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MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am
Weekdays:
7:00 am (Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday)
9:00 am (Wednesday)

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm
Tuesday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm
Wednesday: 9:30 am — 5:00 pm
Thursday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am — 12:00 pm
(Closed daily from 12:00 pm — 1:00 pm for Lunch)

PASTOR:
Fr. Matthew P. Higginbotham

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Fr. Ed Degeyter

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Polly Camacho

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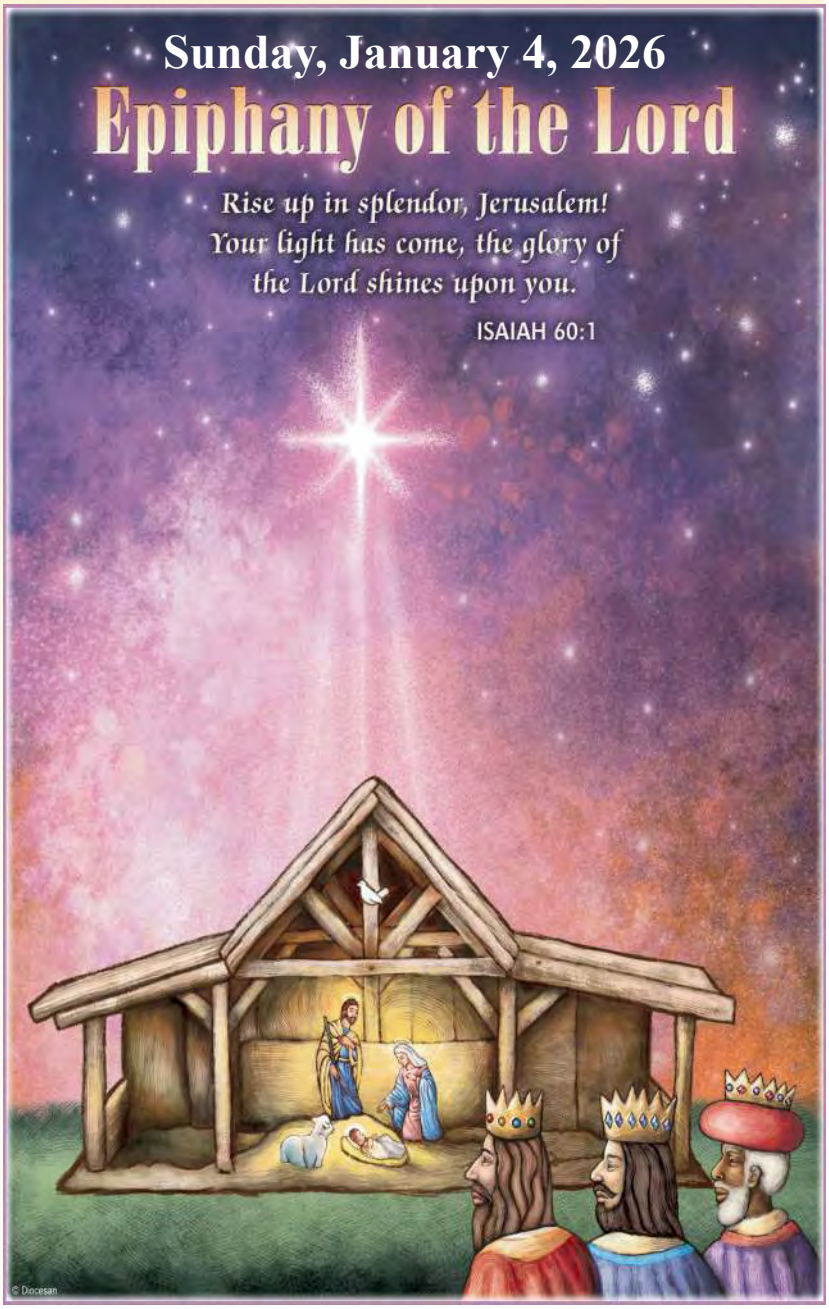
Amber Salsman

PASTORAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT: *Andreé Schlicher*

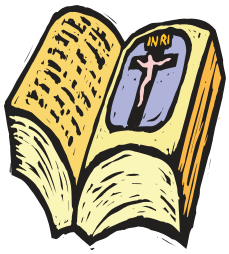
RECONCILIATION:
Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm and
30 minutes before weekday Masses

ROSARY:
Wednesday: 8:20 am *(Pro-Life)*
First Friday: 6:30 am
First Saturday: 8:20 am
Third Tuesday: 7:30 am (*Patriotic*)



TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12



The Epiphany Of The Lord

An "epiphany" is an appearance. In today's readings, with their rising stars, splendorous lights, and mysteries revealed, the face of the child born on Christmas day appears. Herod, in today's Gospel, asks the chief priests and scribes where the Messiah is to be born. The answer Matthew puts on their lips says much more, combining two strands of Old Testament promise—one revealing the Messiah to be from the line of David (see 2 Samuel 2:5), the other predicting "a ruler of Israel" who will "shepherd his flock" and whose "greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth" (see Micah 5:1–3). Those promises of Israel's king ruling the nations resound also in today's Psalm. The psalm celebrates David's son, Solomon. His kingdom, we sing, will stretch "to the ends of the earth," and the world's kings will pay Him homage.

That's the scene too in today's First Reading, as nations stream from the East, bearing "gold and frankincense" for Israel's king.

The Magi's pilgrimage in today's Gospel marks the fulfillment of God's promises. The Magi, probably Persian astrologers, are following the star that Balaam predicted would rise along with the ruler's staff over the house of Jacob (see Numbers 24:17). Laden with gold and spices, their journey evokes those made to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba and the "kings of the earth" (see 1 Kings 10:2, 25; 2 Chronicles 9:24). Interestingly, the only other places where frankincense and myrrh are mentioned together are in songs about Solomon (see Song of Songs 3:6, 4:6, 14). One greater than Solomon is here (see Luke 11:31). He has come to reveal that all peoples are "co-heirs" of the royal family of Israel, as today's Epistle teaches. His manifestation forces us to choose: Will we follow the signs that lead to Him as the wise Magi did? Or will we be like those priests and the scribes who let God's words of promise become dead letters on an ancient page?

Scott Hahn

REFLECTIONS - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The feast of the Epiphany commemorates the visit of the tree Magi at Jesus's birth. At the very beginning, we are reminded that Jesus came not just for a select group but for all people. It is worth noting that those who acknowledged the birth of Jesus were lowly, uneducated shepherds and foreigners. The priest and the elders of their own community were not there. Perhaps we should rethink our assumptions about people and remember that God so loved all of us that He sent His son, Jesus, to walk with us.

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. - Isaiah 60:1

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Inspirational Catholic Quotes

Everything starts with prayer. Every good thing we do flows from prayer. Ask God to fill you with His love so you can take His love out into the world and share it with others. We talk about prayer at Church, but are we praying? It is easy to talk about the poor, but talking about the poor is not the same as talking to the poor. It is easy to talk about prayer, but talking .about prayer is not the same as sitting down in a quiet place and talking to God.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

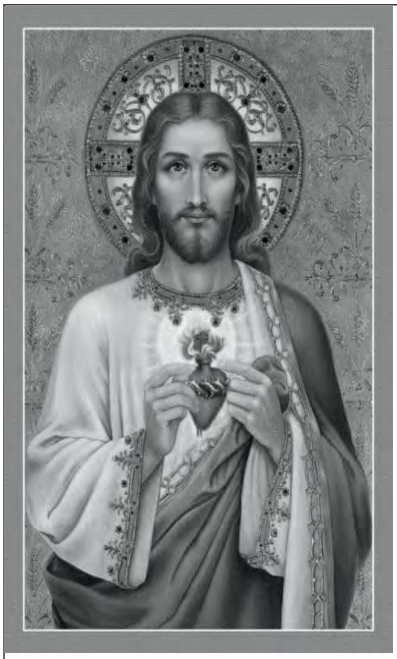
PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Kim Richard

(January 4th - January 10th)

Each week, a family or an individual from our parish receives the vocation cross. If you or your family would like to receive the vocation cross, please sign-up on the sign-up sheet near the tabernacle in church.



DEVOTION FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

The Holy Name of Jesus

In Philippians 2, St Paul tells us that "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things in earth, and things under the earth and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." From the earliest days of Christianity, Christians have known the great power of Jesus' Holy Name. As the once-popular hymn commanded:

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Small wonder, then, that the Church sets aside the first month of the year in honor of the Holy Name of Jesus. Through this devotion, the Church reminds us of the power of Christ's Name and encourages us to pray in His Name. In our society, of course, we hear His Name uttered quite often but all too frequently, it is used in a curse or blasphemy. In the past, Christians would often make the Sign of the Cross when they heard Christ's Name uttered in such a manner and that's a practice that would be worthwhile to revive. What has happened to the tradition of honoring the Holy Name of Jesus? By way of concretizing respect for the name of Jesus in a formal way the Second Council of Lyons in 1274 decreed that "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow; whenever that glorious name is recalled, especially during the sacred mysteries of the Mass, everyone should bow the knees of his heart, which he can do even by a bow of his head". The importance of honoring the holy name of Jesus is seen too in the feast of that name, which has been celebrated, at least at the local level, since the end of the 15th century. The feast was inserted into the universal calendar by Pope Innocent XIII in 1721 and is now celebrated on January 3rd. Given the widespread misuse of the names of God and Jesus today in ordinary life, as well as on television, in films and in other forms of entertainment, it is especially important to do all we can to restore respect for the name of God. Bowing our head when we pronounce or hear the name of Jesus is a good way to do this. Let us each bring it back for the very Angels in Heaven bow at the name of Jesus. And even the demons in Hell.

Also important is to make an internal act of reparation whenever we hear the name of God or Jesus blasphemed. It should hurt us that the object of our love is mistreated in this way.

Prayer:

JESUS
Glorious name, gracious name, Name of love and of power!
Through you sins are forgiven, Through you enemies are vanquished,
Through you the sick are freed from their illness, through you those suffering in trials
Are made strong and cheerful. You bring honor to those who believe,
You teach those who preach, You give strength to the toiler, You sustain the weary.
O Jesus, your name means "Savior". Be my Savior Dear Lord, through this Glorious
Name, mercifully grant all the petitions which I make in this Prayer, Amen.

St. Bernardine of Siena, OFM
Apostle of the Holy Name

Please keep
Fr. Matthew P. Higginbotham
Fr. Ed Degeyter
and **all priests** in your prayers.

Sacristan Needed

We are in need of a Volunteer Sacristan every Tuesday for 9:00am Mass at New Iberia Manor North Nursing Home. Please call Cindy Landry for mor information at 337-256-2208, or the Church Office at 337-364-8360.

PRAYER & SICK LIST

The names on our prayer list will stay on for 90 days. If you want to add or delete a name, please call the office 337-364-8360.

Sirena Rogers, Janis & Nathan Dugas, Billy Simon, Edward Simon, Lynette Landry, Janet Viator, Ronnie Landry, The Delahoussaye Fly, Patsy & Percy Barrilleaux, Fran Jackson, David & Robin Viator Fly, Sheryl S. Bourque, Michael & Claire Landry Fly, Dustin & Nicole V. Ortego Fly, Linda & Clint Trahan Fly, Ruth Bernard, Bridget Aitken, The Greig & Belaire Fly, Josephine Delcambre, Mary Saltzman, Jody Ellen Hudson, Jim & Brenda Prejean, Jessica Gary Dubois, Joni Gullotta, Fisher Whitaker, The Babin, Trahan & Richard Fly, Deacon John Sarkies, James & Doreen Norman, Brenda DeRouen, Myrna & Millard Poche, Gloria K. Bonin, Daphne C. Lopez, Beverly B. Walet, Jerome Guillotte, Leoni Derouen, Cade T., Betty DeRouen, Geraldine Babin, Robert McDaniel, Ron Cutrera, Lori Aguilar, Bailey & Gage Tucker, The Sinitiere Fly, The Fitch Fly, Raywood & Virginia Buteaux, Barbara Keegan, Mike & Doris Degeyter Fly, Rory Suire, Crystal Elizabeth Olivier, Patrick Valls, Nickas Bonin, Gene Gonsoulin, Coty Bourque, Erskine Katz, Randy & Jessica Broussard, Jane Arceneaux, Rebecca Segura, Terry Trahan, John Babin, Phil Duplantis, Ray Landry, Shane DeRouen, Cody Theriot, Sandra Upton, Kay Charpentier Green, Hardy Jenkins, Bridgette Louviere, Amye Hammond Bellot, Hadley Babin, Roland & Faye Boudreaux, Delina Lafont, Emma Judice. Please also pray for those individuals who, although in need of your prayers, have requested that their names not be publicized for privacy reasons.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 6, 2026
7:00am Agnes Bourque (liv bd)
Logan Boudoin (liv bd)
Wednesday, January 7, 2026
4:00pm Gladys Carlson
Ernest "Topper" Breaux
Whitney & Una Broussard
Thursday, January 8, 2026
7:00am Juliette C. DuBois (3yr ann of death)
Friday, January 9, 2026
7:00am Zachary Michael Richard (liv)
Saturday, January 10, 2026
4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Roy Flores
William Kell Lewis, Bill Olivier
Bayne Olivier, Shirley Blenderman
Louis Boudreaux, Sr., Lena Mergist
Sunday, January 11, 2026
8:00am Parishioners, Warren & Sandra Gaspard Fly
Henry & Dorothy McDonald
10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt

Praying for an end to abortion and all pro-death activities in our nation and in our world.

Southern Deanery **"March For Life"**
Tuesday January 13, 2026
St. Peter's Catholic Church, New Iberia, Louisiana

- **5:00pm Holy Hour at Grotto** - An hour of prayer, music and adoration with confession available.
- **6:00pm Eucharistic Procession** - Procession from Grotto to St. Peter Church

6:30pm Mass for Life
Celebrant for
Eucharistic Procession & Mass:
Fr. Blanda
For more information call (337) 369-3816

We are a sacrificial giving Parish, giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure:

OUR GIFTS TO GOD December 22, 2025

Loose	$ 3,751.12
Envelopes	$ 2,070.00
Total (collected)	$ 5,821.12
Online Giving offertory	$ 631.00
Mailed in offertory	$ 377.00
Total offertory (week)	$ 6,829.12
New Iberia Poor & Needy	$ 1,253.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

Nativity of Our Lady is hosting a ***RECEPTION FOR FR. ED IN HONOR OF HIS 56th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION*** following the 9am Mass on **Wednesday, January 21st**. Please bring your favorite continental breakfast items or finger foods. Please call Margo LeBlanc at 380-3319, if you have any questions.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:

Mike Belaire Fly

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, January 6, 2026
Mass at 7:00 am
Faith Formation - 6:00 pm
K.C. Officer Meeting - 6:00 pm
Wednesday, January 7, 2026
Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20 am
Mass at 9:00 am
Thursday, January 8, 2026
Mass at 7:00 am
Baptism Class - 6:00 pm
Friday, January 9, 2026
Mass at 7:00 am
Saturday, January 10, 2026
Mass at 4:00 pm
Baptisms after 4:00 pm Mass
ACTS Pulpit Talk
Sunday, January 11, 2026
Masses at: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
ACTS Pulpit Talk

A Special Word of Thanks for your wonderful Christmas Gifts and Cards that have been given to us during this Christmas Season. We are very touched by your kindness and generosity expressed by your love. We love you too! May God bless you all! Thank you.

Fr. Matthew & Fr. Ed

God Deserves Your Heart, Your Honor & Your Praise!

MASS SERVERS
January 6, 2026 - January 11, 2026

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 1/6/26	***7:00am***	Fr. Ed Degeyter			Sacristan
Wednesday 1/7/26	***9:00am***	Fr. Ed Degeyter			Sacristan
Thursday 1/8/26	***7:00am***	Fr. Ed Degeyter			Sacristan
Friday 1/9/26	***7:00am***	Fr. Ed Degeyter			Sacristan
Saturday 1/10/26	***4:00pm***	Fr. Ed Degeyter			**See Altar Server Schedule**
Sunday 1/11/26	***8:00am***	Msgr. Mallot			**See Altar Server Schedule**
	10:00am	Msgr. Mallot			**See Altar Server Schedule**

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