

GOSPEL REFLECTION

According Blaise Pascal there are three types of people: those who have found God and serve Him; those who have not yet found God but continue to seek Him, and those who neither seek nor find Him. We come across all these groups of people in today's Gospel and we still find them even in our life time. Those who have found God and serve Him wholeheartedly include Mary, Joseph and others. They never ceased to look up, not to any star, but to the Maker of the stars. The second category is represented by Magi who were either kings or wise men. Leaving their status, comforts and privileges they followed the star to seek and find the Child and they found Him in a manger. The third category of people is represented by Herod. He pretends to be seeking God but in reality, he is not. The birth of Jesus disturbed him and he was tortured by suspicion and fear. Mary and Joseph followed the will of God in their lives, the Magi sought and found the Child but Herod sought to rely on his own power and strength to safeguard his throne and position. Let us pray that like the Magi we too may seek and find the living God who will transform our lives and make us His own.



Salaries, Utilities, & Other Operational Expenses (approximate)

All financial obligations cost us approximately \$4,400 a week. All of your donations are greatly appreciated.



Weekend of December 14-15, 2019 Weekly.....\$2,761.88 Building Fund.....\$151.00

Weekend of

December 21-22, 2019	
Weekly	\$2,447.00
Building Fund	\$230.00

MANY THANKS!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 4 4:00pm - Parishioners Sunday, January 5 8:00am - Jody Knight + 10:30am - John⁺ & Nicole Necaise[†], Teddy[†] & Shirley Morel⁺, Peggy Cooley[†], & All deceased members of the Necaise Family Monday, January 6 8:00am - George Winingham⁺ Tuesday, January 7 8:00am Duke & Bonnie Anton Wednesday, January 8 8:00am - Al Gracet Thursday, January 9 8:00am - Melvin Hebert Sr. + & Melvin Hebert Jr.+ Friday, January 10 8:00am - Family of Tracy & Lisa Moragas If you would like to schedule Mass for

If you would like to schedule Mass for someone or for a special intention, call the rectory.



Sunday, January 12th All are invited!

ExtraGive2019

We are requesting each family, if able, to offer \$40 extra each month in addition to what you offer to help meet the expenses of the church every month.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Parish Council and **Finance Committee** unanimously decided to change Sunday mass time from 11:00am to 10:30am effective January 5th.
- We will have First Saturday Mass in the Chapel at 8:00am beginning on January 4th. Novena of the Blessed Virgin Mary will follow Mass.
- We will now have Adoration on Friday mornings from 8:00-9:30am. Adoration on Tuesday is 8:30am until 8:00pm.
- ♦ CCD classes will resume January 5th at 9:15am.
- ♦ 2020 Calendars are available in the vestibule.
- We are in need of volunteers to trim the trees by the chapel. Contact Mary Romano at 228-222-1372.
- ♦ If anyone would like some of the wooden pro-life crosses they are available for pick up at the rectory.
- Weekly Bulletins are now online at annunciationkiln.com
- New Church Office Hours Monday through Friday 8:00am-4:00pm

Special Collection

Aged and Infirm Priests January 4-5 This special collection is retained by the Parish.

Michael & Toddy Arceneaux Nelsie & Johnny Banks Bill & Marge Blaisdell Gene Breazeale Claud Burk Don "Sarge" Carter Joel Cooley Eugene, James, Jerry, Gretchen, Tyrone & Faye Tessa, JoAnn, Jude, Shirley Cucurullo Leticia J. Dedeaux Christine Greenwood Merle Haas June Kenney

Cecile & Willard Ladner Patsy Ladner Verna Mae Ladner Sandra & Janet Mauffrav Woody Mauffray Belinda & Kenny Morgan Patrick Murphy Janet Necaise Necaise Joy Patin Brooke Rolison Carla Santiago Karrie Schultz Timothy Scott Steen Maura Strong Josie Thomas

Claiborne Hill Receipts Please save your receipts and place into the box in the vestibule of Church. Total collected from Claiborne Hill Receipts as of: December 9, 2019 \$2,336.67 Thank You for your receipts!

Parish Ministries Contact Person & Number •Altar Servers, Parish Council President-Maurice Malochee •Bereavement— Sheila Moran •Bookstore— Elaine Meyer •CCD— Jordan Morgan •Choir— Laura Haas •Church Decorations— St. Joseph's Workers •CYO— Jennifer Alligood •Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors, and Jail Ministry-Ann Marie Simpson •Friends of St. Gerard — Bill Blaisdell Ministers of Hospitality— Martin Hoda •RCIA— Trish McCarthy Spiritual Director— Carol Moragas

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps
· · · · ·	2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt
	4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-
-	4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-
	2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45
	-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps
	72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
	Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps
	147:12-15, 19-20; Lk
	5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps
	149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-
	30
Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1
	-4, 3, 9-10; Acts10:34
	-38; Mt 3:13-17

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm -

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading -

The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel -

Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Epiphany of
	the Lord
Monday:	St. André Bessette
Tuesday:	St. Raymond of
-	Penvafort

Pray for our troops:

Drew Ladner	
Darrell Little	US Army
Devin Nelson-	US Army
Brandan Witt	

Lord, hold our troops in Your Loving Hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need, and bring them home safely. May their sacrifices bring about a lasting and just peace in those lands. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Our Lord and Savior. Amen.