

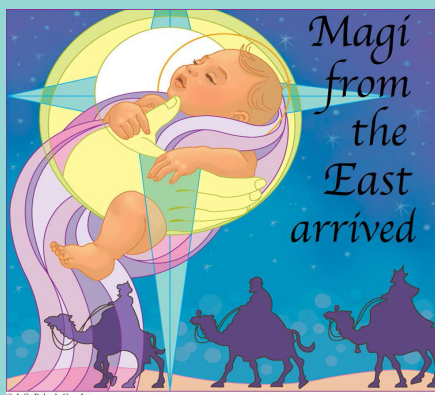
Most Blessed Sacrament Parish News

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The Epiphany of the Lord



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.

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SUNDAY READINGS

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

Psalm — 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).

Parish Staff

Pastor.....Fr. Phil Spano
Mass Assistance.....Fr. Donald Blanchard
Parish Life Coord......Deacon Don Musso
Permanent Deacon..... Deacon Mark Berard
Receptionist.....Andrea Leger
Secretary.....Caryn Didier
Bookkeeper.....Darlene Moscona
Director of Music.....Kathy Duplessis
and Ministry
Youth Directors ..West Giffin/Jeanne Mancuso
Director-Christian Form.....
Christian Formation phone...(225) 751-5867
Secretary-Christian Form...Theresa LeBoeuf
Child Protection Office.....Roslyn Landry
(225) 753-5526

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30 p.m./Confessions 3:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m., & 11:30 a.m.
Monday 8:45 a.m. - Communion Service
Tuesday - Friday - 8:45 a.m. except during
school year, Thursday Mass 8:15 a.m.

MBS SCHOOL

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

Extended Care: Sheena Gauthier
751-0023

MBS Early Learning Center

Director: Laurina Conger 752-8829

Parish Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
(Closed 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.)
Friday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon

•**BAPTISMS:** Twice a month, after 11:30 Mass. Call office during pregnancy to sign up and for class information.

•**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.

FAITH-FILLED COMMUNITY OF MERCY, BLESSINGS, & SERVICE

Fr. Phil Out of the Office

As Bishop Duca wrote in The Catholic Commentator, the priests of the Diocese of Baton Rouge will be at Continuing Formation Days on Monday, January 14th - Thursday, January 17th. All priests are required to attend and this year they will meet in Metairie.

Communion Services will replace daily Mass Monday—Friday of that week. Please call the church office for emergency contact.

Catholic Daughters Meeting

The Catholic Daughters Court Divine Mercy will meet on Tuesday, January 8, 2019. All ladies of the parish are invited. Court Divine Mercy is a group of Catholic women who are dedicated to a unified faith in Christ as demonstrated through charitable good works to the community and the church.

Lay Apostles of the Returning King

The Lay Apostles of the Returning King prayer group will meet on Wednesday, January 9th at 6:30 p.m. and Monday, January 14th at 10:00 a.m. Both groups meet in the St. Mark Room. Join us for a short video followed by the rosary and a reading of a message from Jesus. For more information, call Claudia Cormier, (225) 362-4508.



High School Youth Night

This Sunday - January 6th

St. John Room from 5pm-8pm

All High School students are invited

25th & 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

On February 10, 2019 at 2:00 p.m., Bishop Michael Duca will celebrate a Mass at St. George Catholic Church (7808 St. George Drive., Baton Rouge, LA 70809) honoring couples who have celebrated their 25th, 50th, or 65th and longer wedding anniversary during the year of 2019.

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 Wednesday, January 30, 2019. *(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.**

Registration Begins
January 28th, 2019



MBS Early Learning Center

Ages 2 - 5
Half Day Academic Program 9AM - 1PM
Kindergarten Readiness
Morning Snack Provided

Dedicated to fostering an environment filled with age appropriate learning and exploration

2'S Classes meet Tuesday/Thursday
3's Classes meet Monday/Wednesday/Friday
4-5's Pre-K Classes meet Monday ~ Friday

Contact us:

earlylearningcenter@brcoxmail.com

225-752-8829



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Registration for currently enrolled MBS students for the 2019/2020 school year will be held on January 7 - 11, 2019. The criteria and commitment with your application is as follows:

Acceptance Criteria

Students applying to Most Blessed Sacrament School will be accepted in the following priority:

- Currently enrolled students whose families practice their faith and are Identified Offertory Giver (IOG)
- Siblings of currently enrolled students - MBS Parishioners must be IOG and meet yearly volunteer requirements - Out of Parish or Non-Catholic families must meet yearly volunteer requirements
- Catholic students of parishioners who are IOG
- Catholic students of parishioners transferring from another Catholic school who are IOG
- Students of Catholic families residing in another parish who practice their faith and are IOG
- Students of families of other faiths identified as members of their church

Parent's Commitment to Church and School

One of the requirements for enrollment and/or retention at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School is a commitment to the following agreement.

We/I therefore promise and commit:

1. The Catholic members of our family to attend mass every weekend and on Holy Days in addition to daily prayer at home.
2. Our family commits to thirty hours of time and talent to be given to the school and /or church each year. (A year is from registration to re-registration.) Time and Talent hours are required and reviewed prior to re-registration each year. Hours must be completed in order to receive the in-parish tuition rate.
3. Support to the stewardship program of the church as an Identified Offertory Giver (IOG)* and sign a new Stewardship Commitment Card each year.

*IOG - The parents or legal guardians whose use of offertory envelopes has noted their annual financial support of the parish in the minimum amount of **\$325.00**; (Contributions must be made by December 31 the year prior to acceptance) unless otherwise authorized by the Pastor.

Knights of Columbus Charity Calendars

The Knights of Columbus Most Blessed Sacrament Council 10455 will be selling their Charity Calendars after all masses this weekend, **January 5th-6th, 2019**. These calendars sell for \$20.00 each and each calendar enters the buyer into a daily drawing for Dollar Prizes.

The profits from the sale of these calendars assist the Knights in their many charitable endeavors throughout the year.

January 5, 2019

1st Saturday Prayer Service

We will have a first Saturday prayer service for January. It will consist of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Rosary, Benediction, and Communion Service. We will begin at 8:00 a.m. and will end at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, please call Deacon Don Musso at the parish office, (225) 752-6230.

Note of Appreciation From Fr. Phil...

My sincere appreciation and gratitude goes out to all of our various MBS ministries, organizations, and parishioners as we journey through the last days of the Christmas Season to the Epiphany of the Lord now. There has been so much service, time, talent, generosity, outreach, and prayer given away as we have moved through the Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas seasons. We recognize again the gift of God to us and the whole world - Jesus Christ. We receive this gift to become a gift in ourselves by spreading and sharing God's love everyday. . . Thank you!

Special thanks to our Music Ministry who are always inspiring (in my opinion) but especially so during the Christmas & Easter seasons. Many might not know how much time and hard work goes into our Church's "praise prayer" that is liturgical music. Please send a little gratitude to them if you pass by them after mass.

Gratitude as well, to all who sent cards, gifts, and goodies to me personally and to the church office. I was so very inspired by the number of children, youth, and adults who were the beneficiaries of Christmas Joy because so many of you who participated in our "Families In Need" program to share your blessings. Please know of my prayers to all of you!

*Love,
Fr. Phil*

A New Year's Prayer

*Lord, You make all things new.
You bring hope alive in our hearts
and cause our spirits to be born again.
Thank you for this new year and
for all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us a mighty flame
so that in time, many will see the wonders of God
and live forever to praise Your glorious name.
Amen.*

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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. 5	4:30 pm	Joseph & Frances Valickas Ann Benjamin Duffy Porche John Garitty Brent Villemarette Eugenia C. Bergeron Randy Ransom
Sun. Jan. 6	8:00 am	Culross, Lubrano, and Rodgers Families Rosemary LaBruzza Day Lloyd Simms
	9:45 am	Fred Young Inez & Louis Fox Ed & Rosemary Evans
	11:30 am	The Cantey Family For The People
Mon. Jan. 7	8:45 am	Communion Service
Tues. Jan. 8	8:45 am	
Wed. Jan. 9	8:45 am	
Thurs. Jan. 10	8:15 am	
Fri. Jan	8:45 am	

PRAYING FOR ALL MILITARY

Please keep the following in your daily prayers:

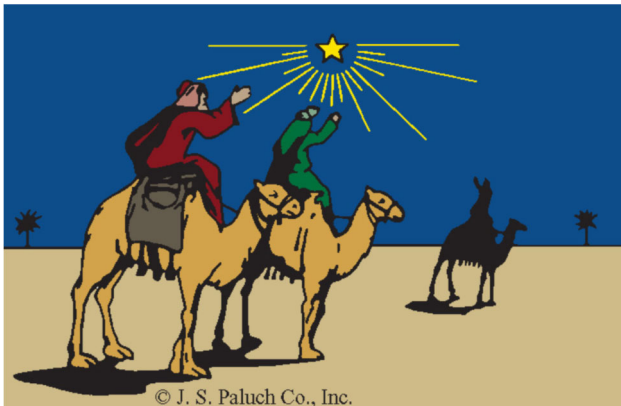
Andy Blum
Scott & Jamie French
Caleb Burris
Nathan Colter
Jeremy Ferguson
Brett Gilbert
Chris & Ali Jones
Eric Schweitzer
Connor Ryan
Adam Girior
Morgan Miller
Tyler Phelps



Andrew Barksdale
Trey Perault
Craig Dardenne
Alex Grantier
Brian Primeaux
Will Howland
Landon Bourg
Matthew Bourgeois
Maxwell Conger
Steven Dubuc
Nathan Scott
Jorge Vega

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING - December 22-23, 2018

Identified Contributors	\$20,794.00
Unidentified Contributors	\$ 2,802.00
Total	\$23,596.00



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

Masses - January 5-6, 2019	4:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Celebrant - Subject to Change	Fr. Blanchard	Fr. Blanchard	Fr. Phil	Fr. Phil

January 5-6, 2019 The Epiphany of the Lord

	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers
4:30 pm	C Ransome, C Ransome, K Martinez	A Ransome, T Hollis	B Landry, J Sutherland, B Magill, T Hollis, L Sulik, E Wright, Deacon Don, G Ward
8:00 am	A Wimberley, E Lacombe, E McClinton	M Walsh, A Villa	C Rabalais, CL Mendoza, B Braud, M Braud, K Bourgeois, L Bayhi, Deacon Don, W Rabalais
9:45 am	D Weidman, C Weidman, B Burleigh	L Evans, A Welch	L Evans, M Evans, M Delafield, E Moran, K Decell, D Decell, K Talbot, B Shedlof
11:30 am	L Romero, L Leger, G Rico	K Larson, J Larson	L Landry, T Kelley, A Kelley, V Webre, B Wallbillich, S Gremillion, J Ruh, M Leger

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