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**JANUARY 8, 2023**  
**Epiphany of our Lord**

## Masses

**Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm**

**Sunday: 8am, 10:30am**

**Weekday Mass: 8:00am (Chapel)**  
(Monday-Friday, Rosary after)

**First Tuesday**  
(of the Month) **Anointing of the Sick & Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help**  
(after 8am Mass)

**First Friday:** **8:00am(Chapel)**  
(of the month) **Mass & Devotion To Sacred Heart**

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Saturday: 3:00-3:45 pm**

**Sunday: 7:15 - 7:45am**

**9:45-10:15am**

(Other times by Appointment)

## Adoration

**Tuesday: 8:00am-6:00pm**

**Friday: 8:30am-9:30am**

## Office Hours

**Mon-Friday 8:30am-12:30pm**

**Wednesday 8:30am-12:00pm**

Secretary Linda Bellocq



## Today's Readings

### **First Reading** (Isaiah 60:1-6)

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

### **Psalm** (67:2-3,5,6,8)

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

### **Second Reading** (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6)

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

### **Gospel** (Matthew 2:1-12)

**When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *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.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.**

### **Gospel Reflection**

Epiphany, the Greek word means manifestation or appearance. Multiple revelations of Jesus as God are celebrated on the Feast of the Epiphany. The Epiphany is celebrated in the Western Church as Jesus' first appearance to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi, while in the Eastern Church, the feast is the commemoration of the Baptism of Christ where the Father and the Holy Spirit gave combined testimony to Jesus' identity as Son of God. And again, the angels revealed Jesus to the shepherds. Later, in the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus revealed himself as the promised Messiah, and at Cana Jesus revealed his Divinity by transforming water into wine.

According to Blaise Pascal there are three types of people: those who have found God and serve Him; those who have not yet found God but continue to seek Him, and those who neither seek nor find Him. We come across all these groups of people in today's Gospel and we still find them even in our life time. Those who have found God and serve Him wholeheartedly include Mary, Joseph and others. They never ceased to look up, not to any star, but to the Maker of the stars. The second category is represented by Magi who were either kings or wise men. Leaving their status, comforts and privileges they followed the star to seek and find the Child and they found Him in a manger. The third category of people is represented by Herod. He pretends to be seeking God but in reality, he is not. The birth of Jesus disturbed him and he was tortured by suspicion and fear. Mary and Joseph followed the will of God in their lives, the Magi sought and found the Child but Herod sought to rely on his own power and strength to safeguard his throne and position. Let us pray that like the Magi we too may seek and find the living God who will transform our lives and make us His own.

**Special Collection**  
Aged and Infirm

**Special Collection**  
**Next Weekend**  
Ukraine

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**  
Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord  
Monday: The Baptism of the Lord  
Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins  
Friday: St. Hilary  
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; Julian Calendar New Year

**CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER**  
**Prayer at the Manger: With the Magi**  
Let your light shine on us, O God, as the star showed the way to those who searched for Christ. Fill us with wisdom; help us walk in your ways, now and forever. Amen.



**COFFEE SHOP**  
Come by and have some Coffee, Breakfast & Fellowship after 8am Mass  
Donations are accepted

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday January 7  
4pm- Vernon, Merle & Charles Haas †  
Sunday January 8  
8:00am Parishioners  
10:30am- Charles & Vernon Haas †  
Monday January 9  
8:00am- Timothy Steen †  
Tuesday, January 10  
8:00am- John & Anna Palhon †  
Wednesday January 11  
8:00am- Philip & Thelma Carroll †  
Thursday January 12  
8:00am- Marge Blaisdell †  
Friday January 13  
8:00am- Clifton Moran II

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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



If you are unable to come inside the Church, sit in your automobile and listen to our Broadcasting on 91.1 Fm. You can also listen to a Portable radio in Church if you have trouble hearing.

**Claiborne Hill Receipts**  
We appreciate dropping off your Claiborne Hill receipts!  
Thank you for your support.  
**YTD \$12.86**

**Financial News**

Insurance	\$50,596.75
Diocesan Support	\$16,244.79
School Supplement	\$29,225.07
Salaries, Utilities, & Other Expenses	\$189,488.23
Total Yearly Financial Obligations	\$285,554.84
Amount needed each Week	\$5,491.43
Last Sunday Collection	\$3,965.86
Shortfall	-\$1,525.57



**Church Cleaning**  
Team 2 this week

**Prayer Request**

Jennifer Albritten	Walter Lonbourg
Dennis Ally	James Lovett
Judith Amm	Layla Mallett
Emilee Battaglia	Jim McDaniel
John Battaglia	Stanley McLain
Stacey Battaglia	Charles Meador
Bill Blaisdell	Kathleen Micell
Stephen Blaisdell	Shannon & Carol Moragas
Earline Blanchard	Barbara Moran
Gene Breazeale	Cleopatra Moran
Ernest Brown	Clifton Moran II
Ida Brown	Sonny Moran
Claude & Linda Burke	Warren Moran
John Byrnes	Belinda & Kenny Morgan
Barbara Cameron	Patrick Murphy
Robert L. Cassell	Bernadine Necaize
Kay Cerisier	Bernell Necaize
Rosalind & Cynthia Dautat	Janet Necaize
Cheryl Deschamp	Tyrone & Faye Necaize
Jean Dohm	Wilmah Necaize
Rennan Duffour	Christopher Nugent
Eugene, James, Jerry, Gretchen, Tessa, JoAnn, Jude, Shirley Cucurullo	Louis Nunez
Howard Edwards	Timothy Odom
Lois Forest	Joy Patin
Ivan Garza	Jameson Gerard Patin
Peggy Glynn	Trudy Pecoul
Robert Gould	Larry Phillips
Christine Green-Wood	Judy Richieu
Alexa Hardie	Abby Rolison
Amanda Jones	Brooke Rolison
Jim & Mary Kenney	Tina Roundtree
Donald Koenenn	Carla Santiago
Linda Koenenn	Larry Santinelli
Nell Koenenn	Karrie Schultz
Shelly Koenenn	Jason Schable
Andy Ladner	Caleb Schwartz
Barbara Ladner	Sonny Schwartz
Janice Ladner	Jerry Shavers
Shelia Ladner	Mike Shubert
Willard & Cecile Ladner	Maura Strong
Patsy Ladner	Rose Tebo
Jean Lee	Josie Thomas
Vergie Lewis	Judy Thornton
	Shaylynn Whitfield
	Adrian Wilson

**Pray for our Troops**

Amir Darwis \_\_\_\_\_ US Army National Guard  
Darrell Little \_\_\_\_\_ US Army  
Devin Nelson \_\_\_\_\_ US Army  
Brandan Witt \_\_\_\_\_ USAF  
Evan Cameron \_\_\_\_\_ USAF  
David Arceneaux \_\_\_\_\_ USAF  
Lance Cuevas.....USAF  
Christopher Abney.....US Navy

*Lord, hold our troops in Your Loving Hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need, and bring them home safely. May their sacrifices bring about a lasting and just peace in those lands. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

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