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**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil ..... 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday ..... 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.  
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday ..... 8:00 a.m.  
Friday ..... 8:00 a.m., with Adoration until 11:30 a.m.  
First Saturday of the month only ..... 8:00 a.m.

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday ..... 3:30–4:15 p.m.  
Monday, Wednesday thru Friday ..... 7:40 a.m. or by appointment

**PARISH STAFF**

Rev. Arun John, IMS ..... Pastor  
Candice Breaux ..... Youth Group Minister  
Betty Cain ..... Bookkeeper  
June Hebert ..... Director of Religious Education  
Jayne Jason ..... Child Protection  
Layne Mire ..... Parish Secretary  
Lil Stutes ..... Mother’s Day Out  
Celeste Veillon ..... Music Director

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday–Thursday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
Office closed for lunch 12:00–1:00 p.m.

**BAPTISM**

Celebrated monthly after the 11:00 am Mass. Also celebrated during Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and Easter Sunday. Parents should call the office to enroll in our baptismal preparation program, preferably early in pregnancy. Parents are encouraged to register in the parish and actively practice their faith.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

Inquiries – Please call the Parish Office.

**MARRIAGE**

Contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to proposed wedding date. Preparation program is required. Couples should be actively practicing their faith.

**CARE OF THE SICK**

Emergency calls answered as soon as possible. Communion calls to homebound weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

**CHRISTIAN BURIAL**

Family should contact the Pastor to begin funeral arrangements.  
For Cemetery information, please call Jerry Deshotel 281-0333.

**PRAYER LINE**

Please call the Church Parish Office.



Dear Parishioners,

Epiphany reminds us of the three men who went out seeking the newborn child. It was a hard journey blocked by nature's barriers and by King Herod. These three men might have been very heroic in their faith and determination to face all the difficulties, insecurities and dangers in seeking out Jesus, the King of the Universe. The three kings saw things very differently from what they expected, but they were not disappointed. They ventured out and continued their search until they found the child Jesus amidst poverty and simplicity. They offered themselves to God in faith, hope and charity. All through the century, the faith of Christians has been tested. They stood up to the trials, and have been able to experience God-Vision. Like the Magi, we should have the courage to persist in our search for God.

The Gospel recounts the first manifestation of Jesus to the non-Jews; the Magi symbolize the Gentiles. They were privileged and overjoyed to have the vision of God's manifestation, to see the child, the new born King. This revelation of God to the non-Jews tells us that not just the Jews, but all of us are dear to God. We are all chosen people, for Jesus came to call each one of us to enter into his kingdom. What we celebrate today is not merely a historical remembrance of what happened 2000 years ago, but a reality today: the manifestation of God is taking place now in ourselves, in our families, in our society, and in the world. We, too, are called upon like the Magi to open our eyes to see the signs of the time and obey the call of God.

We need not go to Jerusalem or Bethlehem or Rome in search of Jesus and we need not look for a star for guidance. It's enough that we look closely at our brothers and sisters to recognize Jesus in them. God's manifestation today takes place in various ways: in God's creation, in His word, and in our fellow men and women. Henry Van Dyke wrote a story about an imaginary fourth wise man, Artaban, who was to go with the other three in search of the newborn King. Artaban had a pouch of precious gems as a gift for the baby King. On his way to join the other three, he stopped to help a needy person. The delay was just enough to cause him to miss the other three wise men. He never did catch up with them; he kept helping people and giving away all his gems. Artaban ended up as a beggar in a faraway city called Jerusalem. One day he saw a criminal being marched off to be executed. He felt close to this man and was sad that he could not help him. As the criminal drew near, he turned to Artaban and said, " Be not sad, you have been helping me all your life."

We can meet Jesus in everyone we encounter, depending on the way we look at them. In order to recognize Jesus in others, in ourselves, in the events that confront us, we need to look with love, earnestness and sincerity. And as Christians our life must be a continuous search for God. Epiphany takes place in these ways:

- ◆ when we come together for prayer and celebration of the Eucharist, He heals and strengthens us;
- ◆ in our own person and community;
- ◆ when we help people with our time and resources; and
- ◆ when we meet the sick and the suffering.

God's love is eternal. He manifested it in Jesus, who brought salvation to all people. We have to continue his salvific work by manifesting Christ to all by our words and deeds.

Pray today that we may continue to search for Christ in our own lives and be able to manifest Him to others through our words, deeds and actions.

God Bless You,  
Father John

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

**Confirmation Mass, Lunch & Reflection:** January 8  
Mass at 11:00am, followed by Lunch and  
Reflection in the Activity Center until 4:30pm

**Religion Classes for K-8:** Religion classes  
resume on January 9

**March for Life:** January 16-21, 2023 in  
Washington, D.C. for young adults

**Confirmation:** January 19 at 7:00pm



*The Sanctuary  
Candle burns in  
memory of  
Roy Thomas Mouch.*



## ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass is  
scheduled for Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 2:00pm  
at St. Aloysius Catholic Church,  
2025 Stuart Avenue, Baton Rouge.  
Bishop Duca will celebrate this Mass for the  
Anniversaries of 25, 50 and 65 years during the  
year of 2023.

To register, please contact Layne at the Church  
Office to complete the necessary form  
before January 31st.

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Holy Baptism  
is the basis  
of the whole  
Christian life,  
the gateway  
to life in  
the Spirit.



**In Baptism we are called to live a  
holy life. Are you being called to  
fulfill this responsibility as a priest,  
deacon, brother or sister?**

**If so, please contact  
Father Josh Johnson,  
225-336-8778,  
jjohnson@diobr.org  
or visit:**

**www.diobr.org/vocations**



Our next Baptism Seminar is  
Wednesday, January 11th  
at 6:00pm.

Please contact the Church  
Office to register. Baptism  
Registration forms can be found  
on our website: [sjb-brusly.com](http://sjb-brusly.com)

We are in need of Altar Servers, Eucharistic  
Ministers, Lectors and Ushers. We are  
planning a Stewardship of Ministry drive after  
all Masses on the weekend of January 21 & 22.

If you can serve in any of these ministries,  
please complete the online form on the home  
page of our website and return to the Church  
Office. A training will be held at a later date.

### Stewardship of Finances December 25, 2022

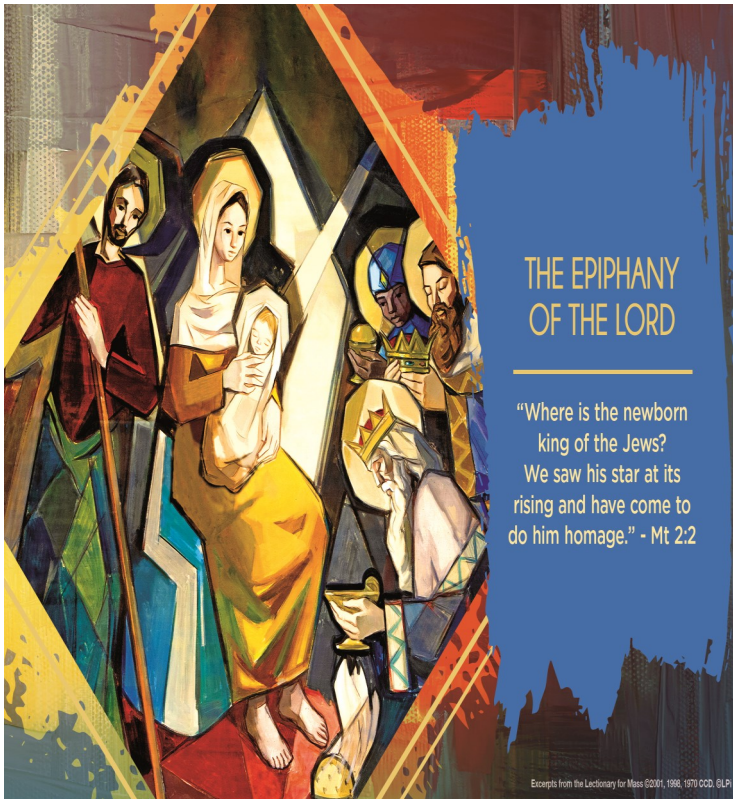
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<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$9,838.00</b>

<b>Christmas Offering:</b>	<b>\$6,865.00</b>
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<b>Parish Special Collection:</b>	<b>\$905.00</b>
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Cub Scout Pack 39 will have a  
Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on  
February 5th in the Activity  
Center beginning at 6:00am.  
Please help make this  
event a success!



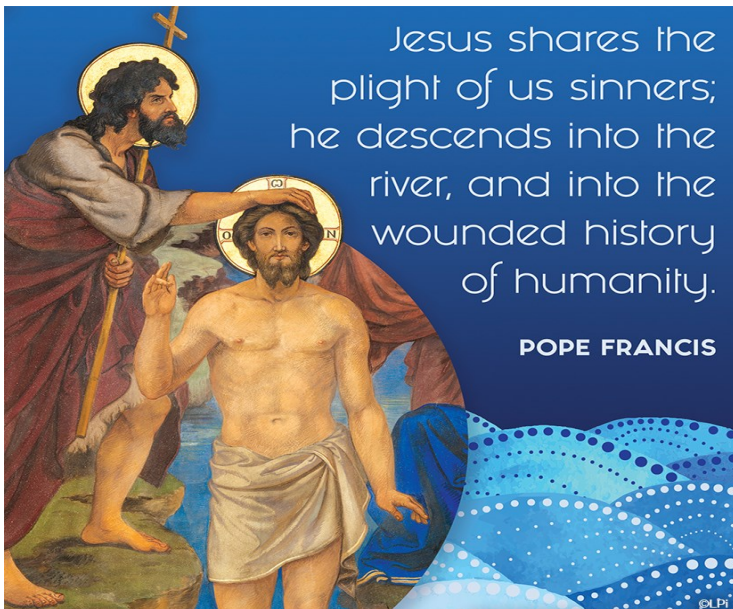
## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?  
We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” - Mt 2:2

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### Readings for the week of January 8, 2023

- Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b)/Mt 3:13-17
- Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/  
Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/  
Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
- Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/  
Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/  
Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/  
Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17
- Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/  
1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34



Jesus shares the  
plight of us sinners;  
he descends into the  
river, and into the  
wounded history  
of humanity.

POPE FRANCIS

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