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## JANUARY 2, 2022 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### PARISH MINISTERS

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### SACRAMENTS

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday from 3:00–3:55 pm, 20 minutes before daily Mass and by appointment, (please call the office).

**BAPTISM:** Preparation for the sacrament is provided to parents held in the evenings. (See bulletin for time and place.) Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy, to avoid undue delays.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** For Anointing, death, or in case of an emergency please call the parish office.

**MARRIAGE:** Couples planning marriage are asked to contact the pastor or deacon at least six months before.

### CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

Saturday:.....4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: .....8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

**\*\*Weekday Mass Change due to COVID:**

Monday & Friday ..... 6:30 a.m.  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday:.....8:30 a.m.  
Holy Days:..... 6:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

### WELCOME, VISITORS.

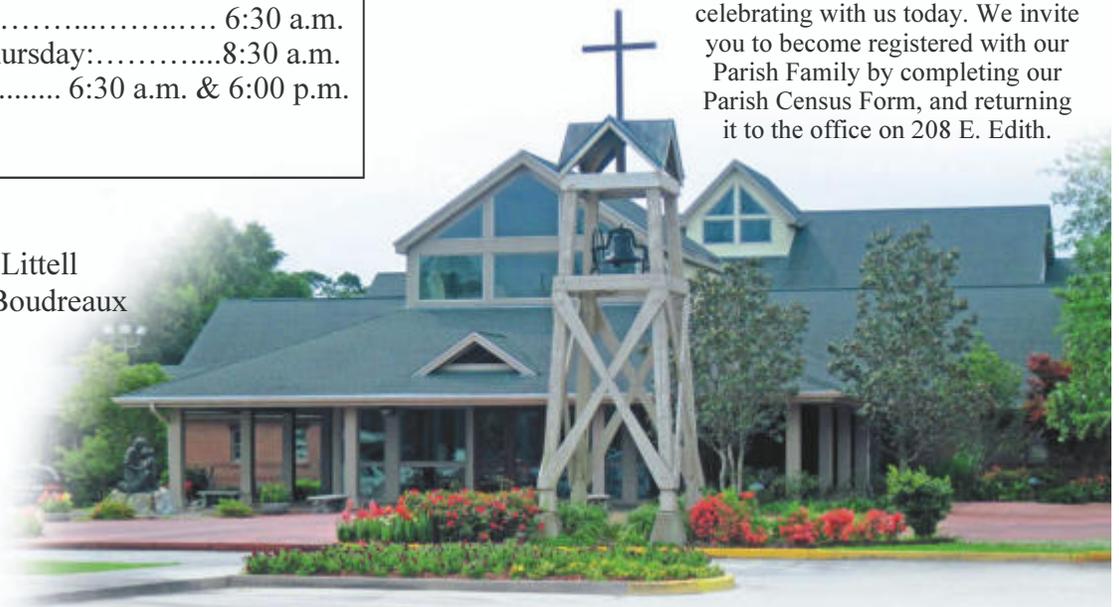
We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office on 208 E. Edith.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

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**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.

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**Our Gift Back to God**

Offertory (*Due to early printing, not available*). . . \$

Offertory (December 19th) . . . . . \$13,276.00

Building & Maintenance (December) . . \$ 5,172.42

**Thank You!**

**This Week’s Second Collection**  
Building & Maintenance Fund

The three kings in today’s Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will *I* go and what will *I* offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

“And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.” - Mt 2:6

*Mass Intention*

**Weekend of January 1 & 2, 2022**  
Sat. 4 p.m., Sun. 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. for the intentions listed,  
Sun. 10:30 a.m. for our parish (Pro Populo)

Emily Kay Benoit, Bradley Broussard, Beverly C. & Mildred B. Picard, John Ivy & Hazel Broussard & Family, Joseph Minus Romero, M/M Alton Broussard, Ronald Joseph Romero, Gloria Trahan, Ernest & Laura Hebert, Willis & Geri Morvant, Clifford J. Viator, Jacquelyn Albert, Therian LaFleur, Loyd Viator, Gerhard Cramer Family Living and Deceased, M/M Earl Sinitiere, Reul "Ray" Broussard, Jr., Janice Scott, Cody A. Miller Family Living and Deceased, Tommy Trotter, James Oran Baudoin (Birthday), Russell Toups, Cameron Bailey, Gertrude Boudreaux, Eustis & Beulah Toups, Wilda & Louis Theo Bares (His Birthday), Mena & Murphy Courts, Dale Broussard, Joseph & Vivian Johnson, Zachary Hebert

*Weekday Masses*

Monday 3	Raymond Romero, Sr. (1st Anniversary)
Tuesday 4	St. Joseph Community
Wednesday 5	Andrew Devale
Thursday 6	John Carrol Richard (Anniversary)
Friday 7	Frank & Viola Martin

*Sanctuary Candle*

Vocations to the Priesthood

*Please Pray For The Sick*

Susan Vincent Gunner Breaux Brennen Albert  
Joyce Comeaux James Benoit Marla Francois  
Dolores Benoit Kathryn Trahan Bobby Trahan  
Charlie Harrington Kim Vincent Hunter Henry  
Luby Landry Guy McKeon Bethany Touchet  
Lilly Mae Romero Enola G. Bernard Gail Anslem  
Mary Belle Broussard Mary Trahan Sara LaCroix  
Phillip LaCour, Sr. Norval Knapp Heather Herrick  
Bernice Blanchard Richard Terry Broussard  
Jeff Harrell Mike Blanchard Lynn Broussard  
David McKeon Lucille Fabacher  
Rita Randazzo Sheryl Palmisano



**The Next Baptism Seminar** will be held on Thursday, **January 13th**, at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy in order to avoid any delays.

**A Pro-Life Baby Bottle Fundraising Campaign** will be held the weekend of **January 15th** to benefit our local pregnancy resource center and the operation of a maternity home for homeless, pregnant women. All of the services are free of charge. Together, they will provide pregnancy testing, counseling, ultrasound imaging, STD and abstinence education, shelter, food, and other services to pregnant women in need. Baby bottles will be available after all masses and may be returned the following weekend with a donation.

**2022 Diocesan Pro-Life Rally and Walk** Our annual Diocesan Pro-Life Rally/March/Prayer Service will start at Parc International on Saturday, **January 15th**. The rally will begin at 9:00 a.m. and it will end with us marching from Parc International to the Cathedral. We should arrive at the Cathedral for 11:30 a.m. where Bishop Deshotel will greet the participants on the steps of the Cathedral, and begin the prayer service. The prayer service will end at 12:30 p.m., then we will meet back on the streets and march to the federal courthouse. Once there, we will pray for our Nation. We will then head back to Parc International.

- Events This Week**
- Mon. (3rd):** Mass 6:30 a.m.  
3rd, 4th & 5th CCD
  - Tues. (4th):** Mass 8:30 a.m.  
1st & 2nd CCD  
Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.
  - Wed: (5th):** Mass 8:30 a.m.  
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  
Adoration 5:30-7:00 p.m.
  - Thurs. (6th):** Mass 8:30 a.m.
  - Fri. (7th):** Mass 6:30 a.m.  
Parish Office Closed
  - Sat. (8th):** Mass 4:00 p.m.
  - Sun. (9th):** Mass: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
and 5:00 p.m.  
6th, 7th & 8th Grade CCD



**Welcome New Parishioners!**  
*We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following Parishioners who registered with St. Joseph during the month of December: M/M Brant Davis and M/M Kevin Jones. We would also like to remind parishioners who have not registered with us, to consider this also. Registration forms can be found in the gathering area of church or online at [stjo-milton.org](http://stjo-milton.org). If you should have any questions, please call the office.*

  
**December**

We welcome into the family of St. Joseph's the newly Baptized.  
Welcome:  
*Brooklyn Grace Boudreaux*

**Knights of Columbus Youth Leadership Award** The St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Council 12163 would like to invite high school seniors to compete in the Catholic Youth Leadership Award. There will be two winners (male and female) chosen from our parish who will each receive a \$100 prize. The winners will move onto the Diocesan level and those winners will go onto state. The Diocesan prize is \$1000. The State prizes are \$4,000 for 1st Place, \$3,000 for 2nd Place, and \$2,000 for 3rd Place. There will be a male and female winner awarded at all levels. Applications can be downloaded from the KC website at <https://www.louisianakc.org/programs/cyla/>. They must be printed, signed, and dropped off at church in the KC drop box **located in the gathering area**. Deadline for receiving applications is **January 25, 2022**. For more information please contact Derek Meche at [mechetelecom@gmail.com](mailto:mechetelecom@gmail.com). Additional information is also available at the KC website listed above. Good luck and God Bless!



- READINGS FOR THE WEEK**
- 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 72:1-2, 3-4, 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 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
  - Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
  - Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
- Next Sunday's Readings**
- Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
  - Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
  - Acts 10:34-38
  - Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11



**Bishop Douglas Deshotel Celebrates Red Mass** in honor of the members of the legal community on Friday, **January 7th** at 12:05 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Lafayette. The Red Mass is celebrated annually in honor of the members of the legal profession, civil courts, as well as the Church courts, to request guidance from the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice. It also offers the opportunity to reflect on the responsibility of all in the legal profession. You can watch The Red Mass streamed live on our YouTube Channel.

**Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church Presents Loving through Loss** A couples workshop (Miscarriage, Stillbirth, Infant Child, Adolescent, Adult). It will be held on Saturday, **January 8th** from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. in Knight Hall. Registration is \$75.00 per couple. For more information visit [www.redbird.love](http://www.redbird.love).

**Abide Women's Conference** Women of Acadiana, join us for the Abide Women's Conference **February 4th-6th** at the Doubletree Hotel in Lafayette. Conference speakers include award winning author Kathryn Whitaker; Fr. Justin Brady from Idaho who has extensive knowledge in Theology of the Body, and more! Visit <https://www.abidewomensconference.org/> for more information. Space is limited. Register today.

*"A priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you." - Cure' of Ars*

**Please Pray for Our Priest:**

- Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
- Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
- Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell
- Rev. Kyle White
- Rev. Ryszard Zawadzki, SVD
- Rev. Travis Abadie
- Rev. Lawrence Abara

**Dropped Host**

**Question:** What happens to a consecrated host if it accidentally falls to the ground?

**Answer:** This a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: *How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled?* If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).

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*Thought of the Week* The greater your knowledge of the goodness and grace of God on your life, the more likely you are to praise Him in the storm.



**The Light of the Moon**

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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