

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday
Jan 08 Is 60:1-6, 20abc Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Monday
Jan 09 Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38 Ps29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday
Jan 10 Heb 2:5-12 or Heb 1:1-16; 2:5-12 Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 & 1:21-28

Wednesday
Jan 11 Heb 2:14-18 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 1:29-39

Thursday
Jan 12 Heb 3:7-14 Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 Mk 1:40-45

Friday
Jan 13 Heb 4:1-5, 11 Ps 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8 Mk 2:1-12

Saturday
Jan 14 Heb 4:12-16 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mk 2:13-17

MINISTERIES FOR THE WEEKEND
HOSPITALITY

Saturday: Richard Scott, Rose Davis, Willie Olivier & Johnny Riggs
Sunday: Phyllis Thibodeaux, Staci Powers, Lucy Jones & Horace Broussard

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Mona Richard L: John King & Eva Platt
Sunday: A: Freda Guillory L: Gloria Richard & Josie Curtis

ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: Regan Pitre & William Pitre
Sunday: D'Ana Williams

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Mr. & Mrs. Adam Jacobs
Sunday: Dorothy Broussard & Shirley Ray

Attendance

Saturday **61**
Sunday **57**

Weekend Collection

Deductible Non-Deductible

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| Mail In | \$ 160.00 | |
| Bake Sale | | \$ 130.00 |
| Diocese Subsidy | | \$ 325.00 |
| Mass Stipends | | \$ 5.00 |
| Saturday | \$ 1,058.00 | |
| Sunday | \$ 1,109.00 | |

Total Deposit \$2,787.00

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Margaret Green
John Judge
Therese Ferguson
Frances Freeman
John Abram
Da'Morrius Allison
Julian Richard
Ruby Milton
Alma Thibodeaux
Rena Jenkins
Dorothy Broussard
Myrtle Guillory
Robert Simmons
Stacy Johnson
Leothus Jones
Debra Glaude
Mary Brown
Sammie Williams
John Richard, Sr.
Peggy Green
Elias Gobert
Mary Feathers
Clayona Pillette
Alberta Fontenot
Hollis Fain
James Arceneaux
John Milton
Gloria Richard
Ella Garrett
Bettye Odom
Fred Green
James Mims
Joe Ware, Sr.
Celestine Johnson
Mary Crossley
Calvin Johnson
Sanja Popillion
Lester Popillion
Joe B. Forward
Theresa Garrett
Andrew Hayes
Mary Ware
Courtney Chavis
Lakeisha Guidry-Jones
Brushelle Scott
Eva Platt
Mr. & Mrs. Mace
Rose Lee Johnson
David Jayce Carey
Ms. Tricia Slaughter
Raffelitta Jonea Lee

January Birthday List
Happy Birthday to:

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|----------------------|----|
| 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 |
| Reginald Antoine | 24 |
| Ariel Anderson | 25 |
| David Feathers | 28 |

Happy Anniversary

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

Bishop Faith Appeal

Goal : \$18,693. Pledged : \$19,373
PAID: \$19,373

Thank you ALL for your pledges, we look ahead to the continued growth of our Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

| | |
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| Sunday Jan 08 | 9:00 a.m. |
| Monday Jan 09 | No Mass |
| Tuesday Jan 10 | No Mass |
| Wednesday Jan 11 | No Mass |
| Thursday Jan 12 | No Mass |
| Friday Jan 13 | No Mass |
| Saturday Jan 14 | 4:00 p.m. + Harold Pillette requested by Mrs. Clayona Pillette and daughters Felicia and Lisa |

(N.B. You can request Mass to be offered for you/ your loves one, or the deceased.. Speak with the Pastor or call the office to schedule).

*****ATTENTION *****

Fr. Donatus will be on vacation January 2, and will extend to mid February. During this time, there will be NO weekday masses. Eucharistic Celebration on Saturday 4 pm and Sunday 9am will be said by Fr. Leonard Ogboma. The Ministry of Visiting the Sick will be as follows below. The parish office will continue with regular secluded hours.

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| <i>Gloria Richard</i> | <i>Shirley Ray</i> |
| <i>January 8th & 22nd</i> | <i>January 15th & 29th</i> |
| <i>February 5th</i> | <i>February 12th</i> |

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Deacon Julian Richard (409) 882-4302
Deacon Hazen Kenney (512) 791-0847

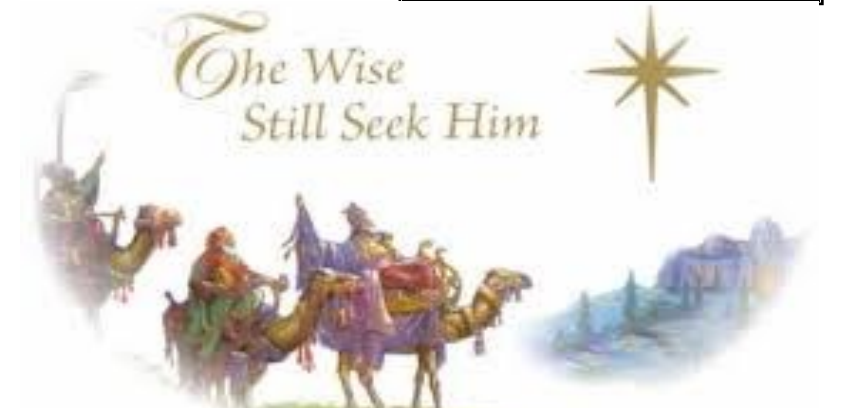
Office Hours: Tuesday thru Thursday
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



The Epiphany Of the Lord

January 8, 2017

“They prostrated themselves and did him homage”



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:

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

Reconciliation

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

Infant Baptism:

Please contact the pastor two (2) months in advance

Weekdays:

Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.
Thursday: Faith Program 5:30 p.m.

Adoration

Fridays: 6 p.m.

Adoration & Benediction

1st Friday each month 6p.m.-7p.m.

Marriage:

Please call Rectory six (6) months prior to proposed date

SECRETARY

Cindy Hampton

(409) 882-0935

PARISH COUNCIL

| | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Joe Ware, Chairman | 886-5331 |
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| Horace Broussard | 883-7937 |
| Shirley Ray | 779-9922 |
| Martin Feathers | 882-4186 |
| Albert Hebert, Jr. | 746-2627 |
| Freda Guillory | 882-1768 |
| Lanny DeLarue | 330-0791 |
| John King | 920-2448 |

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sanja Popillion (409) 670-0808

FINANCE COUNCIL

| | |
|-----------------|----------|
| Andre Robertson | 882-0012 |
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| Robert Gobert | |

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Givers and Receivers

Today's liturgy celebrates the marvelous magnanimity of God. We hear the familiar story of the child Jesus receiving gifts, but we are the ones who are gifted. For our part, we must be like the magi and not only be open to the gift but be willing to go after it, even in the dead of winter.

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

The prophet Isaiah sings the song of Israel's great return from exile. Jerusalem pulses with great and splendid light. Jerusalem is irresistible; it draws those who are far off as a light draws the moth. Everyone from vulnerable nursing mothers to the powerful kings moves toward Jerusalem. The city itself is urged simply to look up and behold that this is truly so.

The places Isaiah names are places where the Jewish people had scattered. The sons and daughters of Ishmael and Esau, first named in Genesis 25, are the first to come from Midian and Ephah and Sheba. An exotic picture is set before us. These royal and rich peoples come in caravans of camels. They come bearing gifts fit for royalty—gold and frankincense.

The second reading takes this great return one step further. It was Paul who first understood that God's salvation in Jesus was available to Jews and Gentiles alike. Those who came to the new Jerusalem, the Church, came from the ends of the earth. One of the mysteries at the heart of God's dealing with Israel was that salvation is meant for the whole world. Israel was to announce and bring salvation to the very ends of the earth. This was embedded in its Scriptures and made manifest in Jesus. Paul insists in his letter to the church at Ephesus that in Christ Jesus Jews and Gentiles together share the same body, possess the same inheritance, receive the same promise, and share in the good news.

Matthew takes great pains throughout this Gospel to connect the Old Testament with the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The first two chapters of his Gospel are filled with allusions to the Jewish Scriptures. The genealogy that opens this Gospel reveals its intention to set forth a testament to Jesus as fulfillment of God's promise. We learn he is born of a virgin; he is "God with us"; he is from Nazareth. Now, the magi focus on the prophecy from Micah, which identifies a great king from Bethlehem.

The magi, those great seekers, stand for all who come to faith in Christ Jesus. In the Near Orient, the star was a sign of some kind of divinity. The unique star sighted by the magi focused their attention and set them on their journey. The Greek word *epiphaneia* signifies the manifestation or appearance of a god or of divine intervention. The term also applied to the appearance of kings. The magi meant to find out about this new god or king. They began their arduous journey bearing rich gifts. They were in turn richly rewarded.

Reflection

Pilgrims know they are in a geographical place and have a family and friends, a job, a collection of possessions. But they do not exactly feel at home. Something is missing; an itch needs scratching. So, pilgrims set out in search of what is missing. They do not necessarily wander the earth. They do not even have to leave home, actually. But they search, and they search purposefully. They follow their lights—insight and the advice, guidance, and direction of those they trust.

The magi were pilgrims—traveling pilgrims. But another character in this story, Herod, was firmly ensconced in his home place. He liked his position of power and meant to keep it. He didn't want any usurpers. He wanted only to know what was necessary to keep that power. He was not looking for anything else.

The magi, those pilgrims and seekers, finally descended from the East into a temperate valley and to the unlikely village of Bethlehem. They found their spiritual home there. When they entered the humble home of the Holy Family, they found their gift, their reward, their souls' longing. They knew it and expressed it in their gifts befitting royalty—gold and frankincense—and the added gift that hinted at mortality, myrrh. They quietly slipped by the boundaries of the country and returned to their homeland by a new route. And their souls also knew a new way.

Rally For Life
Sunday, January 22, 2017
2:00 P.M.

St. Anne Catholic Church; Beaumont
(Calder @ 11th Street)

Please join us for our 'Sanctity of Life' Celebration, commemorating the 44th Anniversary of the Roe v Wade Supreme Court Decision to legalize abortion - on this exact date...

Keynote Speaker: Joe Pojman; PhD

Executive Director – Alliance for Life; Austin, Tx.

Music Provided By: Beaumont Diocese Youth Band

Plus – two amazing Lamar College Students will share their Pro-Life Beliefs...

Please donate 'newborn baby items' for our 'Baby Shower'; all gifts will be placed on the steps of the Altar and distributed to Birthright of Beaumont and Hope Women's Resource Clinic, our local crisis pregnancy centers.

We encourage all 'Youth Groups' from our SETX Churches to participate in our 'Rally for Life';

Trophies will be presented to the 3 churches with the largest youth attendance.

*** At the end of our 'Rally' we ask our attendees to Stand & PRAY on Calder Avenue (outside the church – on both sides) holding signs & banners for one half hour – to be a visible witness to others that we truly believe in the 'Sanctity of All Life'...

For more information please call: Darrell Segura @ 409-720-9999 -or- Karen & Vic Soares @ 409-866-8652

Calling all ACTS Sisters!

If you are interested in serving on team for the May 2017 Women's retreat, please forward the following information to: may2017acts@gmail.com

Your name

Address

Telephone number (s)

E-mail address

Parish where you are registered

Parish you made your retreat through

Number of times you've been on an ACTS Team

All meetings will be held at St. Helen and will begin Feb. 4th at 4:30 mass for commissioning, followed by mini-retreat. We will meet thereafter on Sundays at 5:00 pm. There is no meeting March 12th. We will not meet Easter Sunday but instead will meet Tuesday, April 18th at 6:30 pm. Team members are asked to attend all 13 meetings unless you have discussed with the directors beforehand a reason you cannot. Retreat is May 18-21, 2017. Team members must be at retreat center all day May 18th to set up and thereafter remain all weekend. Team members pay the retreat cost of \$170 and will either purchase or have available ACTS shirts in blue denim and a red and white polo.

If you have questions, please feel free to talk to one of the directors. We are praying for you.

Cecilia Gower, (409) 988-4287

Sheila Babin, (409) 988-9920

**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 list below (pause).

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.**

MANRESA – HOLY FAMILY RETREAT CENTER, BEAUMONT

Silent Retreat for Men, Fr. Ross Romero, S.J. Thursday - Sunday, January 12-15, 2017 Check-in begins on Thursday at 5:00 pm. The retreat begins with dinner at 7:00 pm and ends after lunch on Sunday. To register or to obtain more information, contact Tim Bonnin at 409-617-3210. Cost: \$204.00/person Deposit: \$102.00

Attention

Patron St. Therese Committee

Everyone on or would like to be on this a part of this committee is asked to attend a brief meeting January 15, 2017 after the 9 am mass. Thanks in advance, Coordinator Mrs. Cecilia Davis

ATTENTION

If anyone has any announcements to be placed in the Church's Weekly Bulletin, upon the Pastor's approval please submit your information to the parish office by 12 noon each Wednesday.

THANK YOU