

ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE CHURCH

January 2, 2022

WORSHIP

MASS TIMES

Daily Mass

M-F 6am, 9:15am; Sat. 9:15am
Rosary before daily 9:15 Mass

Sunday Masses

4pm Vigil (Sat)
7am, 9am, 11am, 6pm (Sun)

RECONCILIATION

Friday: 6:30am and 8:45am
Saturday: 3:00-3:45pm
Or by appointment.

HOLY HOUR PROGRAM

Adoration:

Thursdays 10am-6:30pm

Perpetual Help Novena

Tuesdays 9:45am

ROSARY

Every Monday evening at the
outdoor Mary statue at 6:15pm.
Before daily 9:15am Masses in
Church, Mon-Sat.

SACRAMENTS

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of
Adults is the process of welcom-
ing new members to our faith.
Classes are September through
May.

BAPTISM

Most Sundays immediately after
the 11:00 AM Mass. Please call
737-4537 in advance to register.

MARRIAGE

Consult parish priest at least
eight months prior to planned
date of marriage.

CONFIRMATION

Through our parish and High
School CCD Program. Please
call 737-4537.

FUNERALS

Please call 737-4537. Funerals
along with wakes and visitations
in Church are encouraged.

HOSPITAL VISITATION

We appreciate knowing when a
parishioner is in the hospital.

SACRAMENTS AT HOME

Communion weekly. Sacrament
of the sick as requested.

CONTACT

Rectory 737-4537, 737-2662
stmatthewchurch@arch-no.org
School 737-4604/RectoryHours:
Monday-Friday 9:00 AM- 4:00
PM

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please fill out a parish census,
found in the church foyer or at
www.stmatthewtheapostle.net.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the
child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.
Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold,
frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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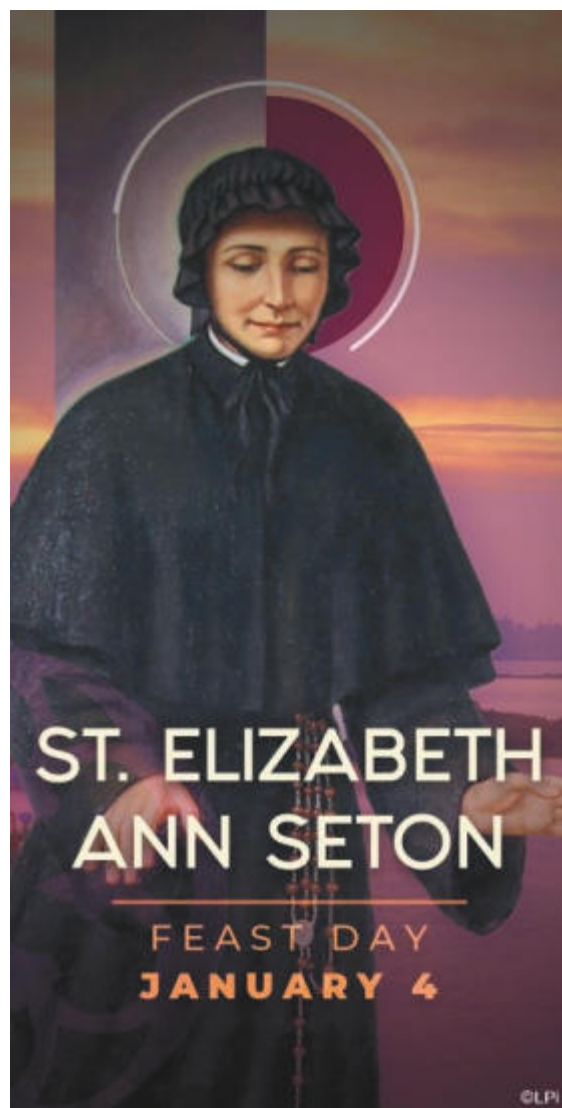
WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

SUN	1/2	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
MON	1/3	1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
TUE	1/4	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
WED	1/5	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
THU	1/6	1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
FRI	1/7	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
SAT	1/8	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday:	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Tuesday:	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Wednesday:	St. John Neumann, Bishop
Thursday:	St. André Bessette, Religious
Friday:	St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Next Sunday:	The Baptism of the Lord



The Lorraine Hess "Light of the World" Advent Concert proved to be an uplifting evening for the parish, full of inspirational songs beautifully performed.





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Holy Name Society
Bill Siegel 737-5782
Divine Mercy Alida Wyler 390-6805
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Floral Committee 737-4537
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Ushers 737-4537
Rosary Groups 737-4537
Sacred Heart Ministry Dania 738-6924

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H.S. CCD Jim Donovan 621-7501
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Friday AM Bible Study
Barbara Hebert 737-0328
Come Lord Jesus
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Home & School Assoc. 737-4604
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Men's Club 737-4604 or 737-4537
Marriage Enrichment
Chuck & Bridget Stiebing 738-7687
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Seniors JOY Ministry - 737-4537
Family Fall Festival 737-4537
Youth Ministry - Matt's Cats 737-4537
Young Adults-Pier Ministry 737-4537

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This Week at St. Matthew

St. Matthew Schedule

Rectory Hours 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

SUNDAY 1/2 - *The Epiphany of the Lord*
7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM Masses

MONDAY 1/3
6:00 AM & 9:15 AM Daily Mass
School Resumes
6:15 PM Monday Patriotic Rosary
7:00 PM Lord Teach Me To Pray KC Hall

TUESDAY 1/4
6:00 & 9:15 AM Daily Mass

WEDNESDAY 1/5
6:00 & 9:15 AM Daily Mass

THURSDAY 1/6
6:00 & 9:15 AM Daily Mass
10:00 AM - 7:00 PM Adoration Church

FRIDAY 1/7
6:00 AM & 9:15 AM Daily Mass

SATURDAY 1/8
9:15 AM & 4:00 PM Masses

SUNDAY 1/9 - *The Baptism of the Lord*
7:00, 9:00, 11 AM & 6:00 PM Masses
6:00 PM CYO Mass & Meeting & Jambalaya
Fundraiser



GOD IS FAITHFUL

The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night, pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

CHRIST IN THE CITY

Christ in the City 2022, evenings of Eucharistic Adoration for young adults in their late teens, 20s, and 30s, are scheduled for January 4, February 1 and March 8 at 7:00 PM in the Chapel at Notre Dame Seminary [2901 S. Carrollton Ave., New Orleans]. A social hour will follow.

For more information, please contact James Behan, Associate Director for Young Adult Ministry and Marriage and Family Life, at yam@arch-no.org. Christ in the City is sponsored by the CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office of the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Missionaries of St. Therese



The Missionaries of St. Therese Circle 65 and Circle 68 will meet at Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 10:00 AM on the following dates in 2022:

January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11.

For more information, call Patricia Schilling, 504-400-3186.

Attention All Married Couples

Have you ever considered mentoring an engaged couple? St. Matthew the Apostle in River Ridge is hosting a seminar on Saturday, January 15, 2022, from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM in the MBC. The seminar, presented by Jan and Lloyd Tate, covers how to present the Catholic vision of matrimony as well as how to share your own marriage with an engaged couple. The fee is \$125 per couple, and refreshments are provided. Please bring a lunch. To register, call the Family Life Office, 504-861-6243. Questions, call Bridget Stiebing, 504-430-5589.

St. Matthew the Apostle Parish will cover the cost of current, registered parishioners to attend this seminar.

Annulment Writing Workshop

The Archdiocese of New Orleans is hosting an Annulment Writing Workshop at St. Benilde Catholic Church, located at 1901 Division Street, Metairie, LA 70001, from 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM.

The workshop will be held on five consecutive Tuesdays: January 25, February 1, February 8, February 15 and February 22, 2022.

The cost is \$25.00 to attend. For more information, call 504-861-6243.



Santa made his annual trip to St. Matthew the Apostle School stopping by the PreK 3 and PreK 4 classes and visiting with all the good little boys and girls who were so excited to see him before Christmas break.

The CYO Living Nativity was a great way to start the countdown to Christmas Day. Thank you to the young church for continuing this tradition.



Prayer to St. Matthew—May we be helped, Lord, by the prayers of Your Holy Apostle and Evangelist, Matthew. May his intercession obtain for us the graces which we cannot merit for ourselves, through Our Lord Jesus Christ and His Virgin Mother, Amen.

Celebrant and Liturgical Minister Schedule for January 1 - 2, 2022

Sunday	Celebrant/Deacon	Sacristan	Lector	EOMs	AS
1/1 4:00 PM	Fr. Lee/Simoneaux	L. Flores	Arnold	Deacon/Rucker/Lorenzo/Oubre	10
1/2 7:00 AM	Fr. Lee Clark	N. Huete	Daigle	Deacon/Huete/Reed	2
1/2 9:00 AM	Fr. Lee/Clark	Comboy	Comboy	Deacon/Comboy/DeVillasana/Ni.Somoneaux	3
1/2 11:00 AM	Fr. Francis/Lobell	Brandt	Horn	Deacon/Brandt/Usner/Rome	4
1/2 6:00 PM	Fr. Francis/	Geiling	Rubio	Deacon/Gordon/Geiling	12

(Schedule is subject to change)



The Joy group enjoyed an afternoon retreat with Father Lee followed by a Christmas lunch in the MBC.



The CYO thanks all the parishioners who donated gifts to the Angel Tree this year. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.



The students and teachers in the St. Matthew Elementary CCD Program had a great time at their Christmas party.



St. Matthew CYO Events

Meeting & Mass January 9th, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.
Faithful Fridays Mass 6 a.m.

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January 1 – January 8, 2022

SATURDAY, January 1

9:15 AM: Parishioners of St. Matthew the Apostle
4:00 PM: Parishioners of St. Matthew the Apostle

SUNDAY, January 2

7:00 AM: Nick & Yvonne Matulich
9:00 AM: Parishioners of St. Matthew the Apostle
11:00 AM: Annie F. Pabst & Family, Floyd Abadie, Sr.,
Doris & Lenny Yochim & Deceased Members of
Murphy & Yochim Families, Floyd & Geraldine
Terranova, Gail Fontenelle Glesener, Don &
Virginia Loehr, Mary Ann Folse, Stephen Oats,
Dodong Ferer, Johnny Young, Jojo Copito,
Wilma Cabugao, Solomon Puro, Sr.
6:00 PM: Nicholas & Blake LeBlanc

MONDAY, January 3

6:00 AM: Ben Hubert Leto (Living)
9:15 AM: Gail Glesener

TUESDAY, January 4

6:00 AM: Douglas Block
9:15 AM: Nicole Guerin

WEDNESDAY, January 5

6:00 AM: Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Chauvin
9:15 AM: Anna & Shelby Bentley

THURSDAY, January 6

6:00 AM: Mr. & Mrs. L.H, Bourgeois Sr., Mr. & Mrs. William
Lobell, Jr., Lobell, Kennedy, Picone Family
9:15 AM: Dr. Charles & Rosalie Matassa & Deceased Family
Members

FRIDAY, January 7

6:00 AM: Joseph Maunoir, Jr., Sheryll Maunoir,
Mike Maunoir
9:15 AM: Nicole Guerin

SATURDAY, January 8

9:15 AM: Charles & Eva Chaisson



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Knights of Columbus Knight of the Month for December

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CHURCH OFFERINGS

December 19, 2021

Weekly Envelopes	\$27,420.43
Loose	\$ 1,610.00
<u>Building & Maint.</u>	<u>\$ 894.00</u>
	\$29,924.43

Thank you for your generous offerings. "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." ~ Matthew 6:21

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for online giving information.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Please call the rectory at 737-4537 if you have a prayer request, older than one month.

Ruth Fontenelle, Darlene Montalbano, John Conti, Sr., Ryan Logan, Margaret O'Brien, Vincent Ganucheau, Rodney Harris, Vincent Lobue, III, Becky Heffner, Beverly Jeansonne, Michael Montero, Greg Ganucheau, Ida Ganucheau, Mary Catherine Wellman, Leslie Simon, Abby Perez, Payton Lambert, Keith Melancon, Hudson Joseph Adams, Andrew Rucker, Smith Family, Woodruff Family, Barbara W. Barrosse, Judith Morter, Adrian Romani, Michael Moffatt, Jr., Clark Family, Emmet Manuel, Denise Balint, Joseph Passalacqua, Adam Peschlow, Infant James David Price, Karl Clark, III, Kimberly Tucker, Hanna Falkenberg, Jai Eshete, Michael Leeds, Christopher Monistere, Millie Zylicz, Susan Galkowski, Kevin & Garrison Schilling, Bryan & Susan Burkenstock, Anna Marie Olivier, Diana Friedel, Kelly & Michael Hebert, Jan Treuting, Chris & Linda Arms, Buddy Brewer, Joseph Maisano, Sharon Miller, Michael & Kelly Hebert, Gerri & Eddie Bergeron, Kathleen Berzas, Jenny Manale, Dan Kehoe, Camille Marino, John Viguerie, Gene Bourg, Paul DiGiovanni, Brent Toca, Herman Dutreix, Blakely Menzel, Darlene Chopin, Michelle Dutreix, Debbie Doll, Holly Clark, Hank Gudlach, Lee Brady, Edward Holmberg, Christopher McCaudle, Janette Fararra, Lauren Rabalais, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Smith, Sr., Mr. Timmy Smith, Jr., Mac Carr, Rene Gibson, James Finan, Stephen Bertram, Lili Archer, Cameron King, Zaine Pechawer, Braeden King, Louella Graves, Gloria Ruiz, Laura King, Capt. William Crawford, Clinton Summers, Jr., Beth Motto & Family, Tim Rigney, Lee Bourgeois, Sr., John Mancina, Grayce Marino, Tom Nenos, Ray B., Father Miles, Tony Caminita, Donald Gaudet, Jr.

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