

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE MONTH**

- 1st wk. * Choir & Ushers
- 2nd wk. * Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies of Auxiliary
- 3rd wk. * Extra-Ordinary Ministry of Communion & Lectors
- 4th wk. * Youth
- 5th wk. * ALL Parishioners

WEEKLY MASS

Sunday, Dec. 6, 2018 9:00 am Mass

Mon. Jan. 7, NO MASS

Tues. Jan. 8, 8:00 am
Mr. Clarence Thomas
requested by **Cindy Hampton**

Wed. Jan. 9, 8:00 am
Mrs. Mary Lee Thomas
requested by **Cindy Hampton**

Thurs. Jan. 10, 8:00 am
Mrs. Louella Thomas Wiltz
requested by **Cindy Hampton**

Fri. Jan. 11, 8:00 am
Mrs. Mary Blackwell Griffith
requested by **Cindy Hampton**
Exposition & Adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm

Saturday, Jan. 12, 2018
Mrs. Della Marie Thomas
requested by **Cindy Hampton**
3:20 - 3:55 Reconciliation
4:00 p.m. Mass

(N.B. You can request Mass to be offered for you/your love ones, or any deceased person. Speak with the Pastor or call the office to schedule your mass intention).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. Jan. 6 - Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:2 Mt 2:1-12

Mon. Jan. 7 - 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a See Mt 4:23 Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tues. Jan. 8 - 1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 Lk 4:18 Mk 6:34-44

Wed. Jan. 9 - 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 See 1 Tm 3:16 Mk 6:45-52

Thurs. Jan. 10 - 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 Lk 4:18 Lk 4:14-22

Fri. Jan. 11 - 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 See Mt 4:23 Lk 5:12-16

Sat. Jan. 12 - 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Mt 4:16 Jn 3:22-30

**COORDINATORS OF
MINISTRIES**

Meeting for ALL COORDINATORS will be held every 4th Thursday of each month

Activities - Brushelle Scott

Bishop Faith Appeal - Shirley Ray

Bereavement Committee - Rose Bottley

Donut Sunday's - Freda Guillory*
Donuts and coffee in the Education Building 1st, 3rd & 4th Sunday of each month.

Environmental - Ina Chavis

Extraordinary Minister of Communion - Dorothy Broussard

Finance - Janice Semien *
finance meetings are held every 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Fund Raiser - Walter Davis

Hospitality/Ushers - Rose Davis

Lectors - Peggy Green

Life Center - Adam Jacobs

Plumbing - Joe Fontenot

Mission & Retreat - Cecilia Davis
Music Director - George Alexander *
choir rehearsal are every Tuesday at 6:30 pm

Pastoral Council - Richard Scott
meetings held every 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Religious Education - Sonja Popillion

Socials - Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary * Parish Luncheon,
the second Sunday of each month.

Youth - Felicia Richard

Stewardship- Gary Mims

Attendance

Saturday: 41 Sunday: 60

Weekend Collection

Mail In \$ 20.00
Loose \$ 143.50
Christmas Eve \$ 348.00
& Christmas Day
Saturday \$ 472.00
Sunday \$ 1,117.00

Total Deposit \$ 2,100.50

**MINISTERS FOR THE
WEEKEND HOSPITALITY**

Sat: Shirley Allison, Rose Davis, Walter Davis & Richard Scott

Sun: Fred Green, Rose Bottley, Emmanuel Taylor, Coretta Ambers

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: **1st Rdr.:** Mona Richard
2nd Rdr.: Richelle Roberts

Sunday: **1st Rdr.:** Wayne Sparrow
2nd Rdr.: Peggy Green

1st reader = responsorial & prayer of faithful
2nd reader = greetings & announcements

ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: **Needed**

Sunday: **Needed**

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Richard Scott & Freda Guillory

Sunday: Gloria Richard & Shirley Ray

**January Birthday List
Happy Birthday to:**

Jace Robertson	1
Chris Orebo	3
Christina Edwards	3
D'Ana Williams	5
Ryan Robertson	5
Freda Guillory	7
Marvin Hampton	8
Joe Ware Sr.	12
O'Ril Guillory	18
Horace Broussard III	18
Coretta Ambers	24
Reginald Antoine	24
Ariel Anderson	25
David Feathers	28

Happy Anniversary

Adam & Dorothy Jacobs 8th
John & Cecelia Judge 16th

Expenses:
Entergy <\$ 906.29>
City of Orange <\$ 197.89>

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Office Hours: Tuesday thru Thursday
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2018

**“They prostrated themselves
and did him homage”**

Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. & Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Weekdays:

Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:20 p.m. 3:55 p.m.

**Exposition & Adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament**

Every Friday: 6 p.m.

Adoration & Benediction

1st Friday each month 5p.m.-6p.m.

Infant Baptism:

Please contact the pastor two
(2) months in advance

Marriage:

Please call the office six (6) months
prior to proposed date

SECRETARY

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Roads

There seems to be no end of biographies and autobiographies and memoirs. We love to read of life journeys, of the paths people followed or the trails they blazed. We compare their stories to ours, their journeys to ours, their roads taken and not taken to ours. Epiphany is the story of a road taken by astrologers, passing strangers, wonderful and just about exotic, but not quite. For this story is also ours.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

Comment

Never has Jerusalem stood so high and proud as it stands today in the words of Isaiah. This reading is the last part of a three-author (at least) book that begins before Israel's exile, the bitter, long exile itself, and finally the release and homecoming. This great wonderful day of release from bondage, this dream of triumph and glory is what we read about today. Here, Isaiah looks ahead to the great time when the city is awash in the Lord's own light and brilliance. All roads lead to Jerusalem, this shining city on a hill. Jerusalem is addressed as a person to whom everyone hastens with great joy.

This reading anticipates all that is good. Everyone comes home. First come the regular folks—sons and daughters and babies—and then the rest of the world. The generous heart of Jerusalem opens to receive all the riches of other nations that flow ever toward it. The dromedaries and camels laden with gold and frankincense mentioned in this reading conjure up the wealthy and royal retinues that in Isaiah's prophecy will one day trek toward Jerusalem.

But we, at the beginning of this millennium, think of the coming of the kings at Epiphany. The first reading resonates with the later coming of the astrologers or magi, those seers who consulted stars and dreams, as we see in today's Gospel. These exotic astrologers came a long and perhaps circuitous route. They consulted the local potentate, Herod, who paid no attention whatsoever to Jewish ways. He surely would have paid no mind to these astrologers, except that they became a red flag. They threatened his hold on power, so he summoned them and cunningly and disingenuously inquired about how they read the stars and what it might mean (to Herod, of course). That duty done, the astrologers found their way to the Holy Family and offered the gifts fit for a royal child—gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Reflection

The astrologers, or magi, stand in for all the non-Jews of the world, just as the shepherds on Christmas night stood in for all the poor and dispossessed, the most illogical of all worshipers. No one would have expected the glad tidings to be delivered to the lowly shepherds. Similarly, no one quite expected Gentile astrologers from Persia or thereabouts to make their way to Israel and break open the story of salvation to the whole surprised world. And no one was quite ready for the almost fanatical Pharisee, Saul, to carry the good news of the Messiah to the non-Jewish world. In today's second reading, Paul reminds the Ephesians and himself once again of the amazing truth of his conversion. The revelation once given to the prophets and apostles was given to him! The revelation is not just for Israel, but is for the whole world—Israel and beyond Israel, right to Persia and beyond to the lands of the rising and setting sun. Jews and Gentiles alike share in the same Body of Christ and are coheirs of eternal life.

The doors are indeed thrown open to the whole world. As the new bright and shining Jerusalem, the Church must welcome all who come by any route, any route whatsoever. Every person who knocks at the door of Christianity and seeks Christ must be welcomed. Their stories must be told and heeded. They who have sought Christ by whatever light they have must be helped to see by the light of Christ that shines on all, the Christ who has come for all. It is no surprise that the small family rituals of this feast day endure. In Southern European countries and in the churches of the Eastern Rite, Epiphany takes primacy of place over Christmas as a feast day. Gifts are given, in imitation of the gift-giving of the magi. Doors are thrown open in welcome on this Twelfth Day of Christmas, "Little Christmas," as it sometimes is known in the northern latitudes. This is the day we open our doors and hearts in welcome. This is the day we honor all seekers and seers, are helped by them, and help them as best we can.

PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Mary Brown
David Jayce Carey
Courtney Chavis
Florence Craig
Therese Ferguson
Hollis Fain
Joe B. Forward
Ella Mae Garrett
Anna Garrick
Mary Gray
Beatrice Guillory
Mark Mitchell Jr.
James Mims
Westley Popillion
John Richard, Sr.
Mormon Richard
Alma C Thibodeaux



PRAY FOR THE SICK

James Arceneaux
George Davis
Mable Durio
Alberta Fontenot
Frances Freeman
Debra Glaude
Margaret Green
Peggy Green
Myrtle Guillory
Calvin Johnson
Stacy Johnson
Rose Lee Johnson
Lakeisha Guidry-Jones
Leothus Jones
John King
Ruby Milton
Bettye Odom
Clayona Pillette
Herman Richard
Claudine Riggs
Doris Robertson
Robert Simmons
Mark Thibodeaux
Mary Ware
Joe Ware

To all our sick and homebound THANK YOU so much for your unwavering commitment and contributions to our parish. To better serve everyone Fr. Donatus is available to visit ALL parishioners at the appointed time. However, Fr. Donatus has reserved the Forth Friday of the month for the homebound.

Special Collection

On the weekend of January 12-13, 2019 there will be a second collection. The Special Collection monies are to provide relief for the victims of the severe wind and flood damage inflicted by the recent Hurricane Michael in the State of Florida.

Please be generous, remembering the goodness of others to us in our hurricanes and floods these past 10 years. Thanks in advance

Attention Everyone

Please pick up your offertory envelopes at the rear of the church. If you find an error with your envelopes, please inform the ushers or call the parish office

Bishop Faith Appeal for 2018 Paid in full

Thank you for your hard word and contribution to BFA, a commitment of people helping people. Please let's continue our unwavering support. If you have any questions or concerns about your contributions please contact Shirley Ray or Fr. Donatus. We look forward to the continued growth of our parish

ATTENTION EVERYONE

Parish Office hours are from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon & 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Tuesday through Thursday. When contacting the parish office the lines may be busy, if so, please leave a detailed message and your call will be returned. Anything after 4:00 pm will be addressed the next business day. **If there is an emergency please contact Fr. Donatus, cell # (409) 454-3958. Thanks in advance**

Attention Everyone



Everyone is welcome to join us at St. Therese every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. for devotional prayers through our Parton Saint Therese.

NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. THERESE—THE LITTLE FLOWER

St. Therese, beloved friend, you promised to spend your time in heaven doing good upon the earth. WE come before you in our need. We believe that you listen to us and approach God for and with us. You are love in the heart of the God. Please accept these petitions, hopes, needs and dreams that I have (pause for your petitions).

Please present them to our loving Father so that God may do what is best for us, for our loved ones, and for the fulfillment of God's Kingdom. Continue your shower of roses in our lives. We ask you, dear friend with the bold confidence and loving care. We make this prayerful petition in the name of Jesus and through the power of his Spirit. **AMEN.**

Attention:

Every Thursday we clean the Church and we encourage those who will be available to please come. Everyone is encouraged to help keep our Church clean. please come and join in wiping clean the "Face of the Lord."