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The Epiphany of the Lord
January 8, 2023
They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
— Matthew 2:11b



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM

Weekdays:
Tuesday: 6:00PM
Wednesday-Friday: 8:00AM

Adoration/Healing Mass

The 1st Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 5:00 P.M. and Mass at 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday - Friday: Thirty minutes Adoration before Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday and Sunday: Thirty minutes before each Mass or by appointment.

Baptism: Infant Baptism is celebrated the 3rd Sunday of the month. At least one parent must be a registered member of the parish for at least 3 months. Parents **and** godparents **must** attend a one hour Baptism preparation class prior to the scheduled Baptism. For other guidelines and details, please call the parish office.

Matrimony: Call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor. Diocesan guidelines require an initial interview at least 6 months before the wedding date. Please call the parish office for further information.

R.C.I.A.: This is a process for anyone who wishes to become Catholic. Please call the parish office for further information.



January 7th 4:30PM Levi Adams, Jr. (RIP) by Langston Adams; Valynn White (Happy Birthday-RIP) by Corine Jones; Harold Manuel (1yr. Death Anniversary-RIP) by Addie, Neka & Charlene Manuel; Mary Lou Sam (RIP), Mary Lee McZeal (RIP) & Barbara Williams (RIP) by Johanna Lewis

January 8th 9:00AM For All Parishioners

January 10th 6:00PM Daisy & Harrison Hill, Sr. (RIP) by Jasline Sebile.

January 11th 8:00AM

January 12th 8:00AM

January 13th 8:00AM

January 14th 4:30PM Levi Adams, Jr. (RIP) by Langston Adams; Mary Lee Gobert McZeal (RIP) by Nuong Tran & Family; Thaddeus, Hazel & Joe Sanders (RIP) by Johanna Lewis; Gordon Theall (2yr. Death Anniversary (RIP) The Theall Family



December 24th & December 25th	
9:00AM	$2,121.00
4:30PM	$2,182.96
Mail	$2,775.00
Totals	$7,078.96

December 31st & January 1st	
9:00AM	$1,521.00
4:30PM	$3,059.00
Mail	$ 891.95
Totals	$5,471.95



Installation for newly elected Pastoral Council members will be on Sunday, January 15th, at 9:00am Mass. First council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17th, at 6:30pm in the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading —Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you ***(Isaiah 60:1-6)***.

Psalm — All the nations will worship you, Lord ***(Psalm 72)***.

Second Reading —The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus ***(Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6)***.

Gospel —Magi from the east arrive looking for the newborn king of the Jews ***(Matthew 2:1-12).***

ALL SHARE IN THE PROMISE

Picture a nativity scene in your mind's eye. The scene likely includes figures arriving on camels, some elaborately dressed, with jeweled boxes containing precious gifts. These magi arrived from distant lands to pay homage to the Christ Child. We know little about the magi, but we do know that these visitors were not Jews. They represent people of all nations who will be drawn to the Lord. "Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance." The Good News of Jesus cannot be limited to one people; all share in the promise of God's mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ.



The Golden Age would like to place it's First Meet & Greet on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 10:00am in the Parish Hall. Please come join us as we fellowship with one another. Thank you and have a Blessed Day in the LORD.

Mildred Hayes & Ms. Wanda Thompson
Coordinators

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday:	Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

"Come Back to the Heart of Jesus"

The Epiphany of the Lord

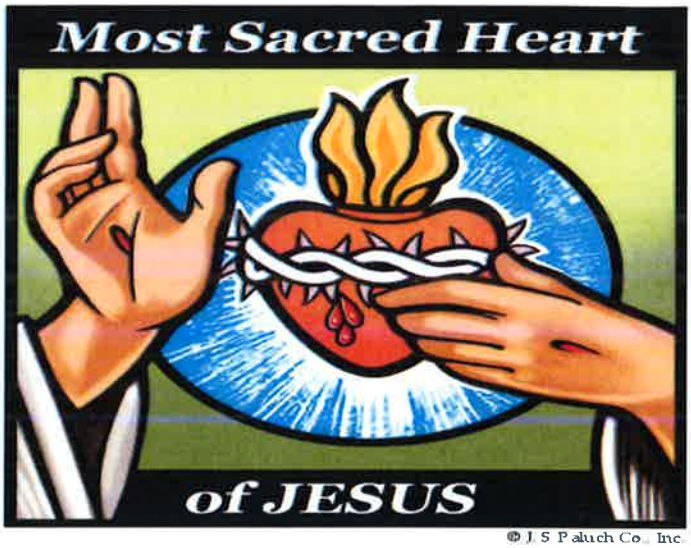
Epiphany is a day when popular customs mostly overshadow scriptural accuracy. Matthew's Gospel never refers to kings coming to see Christ, nor to their number (only the gifts are enumerated), nor to their names. Matthew tells us only that some "magi" came with gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Magos referred to members of the Persian priestly class; later it had the connotation of magicians and astrologers. Matthew's magi report that they have seen a star rising; its light was visible to them far beyond the boundaries of Israel, an early and significant symbol for Jesus, the Light of the World. At the end of Matthew's Gospel (chapter 28), the followers of Jesus worship him, an act foretold in the actions of the Magi today. The eleven are told to make disciples of "all nations," nations symbolized by the Magi. Today we hear our own mission: to worship Jesus Christ, and to spread his Good News everywhere, every day.

STAR OF WONDER

In our day-to-day lives, we can experience epiphanies: new perceptions, unexpected insights, sudden changes in direction. In the liturgical year, Epiphany celebrates the appearance of a star in the heavens, a remarkable star followed by the Magi to Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They are not so different, our daily epiphanies and the Epiphany celebrated today. The arrival of the Magi certainly changed Mary and Joseph's perceptions of the world, the same way a helpless, tiny baby likely altered the Magi's insights as to what a star in the heavens would reveal. The story of the Magi—and the story of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—is filled with unexpected changes in direction, as God's plan continues to vary when it encounters people who cooperate with it, and others who attempt to thwart it. A deep and long reflection on this day we call Epiphany will uncover numerous epiphanies.

STAR OF LOVE

Like all of the Christmas season, Epiphany celebrates God's eternal and infinite love. In a special way, this day shows how God's love is truly all-inclusive. The magi were not Jews, not part of the Chosen People who expected that the Messiah was coming to save only them. Early on in his Gospel, Matthew tells us that God's love will not be limited by our human presumptions or boundaries. We still struggle with the fact that God is constantly epiphan-izing us to grow beyond the limits of our experience or expectations, to move beyond the boundaries of the world around us. Let us pray that we might be given epiphanies to help us find grace where we didn't believe it existed, to aid us in understanding that God's love is most often shown by who is included, not who is excluded. May we open our eyes and hearts to know that the Christ-light shines everywhere.



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The Star of Bethlehem

Almost every year at Christmastime, you can find a newspaper article or TV documentary about the star of Bethlehem. Astronomers give various theories about whether the magi saw a supernova, or a comet, or a conjunction of two or more planets. But for us, the star has a deeper meaning.

In Matthew's Gospel, light is used as a symbol of the good news of Jesus coming into the world. That's why verse 9 of the Gospel has the image of the star preceding the wise men and stopping over the house where Jesus was. By following the star, they become followers of Christ. So what do the magi show us about following Jesus? First, they take the initiative. They saw the star, figured out what it meant, and made their journey. As followers of Jesus, we can look for what needs to be done (in our family, parish, or community) and do it.

Second, they expressed their faith in Jesus by the gifts they brought: gold--a gift for a king, who is worthy to be followed; frankincense--Jesus is worthy to be worshiped as Son of God; and myrrh--Jesus becomes king by dying for us all. We can express our faith in many ways. We can volunteer to help the poor, the elderly, or the disabled. We can teach our children how to pray and tell them about all that God has done for us.

Third, they were not afraid to take risks for Jesus. How often do we take risks for the Lord, by openly speaking about our faith, or giving God credit for the good that we do? Let the star of Bethlehem remind us that Jesus is the star of our lives.

THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR THE BUILDING FUND. NEXT WEEKEND, THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

Fr. Anthony will bless those celebrating a wedding anniversary in January. Next weekend he will bless our youth.

Meeting

-4th Degree Ladies Chapter 18 will meet Sunday, January 8th, at 1:30pm at the KPC Hall.

IF YOUR FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND IS ON OUR PRAYER LIST AND HE/SHE GETS WELL OR PASSES, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO DELETE HIS/HER NAME. THANKS.

Pray for ... Sharon Adams, Ethel Allen, Lucinda Allen, Nedra Alpough, Thelma Alpough, Lyric Anderson, Juliana Barnes, Emma Bonton, Diane Bowd, Aletra Bowman, Tom Bronnon, Geraldine Broussard, Cecilia Brown, Beverly Carmouche, Doris Jacob Castile, Curtis Clark, Lionel Clark, Jr., Kenneth Cormier, Aletha Covington, Isaiah Covington, III, Nekemia Covington, Cheetara Cox, Janelle Dale, Morris Davis, Valerie Dennis, Charles Doyle, Kaitlyn Dugas, Esther Dugay, Bernadette Dames, Vincent Fertitta, Ronald Fontenette, Sandra Fontenette, Jonathan Fontenot, Normand Fontenot, Michael Fontnette, Jr., Gloria Foreman, John Francis, Alton Gallentine, Wilda Green, Malinie Guidry, Annie Guillory, Elzina Harris, Zacchaeus Hart, Robin Hataway, Aerial Hawkins, Mildred Hayes & Family, Edmonia Henderson, Crystal Henton, James Henry, Fay Hines, Gladys Wilson-Hollins Yvette Jacquet, Hazel January, Mary Jenkins, Darlene Joe, Zackary U. Johnson, Jr., Linda M. Jones & Family, Roderick Jones, Steven Jones, Wilda Jones, Curtis Joseph, Hilda Joseph & Family, Elda Kennerson, Lucien Lavallais, Wildred Lavine, Bobbette Lawson, Johanna Lewis, Michael Linden, Akliah Lopez, Adrienne Davis-Lott, Joseph Marcel, Marita Marcel, Phil C. Mahoney, Veronica Mayo, Dorothy McClarin, Mabry McZeal, Robert Mae Mims, Denisha Montgomery, Erma Moore, Velma Morgan, Yvette Morris, Berlinda Mouton, Elvina Mouton, Sophia Mouton, Linda Nico, Dewey Normand, Dallas Oliver, Donald Oliver, Helen Orsort, Johnny Owens, Roger Paris, Iris Phillips, Lester Pickney, Mary Polk, Bernice Potier, Chery Prevost, Jared Prevost, Joseph Prevost, Margie Provost, JoAnn Pugh, Estella Ray, Mary Riggle, Jocelyn Rush, Earline Smith, Eldridge Smith, Ree Smith, Schreida Solaire, Jayden Spencer, Lillie Stewart, Audry Stood, Henry Stood, Michella Sulldan, Aneel Thomas, Clarence Thomas, Alozia Vaughns, Jennie Veal, Jean Vincent, Larry Viltz, Rosina Viltz, Phyllis Voliby, Iris Waymon, Rose Mary Williams, Juanita Williams, Shahara Williams, Jamon Wilson, Andre' Winston, Jr., Tadarell Woods, Hazeletta Younger and Tosharie Younger.

Communicants: Ethel Allen



SAVE THE DATE
Bishop David Toups & the
Diocese of Beaumont Vocations Office
invites you to a
St. Andrew Dinner
January 26, 2023 at 6:00pm
Holy Family Retreat Center
9920 North Major Dr., Beaumont
Join us for a evening of Prayer, Fellowship, and Ministry as we share our stories of Priestly Life and Ministries. All young men considering a Vocation are invited between the ages of 16-35.
RSVP to: lmartinez@dioceseofbmt.org/409-924-4310 or kdelarosa@dioceseofbmt.org/409-924-4360

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER
Prayer at the Manger: With the Magi
Let your light shine on us, O God, as the star showed the way to those who searched for Christ.
Fill us with wisdom; help us walk in your ways,
now and forever. Amen.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE
January 14th & January 15th

LECTORS

SAT. 4:30PM	**Geraldine Viltz**
	Margaret Taylor
SUN. 9:00AM	**Paul Landry**
	Sharlene Hatch

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