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The Epiphany of the Lord



The Grapevine

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil..... 4:00 p.m.
Sundays 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
9:00 a.m. (MSH), 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Monday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday .. 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday 6:00 pm followed by
Novena/Benediction
Holy Days..... As announced

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 5:30-5:45 p.m.
Friday..... 8:00-8:20 a.m.
Saturday..... 2:45-3:45 p.m.
Other times as announced or by appointment.

BAPTISMS: Notify Parish Office during pregnancy. Instruction for parents and godparents is required.

MARRIAGE: Contact the Parish Office at least six months before desired date.

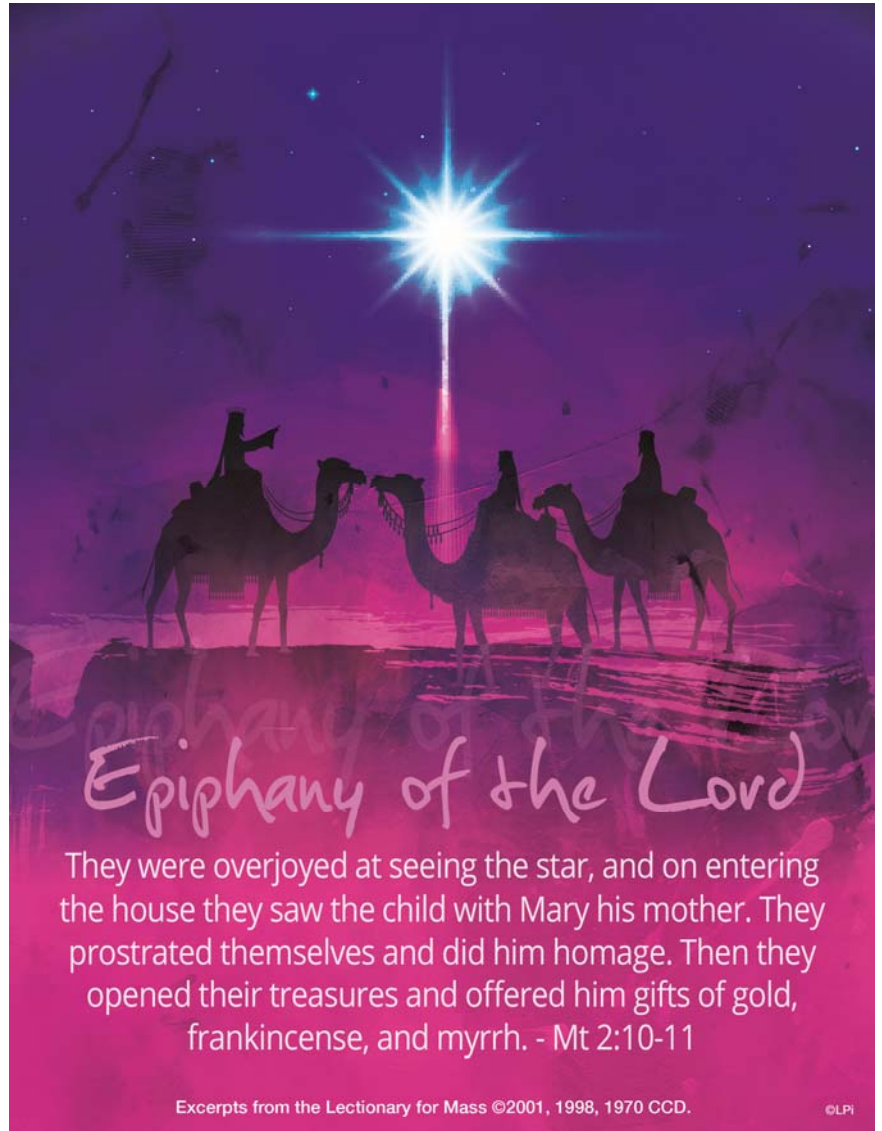
PRAYER LINE: (confidential ministry)
Contact Ms. Pat Pastor at 664-1097.

CARE OF THE SICK: Emergency calls answered immediately. Home visitation for the sick and shut-in weekly and upon request. Hospital visits weekly and upon request.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL: Please make arrangements by calling the Parish Office.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL: **TEMPORARILY CLOSED**
Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
Contact Allison Renfrow at 665-1424.

Information or news for *The Grapevine* (published weekly) should be called in to the Parish Office at least two weeks prior to the event.



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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MISSION STATEMENT

Immaculate Conception Church Parish and the Mission of the Sacred Heart is a welcoming community, centered in the Eucharist, rooted in faith, growing in fellowship, and sharing in unity the mission Christ entrusted to us.

This week at a Glance

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Soul Core/Small Hall
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC-112
 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM Reconciliation/Church
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Sunday Mass/Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass-ICC/C; MSH
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM RCIA-RCIA-C/FFC-211/105
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass/Church
 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM Confirmation Day of Prayer/Off Site
 12:15 PM - 1:30 PM Baptisms/Church
 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM PSR Grade 6/Main Hall/FFC
 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM PSR Grades 7-8/Main Hall/FFC
 4:00 PM - 5:45 PM Youth Band Practice/Church
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass/Church
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Patriotic Rosary/Church

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/T Bldg.
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC-112

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/T Bldg.
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC-112
 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Reconciliation/Church
 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM COMMUNION SERVICE/Church
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Jr. High-Encounter/Youth Room
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Adult Choir/Church

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE/Church
 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/T Bldg.
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC-112
 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Children's Choir/Church
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ISM-High School Youth/Youth Rm.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE/Church
 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/T Bldg.
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC-112
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Boy Scouts/Pavilion

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

8:00 AM - 8:25 AM Reconciliation/Church
 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/T Bldg.
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC-112
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Charismatic Prayer Group/Church
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM AA/FFC-112

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/SH
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Mass/Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass-ICC/C; MSH
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM RCIA-RCIA-C/FFC-211/105
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass/Church
 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM 9th Grade Class/MH/FFC
 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM 10th Grade Class/MH/FFC
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass/Church

PLEASE NOTE: BAPTISM SEMINAR HAS BEEN MOVED TO JANUARY 16 AT 7:00 PM.

Parish Life ♦ Upcoming Events

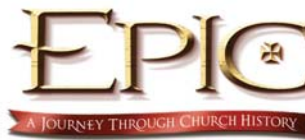
Bible Study Classes are BACK!



**Psalms, The School of Prayer
 Introduction Class
 Wednesday, January 25, 2017
 6:30 p.m.; Small Hall**

At the heart of the Bible are the Psalms, prayers from God, that help us learn to pray. The Holy Spirit inspired them. Israel sang them. Christ himself prayed them, as did our Blessed Mother. These sacred hymns become our sincere response to God's loving and wondrous deeds for us. Their words captivate the imagination and draw us into an encounter with God. Learn to establish a deeply personal dialogue with God through praying the Psalms.

Please contact the Church Office at 665-5359, if you would like to register for this 10 week series held once a week on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.



**Epic: The Early Church
 Social Gathering
 Thursday, January 26, 2017
 9:30 a.m.
 FFC-Rm. 211/212**

Discover the amazing story of the first 500 years of Church history—a time filled with courageous saints, brilliant philosophers, eloquent theologians, ruthless emperors, and heroic martyrs. Blessed John Paul II said, "Christ is the foundation and center of history, he is its meaning and ultimate goal." This exciting study program encourages people to grow closer to Christ through deeper understanding of his Church.

Come join us for a social gathering on Thursday, January 26, at 9:30 a.m. in the Faith Formation Center as we reflect, pray and share our experiences during these last five months after the flood.

Classes will start on Thursday, February 2, at 9:30 a.m. in the Faith Formation Center. If you are interested in this 10 week series, please call the Church Office at 665-5359 to register.

PLEASE NOTE: Ministry Appreciation Dinner will be held Friday, January 27, 2017, not Saturday, January 28 as published in the December 25 issue of the Grapevine. Please mark your calendars for a wonderful evening of fellowship, music, and great food! More information in next week's bulletin.

Also, the Young at Heart Luncheon will NOT take place Wednesday, January 11 as originally published.

Consideration of our Christian Commitment: Traveling Together

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. Today's feast celebrates the revelation of the Lord to the world, Jews and Gentiles alike.



The three Scriptures we hear today come together in such a special way. In our first reading we hear: “Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance” (Isaiah 60:1-3).

The glory of the Lord shines from Jerusalem throughout all the earth! And so we Christians now participate with Israel in God’s manifestation to the world through the child born of Mary! Gentiles, non-Jews, are now co-heirs with the Jews of God’s promises! No one was more shocked at this revelation than Paul himself. As a devout Jew – indeed as a Pharisee – Paul believed that God’s manifestation throughout Hebrew scriptures was intended exclusively for the Jews. Paul was actually on a journey to Damascus to persecute Jesus’ followers when Jesus appeared and revealed the startling truth.

In our second reading Paul writes: “It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.” (Eph. 3:5-6).

And could there be a more dramatic illustration of the significance of Jesus’ birth for all nations than the dramatic scene of the three kings from the east following the star to Bethlehem? In today’s Gospel, we hear: “And behold, the star they had seen at its rising preceded them until it came

and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.” (Mt 2:9-11).

Today’s feast of the Epiphany is a manifestation both that Jesus is Lord and that Jesus is Lord not merely of the Jews but of all peoples! Jesus’ Lordship occurs through the power of the Holy Spirit! And the Church formally teaches that the light of the Holy Spirit shines not only in Jewish and Christian hearts but in all people of good will. Vatican Council II in *The Church in the Modern World* put this truth simply and elegantly. “All this holds true not only for Christians, but for all men of good will in whose heart grace works in an unseen way. For, since Christ died for all men, and since the ultimate vocation of man is in fact one, and divine, we ought to believe that the Holy Spirit, in a manner known only to God, offers to every man the possibility of being associated with the paschal mystery.” (#22).

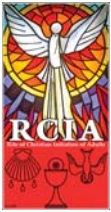
Yes, authentic Christianity acknowledges the immanence of the divine in all people of good will in every culture. Let us celebrate God’s epiphany to our troubled world! The responsorial psalm catches our joy: “Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.”

This Sunday I will be going to the Cathedral to preach and celebrate the noon Eucharist there with our Confirmation Candidates, their sponsors and families.

Just as the three wise men traveled together, it is my prayer that these candidates continue to travel together with us as one body, the Body of Christ. The three wise men traveled together with three different gifts, as our eighty candidates also are traveling together each with their own gifts. The Lord has made himself known to them and they in turn are responding in their own gifted and unique ways. I have had the privilege and joy of interviewing each of them in preparation for their Confirmation and these interviews have been so life giving for me as I see their goodness and the hope they bring to the world. No one says they are perfect, but neither are we. But they are on a journey and we pray the good God who calls them and is their ultimate destination will continue make his loving presence known in their lives – to them and to others – as they journey together with us.

Monday Fr. Raj and I will be leaving for Metairie for the annual Formation Days for the priests of the Diocese of Baton Rouge. I am really looking forward to these days which begin Monday afternoon and end Thursday afternoon as they focus on “The Priest at Prayer.” As we enter this new year together, let us keep one another in prayer; Love,

This Week ♦ Parish Life ♦ Formation ♦ Youth Events



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This Sunday the Catechumenate sessions for RCIA will resume. Those adults preparing to enter the Catholic Church will be dismissed at the end of the Liturgy of the Word, and joined by their sponsors after Mass. The parish is not sending them out because they are somehow “unworthy” to stay. God’s Word is their only food during this period. The participants depart from the Mass with their catechist to discuss the Mass readings for that Sunday and to experience more fully the impact of the Scriptures in their lives. This time is known as “Reflection on the Word.” This will continue each Sunday until Easter when those who are ready will join us at the Table of the Eucharist for the first time.

“All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the one who belongs to God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”
(2 Timothy 3:16-17)

We ask that you continue to offer your prayers for those on this spiritual journey.

Parish School of Religion News Dates to Remember!

PSR Classes 6th-10th grade:

- 9th Grade—January 15; 12:30-2:00 p.m.
- 10th Grade—January 15; 2:30-4:00 p.m.

Anyone in 6th-10th grade who missed the December classes, please call the office at 665-5926 for make-up classes.

Confirmation News:

- Confirmation Practice—January 16; 7-8:45 p.m. in the Church for Thursday Confirmation
- Confirmation Practice—January 18; 7-8:45 p.m. in the Church For Friday Confirmation
- Sacrament of Confirmation—January 19; 7:00 p.m. (report to Main Hall by 6:00 p.m.)
- Sacrament of Confirmation—January 20; 7:00 p.m. (report to Main Hall by 6:00 p.m.)

**Winter Break for 1-5 Grade &
For Mission of the Sacred Heart:
December 15, 2016-January 22, 2017**

Question of the Week

Matthew 2:1-12-Why do you think the leadership and the people in Jerusalem were “greatly troubled” at the news of “the newborn king of the Jews?”



Congratulations and prayers to the children who were baptized recently:

River Michael LeBourgeois

Respect Life Upcoming Events



Spiritual Adoption: How does it work? It's very simple. Participants pledge to pray for nine months for a baby in danger of abortion. While this child will remain unknown to his or her 'spiritual parent', God knows who the child is. Many people have found that naming 'their child' helps to keep them focused on the reality that their prayers are helping to save a particular baby from the harm of abortion. Please stop by the table as you leave Mass this weekend and pick up your prayer card. Your prayers really do save lives!

Cemetery for the Unborn: As we approach the 44th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade on January 22nd, let us focus our attention and prayers on the unborn. On the weekend of January 14/15, 2017, we will, once again, create a cemetery for the unborn after all Masses. White crosses will be available for any family who would like to participate, as they come out of Mass, to place a cross at the designated marker by the statue of the Sacred Heart.



PROTECT MOMS AND BABIES!

LIFE MARCH SOUTH

Baton Rouge

Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017

10 am - Noon



LALifeMarch.com

Life March South activities will begin at 9:30 a.m. with pre-event remarks and program at Galvez Plaza behind the Old State Capitol. The March for Life will begin at 10:00 a.m., concluding at or near the State Capitol at 10:45 a.m. At that point, the formal program of the event will begin.

Parish Life ♦ Stewardship



January 7, 2016-
January 15, 2017

SATURDAY: 01/07/17

4:00 p.m. Special Intention; John L. Liebert†; Sam Guzzardo†; Sam & Kathy Caruso.

SUNDAY: 01/08/17

7:00 a.m. Parishioners.
9:00 a.m. Mary Guidry†; Donald Lavigne & Jeremy Berthelot†; Denver Denison†.
9:00 a.m. (MSH) Kenny Abbott†; Luther Lott, Jr.†; Tinky Lott†; Edwin Lohr†.
11:00 a.m. William & Josephine Rex†; Waldine Leger; Jean Meyers†; Staff of ICC.
6:00 p.m. W. H. Sr. & Trina Scott†; Elsie F. Polito†.

MONDAY: 01/09/17

8:30 a.m. Toney Stikeleather†.

TUESDAY: 01/10/17

6:00 p.m. COMMUNION SERVICE.

WEDNESDAY: 01/11/17

8:30 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE.

THURSDAY: 01/12/17

8:30 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE

FRIDAY: 01/13/17

8:30 a.m. Maria Nay-Thi-Pham†.

SATURDAY: 01/14/17

4:00 p.m. Robert Adams Jr.†; Sam & Kathy Caruso; Katherine Broussard†; Winnie & Noah Lachney, Sr.†; Maudry & Noah Lachney, Jr.†; John L. Liebert†; Carol Kline†.

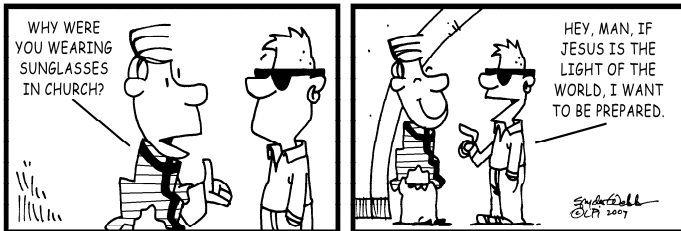
SUNDAY: 01/15/17

7:00 a.m. Lloyd deGeneres†; Donald Lavigne & Jeremy Berthelot†; Lucille O’Neill†; Mary Guidry†.
9:00 a.m. Parishioners.
9:00 a.m. (MSH) Ivy Lee Howze†; Robert, Bobby & Sherri Vigil†.
11:00 a.m. William & Josephine Rex†; Madelyn Kelly†; Jean Meyers†; Maria Nay-Thi-Pham†; Dominic Fontana†; Manuel Reyes Ruiz†.
6:00 p.m. George Sterba†.



CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP:
01/08/17—01/14/17 burns in memory of
OPEN INTENTION.

EPIPHANY



December 24/25, 2016



Identified offertory givers:	\$	22,900.33
Visitors/unidentified:	\$	4,589.70
Christmas Flowers:	\$	165.00
Christmas Offer:	\$	3,592.00
Catholic Life Center:	\$	423.00
Total Collected:	\$	31,670.03

JULY 1, 2016 TO DATE

Actual Income: \$ **708,600.57**

JULY 1, 2016 TO DATE

Actual Expense:	\$	661,817.00
Surplus/Deficit	\$	46,783.57
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$	5,917.00
Building & Maintenance:	\$	3,980.00
Retirement for the Religious:	\$	12.00

December 31/Jan. 1, 2017



Identified offertory givers:	\$	19,705.00
Visitors/unidentified:	\$	2,335.42
Christmas Offer:	\$	145.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$	1,750.00
Total Collected:	\$	23,935.42

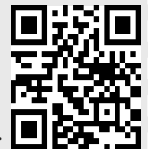
JULY 1, 2016 TO DATE

Actual Income: \$ **733,270.99**

JULY 1, 2016 TO DATE

Actual Expense:	\$	671,329.82
Surplus/Deficit	\$	61,941.17
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$	345.00
Building & Maintenance:	\$	5,370.00
Retirement for the Religious:	\$	200.00

If you would like to sign-up for WeShare online giving, follow these simple steps:



- Go to icc-msh.weshareonline.org.
- Click on any collection or event.
- Select your donation amount and frequency.
- Enter your account and payment information.
- WeShare will immediately send you an email with a temporary password which you may reset.
- You now have access to WeShare through our website, computer and our future parish app on your phone or tablet. **It's safe. It's simple. It's convenient.**

NOTE: WeShare now has Special/Second Collections listed for your convenience.

Outreach

Worship ♦ Directory



Pray for the Sick

If you wish to place a name on the prayer list or retain a name after the four-week period, please call the church office at 665-5359. For the prayer line, call Pat Pastor at 664-1097.

Lynne Blair
 Leila Champagne
 Mona Deshotel
 Nancy Ghousand
 Cara Lambert
 Eric Prochaska
 Tyler Rivers
 Dan & Betty Roche
 Jessica Schexnayder
 Mary Smith
 Dennis Strader
 Mickie Todd
 Mystery Trahan
 Nick Tullier
 Pat Ulbright
 Jorda Young
 Richard/Vertie Young



Adoration Chapel News:

Allison Renfrow has the Adorers' sign-up book, if you have not been notified and would like to recommit to your hour or would like to sign-up for an hour. You can email Allison at arenfrow05@bellsouth.net and let her know if you plan to keep your hour or would like to sign-up.

Prayers continue during this Season of Re-build and Renewal! Blessed be the Lord!

Readings for the week of 01/08/17

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29/Mt 3:13-17
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Ps 8/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105/Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19/Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

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Tuesday: 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

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We express our sympathy and prayers to Alyson Gautreaux on the death of her husband, **DONALD GAUTREAUX**; to Cathy Friedmann on the death of her husband, **ANTON FRIEDMANN**; and to the family and friends of **JOE NORMAND**.