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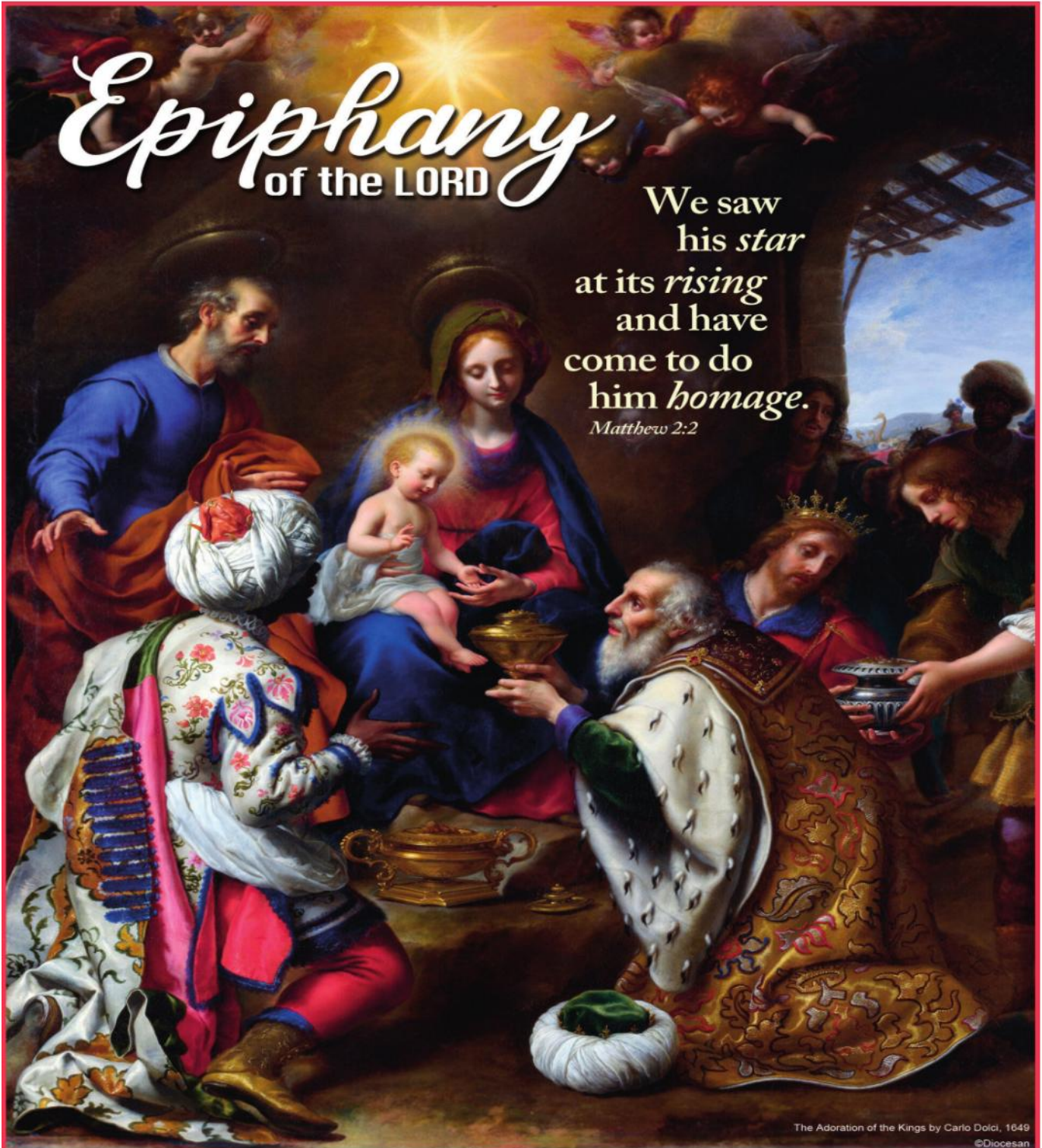


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## Epiphany of the LORD

We saw  
his *star*  
at its *rising*  
and have  
come to do  
him *homage*.  
*Matthew 2:2*



The Adoration of the Kings by Carlo Dolci, 1649  
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**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**

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8033 Baringer Road  
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**Principal:** Cheri Gioe  
**School Phone** 751-0273 / **Fax:** 753-7259

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7853 Broker Avenue  
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**Director:** Laurina Conger 752-8829



**The Epiphany of the Lord  
Little Drummer Boy**

Did you know that the only reason we say that there were three wise men is that they brought three gifts? The Bible never says their number or their names. The gifts tell us about the givers. And these special gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—tell us much.

When one king visited or sent an ambassador to another, he would give a gift of gold to show that he acknowledged the kingship of the other. So the first gift of the wise men tells us they recognized Jesus as King. The second gift is a type of incense, which was used in Jesus time to worship God. So this gift shows the wise men paying homage to Jesus' divinity. The gift of myrrh is oil used to anoint the dying. It reminds us of Jesus suffering and death on the cross.

So what gifts do we have for Jesus? Maybe we can take a hint from the wise men. If we acknowledge Jesus as king, maybe a better gift than gold would be to pledge our obedience to him. Each day we can promise to live our vocation as best we can, to love those around us, and forgive those who hurt us.

A better way than burning incense to pay homage to Jesus' divinity is to take time to pray throughout the day. Some people are able to attend daily Mass, others spend time in adoration before the Eucharist, or even a few minutes of their lunch break to say the rosary.

As for the gift of myrrh, we can give Jesus the crosses we bear each day. When we accept suffering in our lives, especially that caused by our sins, we give ourselves to Jesus as he gave himself for us on the cross.

The song "Little Drummer Boy" reminds us that the best gift is not necessarily the most expensive. Instead, it is the simple gift that only we can give. Let Epiphany remind us to offer our lives to Jesus each day.

Tom Schmidt



### Epiphany Blessings

This Saturday, January 6th after the 4:30 Mass, the Epiphany house blessing bags will be blessed at the front of the baptismal font and will be available to take home. Parishioners are also welcome to bring any extra water or salt that they would like to have blessed.



Respect Life Ministry of MBS invites you to participate in our Rosary for Life on **January 21, 2024** on the March for Life weekend after 11:30 mass. The location is yet to be determined and will be announced at masses that weekend.

### Catholic 101 - RCIA

This year, resolve to energize your faith!

- Free weekly sessions with food, fellowship, and facts about the Catholic faith.
- Open to all adult parishioners who want to deepen their faith.
- Open to any adult interested in learning more about the Catholic faith.

Simple Supper 6:30 – 7:00 pm  
Presentations 7:00 – 8:30 pm

### January Topics

Jan. 10 Walk Through the Mass  
Jan. 17 The Eucharist  
Jan. 24 Matrimony and Holy Orders  
Jan. 31 Penance & Anointing of the Sick

Our Lady of the Eucharist room  
(New Building)

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### 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.**

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## *Supper & Substance*

Saturday, February 10, 2024  
6:30 PM 'till 9:30 PM

Registration is now open!  
Tickets are \$85/couple & includes:

- Buffet Dinner (Choice of Entrees)
- Live Music by Cam Pyle
- Jason & Emily Froeba will speak on "Promises of Marriage"
- Limited babysitting
- Cash bar



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QR Code or at the  
Parish Office



Registration ends January 22, 2024  
Contact Amanda Milton for more information:  
[amilton@icc-msh.org](mailto:amilton@icc-msh.org)





**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](mailto: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.



The Roman Catholic Diocese of  
**BATON ROUGE**

# RESPECT LIFE MASS

Celebrated by Bishop Michael Duca

**January 20, 2024 | 8:30 a.m.**

**St. Joseph Cathedral**  
401 Main Street, Baton Rouge LA



Join us, following Mass, for fellowship, coffee and hot chocolate before we join thousands of others for the Louisiana Life March.





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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

Sat. Jan. 6	8:00 am	Al Smith Mr & Mrs Harry Simoneaux Mr & Mrs Andrew A. Bourgeois Andrew Bourgeois, III
	4:30 pm	For The People
Sun. Jan. 7	8:00 am	Irma Melancon Mary Joy Freeman
	9:45 am	Henry Folusso Doug Woolwolf Eustace Eggie, Jr. Ed & Rosemary Evans The Cantey Family Bud Connor William Golden, Sr. Carolyn Graugnard Betty & James Ewing Gene Laird Pauline B. Perrault
	11:30 am	The Arthur Aucoin Family Vince & Salario Families Ruffino & Rusciano Families O'Neil Parenton, Jr. Suzette Gremillion Fontenot Johnson Kadair
Mon. Jan. 8	8:45 am	Nelson, Anne, and Camilla Morris
Tues. Jan. 9	8:45 am	Dale Blank
Wed. Jan. 10	6:00 pm	Domingo Loccisano
Thurs. Jan. 11	8:15 am	
Fri. Jan. 12	8:45 am	

### Scripture Readings

#### For the Week of January 7, 2024

#### Sunday The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

#### Monday Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mk 1:7-11

**Tuesday** 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; PS 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday** 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

**Friday** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12

#### Saturday Memorial of Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17

### STEWARDSHIP OFFERING Christmas 2023

Identified Contributors	\$29,609.33
Unidentified Contributors	\$ 5,034.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$34,643.33</b>
Fwd. In Faith Campaign	\$53,220.00

### STEWARDSHIP OFFERING December 23-24, 2023

Identified Contributors	\$10,712.00
Unidentified Contributors	\$ 1,993.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,705.00</b>
Fwd. In Faith Campaign	\$ 340.00

### January 6-7, 2024 - The Epiphany of the Lord


	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers
<b>4:30 pm</b>	Z Torregrossa	J Shoptaugh, J Scott	(Host) E Wright, R Rinaudo, E Yurik (Cup) T Hollis, E Lee, J Culivan
<b>8:00 am</b>	A Laborde, D Brandenburg	S Werling, A Villa	(Host) H Murray, M Robichaux (Cup) E Daugherty, S Daugherty, E Barber
<b>9:45 am</b>	J Garon, J McLemore	D Ourso, J Cormier	(Host) M Messina, D Brown, L Evans (Cup) T Fox, I Kotval, M Delafield
<b>11:30 am</b>	L Eaton, L Rico	R Fields, J Blackwell	(Host) D Kennedy, D Gremillion, C Garbutt (Cup) J Fields, C LeBlanc, K Browning



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