



“Where is that thing?” mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. “I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!” Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, “Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear.” The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light! We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again. “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.” The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch. But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God’s tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God’s salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God’s healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

Mass Intentions

Sat. 5:00 p.m.: Hilda Johnson, Alexson Mathieu, Audrey Mathieu, deceased members of the Mathieu & Mouton families, Christopher J Anderson, Wilbert & Thelma Jeanlouis, Harold Anderson Sr & Ethel Mae Decuir, Jaylon Harrison, Mary Martin, Linda James, Gilbert Matthews Sr, Anna Mae & Elmo Johnson Sr, Irene Campbell and all deceased Ushers of the parish. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

Sun. 8:00 a.m.: For all deceased Ushers of the parish. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

Sun. 10:00 a.m.: Joseph Leo Sias III, Christopher Anderson and the deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families, Lionel Ryes, Charles Nickerson, Robert Nickerson, James Nickerson and for all deceased Ushers of the parish. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

Prayers for the Sick: Merciful Jesus, onto your Compassionate Heart we recommend Emelda Harris, Shavawna Flugence, Gustavia Thibeaux, Florena Landry, John Albert Ledet, Charles Lee, Mayola Williams, Lester Mouton, Louvenia L Gibson, Audrey Armelin, Rodney Dupuis, Bessie Johnson, Emery Joe, Sylvania Cormier and Leon Williams .

Holy Baptism Will be conducted on an as-needed basis. Contact the church office to arrange Baptismal class and scheduling.

God’s Housekeepers:
St. Joseph: Thanks to all of the ladies in **Group B** that cleaned the church on January 2nd, 2020. The next group is **Group C:** Brenda Washington, Mary Celestine and Mary Domingue – January 9th, 2021.
St. Anthony – January 2021: (Group A) Mary Alice Cormier, Loucinda George and Jeanette Mitchell
Your hard work and time dedicated is appreciated!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pick up Poinsettias after January 11th, the Sunday of the Baptism of the Lord. Thank you for your generosity.

Readings for the Week of January 3rd, 2021

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
SATURDAY January 9, 2021 5:00pm	Linda Alfred	Michael Rabon		
SUNDAY January 10, 2021 8:00am				
SUNDAY January 10, 2021 10:00am	Tyrone Rogers	Terry Flugence		

Please Note: Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion; by calling for a replacement when you are scheduled but cannot serve, you honor your commitment and help to ensure that there is no interruption for mass. Thanks!!

PASTORS CORNER

Notes from your Pastor *Mt 2:1-12*

Traditionally, we believe that the shepherds did not stay at stable after seeing Jesus, Mary and Joseph they left glorifying and praising God. They left filled with the good news of this wondrous child. Just as the angels had proclaimed the good news to them, the shepherd in their turn shared their good news with others. In the same way the 3 Kings from the east after they had given Jesus their gifts also left the stable. They didn’t stay there either. We are only told that they did not back to Herod but went home another way. We can only assume, that they too told everyone what they had seen and heard in that small stable in Bethlehem. As we look upon the crib we cannot stay there. Like the shepherds and the magi, we too are called to move away and take the light of Jesus with us. We are asked not only to admire the light but to be people of light. As Jesus himself tells us you are the light of the world and your light must shine. The light of the Epiphany is given to us as a gift, but we cannot keep it to or for ourselves. Through the quality of our daily lives and how we treat each other we are called to make our families, homes, parish communities and the wider world a better and brighter place for all people especially the poor and the marginalized. May Christ the Light and the Light of Christ fill all our homes, families and our parish communities this day and always.

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ANNUAL DONATIONS

Ms. Laura Williams Ms. Claudette Nickerson
 Ms. Linda Thomas M/M Joseph & Lucille Pickney

TOTAL: \$325.00

Thank You

Inspirations for Your Week



The Web Site for St. Joseph/St. Anthony is: stjostant.org

Our Giving
Dec 26th & 27th, 2020

St. Joseph: (84 Envelopes)	\$1,005.00
St. Anthony: (26 Envelopes)	308.00
	\$1,313.00

2nd Collections:

Building Insurance:	5.00
Building Maintenance:	80.00
Diocesan Collections (Camp Human Development)	5.00
Christmas Donations	1,005.00
Thanksgiving Donations	1.00
Annual Donations:	325.00
TOTAL:	\$2,734.00

November Assessment Paid to Diocese: \$1,321.87

“No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as he can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord your God has bestowed upon you.”