MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 9TH
Joey Gautier

Tuesday, January 11TH Richard Bogdall

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12TH

Mike Murphy, Tom Waterman, Harold Brown, Joey Gautier, Dennis Mussare, Burrell Carter, Angelo Giardina, Tommy Royals, Russell Thompson Jr., Russell & Dot Thompson, Dominick Cuti, Ben Lucia, Mary Duplechin, Joanne Hendrick, Michael Henry, David Paul Delaune, Billy Higgins, Harold Beard, Souls in Putgatory, Lori Sibley, Jet Keen, Anthony Liuzza

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13TH

Beverly Esteven, Vivian Trabona, dudley Duplechin, Dennis Mussare, Caroline Crouch, Harold Brown, Harrell Griffin, Charles Branch, Joey Gautier, Angelo Giardina, RD & Elsie Bridges, Rose & James Webb, Michael Henry, David Paul Delaune, Billy Higgins, Harold Beard, Souls in Purgatory, Lori Sibley, Lucinda Liuzza, Joyce Annette Davis

Friday, January 14TH
Harold Brown

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15TH
Joe & Frances Currier

Sunday, January 16th
Joey Gautier

Sunday, January 16TH Amy McClendon



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

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 985-502-8112



IN DEFENSE OF MOTHER CHURCH

THE BLESSING OF HOMES AT EPIPHANY

This is a tradition that dates back to the Middle Ages, done on (or near) the Feast of Epiphany.

Using chalk, mark your main door (or its lintel) with:

20 + C + M + B + 23

where 2023 is the current year. The following prayer may be said while making the marks:

The three wise men

(C) Casper, (M) Melchior, and (B) Balthasar followed the star of God's Son Who became human (20) two thousand and (23) twenty three years ago. (++) May Christ bless our home (++) and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.



*Chalk is a incarnational image reminding us of the dust of the earth from which we were made. The initials CMB stand for the legendary names of the Magi, as well as Christus Mansioneum Benedicat, "May Christ bless this house."

Maria Valtorta, POEM OF THE MAN-GOD, Chapter 34. The Adoration of the Wise Men

...Mary is sitting with the Child in Her lap and Joseph is standing near Her. But She also gets up and bows when She sees the Magi entering. She is all dressed in white. She is so beautiful in Her plain white dress which covers Her from Her neck down to Her feet, from Her shoulders to Her slender wrists. She is so beautiful with Her head crowned with Her blond plaits, Her face more rosy for the emotion, with Her eyes smiling so sweetly while Her mouth gives a greeting: "May God be with you", that the three Magi stop for a moment, completely astonished. They then proceed and prostrate themselves at Her feet...

... The three Wise Men contemplate the Child, Who I think must be nine to twelve months old. He is so lively and strong. He is sitting on His Mother's lap and smiles and prattles with a shrill voice like a little bird. He is all dressed in white like His Mother, with tiny sandals on His little feet. His dress is a very simple one: a small tunic, from which His restless feet protrude, and His plump little hands which would like to get hold of everything, and above all, a most beautiful little face in which two dark blue eyes shine, and a pretty mouth with dimples at the sides shows its first tiny teeth when it smiles. His pretty little curls are so bright and soft that they seem gold dust.

The oldest of the Magi speaks on behalf of them all. He explains to Mary that one night the previous December, they saw a new star of an unusual brightness appear in the sky. The maps of the sky had never shown or mentioned such a star. Its name was unknown because it had no name...

They had seen it and had striven to understand its meaning. They were happy to give up the little sleep they usually granted themselves and forgetting even their food, they devoted themselves entirely to studying the zodiac. And the conjunctions of the stars, the time, the season, the calculation of the hours passed and of the astronomic combinations had told them the name and secret of the star. Its name: "Messiah". Its secret: "The Messiah had come to our world." And they had set out to worship Him. Each of them unknown to the others. Over mountains, across deserts, along valleys and rivers, traveling by night they had come towards Palestine, because the star was moving in that direction. Each of them unknown to the others. For each of them, from three different points on earth, it was going in that direction. And then they met beyond the Dead Sea. God's will had gathered them there, and they then proceeded together, understanding one another, notwithstanding that each spoke his own language: by a miracle of the Eternal Father they were able to understand and speak the language of each country.

...And they had come towards Bethlehem and as soon as they left the Holy City, the star had reappeared to them, and the night before their arrival in Bethlehem its brightness had increased; the whole sky was ablaze. Then the star had stopped over this house engulfing all the light of the other stars in its ray. And they had understood that the Divine New-Born Baby was there. And now they were worshiping Him, offering their gifts, and above all, their hearts, which never cease thanking God for the grace granted to them; neither would they ever stop loving His Son Whose holy human body they had now seen...

MINISTRY CORNER

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT SAINT HELENA YOUTH

Wednesdays at 6:00pm - 8:00pm grades 6th - 12th are invited to hangout with our Youth Ministers: Madeline Lanier, Dominick Durante, Brogan and Gabi Webb. We start every night with food and then have spiritual activities which consists of Bible activities, games, Rosary, Divine Mercy and such.

If a parent is interested in providing dinner for a youth night, please contact Madeline at 985-517-9279 to sign up for a week.



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IN THE KNOW...

RCIA Classes Sundays at 10:30am following Mass.

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.



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Thursday, January 19th at 6pm-9pm. \$125 per couple.

Tickets available at Office. Tickets include Appetizers, Dinner and address by New Head Coach Jay Johnson.



Friday, January 27th 11am-2:00pm \$10 Donation

Tickets avaliable in the Church Office



Thank you to all of our Spanish Community who started the 33 days of Consecration to the Blessed Mother last night. God Bless each of you!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CATHOLIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

St. Helena Seniors: Applications for State and Local Competition must be submitted by January 25, 2023 or for Local Competition Only by March 15, 2023. Get Application forms at church office or online at louisianakc.org.

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\$2,500.00 GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

For those who have completed their undergraduate studies and wish to continue their education.

Deadline is April 1, 2023.

This year, PSR will be on June 12th - June 23rd Online Registration will be from March 1st - May 15th

IN THE KNOW...

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.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY (WEDDINGS/CONVALIDATIONS)

6 Months in Advance

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)

For the return of our Lapsed Catholics Prayer for Priest

Judy Williams (985-969-4511) For St. Helena Church Our Children of St. Helena

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For St. Helena Church For the return of our Lapsed Catholics Prayer for Peace

TOURS & RETREATS

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

2023 WEDDING CELEBRATION

Celebrating the 25th, 50th, 65th and over.

Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 2pm at St. Aloysius, 2025 Stuart Avenue, BR, LA 70808. Contact Church Office to register. Deadline is Wednesday, February 1st.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - JANUARY 8, 2023

In Baptism we are called to life a holy life. Could it be that you are being called to fulfill that responsibility as a priest, sister, or brother? If you think God is calling you, call or email Rev. Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org



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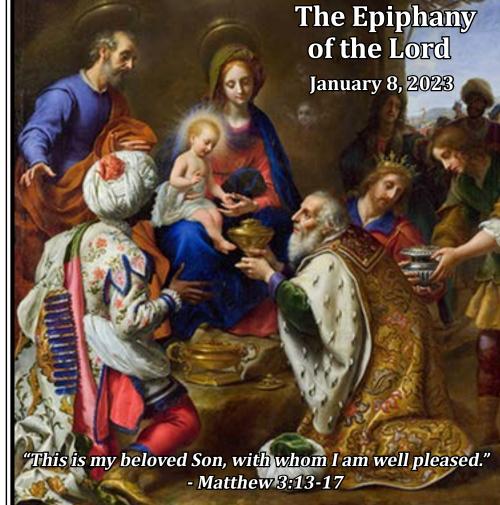
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DAILY MASS:

Monday - Friday 7:30am; Thursday Spanish 6:00pm

CONFESSION:

Wednesday 5-6pm; Thursday 5-6pm

1st SATURDAY: 1st Saturday Mass 8am

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 8am-5pm; Friday 8am-12pm

OUR MISSION:

We, at St. Helena Catholic Church, are concerned with educating, directing, and sustaining all who visit. In particular those who draw near to the teachings and traditions of Holy Mother Church. We strive to achieve this by utilizing the Cardinal Virtues of Justice, Prudence, Temperance and Fortitude.