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**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday | 1:00pm-4:00pm  
Tues., Wed., Thurs. | 8:30am-Noon, 1:00pm-4:00pm  
*Closed Friday – Sunday*

**MASS TIMES**

Saturday Anticipated Mass | 4:00pm  
Sunday Mass | 8:00am, 10:00am, 5:00pm  
Weekday Masses | 12:05pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday,  
Friday, 8:00am First Saturday of the Month

**CONFESSION TIMES**

Weekdays | 30 minutes before Mass  
Saturdays | 3:00pm-3:45pm  
Sundays | 4:15pm - 4:45pm

**CLERGY**

Father Neil Pettit, Pastor  
Deacon Dwayne Joubert, Pastoral Associate  
Deacon Sammy Diesi

**PASTORAL STAFF**

Deacon Dwayne Joubert, Office Administrator  
Lois Joubert, Bookkeeper  
Sarah Meche, Receptionist / Secretary  
Abigail Caffery, Director of Sacred Music  
Charlie O'Chery, Director of Youth Ministry



# MASS INTENTIONS

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

4:00pm Drucella Fruge' Harper; Al Soileau; Jimmy Soileau; Joyce & Loyce Joubert; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; M/M Robert, & Albert Going, Elvin/Ena Ortego, & Paula O. Bienvenu; M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00am B. K. Fournet (BD); Moise & Martha Lagrange; Release of Souls in Purgatory; Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot, Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot, & Martin J. St. Amand; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Francis & Dale Miller; Amar, Maryina & A. B. Courvelle, Sr; Alvin, Bradley & Richard Marks, Gertrude Andrepont Marks; Willard & Willard Ray (Bubba) Andrepont; James E. & Mattie W. Martin; J.Y., Raphael, & Burnell Fontenot; Laurent J., & Willie Mae Dossmann & Clarice D. Faul; J. Ryan Fontenot

10:00am Velma G. Bihm; Warren Soileau; Willie Mae & Wifred Lolonde; Chris Dunbar; Brett Walker; Luke Robert Ragas; Seola Hebert Pitre; Ronald Bezet; Dr. Dan Buller; Julie Johnson; Mrs. Sue G. Hebert; Ludora Cutrera; Fields & Voitier Families; James & Daisy Dupre (WA); Ezra & Velma (DA) Martin & Denise Hull; Lee R. & Beverly Faul, & Mark Capone, Jr.  
5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

## MONDAY, JANUARY 8

12:05pm Drucella Fruge' Harper; Francis & Dale Miller; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Caleb Fontenot

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

12:05pm Francis & Dale Miller, Hunter Joseph Higdon, Darryl Wagley (BD), J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

12:05pm Francis & Dale Miller, James & Daisy (BD) Dupre, J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon, Sam & Elva (DA) Moncla

### SANCTUARY LAMP

Church: Velma Doucet Martin (DA)

Adoration Chapel: Protection of the Unborn

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

Carol Sue Arnaud; Nela Badeaux; Mercedes Bihm; Fr. Alan Breaux; Leslie Buller; Dora Clay; Denise Cortez; Carl Crump; Glenda Darbonne; Leroy Darbonne; Denise Dejean; James Dupre; Ruby Blanchard Dupre; Johnny Fontenot; Jude Foster; Howard Fournier; Charlotte Guidry; Patty Hacket; Larry Harper; Brandon and Angie Hathon; Karen Lanclos Hessler; Brian Jackson; Edval Jannise, Jr., Betty Johnson; Larry Johnson; Elaine & Ronald Joubert; Mike & Linda Labbe; Ronnie Leger; Anna Maria Leleux; Taylor Marales; Shirley Marcus; Kenneth Moreau; Mark Mouton; Craig Ortego; Shawn Perry; Belle Pitre; Ben Pitre; Mavis Quebedeaux; Faron Racca; Richard Family; Matthew Gene Richard; Ronald & Elaine Richard; Chris Soileau; Greg Tate; Schleen Thibodeaux; Mary Faith Wyble Thomasee; Hien Tran; Allen Vidrine; Burnell Vidrine



## PRAYERS FOR OUR CLERGY

### PRIESTS

01/07| Rev. Matthew Barzare  
01/08| Rev. Reed Michael Bellingham  
01/09| Rev. Herbert Bennerfield  
01/10| Rev. C. Paul Bergeron  
01/11| Rev. Donald Bernard  
01/12| Rev. Conley Bertrand  
01/13| Rev. Paul Bienvenu

### DEACONS

01/07| Dcn. David B. Chambers  
01/08| Dcn. Ronald Chauvin  
01/09| Dcn. Jerome Collins, Sr.  
01/10| Dcn. Adam Conque  
01/11| Dcn. Frank Cormier  
01/12| Dcn. Michael Crain  
01/13| Dcn. Harry Darce

### YOUTH GROUP

Our youth groups will meet this Sunday, January 7th. Middle School (4th - 7th) at 3:30p; High School (8th-12th) at 6pm. Join us, and bring a friend as we focus on the Feast of the Epiphany!

### FESTIVAL DE LA VIE

Celebrate life at Festival de la Vie Saturday, Jan. 13th, 2024 at Parc San Souci in downtown Lafayette from 9am - 1pm! There will be an ecumenical prayer walk to pray for an increase in respect for all human life from conception to natural death. The event will also include praise & worship music, a guest speaker, games and family fun. Visit <https://diolaf.org/prolifefestival> for more info!



**Adoration Chapel**

**IMMEDIATE COVERAGE NEEDED!**

Mon 2am  
Thurs 3am, 3pm, 11pm  
Fri 4pm, 10pm  
Sat 6am

**SIGN UP**

[stlandry.weadorehim.com](http://stlandry.weadorehim.com)

Could you not watch one hour with me? 📺 Mt 26:40

## OC CORNER



Students and staff will return for classes on Monday. The monthly Rosary at the Pieta is Wednesday at 5:30 pm on the front lawn. Please join in prayer!

Congratulations to the OCS "Students of the Year" selected on the basis of their outstanding academics, extracurricular and community involvement and Christian qualities: Ben Hatfield, 5th grade; Scout Darbonne, 8th grade; and Emily Jesclard, 12th grade.

There is still time to purchase tickets for the first annual "Krewe de Vikings Mardi Gras Ball"! This fun evening to support OCS athletics is Saturday, the 13th, at 7:00 pm in the Holy Ghost Parish Life Center. Tickets are available at <https://krewe-de-vikings.eventbrite.com>.

The Diocesan March for Life is also Saturday, and you will find many Opelousas Catholic students and staff participating. Let's stand up for LIFE!



## † GOSPEL READING REFLECTION

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

### READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

#### FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem shall be a light to all nations.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13

Every nation on earth shall worship the Lord.

#### SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6

Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.

#### GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

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