



# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 3, 2021

## Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord



### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Jan. 2 – For the Parish	5:00pm
Sun. Jan. 3 – Ted Kowalske+	11:00am
Mon. Jan. 4 – For the Parish	8:00am
Tues. Jan. 5 – Bishop Howze+	8:00am
Wed. Jan. 6 – Rev. Patrick Tierney+	6:00pm
Thurs. Jan. 7 – Ruth Murphy+	8:00am
Fri. Jan. 8 – For the Parish	8:00am
Sat. Jan. 9 – Rev. Peter Mockler+	5:00pm
Sun. Jan. 10 – For the Parish	11:00am

*If you would like a Mass said for your loved ones, please call the church office. There are many dates still available in January.*

### Second Collections

Next weekend: Aged and Infirm Priests  
(These funds stay in our parish)

January 23/24: Saltillo and Latin American Missions

### PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS

Bridgette Pope Adams, Adrienne Ankerson, Tommy Ankerson, Fred Anglin, C.L. Ates, Deatra Bigelow, Judith Bono, Abby Bosarge, Sandra Briggs, Terry Carsten, Carol Coggin, Michael Colburn, Kristin Dale, Lisa Danley, Dorothy Dersch, Betty Devera, John Devera Jr., John DeVeau, Elaine Edison, Dotsie Fountain, Hillary Frey, Walter Grady, Dudley Grantham, Horst Grasz, Ionne Guillotte, Mark Guillotte, Jackie Howard, Huynh Family, Rebecca Joiner, Steve Jones, Eugene Keaney, Norma Baker LaMar, Gary Loudenslager, Ronald Leter, Walter Lewis, Jerome Littleton, Walter Maderski, Greg Mansfield, Shirley Martell, Alisha Martin, Garry May, Frankie May, Marie McNemar, Robert McNemar, Ruth Melancon, Pyrrha Meyers, Rob Myers, Mary Moir, Billy Mosley, Jackie Muller, Harrington Murphy, Susal Parol, Louise Peden, Eileen Pelusi, Andy Pineta, Ronnie Raggio, Matt Roberts, Rucks Robinson, Jordan Salisbury, Norman Samuels, Robert Sellers, Edna Storey, Lane Todd, Timmy Tue, Sheila Vannoy, Cathy Ward, Kenny Wible, Kyson Zitzelberg.

### St. Mary Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil – 5:00pm

Sunday – 11:00am (Facebook Live)

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. – 8:00am

Wed. - Adoration and Confession – 5:00pm

Mass – 6:00pm

Masks are still required.

### Father George Kitchin

Bishop Kihneman has accepted the request for retirement from our Pastor, Father George Kitchin. This is effective January 15, 2021. Father will be residing at the St. James rectory in Gulfport as a priest in retirement. Father Kitchin has presided as Pastor of St. Mary's for 7 years. He celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a priest this past summer.

We will be hosting a cake and coffee reception for him on Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> in the gymnasium at St. Mary's following the 11:00am Mass.

For those who cannot attend, best wishes may be mailed to:

St. James Catholic Church  
366 Cowan Road  
Gulfport, MS 39507

### PRAY FOR OUR PARISH MEMBERS

Larry/Sara Fornea and Family

Benn/Sharon French and Family

Alan White and Family

James/Hannah Moran and Family

Deacon Tomasz Powroznik and Family



### Catholic Daily Reflections

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 gift of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:11

“Epiphany” means manifestation. And the “Epiphany of the Lord” is Jesus’ manifestation not only to these three Magi from the East, but it’s also a symbolic but real manifestation of the Christ to the whole world. These Magi, traveling from a foreign and non-Jewish nation, reveal that Jesus came for all people and all are called to adore Him.

These Magi were “wise men” who studied the stars and were aware of the Jewish belief that a Messiah was coming. They would have been versed in much of the wisdom of the day and would have been intrigued by the Jewish belief in the Messiah.

God used what they were familiar with to call them to adore the Christ. He used a star. They understood the stars and when they saw this new and unique star over Bethlehem they realized that something special was happening. So the first lesson we take from this for our own lives is that God will use what is familiar to us to call us to Himself. Look for the “star” that God is using to call you. It’s closer that you may think.

A second thing to note is that the Magi fell prostrate before the Christ Child. They laid their lives down before Him in complete surrender and adoration. They set a perfect example for us. Adore Him with a complete surrender of your life.

Lastly, the Magi bring gold, frankincense and myrrh. These three gifts, presented to our Lord, show that they acknowledged this Child as the Divine King who would die to save us from sin. Thus, their adoration is grounded in the truths of who this Child is. If we are to adore Christ properly, we must also honor Him in this threefold way.

Reflect, today, upon these Magi and see them as a symbol of what you are called to do. You are called from the foreign place of this world to seek out the Messiah. What is God using to call you to Himself?

When you discover Him, do not hesitate to acknowledge the full truth of who He is, lying prostrate before Him in complete and humble submission.

### CCD CLASSES

Classes are held in the Activity Center at 9:45am – 10:45am.  
Refreshments are served before classes begin.

Please contact Becky Sparkman at 228-238-3079 for more information.

Children's Sunday School



### Collections for December, 2020

General Fund: \$24,469.00

Building Fund: \$ 170.00

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TOTAL: \$ 24,639.00

Thank you for your continued support of St. Mary's. Your contributions through the pandemic have allowed us to carry on our services at church. Please consider online payments for the year 2021. Call the office for any questions you might have.

Please also feel free to mail your contributions or drop them at the office. Our address is

St. Mary Catholic Church  
809 De La Pointe Drive  
Gautier, MS 39553

### VOLUNTEERS

As the New Year is here, please consider heading up or joining a committee for our church. We are looking for Mass Coordinators or lectors, people to help arrange funerals, or help in organizing our storage in the Activity Center. These would require just an hour or so a week of your time. Thank you for your consideration.

**VOLUNTEER**

If you are in need to speak to a priest or schedule a home visit, please call the church office.

(228) 497-2364.

*Resolution One: I will live for God.  
Resolution Two: If no one else does, I still will.*