

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH
No Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9TH
Fr. Mark Beard

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10TH
Father Mark Beard, Jacob Musacchia, Jet Keen, Harrell Griffin, Ann LaBarbera, Veda Misita, Harold Wright, Carter Church, Carole Church Grout, Nolan & Rosemary Graham, Liz Forshag, Tony Paul Ardillo, Raella Armand, Regina Burt, Ben Lucia, Burrell Carter, Barbara Broussard, Michael Henry, David Paul Delaune, Billy Higgins, Harold Beard, Souls in Purgatory, Catherine Calamari, Trudy Currier, Anthony Liuzzia

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11TH
Father Mark Beard, Jacob Musacchia, Raella Armand, Mike Murphy, Ann Courtney, Jet Keen, Lynette Costanza, Virginia Carreca, Abram Cantu, Joyce Hebert, Dennis Mussare, Fr. George O'Byrne Gilganara, Veda Misita, Ann LaBarbera, Beverly Esteven, Harold Wright, Barbara Broussard, RD & Elsie Bridges, Rose & James Webb, Michael Henry, David Paul Delaune, Billy Higgins, Harold Beard, Souls in Purgatory, Catherine Calamari, Laura Faust, Ms. Flo Beard, Doug Kent

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12TH
Ronald & Hazel Scioneaux

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH
Harold Wright

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH
Veda Misita

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH
Isaac Segura

PRAYER LIST

Rich Raborn, Carl Keller, Gail Keller, Belle Davidson, Pam Elder, Ryan Jenkins, Frank Guzzardo, Fannie Guzzardo, Savina Campo, Katelyn Delbasty, Lorie Delbasty, Ronnie Delbasty, Diann Delbasty, Wanda Miles, Lucinda Voight, Mya Arrazate, Toney Cantu, Kenneth Hill, Conner Corkern, Alice Perez, Frances Currier, Alice Currier, Jay Ardillo, LaDonna Patton, Rae Bardwell, Trudy Currier, Brian Rueb, Karen Scheumacher, Douglas Hill, Doris Wright, Lucille Scheurer, Ashley Travis, Tisa & John Cooper, Edward Dugar, Catherine Calamari, Nancy Brown, Connie Crayton, Karen Romero, Imelda Travis, Kenneth Travis, Fran Castille, Teri Stamper, Russell Bujol, Christie Raymond, Joe Hand, Matt Smith, Mike Agnello, Pete Drude, Fran Poche, Anthony Micheli, Teresa Grace, Lindsey Booty, Christine & Jerry Sharp, Laura Faust, Frances Reid, Annie Monistere, Angel Monistere, Carla Davidson, Carol Asher, TJ Pittman, Matthew Shockley, Shelia Sullivan, Macie Gerarve, Tom & Myra Gentrup, Eric Tarver, Buddy Cox

PRAYER LIST



We at St. Helena Catholic Church are committed to educating, directing, and sustaining all who visit, in particular those who draw near, to the teachings and traditions of Holy Mother Church; this Mission will be achieved by employing Cardinal virtues of Justice, Prudence, Temperance and Fortitude.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

FULL OF GRACE
Full of Grace is a Non-profit Organization that engages, primarily for, but not limited to, supporting the religious, educational and charitable activities of the Roman Catholic community in Louisiana.



MINISTRIES AT ST. HELENA

If you would like to learn more about the following Ministries, please take a card at the end of your pew and send response to email listed on the card.

Bereavement Ministry	Thursday Bible Study
Catholic Daughters	Full of Grace
Jr. Catholic Daughters	Knights of Columbus
Maintenance Committee	Nursing Home Ministry
Spanish Ministry	St. Jude Bible Study
St. Vincent de Paul	Totus Tuus
Traveling Prayer Devotion	Youth

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Larry Toups, Peter Vangiel, James Hoover, Dennis Toups, William Graham, Vince Owen, Brandon Thompson, Jerry Dyer, Jamie Cutrer, Eric Russell, James Sylvester, Mark Prine, Robert Tillwell, Chris Bennett, Dewayne Spears, Nic Edwards, Jake Cristina, Scott Swilley, Angie Swilley, Chris Brunet, Jacob Rankin, James Michael Dupuis, Daniel Mays, Jim Bravis Redmond Jr., Daniel Santora, Jerry Simmons, Wesley Corkern, Lucas Edward Thigpen, John Accord, Maxwell Conger, Kyle Joseph Rosalies, Jordon Quinn, Adrian Gonzalez Moreno, Sgt. Matthew Vallot, Lt. Molly Fekete, Wesley Corkern, Jacob Frazier, Braeden Hallmark, Trent Smith, Andrew Zaffuto, Judson Sandifer

Please call the Office if you would like to add or remove someone on the Service List.

IN DEFENSE OF MOTHER CHURCH

...Let us now follow the Magi to Bethlehem: it is there that we shall especially see the manifestation of the depth of their faith.

The marvellous star leads them to the place where they were at last to find Him Whom they had so long sought. And what do they find? A palace, a royal cradle, a long train of attentive servants? No, but a poor dwelling. They seek a king, a God, and they see only a Babe on His Mother's knee; not a Babe transfigured by Divine rays as the Apostles were later to see the God-Man, but a little Child, a poor weak little Child.

However, from this Little One so frail in appearance, invisibly went forth a divine power: Virtus de illo exibat. He, Who had made the star arise to lead the Magi to His cradle, now Himself enlightened them. He inwardly filled their minds with light and their hearts with love. And so it was that in this Child, they recognised their God.

The Gospel tells us nothing of their words, but it makes known to us the sublime act of their perfect faith: "And falling down they adored Him": Et procidentibus adoraverunt eum (Ibid. 2:2).

The Church would have us associate ourselves with this adoration of the Magi. When, during the Mass, she gives us these words of the Gospel narrative to read, she causes us to kneel down, to show that we, too, believe in the Divinity of the Babe of Bethlehem.

Let us adore Him with deep faith. God requires of us that, as long as we are here below, all the activity of our inner life should lead to union with Him by faith. Faith is the light which enables us to see God in the Virgin's Child, to hear God's voice in the words of the Incarnate Word, to follow the example of a God in the actions of Jesus, to appropriate to ourselves the infinite merits of a God in the sorrows and satisfactions of a Man suffering like ourselves.

Through the veil of a humble and passible Humanity, the soul enlightened by a living faith ever discovers God; wherever she encounters this Humanity-whether it be in the humiliations of Bethlehem, upon the roads of Judea, on the gibbet of Calvary, or under the Eucharistic species- the faithful soul falls in adoration because it is the Humanity of a God. At the feet of Jesus she listens to Him, in order to obey and follow Him until it shall please Him to reveal Himself in the beauty of His Infinite Majesty, in the holy splendours of the Beatific Vision.

The attitude of adoration in the Magi translates in eloquent language the depth of their faith; the presents that they offer are likewise full of signification. The Fathers of the Church have laid stress on the symbolism of the gifts brought to Christ by the Magi. In ending this conference, let us stay to consider the depth of this symbolism: it will be a joy for our souls and food for our devotion.

As you know, the Gospel tells us that having found the Child with Mary His Mother, "opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh" (Matthew 2:2). It is evident that, in the intentions of the Magi, these gifts were meant to express the feelings of their hearts as well as to honour Him to Whom they were brought.

EWTN: The Epiphany, Authored by Dom Columba Marmion

<p>January 15th to January 19th Mr. Kyle Clement, SMD will be at our Church to give 9 unique presentations on living our Catholic Faith. Scan the QR Code for more information.</p> 	<p>Knights of Columbus SPAGHETTI DINNER FRIDAY, JANUARY 26th \$10 PER BOX TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER WEEKEND MASSES.</p> 
<p>PALMS Please bring your palm branches to Church or the Church Office. We will be using the Palm Branches to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.</p> 	

HOPE CORNER



Our Lady of Hope Catholic Retreat Center
Chatawa, MS - (601)-202-3137 - OurLadyofHopeMS.com
Upcoming Retreats: Register at ourladyofhopems.com/events

Extending her mantle over the whole world.
Mary Mother Guardian of the Faith
Patricia Talbot visits us from Cuenca-Ecuador, to share her experience of faith and the desire of the heart of Mary Mother Guardian of the Faith to live a life of true conversion. She will talk about the threats to our faith and how to defend it with love.
Our Lady of Hope Catholic Retreat Center
Sunday, January 14th at 10:00 am followed by 11:30 am Mass and lunch 3367 Old Hwy 51 S. Osyka, MS 39657

A DAY OF REFLECTION: A TIME TO HEAL AND STRENGTHEN
February 3-4, 2024
Our Lady of Hope Retreat Center, Chatawa, MS
"Lord, heal all that are weak, defective or ailing. Bring out and strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good."
Prepare your hearts and lives to be blessed this Lenten Season.

Our Lady of Hope Full of Grace Gift Shop & Perkatory Coffee Shop
Monday-Saturday, 8am-3pm; Sunday after Mass

IN THE KNOW...

ADORATION AT ST. HELENA

Monday-Saturday 6am-6pm

We ask that you pray with us each week for one hour for Holy Mother Church and our Country. Please call to discuss a day you would like to pray and set up your hour.
English- Diane Murphy 985-320-7123 / Spanish- Beatriz Manriquez 985-415-5063



St. Helena Catholic Church will host it's annual **LSU Baseball Fundraiser**

Thursday, January 11th at 6pm-9pm. \$125 per couple.
Tickets include Appetizers, Dinner and Address by Head Coach Jay Johnson.
Call 985-748-3272 or 985-474-4225 for tickets.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

I will be away from the parish for two weekends (Jan. 13-14, 20-21). While on a ten-day pilgrimage to Medjugorje (Jan. 13-23). This will be my 4th trip there, and I will be with Fr. David Dawson and a group of 50 pilgrims. Please pray for me, and I will pray for all your intentions too. Fr. Roberto Merced, OP, our good friend from Hammond, Provincial Superior of the Dominicans, will offer Masses in my absence. Please welcome him and express your gratitude to him.
-Fr. Miles

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

For any couple celebrating thier 25th, 50th, 65th & Over Wedding Aniversary during 2024. Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 2pm at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Baton Rouge
Contact the Church Office for More Information and to Register.

UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGHSCHOOL SENIORS

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Application forms are available in the Church Office | Deadline: January 15, 2024

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CATHOLIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

Visit louisianakc.org/programs/cyla or scan the QR Code to apply.

Deadline: January 25, 2024

Local and State are applied for at the same time... Nominating Council: 10911




MINISTRIES AT ST. HELENA

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY (WEDDINGS/CONVALIDATIONS)
6 Months in Advance

PARISH OFFICE NOTIFICATION
We are asking that you notify the Parish Office if a family member is Ill, Homebound or Hospitalized.

BAPTISMAL SEMINARS
Please contact the Church Office in advance to register for a class.

"How can the "dream" survive if we murder the children? Every aborted baby is like a slave in the womb of his or her mother. The mother decides his or her fate."
-Dr. Alveda C. King, Niece of MLK Jr.



THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 7, 2024
"For out of you shall come forth a ruler who will shepherd My people." Is Christ calling you forth out of your comfort zone to serve Him in others as a sister, brother or priest? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225-336-8778 or via email: jjohnson@diobr.org

CAMPUS TOURS
Plan a Tour on our beautiful Campus. For information, please go to website www.sthelenachurch.net and click on link.

ST. HELENA TRAVELING PRAYER DEVOTION
If you would like to sign up for the Traveling Prayer Devotion and host one of the Marian statues in your home, please contact one of the following:

- Catherine Calamari (504-236-8983)**
For the Families of St. Helena
- Yvonne Hulsey (985-969-5058)**
For the Souls in Purgatory
- Wendy Danna (985-687-8208)**
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Prayer for Priest
- Judy Williams (985-969-4511)**
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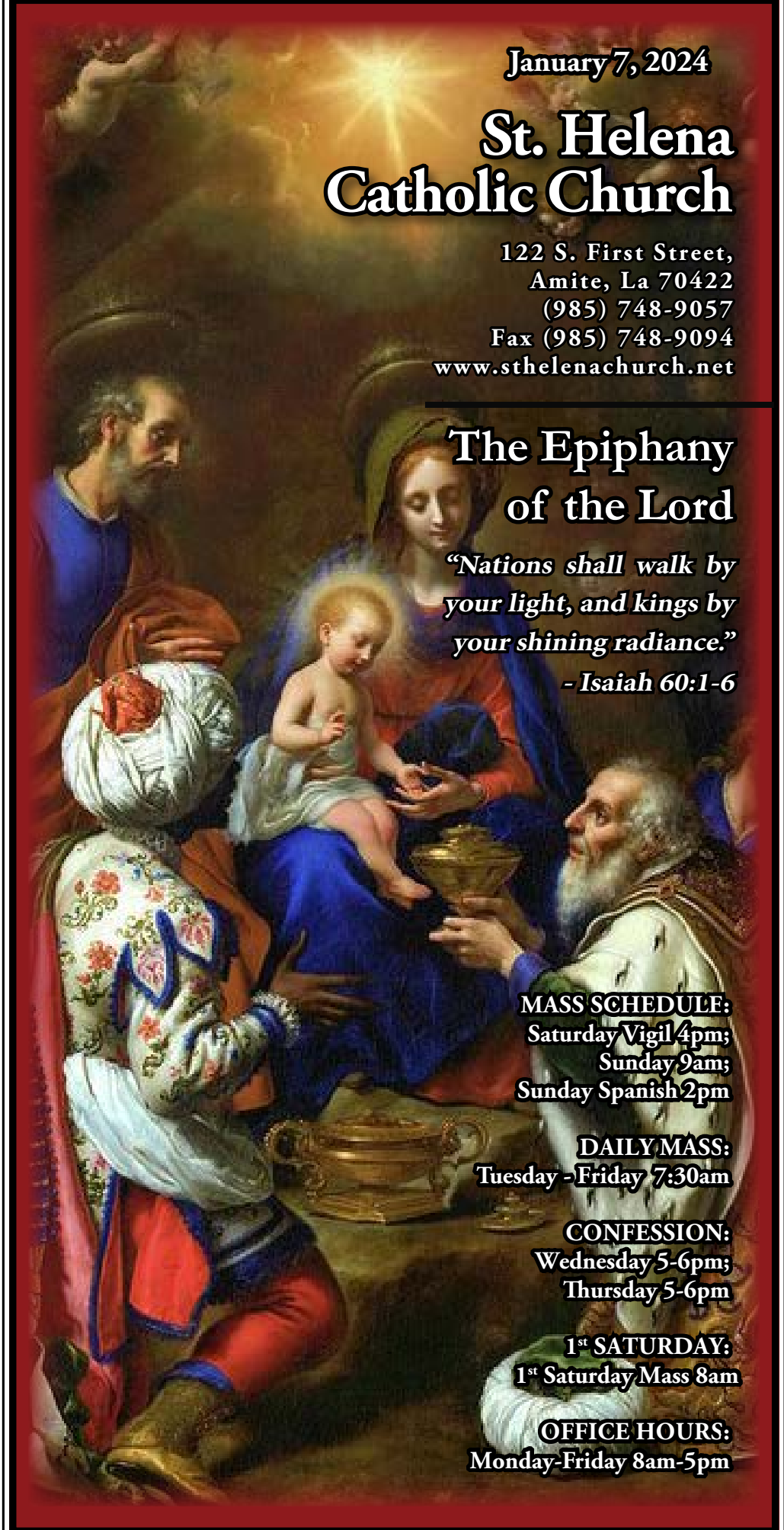
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The Epiphany of the Lord

"Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance."
- Isaiah 60:1-6



MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday Vigil 4pm;
Sunday 9am;
Sunday Spanish 2pm

DAILY MASS:
Tuesday - Friday 7:30am

CONFESSION:
Wednesday 5-6pm;
Thursday 5-6pm

1st SATURDAY:
1st Saturday Mass 8am

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday-Friday 8am-5pm