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



#### MASS TIMES

WEEKENDS Saturday | 4:00pm Sunday | 7:00am & 9:30am WEEKDAYS Mondays 6:30pm Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday | 7:30am 1st Thursdays | 6:30pm

Holy Days & Anticipated Mass | TBA Tuesday Rosary | 9:00 am Holy Hour of Adoration & Benediction 1st Thursdays | 5:30pm

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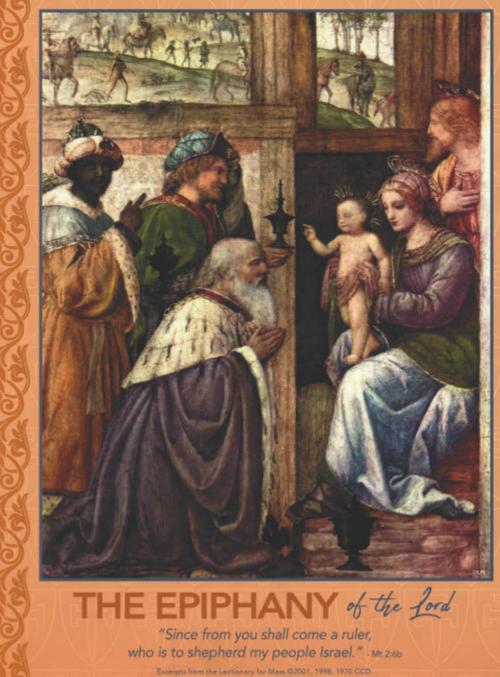
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#### SACRAMENTS

**Confession:** 30 minutes before weekend mass or by appointment.

Matrimony: Contact the pastor at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date.

**Baptism:** A class will be given if you are expecting and have not attended a baptismal class.





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# PRAYER & WORSHIP



# PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

If you would like to be added to either list or know of someone who needs to be added, please email Susie Miller to sjvcbk@gmail.com(e-mail is best because it is in writing and has a date and a time attached to it, but if that would cause a hardship, you can call Susie at 337 -622-3218) Names received before noon on Tuesday will appear in the next week's bulletin, not the current week. Names will remain on the list for 2 weeks and then be removed. If after the 2 weeks, you still need prayer, by all means, please send another message and we'll

Patty Borne, Joyce Bourque, Bennie Breaux, Joshua Bull, James Castille, Pammy Derouen, Terry Dubard, Joyce Guidry, Ellen Harrington, Jamie Hoffpauir, Emerson Irvin, James LaBove, Judy Leonard, Linda Lognion, Alex Manning, Kennon Martin, Katie McLean, Wyatt Myers, Mark Pedersen, Donald Pugh, Henry Romero, Jeannie Taveney Smith, Bridgette Sonnier, Barbara Theriot, Ethan Trosclair; Craig Zaunbrecher, Crystal Leger, Roger Wright, Robert Lowe, Don Racca, Margaret Arrant, Jace Fontenot, Jade Fontenot, Lynn Leger, Murphy Leger, Xandria Lenden, Ester Harrington, Freeman & Betty Leger

Our Homebound Joyce Conner, Fred Conner, Lillian Conner, James Keith Leger,

Nursing Home, retirement home, & Assisted Living Residents Urick Guidry, Ethel Racca, Barbara & Clarence Theriot, John & Kenora Theriot, Sidney Theriot,

Our Military Brennan Arabie, Hayden Broussard, Austin Brown, Wesley Dugas, Trent Jarrel, Trey Jarrel, Gavin Leger, Alex McCready, Terry N. Trawee

#### Pope Francis -For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters

Bishop Glen John Provost - For the poor, the homeless, the unemployed, and the lonely, that we will open our hearts generously to their needs and reach out to them with a spirit of

#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

#### **January 2, 2022** 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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# **NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & EVENTS**

### **PARISH NEWS**

Prep classes resume January 12.

The 2 new candlesticks which were on the altar for Christmas Season Masses were donated in memory of Gaston and LeAnna DuBrock by their family.

Lifeshare will be here on Sunday January 23 from 8:00-11:00 for their annual blood drive.

## **AREA NEWS**

The Faith Clarified," an online Zoom course offered through the Center for Catholic Studies, begins Wednesday, January 12, 2022. The five-week course, instructed by Sister Maura Clare Mayock, R.S.M., will cover basics of the Catholic faith in a new light, bringing these teachings together into a unified whole.

The course will be from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday from January 12 through February 9. Zoom meeting link will be provided for all who register. Class will include lecture time and a period for questions and discussion. Cost is \$15

## **Question and Answer**

#### **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 minsters 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 sacrarium (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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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

MATTHEW 2:10

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