

MASS INTENTIONS

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Jan. 05, 2019 9:00 am Mass

Tues. Jan. 07, 5:30 p.m.
Exposition & Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament

Wed. Jan. 08, 8:00 am
Communion Service

Thurs. Jan. 09, 8:00 am
Communion Service

Fri. Jan. 10, 8 am
Communion Service

Saturday, Jan. 11,
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 or living person. Speak with the Pastor or call the office to schedule your mass intention).

COORDINATORS OF MINISTRIES

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

Activities - Brushelle Scott

BINGO - Evangeline Platt

Bishop Faith Appeal - Adam Jacobs / Dorothy Jacobs

Bereavement Committee - Rose Bottley

Donut Sunday's - Freda Guillory

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 - Horace Broussard

Lectors - Peggy Green

Life Center - Adam Jacobs

Maintenance - Joseph Ware Sr.

Mission & Retreat - Cecilia Davis

Music Director - Leo Jackson
choir rehearsals are held every Tuesday at 6:30 pm

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

Religious Education - Sonja Popillion

Youth - Felicia Richard

Stewardship - Gary Mims

Attendance last Weekend
Saturday: 20 Sunday: 76

Last Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 1,840.00
Christmas	\$ 357.00
2nd collec	\$ 109.00
Loose	\$ 17.00
Saturday	\$ 175.00
Sunday	\$ 7,540.00

Total Deposit \$ 10,038.00

**January Birthday List
Happy Birthday to:**

Jace Robertson	1
Christina Edwards	3
D'Ana Williams	5
Ryan Robertson	5
Cynthia Rogers	6
Freda Guillory	7
Marvin Hampton	8
Joe Ware Sr.	12
Willie Olivier	18
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

**MINISTERS SERVING
NEXT WEEKEND
HOSPITALITY**

Sat: Rose Davis & Richard Scott

Sun: **KPC Bro. Emmanuel Taylor** **KPC La Rose Bottley**
Fred Green **Coretta Ambers**

LECTORS:

Sat: **1st Rdr.:** Richelle Roberts
2nd Rdr.: Veronica Warren

Sun: **1st Rdr.:** KPC Bro. W. Sparrow
2nd Rdr.: KPC LA P. Green

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

ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: **Needed**
Sunday: **Needed**

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday: Freda Guillory & Dorothy Broussard
Sunday: **KPC La Gloria Richard & KPC Bro Albert Hebert**

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Jan. 05 - 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. 06 - 1 JN 3:22-4:6 PS 2:7BC-8, 10-12A MT 4:23 MT 4:12-17, 23-25

Tues. Jan. 07 - 1 JN 4:7-10 PS 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 LK 4:18 MK 6:34-44

Wed. Jan. 08 - 1 JN 4:11-18 PS 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 1 TM 3:16 MK 6:45-52

Thurs. Jan. 09 - 1 JN 4:19-5:4 PS 72:1-2, 14 AND 15BC, 17 LK 4:18 LK 4:14-22

Fri. Jan. 10 - 1 JN 5:5-13 PS 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 MT 4:23 LK 5:12-16

Sat. Jan. 11 - 1 JN 5:14-21 PS 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6A AND 9B MT 4:16 JN 3:22-30

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Office Hours
Tuesday thru Friday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Lunch 12-1:00 pm



**SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE
OF CHRISTMAS - YEAR A**

January 05, 2020

“THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD”

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 Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.

Adoration & Benediction

1st Tuesday each month 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Infant Baptism:

Please contact the pastor two
(2) months in advance

Marriage:

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

SECRETARY

Cindy Hampton (409) 882-0935

PARISH COUNCIL

Richard Scott, Chairman	779-7587
Rose Davis, Vice Chairman	883-0762
Steven Allison, Secretary	313-0586
Cecilia Davis	920-1136
Rose Bottley	886-1525
Charlis D. Rogers	988-8719
Adam Jacobs	883-9688
Albert Hebert III	746-2627

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Janice Semien	883-7126
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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.

PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND

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



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jalen Adam Chambers	Gail Jefferson
Mable Durio	Lucy N. Mitchell
Margaret Green	Ruby Milton
Ronald Hebert	John T. Nelson
Junior Henderson	Clayona Pillette
John Richard, Sr.	Claudine Riggs
Gerald Richard	

Attention Everyone

All Offertory Counters is asked to sign and turn in their confidentiality and nondisclosure agreement and their background questionnaire forms as required by the Diocese of Beaumont. It is also required that a copy of your driver's license be attached to the information.

Attention Everyone



Everyone is welcome to join us at St. Therese every Tuesday

5:30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00 pm Devotional prayers through our

Attention Everyone

Deacon Melvin Payne will be here for Adoration Tuesday's beginning at 5:30 pm and Communion Service Wednesday through Friday at 8 am. If you have any questions, please ask now or call the parish office.

Thank You

Dear Rev. Mgbeajuo,

We received a check for \$420.00 that was the result of the generosity of the people from St. Therese Parish in Orange, Texas.

We are most grateful to you and your parishioners for being part of this generous gift. Please relay our message of gratitude. It was a pleasure for Sister Julie Driscoll, SCN te to share Sister of Charity of Nazareth stories with your parish family. Because of our partnership with your Parish, we can better assist those in need.

Know that St. Therese Community will be remembered as our staff gathers daily at 1:00 p.m. to pray for those who share so generously with those where we minister.

Gratefully,

Sister Anne Magruder, SCN
MCP Coordinator

Thank You

On behalf of St. Therese Parish family, we would like to express my most sincere gratitude, Thank You Fr. Tino & Fr. Jacobs for being here to celebrate the Mass. We appreciate your time, dedication and message of God's love. Every celebration is an experience, the external fades away, and the internal lingers and echoes in the most depth of our hearts.

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 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.**