

Mass Intentions



“We may walk many roads when we search for God, and He leads us all the while. The men we honor today were not Jews. The Messiah wasn’t coming for them, not in the minds of Jesus’ contemporaries. These men were astrologers. They were adept at reading portents in the sky, a practice condemned in the Mosaic covenant. Still, to the best of their knowledge and awareness, they were seeking the truth. This

truth led them to journey from their own homeland to honor a king they’d never met, one they couldn’t be sure truly existed. “We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” Who do you know seeks God so tenaciously? “Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem,” the Gospel tells us. Who are the seekers in your own life? Maybe it’s your cautiously curious co-worker, the neighbor who unexpectedly found peace on a yoga retreat, or your desperately angry child who has chosen, for now, to go their own way. Perhaps they’re not overtly headed for Jesus now, not yet. But they may well be seekers of truth in ways we didn’t expect. Our invitation is to listen, inquire, and give directions when appropriate. The magi and modern-day seekers can inspire us as well. When is the last time you sought God’s truth so tenaciously? As believers, it can perhaps be easy to become desensitized to the Christmas season and to the miraculous reality we recently celebrated. Mass may have been lovely, but so was the succulent roast beef, the crisp smell of evergreen, and the warm glow of family. Consider asking yourself, “God, do I know you as well as I should? Would I journey as far as the magi to meet You, if I could? Do I journey to meet You daily in prayer? What do those answer say about me, and about our relationship?” Perhaps we, like the magi, can once again be “overjoyed” at seeing the Light of the World.

Readings for the Week of January 5th, 2019

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/Mt 3:13-17



Prayers for the Sick: Merciful Jesus, onto your Compassionate Heart we recommend Emelda Harris, Morris St. Julien Sr., David Bernard Sr, Mary Jane Jacquet, Shavawna Flugence, Gustavia Thibeaux, Reginald Brown, Florena Landry, John Albert Ledet, Andre’ Serio, Roy Brown, Lisa Trahan, Barbara Leon, Charles Lee, Mayola Williams, Lorena & Lester Mouton, Mrs. Louvenia L Gibson, Hazel Allen, Edward Lawrence, Audrey Armelin, Rodney Dupuis, Bessie Johnson, Lorita Jeanbatiste, Rita Lewis, Florence Jacquet, Albert Sam Jacquet, Byron Knox, Keith Broussard, J. Breaux, B. Hampton Guidry and those in the following nursing homes:

- Maison de Lafayette:** Dorothy Lavan
- Camelot of Broussard:** Sylvania Cormier



The next Baptismal class will be held on **Monday, February 3rd, 2020** at 7pm in the Bishop Perry Learning Center. The actual baptism will take place following the 5pm vigil mass on **Saturday, February 8th, 2020**. Parents are required to bring a copy of the baby’s birth certificate and a \$25 registration fee to the church office by noon on **Monday, February 3rd, 2020**.

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, Mercedes St. Julien, the Washington and Foster families, Sister Anastasia Placide, Clifton H. Daigne Jr, Harold P. Cormier, Nicholas Cormier 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, deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families, Anne Lasseigne, Cora Mac Demangeaux, Aaron Kimble, Mary Lee Kimble 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.

God’s Housekeepers:

St. Joseph: Thanks to all of the ladies in **Group B** that cleaned the church on January 4th, 2019. The next group is **Group C:** Branda Washington, Mary Domingue and Mary Celestine — January 11th, 2020.

St. Anthony — January, 2020: (Group A) Loucinda George, Mary Alice Cormier and Jeanette Mitchell

Your hard work and time dedicated is appreciated!

PSR (Parish School of Religion) Corner:

Classes are on Saturdays from 9am – 12 Noon

1st – 5th Grade

6th - 11th Grade



Jan 11, 2020
Feb 8, 2020
Mar 14, 2020
Apr 18, 2020

Feb 1, 2020
Feb 29, 2020
Mar 21, 2020
Apr 4, 2020

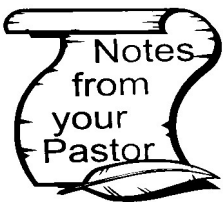
UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2019

- ◆ **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** January 9th at 6:30 om the BPLC
- ◆ **COMMISSIONING OF THE USHER PRESIDENT** January 12th during the 10am Liturgy.
- ◆ **PARISH FINANCE MEETING:** January 16th at 6:30 in the BPLC
- ◆ **MLK AWARD CEREMONY:** Friday, January 17th at 7:00pm at the Cathedral of St. John
- ◆ **MLK RECIPIENTS MASS OF GRATITUDE:** Sunday, January 19th, during the 10am Liturgy
- ◆ **50th ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY** for Fr. Thomas James: Sunday January 26th, 1:30pm at the Cathedral of St. John.

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
SATURDAY January 11, 2020 5:00pm	Melvin Brown Bertha Brown	Dan Foster Diann Foster Harold Johnson Linda Johnson	Raymond Sigur	Russell Flugence Linda Alfred Anthony Smith Gertrude Batiste
SUNDAY January 12, 2020 8:00am	Donald Mitchell Mary Alice Cormier	Rose Mary Lee Laura Fontenette Theresa Jones Marie Decuir	Jarvis Berard	Loucinda George
SUNDAY January 12, 2020 10:00am	Marie Francis Brenda Washington	Delores Sias Helen Ledet Liz Sharlow Terry Flugence	Javen Harrison Tylan Davis	Anthony Broussard Troy Mitchell Ervin Flugence Lucius Savoy

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



Today in our worship service, communities today in our worship service, communities of faith around the world celebrate the *Feast of the Magi*. As Astrologers, they were fascinated with the star, its light and with its continual brightness. Throughout their research, they learned about a king to be born, for believers, the birth of the New Born King, our Savior.

So they set out and searched for him. Like them, many today believe and are fascinated by astrology. Many today wander and search for Jesus.

In his book, *Man's Search for Meaning*, Victor Frankl shares with us how he was arrested by the Germans during World War II and sent to a concentration camp. He was separated from his entire family, his medical practice, alone and now he had to search for meaning. Though we did not experience and suffer what he suffered and experienced, we search for meaning. He found it and every day we must find it and live it. When we lose meaning our experience is miserable. So let us in our search find him and when we do, let us hold on to him and encounter him so that we never let him go.

In every search what we find, we must protect. The more valuable it is, the more protection it needs. In finding Jesus we need all the strength we can muster not to lose Him. He realized that, so he gave prayer, sacraments, how to be, what to do and in combining the two we become a servant, so that we can be faithful to Him with an open heart and an attitude that convinces us to make more of what matters. Searching is part of our life, we search for our gifts, what we are suited to do, who to marry, what job fits, where to live, what school to attend and many other aspects of our lives. I hope our search fits us and we are pleased and joyful.

~ Rev Thomas James ~

Inspirations for Your Week



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

Our Giving

Dec 28th & Dec 29th, 2019

St. Joseph: (95 Envelopes out of 213) **\$1,043.00**

St. Anthony: (17 Envelopes out of 84) **632.00**

\$1,675.00

“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.”