



## MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Obligation has been dispensed in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux until further notice.

**Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM** | in church | live-streamed |  
In-car mass and communion for at risk parishioners

**Sunday 8:00 AM** | in church

**Sunday 10:30 AM** | in church | live-streamed |  
In-car mass and communion for at risk parishioners

**Sunday 5:30 PM** | in church

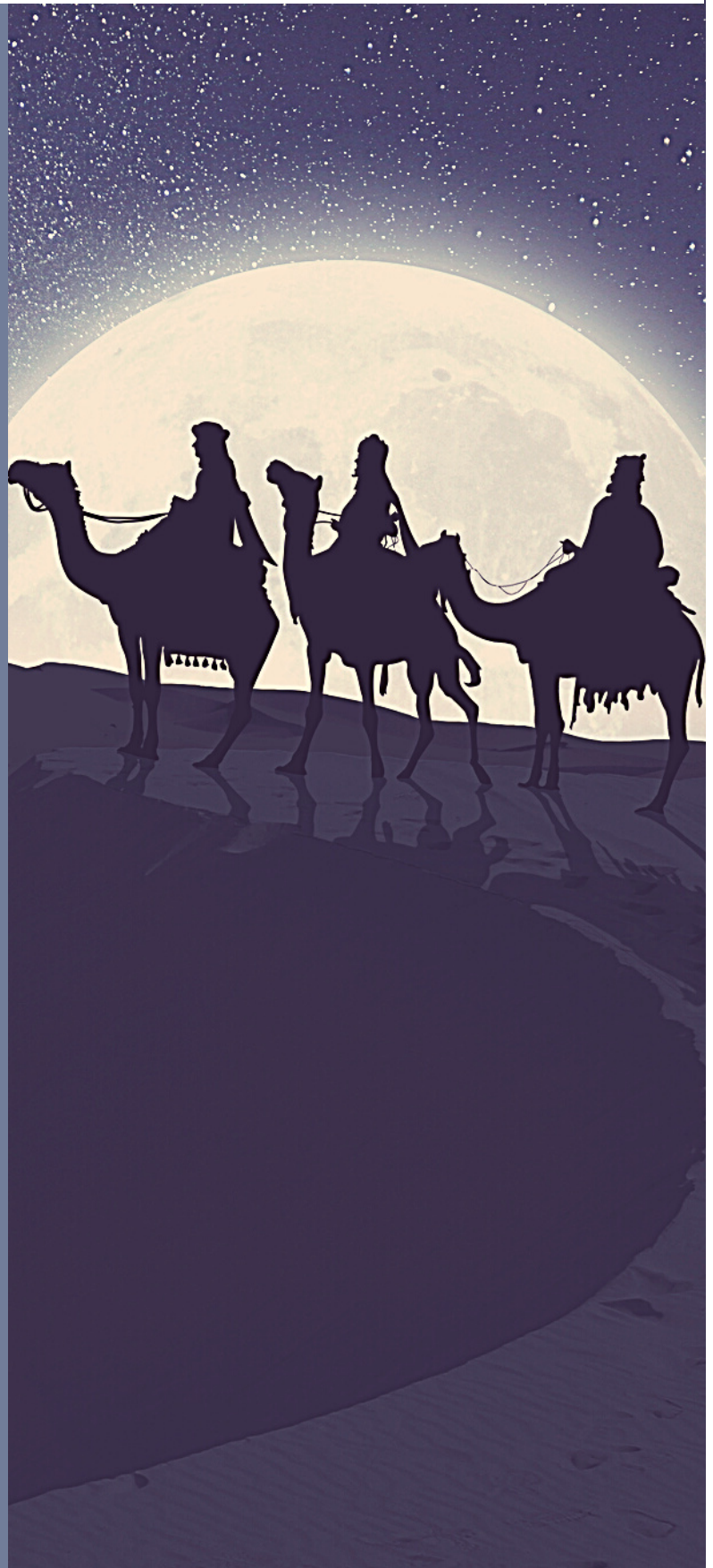
**Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | 5:30 PM**

**CONFESSION:** St. Jude Chapel prior to all masses

**ADORATION** | Tuesday 6:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**ST. ROSALIE CHAPEL** (Stephensville)

Saturday 4:00 PM Confession prior to mass.



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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### READING 1

### ISAIAH 60:1-6

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. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment. **R.**

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. **R.**

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him. **R.**

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save. **R.**



WEAR A MASK



SOCIAL DISTANCING



NO PHYSICAL CONTACT

- Hand sanitizer is available. You may also bring your own sanitizers. Please clean your area before and after mass.
- Please receive Communion on your hand, holding it out flatly so that the priest can distribute without contact.
- There will be no offertory procession. Place your offerings in the designated baskets as you arrive or depart Mass. As always, you may set up recurring payments on our website [holycrossmc.org](http://holycrossmc.org) or use PayPal or Venmo @holycrossmc to support the church.
- We respectfully ask that there be no congregating in church after Mass. Please depart immediately after Mass is concluded.

### READING 2

### EPHESIANS 3:2-3A, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. 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.

### GOSPEL

### MATTHEW 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that 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. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

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## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES

### Entrance Antiphon

A child is born, and a son is given to us.

### Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

### Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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### Offertory Antiphon

Yours are the heavens, and yours is the earth. You have founded the world and its fullness; justice and judgement are the foundation of your throne.

### Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

### The Mystery of Faith

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

### Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, misere`re nobis (Repeat)  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, dona nobis pacem.

### Communion Antiphon

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

TO THE PRIESTHOOD & CONSECRATED LIFE

Good and gracious God,

You call all your children  
to a life of holiness  
and to faithfully follow you.

You continue to provide  
for the needs of the faithful  
by calling men and women by name  
to lead your Church.

Bless our parish, Holy Cross,  
and the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux  
by raising up dedicated and  
generous leaders  
from our families and friends  
who will serve your people  
as priests and in consecrated life.

Inspire us to know you better  
and to hear your call.

We ask all of this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**20 + C + M + B + 21**



God of Light, bless our home. Make it a haven of rest for all in need of your warmth and care. When we leave from this place, may we never lose sight of Christ's light. We mark our door with the symbol of blessing. May all who enter here find love and light; for Christ dwells in this home and in these hearts. Amen.

### CHALK AVAILABLE

Please note that Blessed Chalk is available in the church foyer for Epiphany House Blessings!

## PARISH NEWS

### TRAINING FOR HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

A training to become a Eucharistic minister to provide communion for the homebound will be given Tuesday, January 5 at 6:15 PM following the 5:30 daily mass. Please consider helping us in this needed ministry, even if you are not currently an extraordinary minister of holy communion.

### 2021 MASS BOOK

The Mass Book for 2021 is now open. Please list all names and mass dates of those you wish to remember at masses throughout the year. Mail requests to the church office, place them in the collection basket at mass marked Mass Intentions, or bring to office during weekday office hours.

### 2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Please contact the office for a copy of your contribution statements for 2020.  
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Chalking homes for the Epiphany is a tradition that dates back centuries, asking Christ to abide in your home.

The traditional markings of "CMB" refer to the names of the three Wise Men: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. "CMB" is also an abbreviation of the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat," which translates to "May Christ bless this home."

# The numbers preceding and following symbolize the year, with crosses in between.

There are specific traditional prayers for blessing a home when a priest is present; however you may use this general prayer to bless your home for the coming year as you chalk the symbols above your door.

### YOUTH FORMATION RETURN DATES

Youth Formation sessions will begin again in January as follows:

Elementary | January 13 | 5:30-6:30 PM

Junior High | January 10 | 4:00-6:30 PM

High School | January 9 | 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

High School students will have a Saturday retreat to begin the second semester.

### BOOK SIGNING

Father Brice will sign books after 10:30 AM Mass January 3. If you preordered a book, the books will be available for payment, pickup, and signing at that time.

### WE NEED YOU!

Please consider being a Youth Formation mentor or a mass volunteer! We need you to answer God's call in 2021 to be a part of your Catholic community and serve others.

### OPPORTUNITY FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Married couples can benefit from a FREE online program Be Light: Year of Belonging by Witness to Love. The goal is to draw married couples closer together in Christ while being transformed into family missionary disciples. It highlights 12 Witness Couples from around the country exploring various topics that unpack the Sacrament of Matrimony. Strengthen your marriage in Christ in 2021! Find out more and register at <https://witnessstolove.org/belight>



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### Liturgical Significance of the Epiphany of the Lord

Caspar, Balthasar, and Melchior are the three wise men who traveled unknown leagues to meet the Christ. Men of stature, of some wealth, dropped everything to follow the prophecies and the knowledge they had gained to find the fulfillment of their studies. They did not fear Herod, nor the long journey; they carried what they could in order to hasten to him to pay homage. They, in essence, lived the Christian life before it was even a way of life yet. Though they could easily have kept to their studies, leaving it as a mere intellectual endeavor, they were so moved that they had to meet this person face-to-face; they had to search him out, to find the fruit of their longing, and see it for themselves.



#### Reflection

- Do I seek Jesus with as much enthusiasm as the three wise men?
- Do I wish to see the Lord face-to-face in Heaven, so much so that I would search for him all my days?
- Am I willing to give of my wealth, give of my time, give of my heart, in order to accomplish this, the most exemplary of tasks?



“The simple shepherds heard the voice of an angel and found their Lamb; the wise men saw the light of a star and found their Wisdom.”

- Venerable Fulton Sheen



## MICHELLE DENNING

GRIEF SUPPORT

MORGAN CITY

- Favorite thing about Louisiana: Food and Music
- Strongest sense? Touch
- Favorite saint: St. Rita - for her, nothing was impossible.
- A bucket list item: Travel
- Favorite type of music: 80's and Cajun
- Favorite holiday: Christmas
- Favorite hymn: On Eagles' Wings
- Favorite Halloween costume: Elphaba from Wicked
- Favorite Christmas movie: A Christmas Story/Scrooged/Christmas Vacation
- Favorite pizza topping: Lots of veggies
- Favorite quote: "Expectations are resentment under construction."
- Farthest you've been from home: Italy
- Star Wars or Star Trek: Star Wars
- Favorite team sport: Football
- Favorite foreign food: Lebanese
- Favorite book: Anything written by Jane Austen
- Advice you would give your 18 year old self: Think long and hard about the decisions you make.
- Invite three people (dead or alive) to a dinner party: My dad and my grandparents
- What do you think heaven is like? Peaceful with no pain or sadness.



## MIKE PATTERSON

FINANCE COUNCIL

MORGAN CITY, LA

- Favorite thing about Louisiana: The outdoors
- Favorite saint: St. Michael. My namesake.
- Bucket list: It'd be nice to retire one day.
- Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving. It's nice to eat too much and then head to the hunting camp.
- Favorite hymn: Immaculate Mary
- Favorite Christmas movie: It's a Wonderful Life
- Favorite pizza topping: Everything but olives
- Favorite quote: Life is like a box of chocolate - Forrest Gump
- Farthest you've been from home: Italy
- Favorite book: Moby Dick. It's a classic, and the writing is phenomenal.
- Last concert: The Eagles
- Advice you would give your 18 year old self: The things you do today will have good or bad consequences tomorrow. Be friendly to everyone.
- Invite three people (dead or alive) to a dinner party: Johnny Carson, Bob Hope, and Dr. Leonard Wise - all humorous storytellers that make me laugh, and I just don't laugh enough.
- What do you think heaven is like? I hope heaven is like a calm day in the Gulf of Mexico with my family and friends.

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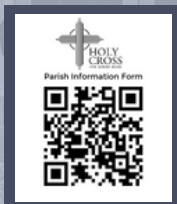
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### SACRAMENTS

*Baptism:* Performed 3rd Sunday of each month.  
*Matrimony:* Couples must register on our website and make arrangements at least 6 months prior to marriage.





MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

Patience LaFleur Bryant, Michael S. LaFleur, Rowena LaFleur, Harold Smith, George Williams Family, M/M Curtis Verret, Jason Hotard, Zack Turner, Sherry Williams, Joe Young, Lee J. Guarisco, Mr. & Mrs. Oswald Verret, Paul & Marie Vella, P. U. Melancon, Barbara Russell, Bridgette O. Cheramie, Frank & Hazel Streva St. Rosalie: Howard Thibodaux, Rosemary Cutrera, Jerry Acosta, Sr., Brandon J. Terry

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

Donald & Leona Smith, Smith & Wilma Alpha, Hal Thomas, Max Griffin, Gracie Andrews, Justin Trimm, Jude Hebert, Ronnie Trimm, Tim Gilmore

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

Charles Castalano, Rosie Castalano, Nora Romano

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

Holy Cross Parish, Norman H. Breaux, Sr. Family living and deceased, Governale & Resignola Families, Joseph & Esther Birdsall & Family,

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

Holy Cross Parish

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ashlee Jimenez, Stephen Insler, Jerry Acosta Jr.

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE (985-384-3551) OR REPLY TO THE WEEKLY EMAIL TO PLACE SOMEONE ON THE SICK LIST IN 2021.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS



Edna & Bernie Percle by Dianne Broussard, Vincent C. Guarisco by Mrs. Vincent Guarisco, Vincent Lester, Sr., Idell Grobet, Celina & Louis Mayon, Sr. by Theresa & Larry Mayon, Sr., Percle & Breaux Families

MASS VOLUNTEERS

WEEKEND OF: JANUARY 2-3

SATURDAY 5:30PM Lector: Linda Arceneaux

Bulletins: James Hale

Ushers: James Hale

Sanitizer: Jolene Holt

SUNDAY 8:00 AM Lector: Tony Saleme

Bulletins: Ray Prestenbach

Ushers: Thaddeus Marcell

Sanitizer: Ray Presetenbach

SUNDAY 10:30 AM Lector: Claire Guarisco

Bulletins: Lynette Aulds

Ushers: Randy Aulds, David Irwin

Sanitizer: Peggy Lafleur, Randy Aulds

SUNDAY 5:30 PM Lector: Colleen Hunter

Bulletins: Colleen Hunter

Ushers: John Dubois

Sanitizer: John Dubois

WEEKEND OF: JANUARY 9-10

SATURDAY 5:30PM Lector: Sophia Saleme

Bulletins: Melina Michel

Ushers: Melina Michel

Sanitizer: Diane Irwin

SUNDAY 8:00 AM Lector: Kendra Thomas

Bulletins: Kendra Thomas

Ushers: Thaddeus Marcell

Sanitizer: Jennifer Young

SUNDAY 10:30 AM Lector: John Russo

Bulletins: Judy Russo, Maria Barbier

Ushers: Randy Aulds

Sanitizers: Lynette and Randy Aulds

SUNDAY 5:30 PM Lector: Catherine Nini

Bulletins: Lee Anne Landry

Ushers: John Dubois

Sanitizer: Christine Myers

WEEKLY COLLECTION

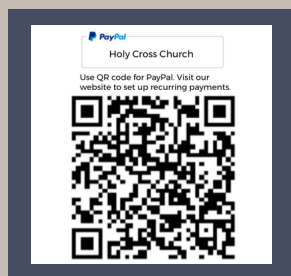
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