

Most Blessed Sacrament Parish News

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CHRISTMAS *Blessings*



Fourth Sunday of Advent *Sat. & Sun., Dec. 23-24*

Saturday Mass - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday Masses - 8:00 & 9:45 a.m.
(NO 11:30 Mass)

Christmas Eve *Sunday, December 24th*

Christmas Music Prelude before
each Mass

Mass Times -
4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and
12:00 a.m. Midnight

Christmas Day *Monday, December 25th*

Christmas Music Prelude
before Mass

Mass Time -
10:00 a.m. only

New Years Day - Solemnity of Mary *Monday, January 1, 2024*

Not a Holy Day of Obligation
this year

Regular Mass Schedule:
8:45 a.m.

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Parish Staff

Pastor.....Fr. Todd Lloyd
Par. Vicar.....Fr. Amalraj Savarimuthu
Permanent Deacon.....Deacon Don Musso
Permanent Deacon.....Deacon Mark Berard
Permanent Deacon.....Deacon Mark Reynaud
Bus. Mgr/Dir. of Ministry....Geri Guarino
Receptionist.....Andrea Leger
Secretary.....Caryn Didier
Bookkeeper.....Lyndra Lea
Director of Music.....Chad LeBlanc
Asst. Director of Music.....Michael McDowell
Media & Event Coord......Mona Gary
Coord. of Youth Ministry....Mary Giroir
Office of Christian Formation (225) 751-6230
West Giffin, Director
Celeste Rabalais, School Coordinator
Child Protection Coordinator.....Roslyn Landry
Child Protection office - (225) 753-5526

Parish Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon

•**BAPTISMS**: Please call the church office during pregnancy for information and to register for a Baptism seminar.

•**MARRIAGE**: Law of Diocese requires 6 month preparation period prior to wedding. Call church office for more information.

•**FUNERAL**: Please call the priest for prayer and before setting date/time.

•**RCIA**: If interested in becoming Catholic, call the church office.

Confession:

Confessions: One hour before Weekday Masses and Saturdays at 3:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m., & 11:30 a.m.
Monday & Tuesday 8:45 a.m., Wednesday 6:00 p.m.,
Thursday & Friday 8:45 a.m. except during school year when Thursday Mass is at 8:15 a.m.

MBS School

MBS School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin.

8033 Baringer Road
Baton Rouge, LA 70817

Principal: Cheri Gioe
School Phone 751-0273 / **Fax:** 753-7259

Extended Care: Sheena Gauthier
751-0023

MBS Early Learning Center

7853 Broker Avenue
Baton Rouge, LA 70817

Director: Laurina Conger 752-8829

LET US
ADORE HIM
Christ the Lord

The Nativity of the Lord Great Expectations

Christmas can be disappointing. We remember the Christmases from our childhood, all the joy, the excitement, and the fun we had. When we grow up, we have to shop for gifts, write and mail the cards, put up the decorations, and do all the preparations that seem to stress us out. We may be sad that the day did not meet our expectations. Now that most of that is done, (unless you are reading this on a break from cleaning house before the grandkids arrive) we can reflect on how the first Christmas upset all expectations.

I'm sure Joseph never expected to have a child so soon. Or to have the baby born in a stable miles from their home in Nazareth. The shepherds never expected to be awakened by angels. And those Jews who looked forward to the coming of a Messiah never expected him to come as a baby. Yet God had reasons for coming in this way.

The nativity scene looks so peaceful and beautiful, but the reality was not so romantic. The messiah came not to the sound of war horns, but the cry of a helpless infant. He was born in a stable because no one had room for him. The first to see him were the shepherds, the migrant workers of the time. The political leaders (Herod and friends) wanted to kill him.

Jesus was born in this way to show that he came not for the important and wealthy, but for the poor and outcast. As an adult, he would continue to surprise: he ate with sinners and tax collectors; he challenged the religious leaders of Israel. He was executed as a criminal.

So today he continues to come to us in the homeless, the undocumented immigrant, the sick, those in prison, the unborn infant, that we might find him where we least expect. Can we learn to see him in the unexpected, in our trials and difficulties, our own weaknesses? When we do, we will celebrate what Christmas is truly about.

Tom Schmidt



Saturday, January 27th, & Wednesday, January 31st

MBS Parish is proud to announce that MBS will be the lead off church for the 33rd Catholic Build for the Diocese of Baton Rouge in partnership with Habitat for Humanity®.

The KC's will provide soft drinks and one of our very own parishioners will prepare lunch that will be served on site.

* Volunteers needed *

Saturday, Jan. 27th & Wednesday, Jan. 31st

7:30 am - 3:00 pm

For more information or to sign up, email Barry Landry,

bglandry45@gmail.com

cell (225) 571-7866



This year's build will be at 1344 N. 31st Street which is just off Acadian Throughway North. We will award service hours for qualified participants. The minimum age is 16 and minors must be accompanied by an adult. It's a great parent-teen or grandparent-teen (male or female) participation opportunity! By helping the build, you teach young people the value of helping deserving families to become proud homeowners. Habitat homeowners are thoroughly screened and vetted to qualify. They will work side-by-side with you to accumulate "sweat equity" in their new home.

If you've participated in a Habitat Build, you know that the work is rewarding, educational and fun. No experience is required. Proficient supervisors will be on hand. Details and a map will be sent to volunteers after sign-up.

PLEASE NOTE: The K.C.'s will present the homeowner with a "First Nail plaque" which is the New Hammer that they will use to drive the first nail into their new home. It is a beautiful reminder of the time and "sweat equity" that each new owner must provide for their home and other future homeowners projects. This plaque is designed and built by brother Rodney Blanchard.



25th & 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

On **Sunday, March 3, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.**, Bishop Michael Duca will celebrate a Mass at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church (15615 Jefferson Hwy. Baton Rouge, LA 70817) honoring couples who have celebrated their 25th, 50th, or 65th and longer wedding anniversary during the year of 2024. The families of the honored couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and reception afterward.

Couples should contact their church parish office and let them know they will be attending. **The registration deadline is Thursday, February 1, 2024.** (*Names received after this may not have certificates ready, but will still be able to attend the Mass*). The longest married couple in our diocese will be recognized and honored after the liturgy. The Bishop will be available for picture taking at the reception, but please bring your own personal camera. Again, as previously mentioned, **please call Most Blessed Sacrament Parish at (225) 752-6230 if you wish to be a part of this celebration.**

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of December 24, 2023



The True Meaning of Christmas | Lukas Storyteller

Christmas is coming and our friends Peter, Agnes, Paul and Anna expect to receive many gifts. but when they caught in one of their antics. Lukas and Noah will help them understand the true story of Christmas and how the birth of the Son of God should change our hearts.



Christmas | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.



The 12 Days of Christmas

We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.



V.J.E.

AN EVENING WITH *Venerable Maria del Refugio*

Foundress of the Mercedarian Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00pm Talk Begins
7:15pm-8:00pm Eucharistic Adoration,
 Praise & Worship,
 Prayer Ministry
Refreshments to follow in the Dolphin Room

Friday, December 29, 2023
Divine Providence Chapel
Cypress Springs Mercedarian Prayer Center
17560 George O'Neal Road
Baton Rouge, LA 70817



SPEAKER:
MR. GEORGE H. FOULKES
Postulator of the
Cause of Canonization

RSVP by December 27, email:
LEM@mercedariansisters.org



STEWARDSHIP OFFERING December 9-10, 2023

Identified Contributors	\$23,348.00
Unidentified Contributors	\$ 1,496.00
Total	\$24,844.00
Fwd. In Faith Campaign	\$ 4,946.00

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Most Blessed Sacrament Church Mission Statement

The mission of Most Blessed Sacrament Church is for members to witness the real presence of the Lord in word and sacrament, and that they may live out the message from the gospel and serve one another as followers of Jesus Christ.

Mass Schedule and Intentions			Mass Schedule and Intentions (Continued)		
Sat. Dec. 23	8:00 am		Sun. Dec. 24	12 Midnight	Fr. Mark Beard Synthia Brock
	4:30 pm	Shirley R. Lewis The Eichelberger & Strong Families Adam Bongiovanni Louis & Inez Fox Fred Young Joseph Hayden Tucker Howard Pappillion James Hollingsworth Sam Barbera, Jr. Sam Barbera, III Don Regner Scott Flaherty	Mon. Dec. 25	10:00 am	Nelson, Camilla, & Anne Morris Dan Dietrick Gary T. Simms The Arthur Aucoin Family John, Margaret, and Blair Rinaudo Herbert Roussel, Sr. Remona Mumford Tom Virnich Howard Pappillion Rosemary L. Day Frank J. Bravata
Sun. Dec. 24	8:00 am	The Arthur Aucoin Family Sidney Yuratich Mildred Rusich Harold Bahlinger	Tues. Dec. 26	8:45 am	All Souls
	9:45 am	The Arthur Aucoin Family Peter & Josie Lombardo Ciro & Annie Gulino Angelina Barthel Dennis Esteve Rosalie & Abel Mendoza Eustace Eggie, Jr. Johnson Kadair John Gulino	Wed. Dec. 27	6:00 pm	Marionneaux & Culivan fmls. Harold Bahlinger
	4:00 pm	Rosalene Sanzone Butch Golson Randy McNemar Elmo "Pat" Patureau Catherine Rinaudo Helen Eleanor Maloney Deceased members of L.A. Cannon family Paul Voorhies Janice & Carlton Sweeney Scott Keagle	Thurs. Dec. 28	8:15 am	Dale Blank
	6:30 pm	The Hymel Family Henry Tolusso Doug Woolfolk Frank Collura Will Lorino Warren & Doris Naquin Don Gary Grace Gary Pecoraro Family Ethel & Catherine Duffy Bettye Sue Marque Vita & Gene Taylor The Henry Digorolamo Family Lea & Jimmy Arceneaux	Fri. Dec. 29	8:45 am	The Thibodeaux Family

Scripture Readings- Week of December 24, 2023

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Monday The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Vigil Mass: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25 *Mass During the night:* Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Mass at Dawn: Is 62: 11-12; Ps 97: 1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3: 4-7; Lk 2: 15-20 *Mass during the Day:* Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab, 16bc & 17; Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a & 2-8

Thursday Feast of Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5-----2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Friday Memorial of Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Saturday

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

December 23-24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers
4:30 pm	R Hollis	J Shoptaugh, J Larson	(Host) J Culivan, E Yurik, E Wright (Cup) T Hollis, B Magill, C Willis
8:00 am	T Kelly, H Brandenburg	C McCullough, K Simon	(Host) M Vermaelen, E Barber, J Dietrick (Cup) V Browning, A Blount, M Authement
9:45 am	J McLemore, S LeBlanc	S Menard, A Welch	(Host) W Golden, B LaSalle, A Thibodeaux (Cup) M Delafield, B Shedlof, M Messina
11:30 am	NO MASS	NO MASS	(Host) (Cup)