

St. James Major Catholic Church

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Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00 pm (Anticipated)
Sunday: 10:00 am
Monday – Friday: 8:30 am (in Chapel)

Holy Hour: First Friday following the 8:30 am Mass.
Perpetual Help Novena: Tuesdays after Mass

Confessions

Saturday: 3:15 – 3:45 pm
And by request

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

New Parishioners: Welcome to the Parish! Please complete a registration form (found on the tables at the doors) and introduce yourself to the priest.

Baptisms: Please contact the Priest or Deacon to arrange for a seminar and time for the Baptism.

Weddings: Arrangements should be made at least six (6) months in advance of the date of the wedding. Please contact the priest before committing to any other arrangements.

Funerals: Please contact the church as soon as the need arises and before making any arrangements with the funeral parlor.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The Epiphany (manifestation) of the Lord is celebrated January 6 or the Sunday between January 2 and 8. The Magi from the east represent all people. They are traditionally three and are called Balthasar, Melchior and Caspar. They honor the Baby Jesus with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh and safety by not returning to Herod and telling of the Child's whereabouts. Their acceptance by our Lord affirms that salvation is for all.

This year the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated Sunday, January 7.



BAPTISM OF THE LORD



This year the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord Monday, January 8. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons and daughters of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolic of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons and daughters of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

Prayer for a Sense of Humor

Lord,
in this new year of life,
give all of us not only a sense
of generosity and gratitude,
but also a sense of humor—
 having the ability
 to laugh at ourselves
when we get too serious or too smug.
Tickle us when we want to scream
or when we want to mirror
 to the world
a scowl instead of a smile.

Fr. Andrew Costello



Welcome

No matter where you are from, what you do, what your current family, marital or life situation...

No matter your personal history, age, background, race or political affiliation...

No matter your religion or self-perceived relationship with God or the Church...

We are very happy you are with us

Our Lady of Prompt Succor

Our Lady of Prompt Succor is the patroness of Louisiana. Our Blessed Mother has assisted and protected our city in times of great need: a raging fire in 1812 in which the Ursuline convent was spared and victory over the British in the Battle of New Orleans in 1815. Each year, on January 8, a Mass of Thanksgiving is said at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor.



Masses for the Living and Deceased



It is part of our Catholic tradition to have Masses said for our loved ones, living and deceased. To have a Mass said, write your name and the name of the person whom the Mass is for, your preferred day for the Mass, and your phone number and mail this information to the rectory or place it in the collection basket when you come to church. The traditional donation to the parish is \$5.

Apple Phone Found

An Apple brand phone was found in the church. If you have lost an Apple phone, please contact the rectory.

Silver Bracelet Found

A silver bracelet was found December 8 outside the church door behind the rectory garage. If this bracelet is yours, please speak contact the rectory.

Mass Intentions



Each Mass is offered for the intentions of all present and for the following:

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

4:00 pm SJM Parishioners, living & deceased

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

10:00 am Intentions of all our parishioners who are ill and those who have asked for prayer

Repose of the souls of

- +Clarence "Benny" Parent, Jr. +Kenneth Ruiz
- +Thelma & Leon Woll, Sr. +Rochelle Age
- +Riley Ryan Family +Junior Frederick
- +Mr. & Mrs. William Burk, Sr. +Eiola Martinez
- +Decuir, Bergeron & Schlater Families

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

8:30 am +Poor Souls in Purgatory (P.L.)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

8:30 am +Joseph Chevis
 +Camillo Salas
 +Jospeh Jacques

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

8:30 am Int. St. Joseph Altar Group

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

8:30 am +Margo Lightfoot

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

8:30 am Thanksgiving-Betty Jane Schlater



Please pray for them: Valerie Smith, Mary Mitchell, Trina Cousin, Gloria Mitchell, Denise Thomas, Audrey Wilson, Lt. Nichele Magee, USN, Gail Wright, Theresa Morris, Kerry Malter, Gloria Harris, Gertrude Harris, William Mitchell, Maggie Haney, Dominic Carmouche, Loretta Parent, Walter Glapion, Yvonne Bechet, Gerald Mercadel, Sr., Susan Lauterbach, Thais Ardoin, Russell Jordan, Denise Rachal, Herbert Briant, Sr., Irene Ward, Theresa Jupiter, Marguerite Ragas, Irma Springer, Wilbert Clementin, Sr., CPL Darren Brazley, Jr., John Washington, Yolande Adams, Byron Williams, Jr., Kim Stovall, Michelle Irwin, Pamela Jordon, Dennis LeBlanc and Clarence, Robert and Buster Mitchell.



Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially those who are homebound or in hospitals, nursing homes and hospice. Please notify the rectory of the change in status of your relatives on the prayer list.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

- 08 Monday **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Isaiah 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 John 5:1-9; Ps 29 or Is 12; Mark 1:7-11
- 09 Tuesday **WEEKDAY**
1 Samuel 1:1-8 and 1 Samuel 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2; Mark 1:14-20 and Mark 1:21-28
- 10 Wednesday **WEEKDAY**
1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Pf 40; Mark 1:29-39
- 11 Thursday **WEEKDAY**
1 Samuel 4:1-11; Ps 44; Mark 1:40-45
- 12 Friday **WEEKDAY**
1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89; Mark 2:1-12
- 13 Saturday **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY or ST. HILARY or WEEKDAY**
1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Ps 21; Mark 2:13-17
- 14 Sunday **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42

Lectors & Commentators

- Jan 06 Montrelle Sinegar, Greer Adams
- Jan 07 Denise Thomas, Darren Isabelle



Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

- Jan 06 Roy LeBlanc, Kerry Winder
- Jan 07 Denise Huner, Tony Tabor

Our Men and Women in the Service

Please remember to pray for our men and women who are serving in the armed forces, especially:

- SSgt Bryan Stovall, Jr., USMC PO2 Melissa Flot, USN
- CPL Darren Brazley, Jr., USA PVT Robert Cook, USA
- SSgt. Anthony Montz, USAF Alvin Benjamin, USN
- Sr.A. Davin Hornsby, USAF A1C Andrew Montz, USAF
- SGT Robert Lambert, USA



OFFERTORY COLLECTION (December 23 & 24)

First Collection	\$2761.00
Second Collection.....	806.00
	<u>\$3567.00</u>

OFFERTORY COLLECTION (December 25)

Christmas Collection \$2336.00

OFFERTORY COLLECTION (December 30 & 31)

Information not available at time of printing

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