Becnel; Marguerite Thibodaux; Helen Schexnaydre; Joy Lynn Naquin; Jules J. & Jeanne L. Ball; Michael Trosclair Michael Poussard; Brandon Courteaux; Bobby Deroche; Poor Souls in Purgatory; Jules Quatrevingt; Phyllis Dufrene; Rose & Edward Comeaux Jr.; Larry Borne; Linda Kliebert; Louise Bourgeois (DA); Marcia

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Sun...., 1/14 - 10:00 A.M. – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Angie Ford; Arcenau Family; Barbara Zeringue; Betty Benoit (B); Blaise Ledet; Christine Martin; Madison A. Lagarde; Alban C. Lagarde; Nancy L. Lagarde; Constanacio "Camoy" Izaguirre; David "Bubby" Robichaux Jr.; Kerry Robichaux; Diane Iver; Donald Chiasson; Lee Babin; Roxanne LeBlanc; Freddie Pierce; Jane Zeringue; Jerry A. Martinez; Joann Bourgeois; Joseph Lagarde, Sr.; Dorothy (Dot) Lagarde; Beverly Breaux; Stephen Gossen; Ronny Gossen; Betty Lou Babin; Joseph Guidry; Keith Dantin; Kenneth Pitre; Leonard Lasseigne; Margaret Gaubert; Mire Family; Myra Blanchard; Nolan "Pip" & Toudell G. Bourgeois; Francis Bourgeois; Richard E. LeBlanc Jr.; Richard Weimer; Roy Martinez; Shanna Sanchez; Whitman & Prejeant Families

Food For Thought:

Jesus reveals many divine mysteries to us. He reveals that the God of the universe is the God who is with us and within us, both as a people and individually. When the Son of God became man he took upon himself our humanity and made his dwelling with us. This is how much he loves us. Though he ascended back to the Father, he told us that he will be with each of us until the end. He left us his Eucharistic presence as a reminder. But Jesus also said that he would send the Holy Spirit to be with us and to be within us. This reality is accepted and experienced in faith. In Baptism we became the adopted sons and daughters of God, sharing his own divine life. Each time we receive the Eucharist we are strengthened in this life, as Jesus comes into us. The more conscious we become of God with us and within us, the more we will grow in union with God. (Taken from "Spirit Aflame")

In Loving Memory (January 5-11, 2024)

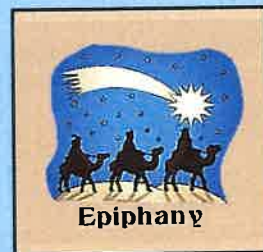
Blessed Sacrament Candle
Philip Ledet Jr.
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Ryan Anthony Zeringue Jr.



Altar Wine
Calvin P. Boudreaux
Missalettes
Joy Lynn Naquin

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT (December 31, 2023)

\$2,012.00	Envelopes
302.90	Loose
545.00	Online Giving
\$2,859.90	Total



Solemnity of Mary: \$327.00
Initial Offering: \$97.00
Add'l. Christmas Offering: 170.00
St. Anthony: \$20.00

Stewardship....A way of living!

Stewardship....Growing our faith through generosity!

Stewardship....A lifestyle of partnership with God!

Stewardship....Time, Talent, & Treasure!

Stewardship....Is heart work!

Stewardship....Thank, Praise, Serve, Obey!

Stewardship....The path to better discipleship in Christ!

DATES, TIMES, & PLACES

Mon..., 1/8 - **7:30 A.M. – Mass (MFLC)**
Tues..., 1/9 - **7:30 A.M. – Mass (MFLC)**
Wed..., 1/10 - **7:30 A.M. – Mass/Novena (MFLC)**
10:00 A.M. – Rosary (MFLC)
Thurs..., 1/11 - **7:30 A.M. – Mass (MFLC)**
6:00 P.M. – KC Meeting (Keller Hall)
Fri..., 1/12 - **7:30 A.M. – Mass (MFLC)**
Sat/Sun..., 1/13-14 – Youth Formation Collection
Sat..., 1/13 - **4:00 P.M. – Vigil Mass (MFLC)**
Sun..., 1/14 - **7:30 A.M. – Mass (MFLC)**
10:00 A.M. – Mass (MFLC)
Mon..., 1/15 – Martin Luther King Holiday
Administration Office Closed

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

MONDAY (1/8): Is 55:1-11; Mk 1:7-11
TUESDAY (1/9): 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28
WEDNESDAY (1/10): 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
THURSDAY (1/11): 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
FRIDAY (1/12): 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
SATURDAY (1/13): 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a;
Mk 2:13-17
SAT/SUNDAY (1/13-14): 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

QUOTE:

"True happiness, peace and joy, are found in the soul that seeks to do the will of God out of love!"

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CYLA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

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