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Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
 Sunday...7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am
 Tuesday..... 6:00 pm
 Wednesday..... 7:00 am
 Thursday..... 7:00 am
 Friday..... 7:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday5:30-5:45 pm
 Saturday3:00-3:30 pm



The Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 2025

A Gift for the Wise Men

A rather liberal priest was teasing one of the women of the parish, asking, “How do we know the Wise Men weren’t Wise Women?” She answered, “If they were, they’d have brought bottles, diapers, and a bassinet, instead of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

The gifts, of course, are symbols of who Jesus is: a king who is both God and human. And I wonder what our gifts to the Lord say about our faith in him. Remember the song about the little drummer boy, who had no gift to bring but his ability to play the drum? It can remind us that a person who gives all they have, no matter how little it seems, is the most generous.

So what do we bring to the newborn King? I can give my time by coming to church for the feast of Epiphany and actually paying attention. Just making the effort to listen to the words of scripture, to hear what God may be trying to tell me, could be a great gift. Or I could bring someone

in our family, or a friend, who doesn’t go to church very much.

Now let’s not forget the meaning of “epiphany.” In ancient times it meant the appearance or manifestation of a divine being. Maybe a way to celebrate the Epiphany is to reflect on how God has been made known to me. Simple things, like a hug from a friend or an answered prayer, or major events like a wedding, the birth of a child, or a funeral, can all be ways to experience the Lord. The Wise Men received the gift of an epiphany by following a star. May the light of Christ lead you to him also.

Tom Schmidt



Pastor's Letter

January 5, 2025

Dear Family:

The key elements in this Sunday's readings are light and gifts. The light of Christ, shining through the darkness of human confusion, draws all people to it, even those who do not fully understand. Like the Magi, those who approach the source of the

light best respond with their finest gifts.

On one level, the story of the Magi accounts for early Christian missionary efforts among non-Jews. The Magi were foreign priests from the land we now call Iraq and Iran. By including them as early worshipers of Christ, Matthew hoped to convince his fellow Christians that God intended to call all people to follow the Son. This was a significant conflict in early Christianity, and Matthew, although he was a Jewish man by birth, came down firmly in favor of incorporating non-Jews into the Christian community.

But to reduce this event to that one theological insight misses the beauty of this composition, because Matthew is also outlining a personal spirituality of seeking and finding. The magi were students of light; they analyzed patterns among stars and planets of the night sky and sought out their meaning. Something in the stars above Bethlehem caught their attention.

Matthew does not tell us what they thought they found. From their conversation with Herod, it is clear that they expected a king, and the gifts they offered were certainly meant for a royal personage. They trusted their knowledge of the light, however, and treated the young Jesus Christ as a worthy recipient of their offerings, no matter what his humble estate.

As disciples of the same Christ, we too must seek the light. Signs of the risen Christ at work are all around us. We take the time to seek them out and discern their meaning. And when we find them, we too must offer whatever gifts we have, knowing in faith that we have encountered the King of kings.

Some questions for reflection:

How do you seek out signs of Christ's presence?

What signs have you seen that have revealed Christ at work?

What gifts can you offer Christ when you find him?

I pray you all had a great Christmas Season and beginning of a New Year. I look forward to seeing you all next Sunday at our 12th Annual Concert to support our St. John School Music Program. Bill and Jan Grimes, myself and the orchestra have prepared another festive concert. Please join us if you can.

Peace,

Fr. Greg



Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars — 7pm
Third Floor Conference Room

Monday, January 13, 2025

Monday, February 3, 2025

Monday, March 10, 2025

Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, January 18, 2025

Saturday, February 15, 2025

Dates are subject to change. Contact Lily Skidmore at the church office, 225.687.2402, during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.



Eucharistic Adoration

Come and Adore. Jesus is Waiting for YOU.

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm.

Epiphany Concert

St. John the Evangelist Church
Sunday, January 12, 2025
4pm-5:15pm

Tickets (\$25) are available for purchase for our Annual Epiphany Concert through St. John School (225.687.3056) and the St. John Church Office (225.687.2402).

Join us for songs for the journey - Sacred, Broadway & Big Band music performed by Father Greg Daigle accompanied by Bill Grimes and the St. John Epiphany orchestra benefitting St. John School.

Ritualsong

The Epiphany of the Lord #1110

Entrance: We Three Kings of Orient Are #547

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: The First Nowell #554

Sending Forth: Go Tell It on the Mountain #530

In Loving Memory...

A grateful acknowledgement is made to the following persons who donated a memorial gift to St. John the Evangelist Church 100 Year Capital Campaign in loving memory of:

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Nativity Scene in Church

Our beautiful crèche with life-size Fontanini figures will be available for viewing for anyone who would like an opportunity to make a prayerful visit to our Lord and Savior. The church will be open and the lights will be on daily from 7am-3:30pm through Sunday, January 19, 2025.

The Sacrament of Confirmation Age Change



Frequently Asked Questions

Why has 7th grade (approximately 12 years old) been selected as the preferred age at which to confer the sacrament?

Middle school is a time when young people are starting to come of age and grow in personal and spiritual maturity. When prepared in developmentally appropriate ways, middle schoolers can comprehend the more abstract theological components of the sacrament in a way that younger students may not. These young men and women can also benefit from opportunities to encounter Christ more fully through the preparation and reception of the sacrament. A preparation process that provides an encounter with the Holy Spirit through retreats, service projects, prayer experiences, and community involvement can help galvanize a young person's faith and properly dispose them to receive the graces of the sacrament. It avoids the "graduation mentality," and it engages students before they encounter the challenges of high school.

Rectory Open House — December 7, 2024



**Christmas Flowers and Decorations 2024
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 - Louise & Edmund Bujol
 - Virginia & Eddie Clebert
 - Deborah & Edward Buras
 - Derley Barbier
 - Penny Clifton
- (to be continued in future bulletins)



Christmas Giving Tree Helpers



Sorting of the Giving Tree gifts took place in the parish hall on December 15. Dr. Katie Berthelot, Giving Tree coordinator, summoned assistance from, l to r, Jacob Berthelot, Luke Berthelot, Chloe Markins, Cole Markins, Hannah Holmberg, Ali Boudreaux and Susie Murray.

Thank you to our generous parishioners who gifted more than 300 children in our area with a Very Merry Christmas!



Helping Dr. Katie Berthelot deliver Giving Tree gifts to area schools are faithful truck drivers, l to r, Donald Curry, Jack Franklin, Chester Curry and Jim Cox.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 11-4pm Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Frances Santangelo LeBlanc, Rita & Mike Santangelo, Anatole Santangelo; M/M John Caffarel, Sr.; Yves & Vera Ramirez, Jerry, Jane & Kirch; Allen & Dottie Rivere, Julius & Neva Bolotte; Rose, Benny & Sid Quatrevingt, Gulotta & Quatrevingt Families; Mayon, Callahan & Clement Families; Carlo, Kurt, Andrew & Josephine Canova; Joseph Graves, Sr., W. A. Graves Family, Michael & Randy Rarick, Thomas Morales Family; Janice Brown; Edmund & Louise Bujol

Sunday, January 12-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, January 12-9am Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; James Roucher; M/M Jules J. Noel, Jr.; Jason Guidry; Donald F. Stockman; Laskie & Cleo Rougeau, Ramona Trahan, Rhonda Rougeau; Van & Thelma Junot, Elvis & Mamie Rabalais; Paul & Emily Bourgeois, V. J. & Carolyn Vicknair; Joe & Maggie Gullotto, A. J. & Lola Adams; Tina & Jake Loyacano, Joe & Lucy Ferachi & Family; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Raffle; Denise Miranda

Sunday, January 12-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson, Cameron Edward Whatley; G. Lee Nelson, Chad J. Nelson, Jr., Emma C. Nelson, Taylor A. Nelson; O. J., Buster & Pearl Hidalgo Songy & Families; Joseph & Lillian Crescionne, Peter & Rosalie Crescionne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Patrick Gaudet, J. P. & Anna Gaudet; Milton Allen, Tommy A. Mosley, Hawley Landry; William Middleton, Middleton & Clouatre Families

Tuesday, January 14-6pm Mass

Lorraine "Catty" Hebert, Mary Kay Marchand Hudson; J. Hubert Millet; Case, Gum & Schuler Families

Wednesday, January 15-7am Mass

Ed Bahry

Thursday, January 16-7am Mass

Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry, Agnes & Sam Coletti & Family

Friday, January 17-7am Mass

William Middleton, Bill Middleton III



Sanctuary Candle

January 5, 2025

St. John the Evangelist
Tina & Jake Loyacano
Joe Ferachi & Family

St. Clement of Rome
Johnny Zito, Jr. & Johnny Zito, Sr.

Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

Team 2 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, January 8 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

Coffee & Donuts

January 12, 2025

Ed & Anne Reeves (7:30am)

Tom & Germaine Bradley (9am Mass)



Kids' Corner

The Epiphany of the Lord

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- Treasures
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January 5, 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord

Scripture Readings

Week of January 5, 2025

Sunday	The Epiphany of the Lord 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 2:7b-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 4:14-22
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
Sunday	Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1a-2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9b-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



World Marriage Day

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass and Celebration

Sunday, February 9, 2025 — 2pm

St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church

9150 Highland Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70810

- ◊ Bishop Michael Duca, Celebrant of the Mass
- ◊ Honoring couples on their 25th, 50th & 65th or greater wedding anniversary in 2025.
- ◊ The families of the celebrating couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and the reception afterward in the gym.

You may email or call Marsha Dupont at the St. John Church office, marshaadupont@sj.brcoxmail.com, 225.687.2402 to fill out a registration form. Deadline to register is January 15, 2025

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