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Monday - Thursday: 8 am - 4 pm
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New Parishioners: Welcome! Please call or come by the Parish Office for registration.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday (Anticipated): 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am (Solemn)
12:00 pm (Latin)
Monday: 8:00am (Latin)
Tuesday: 6:30 am 8:00 am (Latin)
Wednesday: 6:30 am 8:00 am (Latin)
Thursday: 6:30 am 8:00 am (Latin)
Friday: 6:30 am 8:00 am (Latin)
Saturday: 8:00 am (Grotto)

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 3-3:45 pm
30 min. before all other Masses or by request

**Sacrament of Baptism, Anointing
of the Sick and Funeral Arrangements**
Please see website or contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples must contact Pastor at least six months prior.

Parish Staff

Rev. Fr. Jason Vidrine *Curé*
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Deacon Joshua LeBlanc
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Mr. Patrick Melancon *Director of Sacred Music*
Mr. Ed Horn *Carpenter/Technician*

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September-April
(Grades 1, 3-7) At home/Monthly meeting

First Holy Communion

(Grade 2) Twice per month

Confirmation Prep

(Grades 8-11) Weekly September - April

JANUARY 5, 2025

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Epiphany of the Lord



~ From the Pastor ~

“My heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved.” Romans 10:1

Mes chers amis,

During this Christmas season, we continue to celebrate our Savior's birth and hear in the gospel all of the events that surrounded it. Today, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The celebration of Epiphany comes, for us, near the end of the Christmas Season. But as this ancient Collect reminds us, the Feast of the Epiphany is actually a lot older than Christmas!

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.

This Collect (or Opening Prayer) for the Mass of the Epiphany comes to us from an eighth century Gregorian Sacramentary. And it's fascinating the way it connects the star and the Magi to us!

Epiphany is a Greek word meaning manifestation. And so we celebrate the Lord Jesus' manifestation to the peoples of the entire world, represented by the magi who came from the East to render homage to the newborn King. Observing the heavenly phenomena of the stars, these mysterious men had seen a new star and they recognized in it the sign of the Messiah's birth. They came before the Divine Child bearing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and they bowed down in worship before Him.

This feast of the Epiphany reminds us that Christ is truly the only Savior of the world. He is the King of Kings. One day all peoples, nations, and rulers, will bow down before Him in love. As we look at the difficulties and darkness in many regions of the world, we realized that this has not yet happened. But it will. In the meantime, we ourselves, filled with the light of Christ, are to manifest to others and the world that He is Lord.

Dear brothers and sisters, on this day, we pause in spirit to contemplate the image of the adoration of the Magi. Like them, let us come before the Lord with worship and thanksgiving, receiving the light of His truth and allowing it to guide our lives to His Heavenly Kingdom.

I will be out of the Parish for some days of retreat this week. Please know of my prayers for you and your families as we begin this New Year.

Dans le Sacré Cœur du Christ,
Fr. Vidrine

MASS READINGS & FEASTS

For the Week of January 5, 2025

Monday 1/6/25	Tuesday 1/7/25	Wednesday 1/8/25	Thursday 1/9/25	Friday 1/10/25	Saturday 1/11/25	Sunday 1/12/25
1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52	1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2; 14 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 3:22-30	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 The Baptism of the Lord
Saint Andre Bessette	Saint Raymond of Penyafort-Priest					

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY 1/6/25

8:00AM Richelle, Sarah Nellie & Francis Van Derventer (living); Special Intention; Gercie & Oswald Fauchaux

TUESDAY 1/7/25

8:00AM Ward Breaux (BD); Special Intention; Kenneth & Roland Thibodeaux; Gercie & Oswald Fauchaux; Gracie M. Brasseaux

WEDNESDAY 1/8/25

8:00AM Gercie & Oswald Fauchaux; Special Intention

THURSDAY 1/9/25

8:00AM Gercie & Oswald Fauchaux; Special Intention

FRIDAY 1/10/25

6:30AM Mary Ann & Robert Marks; Special Intention

8:00AM Gercie & Oswald Fauchaux

SATURDAY 1/11/25

8:00AM Git & Millard Segura; Ronnie & Rowdy Thibodeaux; Gercie & Oswald Fauchaux

4:00PM George Resweber; Lee Allen Breaux (DA 1/15); Peggy Theriot; Wilton "Zorro" & Agnes F. Thibodeaux (Wilton 7th DA 1/11); Dwyer & Romero Families; Georgean A. Babin; M/M Anisette Babin, Lally; Louise D. Girouard; James Theriot; William Kell Lewis; Genevieve "Jenny" Theriot & Ben; Leona & Dudley David, Sr. & David; Dominic Broussard & Gaylon Champagne; Catholic Daughters of America; Marie, Anna Mae & Wilfred Champagne; Ellen & Larry Champagne, Sr.; Ramsey, Luna & Charles Theriot, Sr.; Kenneth Thibodeaux; Special Intention

SUNDAY 1/12/25

8:00AM A.J. "Bon" & Leona Champagne; Gercie & Oswald Fauchaux; Marcel & Linda Gardemal & Family; A.J. Melancon & Keith; Special Intention; Priscilla Hulin; Troy LeBlanc & Ovey LeBlanc, Jr.; Donna & Gerald Hulin; Stanley & Della Melancon; Kenneth Chastant; Scott Boggs; Wayne Bienvenu & Suzette Bienvenu Judice (Wayne BD 1/12); John & Rita Douet, Ava Nicole Douet

10:00AM M/M Alfred Landry, Sr.; Lawrence, May Helen & Herbert Louviere; Albert & Mazel Louviere; Carrol & Doris Louviere; Paul & Lorena Le Grand; Gordon & Therese Delcambre; Albert & Vance Rodriguez, Barbara; Pim & Pecko Eastin, Bryson; M/M Albert Landry; All Souls in Purgatory; Ward Breaux, Myrtle Girouard & Roy Breaux; Ronald "Ronnie" Thibodeaux; Hazel Robertson; Harvey, Josh & Nell Pelafigue

12:00PM Jesus "Gino" Perez; Lazard & Thelma Romero, Felicie; M/M Jesus Eusebio Perez, Sr.; Jeff & Louise DeBlanc; Lee Roy & Georgie Quebedeaux



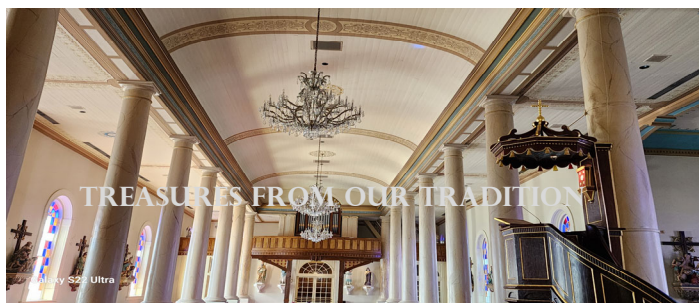
***Fr. Vidrine will be away from
the Parish
January 6, 7, 8 & 9, 2025.***

***There will be no 6:30am Holy Masses
offered on these days.***



SAVE THESE DATES

Jan. 12	Baptism of the Lord
Jan. 18	Wedding: 1:00pm Grappe/Langlais
Jan. 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Feb. 2	2025 Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass
Feb. 5	Mercredi Soir 6pm
Feb. 8	Wedding: 6:00pm Blanchard/Rivette
Feb. 12	Mercredi Soir 6pm
Feb. 14	Wedding: 6:00pm Broussard/Poche
Feb. 19	Mercredi Soir 6pm
Feb. 21	Presidents Day
Feb. 26	Wedding: 7:00pm Wright/Barry
March 1	Mercredi Soir 6pm
March 4	Wedding: 11:00am Hall/Jones
March 5	Mardi Gras
March 7	Ash Wednesday
March 9	Way of the Cross 5:30pm
March 12	1st Sunday of Lent
March 14	Daylight Savings Time
March 17	Lenten Mission
March 19	Way of the Cross 5:30pm
March 21	St. Patrick's Day
March 26	Mercredi Soir 6pm
March 28	St. Joseph Altar
April 2	Way of the Cross 5:30pm
April 4	Mercredi Soir 6pm
April 9	Way of the Cross 5:30pm
April 11	Mercredi Soir 6pm
April 13	Way of the Cross 5:30pm
April 17	Palm Sunday
April 18	Holy Thursday
April 19	Good Friday
April 20	Easter Vigil
April 26	Easter Sunday
May 1	Easter Egg Hunt
May 8	Wedding: 6:00pm Bienvenu/Landry
May 11	May Day Celebration
May 17	Confirmation-Bishop Deshotel
May 23	Mother's Day
May 26	First Communion
May 31	Wedding: 6:30pm Boone/DeJean
June 7	Memorial Day
June 14	Wedding: 6:00pm Trahan/O'Kelly-Farrell
June 15	Wedding: 6:00pm DeMahy/Boyer
June 19	Wedding: 6:00pm Blanchard/Boatright
July 4	Wedding: Broussard/Copell
Aug. 1	Father's Day
Oct. 25	Corpus Christi
	Independence Day
	Wedding: 7:00pm Douet/Theriot
	Wedding: 6:00pm Boudreaux/Degeyter



The Epiphany of the Lord

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This week Christmas Day is observed in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Ceasar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

—James Field



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For more information contact:
Angie Besson 985-693-2010.

Dues are \$30





Congratulations to Deacon John Paul Fruge, CJC, who was ordained a deacon on December 14, 2024 at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Lafayette.

Please keep Deacon John Paul in your prayers as he embarks on this important milestone in his journey toward becoming a priest.

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REFLECTION CORNER

Epiphanies

The journey of our lives to Christ is rarely a straight path. Especially for those who were baptized into the Catholic faith as babies, we often need to find our own way by winding roads and paths until we arrive at and embrace faith as our own. Merriam-Webster defines “epiphany” as “a usually sudden manifestation or perception of the essential nature or meaning of something.” Almost always, this entails a “Aha!” moment, which changes the course of the story. I experienced this in my own life in the middle of the Covid pandemic. When the world began to shut down, I finally knew that I was not alone, and that I never had been. You see, I found myself newly pregnant for the fifth time with no living children, after having experienced loss after loss. In my pain and struggle, I had turned from God the previous fall when it seemed door after door had closed for the opportunity to have a child.

But while the world was radically changing, I had an incredible moment which can only be described as an epiphany from the Holy Spirit: I became acutely aware that I was not alone, nor had I ever been alone. Struggling with feeling alone was something that had plagued me throughout my life. And now, suddenly, in the middle of a world that was radically shifting toward being apart, I came to believe that I was not alone, had never been alone, and will never be alone. How radical! It is also radical that, in the course of human history - of salvation history - God would reveal Himself to all of humanity. After all, God was the God of Israel. And yet, God planned to reveal Himself in the form of a helpless baby to all nations. Juxtapositions abound with God, and somehow they all make sense. Today, as we celebrate the Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord, may we always be open to the seeming contradictions that God places in our lives and be willing to learn from them.

By Mary Thissen

Baptisms

Simon John Dupuis 12/15/24
Georgianna Sofia Brewster 12/15/24

Obituaries

Robin Bertrand Neuville 12/8/24
Judy Tauxin Poirier 12/11/24
Kenneth Latiolais 12/8/24

Marriages

Mr. & Mrs. Nick Douet 12/27/24



Couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 years or more of marriage are invited to register for the Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass on February 2, 2025, at 2:00 PM at Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Opelousas, led by Very Rev. Jared G. Suire.

Registered couples will receive a certificate, and reserved seating will be provided for them and general seating for family and friends. Registration is required by January 24th at 12 noon. More details are available at <https://diolaf.org/marriage-anniversary-mass-information>.



Join us to celebrate life at Festival de la Vie on Saturday, Jan. 18th, 2025 in downtown Lafayette. We will have an ecumenical prayer walk to pray for an increase in respect for all human life from conception to natural death. The event will also include praise & worship music, a guest speaker,

games, food, and family fun.



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

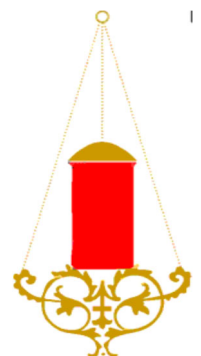
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 Walter Duplantis & Family; Priscilla Hulin &
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 January 10-13, 2025



"In my own body I fill up what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ for the sake of His body the Church."

Colossians 1:24

Come & See Retreat open to young women 19-34 years of age

Registration required, please

To register email

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will be at the home of:

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January 7-13, 2025



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Come Lord Jesus:

A small faith filled community for the purpose of deeper reflection of the Sunday readings proclaimed at Mass. Meets every Wednesday evening at 4:30PM in the cafeteria. Contact, Brook Dauphine at 342-0040.

Men's Cursillo Ultreya:

Meets every Tuesday evening at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. Everyone who has made or is interested in making a Cursillo is welcomed. For more information contact: Kevin Theriot at 337-380-1298.

Knights of Columbus:

A Catholic fraternal organization dedicated to promoting and conducting educational, charitable, religious and social welfare works. Monthly meeting held every 3rd Wednesday at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall; Rosary starts at 6:30 PM. Contact Bailey Poirier at 337-342-8741

St. Martha's Guild:

A group of volunteers that help provide a meal before or after a funeral. Contact Marlene Castille at 394-9551.

Catholic Daughters:

Meeting 1st Thursday of every month at 5:00PM in the Parish Hall. Ladies 18 or older, please join us to learn more about Catholic Daughters of America. Contact: Angie Besson 985-693-2010.

That Man Is You:

Attention Men of St. Martin de Tours, Do you seek to be the best man you can be? Come join with other men of the parish every Tuesday morning at 5:30AM in the Parish Hall. Contact Brody Hulin at 337-298-4100.

Walking With Purpose:

The vision for the future is that as more Catholic women and girls deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. Group meets once a month in the Bienvenu Hall. Contact Kristen Durand at Kristen@kduranddesign.com.

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on Tuesday, January 7, 2025
at 6:00pm in the Parish Office.

If you are expecting a child or have been
asked to be a sponsor for a child you must
attend a baptism class.

To register visit our website:
saintmartindetours.org or call
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Thank
You!



Stewardship

General Offering 12/15/24 \$ 5,728.00

Weekly budget 2024 \$ 9,000.00

Difference \$ -3,272.00

Reduction of Church Debt 12/15/24 \$ 2,347.00

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Sunday

5:00 PM

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1:00am; 3:00am; 11:00pm

Tuesday:

3:00am

Wednesday:

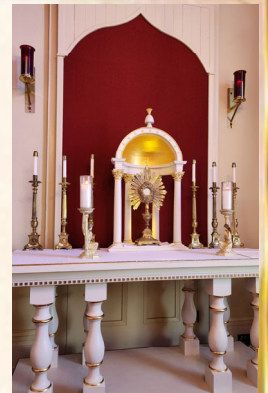
1:00am

Thursday:

11:00pm

Saturday:

12:00am; 1:00am; 3:00am; 2:00pm;
3:00pm; 4:00pm; 5:00pm; 11:00pm



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