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## **MASSES**

**Saturday Evening: 5 p.m.**

**Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.**

**Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 a.m.**

**Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.**

**OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Thursday 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**

### **CONFESSIONS:**

Saturday 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. or  
by appointment.

### **MARRIAGES:**

Must be scheduled with the Priest  
at least 6 months in advance.

### **MORNING ROSARY:**

8:30 a.m. before Mass.

### **MONDAYS:**

Miraculous Medal Novena following Rosary.

### **EVERY FIRST FRIDAY:**

Novena To The Sacred Heart  
of Jesus - before 9 a.m. Mass.  
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

### **HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION:**

Third Sunday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

August through May. Ages 3 yrs. through  
High School.

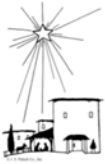
*Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church*

*Saturday, January 7, 2017*

*Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, January 8, 2017*

*Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am*



*The Epiphany of the Lord  
January 8, 2017*

*They opened their treasures  
and offered him gifts of gold,  
frankincense, and myrrh.*

*— Matthew 2:11b*



*Mass Intentions*

January 9– January 15



**Monday: Dan Fleming** by Terry & Rita Rumore

**Tuesday: Andy Brennan** by the Brazzolottos †

**Wednesday: Dcn. Rick Chenalt** by Terry & Rita Rumore

**Thursday: Walton Smith** by the Brazzolottos

**Friday: Gene Smith** by the Brazzolottos †

**Saturday: Col. Bill Jurczyn** by Jay & Enid Willi †

**Sunday: Ruth Stanley** by Terry & Rita Rumore

*Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:*

*Paul Boyle, Crystal Welford, Cecil  
Rodgers, Jacky Johnson, Kitty Gordon,  
Jim Hopper, Anne & Cary Forister,  
Rita Martens, Gail Layton, Joe Yester.*

**Please pray for all our loved ones who are  
ill and our shut-ins. To add a name, call the  
church office; or to add to the Prayer Hot  
Line call Sharon Stice at 205-338-0207, or  
email: [cocoapuff@centurytel.net](mailto:cocoapuff@centurytel.net)**

Please note that names remain on the prayer  
list for 30 days and then are removed unless  
the Church Office is notified.

*Weekly Readings ~ Jan. 9—Jan. 15*

**Monday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts  
10:34-38; Ps 29:1-4, 3,  
9-10; Mt 3:13-17

**Tuesday:** Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab,  
5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28  
or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-  
12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9;  
Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-  
4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11;  
Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3,  
4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-  
10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

**Sunday:** Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4,  
7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3;  
Jn 1:29-34

*Today's Readings*



**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusa-  
lem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of  
the Lord appears over 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.  
(Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6)

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrive looking for  
the newborn king of the Jews. (Matthew 2:1-12)

## Pastor's Message

Today's Feast originated in the Church of the East, hence the Greek word "Epiphany" which means a divine manifestation or a revelation. It is a Feast of universal scope, reminding us that Jesus came as a Savior for all people, of every land and nation.

The story of the Magi, found in Matthew's Gospel has been embellished through the centuries. Matthew's simple "wise men from the east" have been elevated to royalty as three kings in the Christian imagination.

The story has found its way into song, stained glass windows, Christmas pageants and literature. What child doesn't want to play the role of one of the kings in the Christmas pageant?

Part of the age-old appeal of this splendid Feast is that it is our story too. We are hidden in the middle of it. We are, all of us, seekers and travelers, on a restless journey for meaning and truth. The story of the Magi has universal and timeless appeal. We journey through life always in search of more and in search of God.

Today's Feast assures us that our search is not in vain. This story is one with a happy ending and it gives us hope and courage in our own journeys.

Matthew is careful to point out that these scientists (Magi) who came from the east followed the light provided by science and it led them a long way, even to Jerusalem. However, they needed something more to complete their journey. They needed the help of the Scriptures to lead them to Bethlehem. There is a strange irony, too, in the fact that those who had the Scriptures (the chief priests and the scribes) and knew where the Messiah was to be born did not go to Bethlehem. Only the Magi went.

We live in an age when science is the dominant mode of knowledge and discovery. Our lives have been immeasurably enriched by the findings of science. Each day we witness new breakthroughs in the quest for knowledge. Still, even the best scientists will tell us something more is needed if we are to address the ultimate questions of life. Faith enters in to complement science and give us a deeper truth.

We do not have to choose between science and faith. When we combine good science and genuine faith we come closer to the ultimate truth that is God.

### Leaving Christmas Without Leaving It.

When the song of the angels is stilled.  
When the star in the sky is gone.  
When the kings and the princes are home.  
When the shepherds are back with their flock.  
The work of Christmas begins.  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among brothers and sisters,  
To make music in the heart. (Author Unknown)

Peace and Blessings,  
*Fr. Sexton*

January 8~ January 15

### Sunday-Jan. 8

#### **New Year's Day**

**Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am**

\*PSR 9:45 am

\*Pro Life Rosary/Spanish

### Monday-Jan. 9

**Mass 9 am**

\*Legion of Mary

\*Bridge

### Tuesday-Jan. 10

**Communion Service 9 am**

\*NO RCIA

### Wednesday-Jan. 11

**Communion Service 7:00 pm**

\*Sr. Youth 5:30-8:00 pm

### Thursday-Jan. 12

**Mass 9 am**

\*Choir Practice 7:00 pm

### Friday-Jan. 13

**Mass 9 am**

### Saturday-Jan. 14

**Mass 5:00 pm**

\*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

### Sunday-Jan. 15

**Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am**

\*NO PSR

\*Sr. Youth Social 5:00 pm

\*Praise and Worship 6:30 pm

\*Holy Hour 7:00 pm



**FINANCE NEWS**  
July 2015-June 2016

Last week

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>*Offertory:</b>	<b>\$ 8621.00</b>	<b>\$ 5653.85</b>

Year-to-date

<b>*Offertory:</b>	<b>\$ 171,903.65</b>	<b>\$ 152,653.95</b>
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\*Please note the actual total includes Burse Club, Building Fund & Special Collections which are not part of the general operating budget.



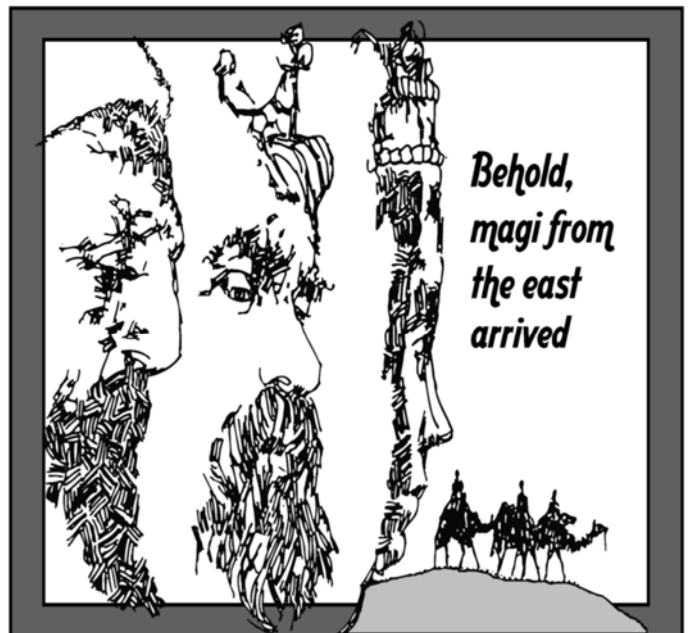
## The Love Pantry

The Love Pantry has requested that we bring cans of soup each week to help meet the needs of our Community.

**Goal -100 cans/week.**

**Total cans last week – 50 cans**

**2017 Offertory envelopes are available for pickup in the North Foyer of the Church. If yours is not there please call the office:205.525.5161.**



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### Parish Council

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### Pro Life Corner

#### Spiritual Adoption Program



**Month 8**

Thank you for praying for me. I am 8 months old now. I've got long fingernails and I'm busy getting ready for my birthday. I can't wait to see my Mom and Dad. Thanks to you & your prayers, I will see them very soon!

#### Prayer

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.





## Saints and Special Observances

**Sunday:** *The Epiphany of the Lord;  
National Migration Week*

**Monday:** *The Baptism of the Lord*

**Tuesday:** *First Week in Ordinary  
Time begins*

**Friday:** *St. Hilary*

**Saturday:** *Blessed Virgin Mary*

## Assignments—Jan. 11— Jan. 15

**WEDNESDAY** 1/11/2017

**7:00 PM  
Communion Service**

Altar Servers  
Lector Bernie Funderburg

**SATURDAY MASS** 1/14/2017

**5:00 PM**

Altar Servers Bernie Funderburg, Cory Funderburg  
Greeters Darlene Leonard, Gisela Scruggs  
Lectors Allen Ross, Phyllis Ross  
Ministers Deacon, Jim Dale, Sonia Dale  
Ushers Jim Dale, Jim Gorman, Bob Nicholas

**SUNDAY MASS** 1/15/2017

**8:30 AM**

Altar Servers Sawyer Stice, Amelia Reese, Carson Falkner,  
John Paul Raynor  
Greeters Phillip & Bit Thomaston, Alexis Allor  
Lectors Joe Stanley, Carey Monistere  
Ministers Deacon, Anna Emerick, Tommie Ann  
Johnson, Janice Stella, Teri Gagliano  
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Laura Headley,  
Tommie Ann Johnson, Paul Emerick

**11:15 PM**

Altar Servers Peyton Foreman, Brooks Boyle, Erin  
Barker, Teresa Ray  
Greeters Peter & Amber Boyle, John Himmler  
Lectors Bernie Funderburg, Tony Hollis  
Ministers Deacon, Sarah Brazzolotto, Maria  
Jimenez, Ken Otto, Edie Otto  
Ushers Don Frederick, Ron Markevich, Brian  
Young, John Smith

**If you cannot keep your assignment**

**PLEASE find a substitute.**



## La Guadalupe Mission Needs:

Used Electric stove and/or used washer.  
For an needy elderly lady moving into an  
old trailer from rental property.

If you have these items to donate  
please call:

**Mari @ 205-525-0071,**  
to arrange for pick up.

*"Blessed is he who considers the poor; The Lord  
will deliver him in time of trouble."*

*Psalm 41:1*

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*Follow  
the  
example  
of the*  
**WISE  
MEN**



**SEEK  
JESUS  
FOLLOW  
HIS  
DIVINE  
LIGHT!**

*“It is better to be a child of God than king of the whole world!”*

**-ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA**

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CALENDAR**

January 8

PSR at 9:45 am

January 15

NO PSR

*In keeping with School Schedules*

January 22

PSR at 9:45 am

January 29

PSR at 9:45 am



**Little Ones in Christ Grades Pre K—Grade 2**

Contact Joanna Murphree (205) 473-1444.

**Junior Youth Grades 3—Grade 6** Contact Jordan Murphree (205) 863-5787

**Senior Youth Grades 7-12** Contact Peter Boyle (205) 613-5435

1st & 3rd Wednesdays— Sr. Youth Meetings & Every 3rd Sunday—Social Night  
**Food, Fun, and Faith!**

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