

The Epiphany of the Lord

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Barbara Quesada. Rev. Michael Snider. Wilburn Roberts. Rebecca Niebrugge. George Bruner. Chase Larsson. Jeff Gibbons. Eric Gray. Myles Acosta. Elise Sugg. Jacob Stephens. Fr. John Lydon. Fr. Joseph Nasser. Fr. Christopher Ruggles. Fr. Tim Kelly. Fr. Steven Duyka. Msgr. Gerald Priest. Jim & Joann Rayl. Rose Kennedy. Judy Fazzio. Marsha & Marty Blahitka. Carolyn Edwards. Dominic Sosta. Joshua Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda Stephens. Wanda Thompson. Elleana Fritz. Kathryn Allen. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners, Friends and Relatives for one month. **We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: The Mother of Debi Nunley Jenet LeJeune.**

Father Peter McGrath has been placed in hospice care. Please pray for peace and serenity for him and his family as they enter into a very difficult time.

Please pray for the men and women active military service

from our parish community: Airman First Class Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army(Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Ensign Gary Buchanan; 2nd Lt. Blake Gaughan & Lcpl Mike Buchanan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno USCG (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Emma)

FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

ROOTEDNESS

The flower does not bear the root. The root bears the flower. The rose is merely evidence of the vitality of the root.—Woodrow Wilson

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 1/05 5:00pm Mass—Lil Dameron+ (Mary Catalano)

Sun 1/06 9:30am Mass—John Hanna+ (Pat Hanna)

Tue 1/08 9:00am Mass/Adoration—Jenet LeJeune+ (M/M Clymer)

Wed 1/09 5:00pm Mass—Deacon Michael Doyle+

Thurs 1/10 9:00am Mass—Jenet LeJeune+ (Bridget Rich)

Fri 1/11 9:00am Mass—Legion of Mary

Sat 1/12 5:00pm Mass—Agnes Laudt Zitnick+ (Bridget Rich)

Saturday Confessions are from 4:15—4:45pm

Sunday Confessions are from 8:45—9:15am

PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance 12/29 & 12/30

Required Weekly Funds Offerings

**\$ 3,962 Sat. Sun.
\$ 2,556 79 64**

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

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

Second Reading — 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, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

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 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

THE WAY TO HEAVEN

Love of heaven is the only way to heaven.—John Henry Newman



Please remember Holy Spirit Parish in your Will.



For free information on making a will, finding a lawyer or making a bequest to our parish, please call Mark Henry at the East Texas Catholic Foundation @ 903-534-1077 X 200 or visit www.etclegacy.org.

EVENTS AND NEWS

January 2019 Second Collections: 5th & 6th: "Building & Maintenance".
26th & 27th: "International Church in Need".

Religious Education

GRADES 1—8

"Faith and Family Life" Class on Wed., Jan. 9th

GRADES 9—12

HSY "Holy Spirit Youth" Group Class on Sun., Jan. 6th

Volunteer(s) needed for 2019 to purchase the donuts for after Sunday Masses. Preferably on a quarterly basis or annual.

We would like to thank everyone that provided, picked-up and serve the donuts for this year. Holy Spirit has been so generous with the coffee/donut weeks this year. Please notify the church office. Many Blessings!!!

Exposition is every Tuesday from 9:30am—4:00pm

"My sweetest Joy is to be in the presence of Jesus in the holy Sacrament. I beg that when obliged to withdraw in body, I may leave my heart before the holy Sacrament. How I would miss Our Lord if He were to be away from me by His presence in the Blessed Sacrament!" - St. Katharine Drexel

The Weekend of January 12/13

SACRED HEART ENROLLMENT PACKETS will be distributed to all families who desire to take part in this beautiful practice.

Your Packet includes: 1.) A Guide for doing the Enthronement in your Home. 2.) Picture of the Sacred Heart suitable for framing. 3.) Prayers for the Enthronement. 4.) "Daily Offering Prayers" – wallet sized. 5.) An ENTHRONEMENT SCROLL

Devotion to the Sacred Heart began in the Twelfth Century. It was St. Margaret Mary, a sister in France who had visions of the Sacred Heart from 1673 to 1675. Devotion to the Sacred Heart focuses not only on the love and mercy Jesus has for us but on reparation for sin.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in You!

For those that knew Bill and Maureen Pepsis (long time parishioners of Holy Spirit) they moved closer to their son in Oregon of 2014. Bob and Jean Quinn received a Christmas Card back from Maureen stating that Bill has passed away in June 2018. If you would like to send Maureen a card her address is: 98126 W. Benham Lane #3, Brookings, OR 97415.

January 2019 News/Events

Sun. Jan. 6th: **No** K of C Breakfast. **Christian Initiation** with Deacon Sam begins after 9:30am Mass. "HSY" 5:00-6:30pm.

Wed., Jan. 9th: Grades 1—8 Class 4:00—4:55pm. Mass at 5:00pm.

Sun., Jan. 13th: **Christian Initiation** with Deacon Sam. And **Apologetics** for all parishioners from 14—99 yrs. old interested in the knowledge of our faith, begins after 9:30am Mass. "HSY" 5:00-6:30pm.

Fri., Jan. 18th: K of C Fish Fry.

Sun., Jan. 20th: **Christian Initiation** with Deacon Sam begins after 9:30am Mass. "HSY" 5:00-6:30pm.

Wed., Jan. 23rd: Grades 1—8 Class 4:00—4:55pm. 5:00pm Mass.

Thurs., Jan. 24th: **No morning Mass.** Fr. Mike attending the Priests Study Day.

Sun., Jan. 27th: **Christian Initiation** with Deacon Sam begins after 9:30am Mass. "HSY" 5:00-6:30pm.

Wed., Jan. 30th: Grades 1—8 Class 4:00—4:55pm. 5:00pm Mass.

PARISHIONERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION

Due to the increase of colds, flu cases, etc. Fr. Mike has taken precautions with a **temporary suspension** of the reception of the **Most Precious Blood during Holy Communion.** It is so important that we safeguard the health of our parishioners as best we can during this season.

Attention EM's: after Mass please take care of your duties with the tray, vessels, etc. to the sacristy, if you are scheduled for that particular Mass.

And, **Fr. Mike would like to temporary suspend the Sign of Peace** during this time..

Reminder: All ministers of Holy Communion should show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by their demeanor, their attire, and the manner in which they handle the consecrated bread or wine.