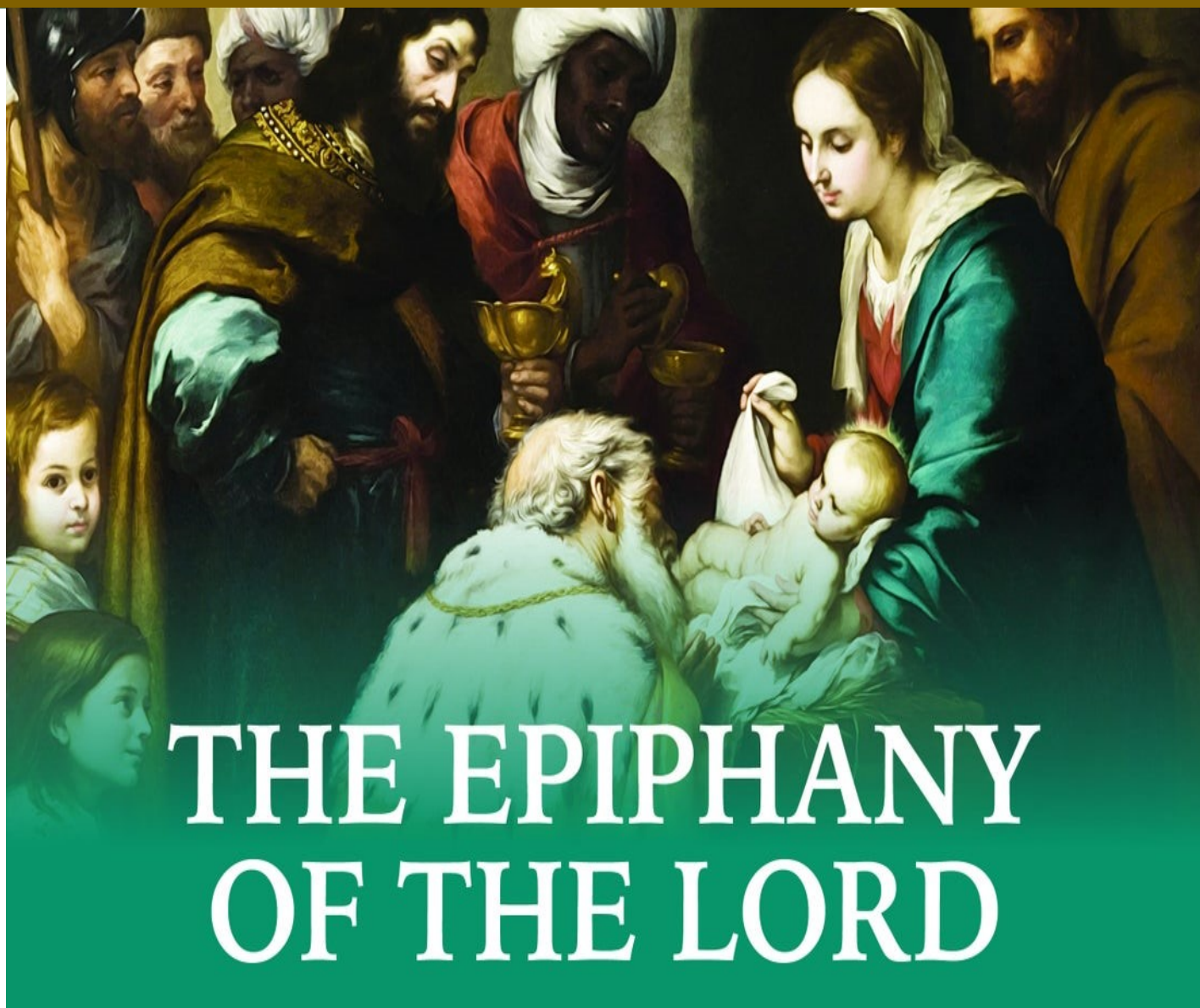


# Sacred Heart of Jesus

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# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Fridays, 6:00A.M. Held in the Souby Baptistery

#### LITURGICAL SERVICES

**SUNDAY MASSES:** Saturday Vigil: 4:30P.M.  
Sunday: 8:00A.M., 11:00A.M. & 6:00P.M.

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** *Monday No Mass—*  
Tuesday—Friday 6:30A.M. Saturday: 8:30A.M.

**FIRST SATURDAY MASS:** 8:30A.M.  
Exposition until 10:00A.M. Confession 9-10A.M.

**OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA**  
Tuesday at 6:30A.M.

**CONFESSIONS:** 30 minutes before all Masses and by  
appointment.

**ROSARY** Wednesdays, 7:00A.M.  
Sunday— Saturday 4:00P.M. (Church)

Please silence your cell phone during mass! Thank you!

### MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

The **second collection** this weekend January 6 & 7 is for the Parish Maintenance Fund.

**Thank you** for your continued support of this important fund~



January 6 & 7 2024

#### Schedule

**Sacristans:** Saturday, 4:30p.m.— Elaine Williams

Sunday, 8:00a.m.— Jeannie Landry, 11:00a.m.—Brenda Besse, 6:00p.m.—Mary Eues

**Lectors:** Saturday, 4:30p.m.— Kathy Callais

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. — Angela Kraemer, 11:00a.m.—Dean Listi, 6:00pm—Peggy Gowland

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Saturday, 4:30 p.m.— Elaine Williams

Sunday, 8:00 a.m.— Jeannie Landry, 11:00 a.m.— Larry Besse 6:00p.m.—Mary Eues

#### Fr. Brett Out of the Parish

Fr. Brett will attend a Spiritual Direction program January 7–12

May God Bless him during his time away from the parish.

First Saturday Mass

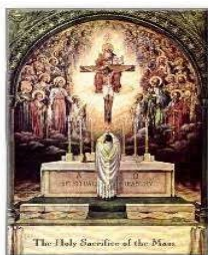
January 6, 2024

8:30a.m. followed by

Exposition of the Holy

Eucharist and confession until

10:00a.m.



#### Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary before Mass

O Mother of devoted love and mercy, most blessed Virgin Mary, with all my heart and all my affection I take refuge in you, though I am a poor and undeserving sinner. You stood by your most dear Son as he was hanging on the cross. Stand mercifully by me, poor sinner though I am, and by all the priests who today offer this sacrifice, here and in all our holy Church. With the help of your gracious presence, may we offer a sacrifice that is right and acceptable in the presence of the most high and undivided Trinity. Amen.

#### Readings for the week of January 7, 2024

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**Monday:** Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

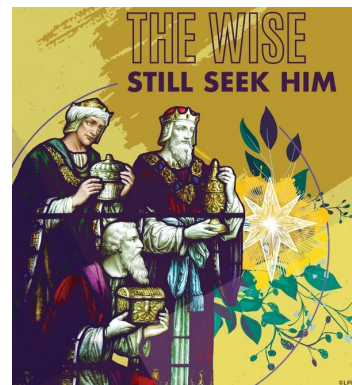
**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

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



#### LIVE THE LITURGY— INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Though the magi did not know where the star of Bethlehem would lead, they trusted that God would be with them along the way. Let us all embrace that same faith as we go about the journey God has planned for us this year.

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#### REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

##### First Reading:

Isaiah foresaw a future when the Lord would use Israel as His instrument to shine His glory into the world. What could you do this week to show God's glory to others?

##### Second Reading:

Paul met a lot of resistance when he spoke of God's "revelation" that Gentiles are "coheirs" and "copartners" with Jews in the divine promise fulfilled in Christ Jesus. How welcoming are you to outsiders?

##### Gospel:

In the story of the magi's visit, we see the prophecies of Isaiah (our first reading) fulfilled with the treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh given to the Holy Family. What gift do you give to the Lord?



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sat., Weekday, Jan. 6, 8:30am:** Anthony Cannata, David Arcemont, Joyce & George Melancon, Eloise & Bill Gowland, Charles Gowland, Sr., John & Stella Mula, Joe & Bet Cefalu, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin.

**Sat., Vigil, Jan. 6, 4:30pm:** Patrick J. Bergeron, Vera & Charles Dupuis, Frank & Corinne Mula, Seth & Jackie Sumrall, Santo & Stella Rousso, Stephen Giroir, Lester & Belle Simoneaux, George & Joyce Melancon, Robert & Maridel LaBouve, Anthony Governale, Sr., M/M Walter Romero, Sr., Charles Gowland, Sr., Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, David Arcemont, Arcemont/Landry Family, Anthony Cannata, Vincent & Fannie Cannata, Bill & Eloise Gowland, Luda & Eli Fields, Vivian & Eddie Fields, John Robert "Bob" Keeling, Jr., Donald Fields, Sally Anderson, Ruby Miller, Marius Carlos, Elmo & Viola Goulas, Troy Fangue, Martin & Deshotel & Prince Families, Joe & Bet Cefalu, Melvin J. Pitre, Doris B. & J. Darwin Richard, David Duplantis, Viola Percle, Loupe/LaHoste Fam., Sidney Solar, Jr., Joe Parsiola, Agnes Robicheaux, Bill & Eloise Gowland, Eulice, Carol & Steven Adams, James Kullman, Sr., Debra Duhon, & Fam. Sonia Hebert, Lionel & Mildred Arceneaux, Buccii/Caballero, Boudreaux/Chauvin Fam. L/D, Debra Madise Myers, Kathryn Shirey, Gene Nezat.

**Sunday, Jan. 7, 8:00am:** Rose H. Percle, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Joe & Bernice Giandelone, Jason DeHart, Rickey Arceneaux, C.J. & Viva Solar, Blackie & Mildred Arceneaux, Mark Manfre, Biundo/Bourgeois Families, Lisa Bergeron Bryan, Claire & Sheldon Bergeron, John Landry, Sr., Luc/Percle Families, Bon Van Nguyen, Gene Nezat. **11:00am:** Jim Holt, Holt/Alfred Families L/D, Hugh & Nell Brown, M/M Raymond Egle, Vivian & Ferris Romaine, Sr., Marian & Richard Romaine, Nellie Blereau, Joe Giordano, Adam E. & Dorothy Conner, Fred & Edna Williams, Bill & Eloise Gowland, Charles Gowland, Sr., Hogan/Landry Families, David Duplantis, Mark Manfre, J.P. Morella Family L/D., Beverly Hamer, Conner & Williams Families, Sonia Hebert, Rocco Guarisco, Jr. & Fam. L/D, Betty Theriot Smith, Sammy Bollhalter, A.J. Cannata, Buddy Collins, Maria Collins. **6:00pm:** Charles Gowland, Sr., Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Carl J. & Glenda W. Strevia Family L/D., C.J. & Mary Doiron, Wilbert, Nan & Tim Melancon, Conner-Melancon Fam., Sherrel Landry, Bon Van Nguyen, Tom & Alice Shannon, Alice Guzzetta, Jeanne DeRouen, Paul & Donna Conner (healing), Priest Father Peter Guiren SM.

**Tuesday Jan. 9, 6:30am:** David Arcemont, Carl & Glenda Strevia Fam. L/D, Boudreaux/ Sewart families, Eloise & Bill Gowland, John & Stella Mula, Pauline & Rudolph Landry, George & Joyce Melancon, Nellie Blereau, Dupuis family, Mr. & Mrs. John Parker Conrad, Sr., Anthony Cannata, David Duplantis, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Charles Gowland, Sr., Rickey Arceneaux, Mark Manfre, Rosemary Cutrera, Howard Thibodaux, Debra Duhon & Family, A.J. Cannata

**Wednesday, Jan. 10, 6:30am :** Mark Manfre, David Arcemont, Joyce & George Melancon, Carl & Glenda Strevia Fam. L/D, John & Stella Mula, Pauline & Randolph Landry, Bertin/Dupuis Families, Manfre/Grizzaffi Families, David Duplantis, Gerald Blanchard, Bet & Joseph Cefalu, Sr., Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Charles Gowland, Sr., Beverly Hamer, Marcelle Ordogne, Debra Duhon & Fam., Eulice, Carol & Steven Adams.

**Thursday, Jan.11, 6:30am:** David Arcemont, Joyce & George Melancon, Carl & Glenda Strevia Fam L/D, Manfre Family, Teresa & William Maxwell, John & Stella Mula, Randolph & Pauline Landry, Bet & Joe Cefalu, Gerald Blanchard, Santo & Stella Rousso, Adam & Dorothy Conner, Fred & Edna Williams, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Charles Gowland, Sr., Rickey Arceneaux, Debra Duhon & Family, David Duplantis, A.J. Cannata.

**Friday, Jan. 12, 6:30am:** Holy Souls in Purgatory, Carl & Glenda Strevia Fam. L/D, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Charles Gowland, Sr., David Duplantis, Family, Mark Manfre, Santo & Stella Russo, Anthony, Vincent C. & Fannie Cannata, Patrick Bergeron, Debra Duhon & Fam., A.J. Cannata.

MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN FOR 2024.

~~~ *In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest. The old order has passed away: welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.*



The Baptism of the lord

"The chief service I owe you, O God, is that every thought and word of mine should speak of you."

St. Hilary

**Step into the Light**  
*"See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory."*  
 — Isaiah 60:2

### Angel of God

my guardian dear to whom His love commits me here  
ever this day be at my side to light and guard to rule  
and guide. Amen.

#### PRAY FOR... PEACE, Protection from Floods and Storms, Caregivers,

Harold Ross, Huan Tran, Kathryn Stadalis, Carol Bergeron, Stephen Giroir, Beulah Deshotel, Mona Thibodeaux, Hilda Landry, Kim Verrett, Rodney Frederick, Roger Liner, Donna Henry, Jane Davis, Roger Adams Jr., Gene & Edie Nezat, Ross Rock, Brittany Thomas, Dalton Dupree, Noah Fryou, Tara Trahan, Ashley Ribardi, Deanna Rome, Jimmy LeBlanc, Dale Hubert, Pat Rock, Barbara Breaux, Stacy Giroir, Eston Roger, Drew Clements, Robbie & Kacie Touns, Janet Bennett, Jean Stephens, Zweigle/Dupree Families, Gloria & Jessie Michel, Ida Mae Percle, Lelia Johnson, Nicki Plessala, Jim Miller, Jaiden, Tammy Fitch, Chad Duval, Jr., Harley Blanco, Demarius Granger, Darrel Beadle, Killian Mabe, Joan Judycki, Mary Ann Trosclair, Anna Hargrave & Family, Shannon Swiber, Holly Brasseaux, Katy Bourgeois, Ina Clarke, William LaPoint, Marilyn Pye, Leonard & Priscilla Scully, Catherine & Elijah Landry, Robin Jeansonne, Charlie Solar, Sr., Karen Duhon, Barbara Olson, Jahmarla Guidry, Laine Mosher, Aceson Alleman, Catherine Thibodeaux, Scott Barbier, Martha Guillory, Will Lapoint, Edwin Bergeron, Jason Theriot, Evie Herrington, Mac Percle, Yvonne Zweigle, Bryson Plaisance, Betty Ross, Nedra Giroir, Jim Davis, Rachel Adams, Ave Ross, Elijah Carter, Valerie Streety, Larry Guillory, Anna Broussard, Reberta Ford, Margie Aucoin, Gentry Garrett, Cherie Dyer, Lovenia Percle, Francis Smith, Layla Giroir, Wendy Hotard, Charles Gibson, Jr., Patty Fontenot, Rhonda Lile, Beth Naquin, Raymond Daniels, Renee Harper, Warren Landry, Louis Tamporella, Vera Judycki, Mable Lester, Tammy Richard, Elliot Prejean, Kim Hanks, Kattie Ghirardi, Lynette Breaux, Barbara McCloy, Ashia Starling, Gene Arce-neaux, Mary Ann Adams, Kay Olds, Franklin Pierce, Marlene Pierce, Brent Gravois, Ava Carpenter, Ellen Rink, Richard Ford, Kelley Dalton, Jim Mestepey, Ryan, Francis Loupe, Willie Mae Lewis, Earline & David Gastins, Elias Dupree, Peggy Perry, Keely Price, Steve Sealine, Shirley Verdin, Robbie Sword, Mary Price, Austin Courtney, Elijah Allen, Jerry Trosclair, Danny Chiasson, Howard Johnson, Kenneth & Judy Hope, Max Anderson, Steve Morell, Jeanne McCloy, Keelan Arbuckle, Myrtle Verdin, Louis Chaisson, Dr. Conrad Poe, Billy Lamar, Audie Taquino, Sabrina Gaspard, Billy Giordano, Catherine Bourdier, Brenda Landry Lamartiniere, Dr. Melvin Bourgeois, Zachary Daniels, Ron Michel, Christian Smith, Rebeka Cowen, Kim Stansbury, Bernie Percle, Jr., Glenn Ghirardi, Sr., Logan Fromenthal, Cindy Dupuis, Gloria Canova, Karlle Brasseaux, Merlin Boudreaux, II, Debbie LeBlanc, Jim Boudreaux, Lance Richard, Cosmo Christopher, Russell Vicknair, Peter Businelle, Ann Eastburn, Eddie Nope, Jr., Laura Vice, Nolan Bernucho, Anne Murray, Philip Dural, Joe Percle, Lane Cantrelle.



#### PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

U.S. Armed Forces and All who serve & protect us, Craig Bourdier, Ryan Bourdier, Andrew Bourdier, Joseph Johnson, V, Mathew Young, Luke Zweigle, Draven Smith, Brian Hartman, Ory Arcemont, Ryan Hunter, Cameron Case, Carson LeBlanc, Matthew Tregle, Tanner Richards, Johnathan Villegas, Brandon Daigle.



**STEWARDSHIP: 12/24/2023**

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**Maintenance: \$80.00**

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**\$8,215.00**

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### Children's Corner

#### Sharing the Gospel

Jigsaw puzzles are fun. Solve a puzzle with your whole family, and it comes together even faster. God helped the wise men solve a puzzle. They wanted to find the newborn king. Together the wise men read God's promises, did their homework, and followed the star. When all of their answers fit, they found baby Jesus.

#### Prayer

God,  
thank you for all the  
people who helped me  
find Jesus.



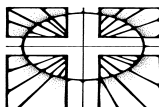
#### Something to Draw

a picture of the people who help you learn more about Jesus.

**Mission for the Week** Solve a puzzle together with your family. Work together like the wise men did.

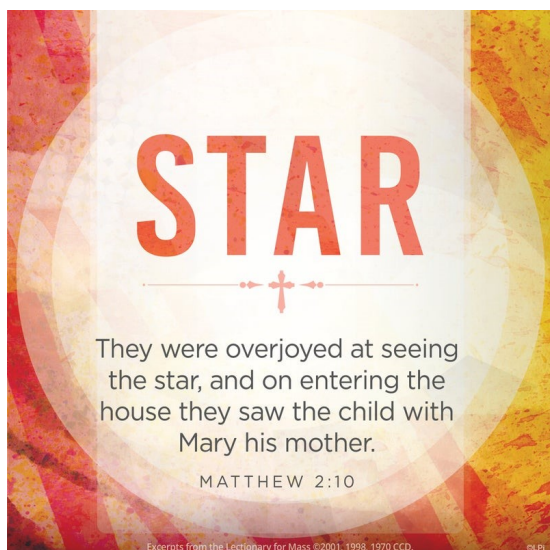
#### PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please send your prayer intentions  
to [shsecretary@htdiocese.org](mailto:shsecretary@htdiocese.org) or call the rectory  
385-0770 and we will include them  
in our daily prayers.





**BAPTISMS:** Second & fourth Sunday of each month, 10:00 AM. BOTH parents AND Godparents MUST attend a baptism seminar held first Tuesday of each month, 6:00PM in the Gallen Room (parking lot entry).  
**WEDDINGS:** Couples should make an appointment with the parish priest at least six months in advance.  
**ANOIDING OF THE SICK:** Call the rectory anytime at 385-0770.  
**COMMUNION IN THE HOME/HOME VISITS:** Call the rectory at 385-0770.  
**HOSPITAL VISITS:** If you or someone you know would like to be visited in the hospital, call the rectory at 385-0770.  
**To request a Parish Registration Form,** call the Rectory at 385-0770 or [shcsecretary@hdiocese.org](mailto:shcsecretary@hdiocese.org)



## WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

### Wedding Feast & Epiphany

#### Question:

How are the feasts of the baptism of Jesus and the account of the wedding feast of Cana related to the Epiphany celebration?

#### Answer:

The Epiphany season focuses on revealing Jesus to the world. Following the Christmas celebration, the liturgical year lays out a series of manifestation points in which Jesus is made publicly known. From its very beginning, the Christian community highlighted three events in the life of Jesus. These are the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the wedding feast at Cana. The Epiphany discloses Jesus to the world of the Gentiles, represented by the magi from the East. The accounts of Jesus' baptism

reveal his identity and mission, along with exposing him to those to whom he was sent to minister. The miracle of turning water to wine at the wedding feast of Cana, unique to John's Gospel, is the first public sign that Jesus performs, thus manifesting his public identity and his powers.

Today in the Roman Church, these are usually celebrated on three successive Sundays: Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord which is usually the next Sunday, and the wedding feast of Cana, which is proclaimed on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time in lectionary year C.

These feasts connect around the concept of epiphany, public manifestation of Jesus to the world. They help us get to know more intimately who Jesus is and what he is about. Spend some time delving more deeply into your understanding of who Jesus is. Continue to cultivate these "epiphany" moments in your life.

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### Baptism of the Lord

"At Christmas we saw a weak baby, giving proof of our weakness. In today's feast, we see a perfect man, hinting at the perfect Son who proceeds from the all-perfect Father. At Christmas the King puts on the royal robe of his body; at Epiphany the very source enfolds, and, as it were, clothes the river. Come then and see new and astounding miracles: the Sun of righteousness washing in the Jordan, fire immersed in water, God sanctified by the ministry of man." - St. Proclus

"Perhaps someone will say: 'He who is holy, why did he wish to be baptized?' Pay attention therefore! Christ is baptized, not that he may be sanctified in the waters, but that he himself may sanctify the waters, and by his own purification may purify those streams which he touches." - St. Maximus of Turin

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### Charter for the Protection of Children & Young People

**Reporting Numbers:** To report suspected abuse of a minor, call the LA Department of Children & Family Services (24/7) 1(855) 452-5437. **Outreach line for victims of sexual abuse by church workers.** If you suspect child abuse by clergy, church officials, church employees or volunteers, please also contact the Victims' Assistance Coordinator (985) 850-3172 and Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Outreach Line (985) 873-0026.