

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

Mass at 50% capacity

Sunday's Facebook LIVE!

Sunday, Jan. 3, 2020 9:00 am Mass  
Jacobs and Monroe families  
requested by Mary J. J. Monroe

Monday Jan. 4th NO MASS

Tuesday Jan. 5th 9:00 am  
Ned Jacobs requested by Adam Jacobs

Wednesday, Jan. 6th, 9:00 a.m.  
Julia Jacobs requested by Adam Jacobs

Thursday, Jan. 7th, 9:00 a.m.  
Howard Jacobs requested by Adam Jacobs

Friday, Jan. 8th, 9:00 a.m.  
Joe Jacobs requested by Adam Jacobs

Saturday, Jan. 9th, 4 p.m.  
Reconciliation by appointment

(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).

Wise \* Men



Still Seek Him

**READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

Sun. Jan. 3 - Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Mon. Jan. 4 - 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a Mt 4:23 Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tues. Jan. 5 - 1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 Lk 4:18 Mk 6:34-44

Wed. Jan. 6 - 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 1 Tm 3:16 Mk 6:45-52

Thurs. Jan. 7 - 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14 & 15bc, 17 Lk 4:18 Lk 4:14-22

Fri. Jan. 8 - 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Mt 4:23 Lk 5:12-16

Sat. Jan. 9 - 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b Mt 4:16 Jn 3:22-30

**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  
O'Ril Guillory 18  
Horace Broussard III 18  
Coretta Ambers 24  
Ariel Anderson 25  
David Feathers 28

**Happy Anniversary**

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

**LECTORS SERVING IN JANUARY**

Saturday's/ one reader

Jan. 2nd - Mona Richard  
Jan. 9th - Veronica Warren  
Jan. 16th - Leo Jackson  
Jan. 23rd - Peggy Green  
Jan. 30th - Gary Mims

Sunday's/one reader

Jan. 3rd - Eva Platt  
Jan. 10th - Horace Broussard  
Jan. 17 - Cindy Hampton  
Jan. 24th - Freda Guillory  
Jan. 31st - Felicia Richard

**COORDINATORS OF MINISTRIES**

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  
Custodian \* Veronica Warren  
Finance \* Janice Semien  
Fund Raiser \* Walter Davis  
Hospitality \* Horace Broussard  
Lectors \* Peggy Green  
Life Center \* Adam Jacobs  
Maintenance \* Joseph Ware Sr.  
Mission/Retreat\* Cecilia Davis  
Music Director \* Leo Jackson  
Pastoral Council \* Lester Popillion  
D.R.E \* Sanja Popillion  
Youth \* Felicia Richard  
Stewardship \* Gary Mims

**Income and Expenses for last week**

Attendance Sat: 10 Sun: 28

**Collection**

Christmas \$ 1,048.00  
Youth grant \$ 2,208.33  
Fr. mileage \$ 588.00  
Donation \$ 5,000.00  
Sunday \$ 1,043.00

**Total Deposit \$ 9,887.33**

**Expenses paid out**

Admin. Supplies \$ 2,415.45  
Admin. Spectrum \$ 136.64  
Liturgy \$ 23.66  
Entergy \$ 585.72

**Total paid out \$ 3,161.47**

**St. Therese Catholic Church**

Established in 1924; Served by The Missionary Society of St. Paul from Nigeria since 2000

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**Pastor: Rev. Dr. Donatus Mgbeajuo, MSP**

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**Office Hours**  
Tuesday thru Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
Lunch 12-1:00 pm  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



**PARISH SECRETARY**

Cindy Hampton (409) 882-0935

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Lester Popillion, Chairman  
(409) 670-0808

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**The Epiphany of the Lord - Year B**  
**January 3, 2021**  
**"They Prostrated themselves and did him homage"**



**Eucharistic Celebration**

**Weekends:**

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

**Weekdays:**

Tuesday-Friday  
9:00 a.m.

**Reconciliation:**

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

**Adoration & Benediction**

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

**Exposition & Adoration Of the Blessed Sacrament**

every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

**Infant Baptism:**

Please contact the Pastor two months prior to desired date of baptism

**Marriage:**

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



# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

## Light

Epiphany has come to us in a roundabout way. Like the magi, this feast came from the East. In the fourth century, a pilgrim to the Holy Land reported that the Nativity of Christ was celebrated in a vigil that began in the darkness of January 5 and lasted well into the sunrise of January 6. Though the Western Church celebrated Christmas on December 25, it eventually adopted this Eastern celebration called Epiphany (from the Greek word meaning "manifestation" or "appearance.") Both Christmas and Epiphany are celebrations of light: Christmas coincides with the winter solstice and the lengthening of daylight; Epiphany follows the light of the star and becomes the great "Festival of Lights" that celebrates the dawning of the Light who is Jesus Christ.

**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

We can easily see why the first reading opens today's feast of readings. What Christian can fail to connect the mention of the great, shining world bathed in new light and the parade of camels and dromedaries from the East with unmistakably familiar gifts of gold and frankincense? Of course, we connect this to the Magi and the feast of Epiphany.

The story of the Magi is endlessly intriguing. It draws us like moths to light. But only the Gospel of Matthew tells the story. This is consistent with his whole purpose, which is to forge unmistakable links between the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. Matthew's Gospel initially addressed members of the Jewish-Christian community, who knew well their own Scriptures. Matthew intentionally adjusted Micah's prophecy, "But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah, *too small* to be among the clans of Judah, From you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel."(5:1). In Matthew, this same prophecy reads, "And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are *by no means least* among the princes of Judah" (2:6). Thus Matthew's exaltation of once insignificant Bethlehem signals the need for a radical reorientation. The small will be great; the center of power will shift; a child will be king. The Magi are seekers and seers. They follow all the lights they are given. They find a child and see a king. They go home a new way; they go home renewed.

## Reflection

This feast day feels like it should be celebrated on the top of a snow-covered mountain flooded with light and bracing air. This is an exotic feast, a far cry from the quiet, homebound story that began the Christmas season. Here we have Eastern philosopher-astronomers mounted on dromedaries and bearing dazzling, mysterious gifts from the equally mysterious Orient. Not even the stars stay in place.

For all its greatness as a story, the story of the Magi appears briefly in but one Gospel. We are not sure of their home, their number, their occupation or preoccupation. They rise up out of the dark from the East like the rising sun itself and disappear as quickly as they appear.

Nonetheless, the Church sets out this amazing story and invites us to read deeply. The Gospel discloses the manifestation or showing forth of God (*epiphaneia* in Greek). We are asked to contemplate on this feast day the promise of God to the whole world, and to consider the whole world's participation in that promise. Today is a feast of the universal or "catholic" Church.

Today the festival of Christmas comes full circle. Today the Church celebrates the light promised in Isaiah shining brilliantly on all nations and all people. The light reveals something of God and something of ourselves. The light of Epiphany reveals a God who wishes to dwell among us. Like the Magi, God has journeyed from afar to come to us.

## PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Mary Alexander  
Mary Brown  
Courtney Chavis  
Florence Craig  
David J. Carey  
Hollis Fain  
Beatrice Guillory  
Ella Mae Garrett  
Mary Gray  
Mark Mitchell Jr.  
James Mims  
Westley Papillion  
Gloria Richard  
Mormon Richard  
Alma C Thibodeaux



"My mission - to make God loved - will begin after my death," she said. "I will spend my heaven doing good on earth. I will let fall a shower of roses." Roses have been described and experienced as Saint Therese's signature. Countless millions have been touched by her intercession and imitate her "little way." She has been acclaimed "the greatest saint of modern times." In 1997, Pope John Paul II declared St. Therese a Doctor of the Church - the only Doctor of his pontificate - in tribute to the powerful way her spirituality has in flounced people all over the world.

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jalen A. Chambers  
Carroll Durio  
Mable Durio  
Margaret Green  
Mrs. Doris Hayes  
Roy Hayes  
Ronald Hebert  
Lucy Mitchell  
Ruby Milton  
Clayona Pillette  
Andre Platt  
John Richard Sr.  
Gerald Richard  
Claudine Riggs  
Sammie Ware  
Tiffany Winphrey

## Bishop Faith Appeal Our Goal has been Achieved

As we deepen our commitment to the Gospel message, we come to understand that stewardship is a way of life. A commitment to serving God's people. Working together one parish, "I can do all things through Christ that gives me strength." is a testament to what we can achieved. Congratulations on accomplishing those goals that are set before us. Thank you everyone.

**Chairpersons, Adam & Dorothy Jacobs and Fr. Donatus.**

## Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we embark upon a new year, we are thankful for the many gifts that God has given us and his message of faith, namely, that God loves us so much that he sent his only Son to redeem us and to show us the way to the Father in heaven.

My hope for us is that we share our faith with loved ones and strangers alike, proclaiming the joyous tidings, "EMMANUEL", which means 'God is with us.' And we should not just share our faith but we should reach out to one another with all the blessings God has given us, especially the gift of peace, and may the peace of God illumine your heart and lead you to the heart of God.

Fr. Donatus and the Parish Council wishes peace and good will to our parish community, assuring you of our prayers and best wishes always.



## 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 petitions in the name of Jesus and through the power of his Spirit. **AMEN.**

## ATTENTION Job Seekers

St. Therese is seeking a Parish Director of Youth Ministry, must be a practicing Catholic with Theology, Religious Education, or related educational field and or certificate in ministry or theology or one to three years related experience in education of youth. Under the direct supervision of the Pastor and in accordance with established policies and procedures, is responsible for the development, coordination, supervision, and execution of parish programs designed to engage and educate the youth of the parish. Will act as an advocate and link for youth and their families to the pastoral team, the parish family, and the surrounding community. Please send your resume to the St. Therese Catholic Church 1409 N. 6th Street, Orange, TX77630 or email at sttherese1350@yahoo.com. For more information please call the Parish Office 409-883-3783.