Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 5, 2025

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Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 12:10 PM Wednesday & Friday 6:30 AM Saturday: 4:00 PM Sunday: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, & 10:00 AM <u>Rosary Schedule</u> Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 11:30 AM Wednesday & Friday 5:55 AM Saturday: 3:15 PM Sunday: 5:55 AM, 7:15 AM, & 9:15 AM <u>Confession:</u> Saturdays: 3:00-3:45 PM or By appointment <u>Adoration</u> Mon: 8AM-5PM Wed: 7AM-7PM Fri:7AM-5PM Mailing Address: 1110 Old Spanish Trail Scott, LA 70583 Email: stspeterandpaulscott@ hotmail.com Fax: 337-233-4868 School: 337-504-3400 CCD: 337-232-6167

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weekly Readings

Sunday:

First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6 **Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6 Alleluia: Matthew 2:2 Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12 Monday: First Reading: First John 3: 22 -4:6 **Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 2:7bc-8,10-11 Alleluia: Matthew 4:23 Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-17, 23-25 **Tuesday:** First Reading: First John 4: 7-10 **Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 72: 1-2, 3-4, 7-8 Alleluia: Luke 4: 18 Gospel: Mark 6: 34-44 Wednesday: First Reading: First John 4: 11-18 **Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13 Alleluia: First Timothy 3: 16 Gospel: Mark 6: 45-52 Thursday: First Reading: First John 4: 19 -5:4 **Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms

72: 1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 Alleluia: Luke 4: 18 Gospel: Luke 4: 14-22 Friday:

First Reading: First John 5: 5-13 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Alleluia: Matthew 4: 23 Gospel: Luke 5: 12-16 Saturday:

First Reading: First John 5: 14-21 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 149: 1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b Alleluia: Matthew 4: 16 Gospel: John 3: 22-30

COLLECTION FOR 12/29/2024

Collections are unavailable due to the Christmas holiday.

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 4th-

4:00 PM-Alberie & Inez Barras (D) / Ray/Mable Brasseaux (D) / David & Marleen Arnaud (D) / Bernice F. Dugas (D) / Mitchel Dugas (D) / Kenny Beaugh (D) / Mary Ann Dugas (D) / Sheilah Resweber (D) / Donnie Dubose (D) / Francis Segura (D) (ANN) / Marie Falcon Hebert (D) / John Allen Prejean (D) / Maria Hat (D)

<u>Sunday, January 5th-</u> 6:30 AM-For the People

8:00 AM-Joan Firmin (D) / M/M Francis T. Resweber (D) / Spiritual Healing (D) / Dustin Wiltz (D)

10:00 AM-John B. Sonnier Family / Harold Benoit (D) / Rosamarie Reyes-Silva (D) / Michael Allain (D) / Jerry D. Guidry (D) / Terry Martin (D) / Ms. Belinda Thibodeaux (L) / Mr. Doyle Brashear (D) / Louella / Buck Ransonet (D) / M/M Guy Martin Sr. (D) / John B. Sonnier Family (D) / Ronald L. Baudoin (D) / Todd Henry (D)(HBD) / M/M Harold Brashear (D) / Matt & Laura Cormier / Murphy Sr. & Hazel Stoute / Mason & Laura Guidry / Rayford Domingue (D) / Poochie Fredrick (D) / Deanna Sonnier (D) / Forest P. Duhon (D) / Mr. Lance LeBourgeois (D) / Peter Jimmy Pham (D)

Monday, January 6th-

12:10 PM-Peter Cuong Nguyen (D) / Kaleigh Degeyter (L)(HBD)

Tuesday, January 7th-

12:10 PM-Michael O'Neil Mouton (D) / Claudia S. Breaux (D)(ANN) / Judson Savoy (L)(HBD) / John Allen Prejean (D) / Pauline "Polly Hebert (D)(ANN) / Joseph Phong Vu (D) / M/M Brian Menard (L)(ANN) / Ryan Degeyter (L)(HBD) / Rhena Comeaux (D)(ANN)

Wednesday, January 8th-

6:30 AM-Louis/Nicole Resweber (L)(ANN) / Hai Family (D)

Thursday, January 9th-

12:10 PM-Lamar Stagg (D)(ANN) / Carolyn Prejean (D) / Fr. Charles Heskamp (D)

Friday, January 10th-

6:30 AM-Gerald & Louella Savoy (D) / Lucille Ann Sonnier (D)(ANN) / Jack (D)

Question of the Week: who can I ask for help in my

search for the Lord? How can I overcome doubt or disappointment when I experience them?

The magi come with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Journeys play a prominent role in the readings for Epiphany. Isaiah describes the day when caravans from near and far will be drawn to a radiant Jerusalem. The psalmist tells of kings from even the most distant nations who will come to pay the Messiah homage. Paul insists that the Gentiles are invited into the same body with the same promise of salvation. Finally, we hear the familiar words of Matthew, telling the story of the magi's long journey to see the newborn king. Let us listen to God's word, aware that we too make our own personal journey to the Lord.

A Manifestation to the World

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." Matthew 2:1-2

The Magi were most likely from Persia, modern-day Iran. They were men who regularly engaged in a study of the stars. They were not Jewish but were most likely aware of the popular belief of the Jewish people that a king would be born who would save them.

These Magi were called by God to encounter the Savior of the World. Interestingly, God used something very familiar to them as an instrument of their calling: the stars. It was among their belief that when someone of great importance was born, this birth was accompanied by a new star. So when they saw this new, bright and brilliant star, they were filled with curiosity and hope. One of the most significant aspects of this story is that they responded. God called them through the use of a star, and they chose to follow this sign, embarking on a long and arduous journey.

God often uses those things most familiar to us that are part of our daily life to send forth His calling. Recall, for example, that many of the Apostles were fishermen, and Jesus used their occupation to call them, making them "fishers of men." He especially used the miraculous catch of fish to clearly indicate to them that they had a new calling.

In our own lives, God is constantly calling us to seek Him out and worship Him. He will often use some of the most ordinary parts of our lives to send forth that calling. How is He calling you? In what way is He sending you a star to follow? Many times when God speaks, we ignore His voice. We must learn from these Magi and diligently respond when He calls. We must not hesitate and must seek to daily be attentive to the ways that God invites us to deeper trust, surrender and worship.

Reflect, today, upon God's call in your life. Are you listening? Are you responding? Are you ready and willing to abandon all else in life so as to serve His holy will? Seek Him, wait on Him and respond. Doing so will be the best decision you ever make.

Lord, I love You and pray that I will be open to Your guiding hand in my life. May I always be attentive to the countless ways that You call to me each and every day. And may I always respond to You with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in You.

The Sanctuary Candle this week is lit for: Parishioners of SPP	The Adoration Candle this week is lit for: Teachers & Students returning to school			
PLEASE PRAY FOR PRIESTS We thank you, God our Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf; Fill your priests with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to new depths of union with your Son. Increase in them profound faith in the Sacraments they cele- brate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us. Lord Jesus Christ, grant that these, your priests, may inspire us to strive for holiness by the power of their example, as men of prayer who ponder your word and follow your will.	LET US PRAY DAILY FOR OUR PRIESTS, SEMINARIANS, AND DEACONS OF THE DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE			
	January 5th	Rev. Theodore Nnabugo	Dcn. Ricky Castaneda	Dcn. Barry Leblanc
	January 6th	Rev. Albert Gayle Nunez	Haden Coleman	Dcn. Joshua Leblanc
	January 7th	Rev. Godwin Nzeh, CMF	Sebastian Cramer	Dcn. Robert Louis Leblanc
O Mary, Mother of Christ and our mother, guard with your material care these chosen ones, so dear to the Heart of your Son. Intercede for our priests that, offering the Sacrifice of your Son, they may be conformed more each day to the image of	January 8th	Rev. Mark Alewo Odoguje	Carter Domingue	Dcn. Eugene Leboeuf
your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. <i>Amen.</i> O God, we earnestly ask You to bless this diocese with many priests, brothers, and sisters who will love You with their whole strength and gladly spend their entire lives to serve Your Church and to make You known and loved. Bless our families, bless our children, choose from our homes those needed for Your work. Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for us, pray for our priests, religious, and deacons. Obtain for us many more. <i>Amen.</i>	January 9th	Rev. Anselm I. Ofodum	Seth Dupre	Dcn. Timothy Ledet
	January 10th	Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell	John Michael Fruge, Jr.	Dcn. Carlton Lee
	January 11th	Rev. James Bam Nguyen	Br. John Paul Fruge	Dcn. Barney Lejeune

ATTENTION

Baptismal Information *YOU MUST BE A REGISTERED & PRACTICING PARISHIONER*

Parents must fill out a Baptismal Registration Form and Godparents must be fill out a Baptismal Godparent Form. They can be found on the church website (www.stspeterandpaulscott.org) under sacraments. You must bring the forms to the Church Office.

You will then have to make an appointment with Fr. Mark. After approval by Fr. Mark, parents and godparents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class.

Criteria for Godparents: Must be at least 16 years old, confirmed, and a practicing Catholic. They must be able to receive communion & in good standing.

Non-Catholic godparents are highly discouraged. They will NOT appear on the baptismal certificate!

Baptismal Class Schedule: 2nd Tuesday of every other month, from 6 PM to 7 PM January 14th July 8th

March 11th May 13th

September 9th November 11th





Visit our ACTS Retreat page on the Sts. Peter & **Paul Church** Websitestspeterandpaulscott.org-for more information on ACTS, upcoming retreat dates & the applications to apply. The information can be found under ACTS.

Starting on Monday's in 2025, while the office will be open at 9 am, there will be no transactions happening until after 10 AM.

This means no mass intentions, certificates, etc. will be able to happen until after 10 AM on Monday mornings.

Thank you for your understanding.

Altar Servers Needed for Sacred Liturgy



Any young person aged 10 to 18 is invited to join the ranks of the Alter Servers of Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church. If you are

interested in learning more about the Sacred Liturgy of Holy Mother Church then altar serving is for you.

Please call the church office (337.235.2433) to sign up to be an Altar Server.



ENGAGED **COUPLES!**

Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living.

Attend a **Catholic** Engaged **Encounter** Weekend.

It is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together in a Sacramental Marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law. Weekend dates for **2025** are Jan. 24-26, Mar. 21-23, and Sept. 26-28.

The cost of the weekend is **\$275**. A **\$125 non-refundable deposit** is required to secure a reservation. To learn more, visit our website www.ceelafavette.org or contact Mike & Phyllis Totaro at 337-962-5798 (Phyllis) or reginfo.ceelaf@gmail.com

BLESSING OF THE HOME & HOUSEHOLD ON EPIPHANY

When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung. The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply, "Amen."

The leader greets those present in the following words:

Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace.

Blessed be God forever.

R/. Blessed be God forever.

In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 19:1-9:

Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way.> When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham."

The intercessions are then said:

Leader: The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him.

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head.

We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing. We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory.

We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

After the intercessions the leader invites all present to say the Lord's Prayer.

The leader says the prayer of blessing with hands joined:

Lord God of heaven and earth,

you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation

by the guidance of a star.

Bless this house

and all who inhabit it.

Fill them (us) with the light of Christ,

that their (our) concern for others may reflect your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:

May Christ Jesus dwell with us,

keep us from all harm,

and make us one in mind and heart,

now and forever.

R/. Amen.

It is preferable to end the celebration with a suitable song, for example, "O Come, All Ye Faithful" or "We Three Kings."

Epiphany of the Lord



All of God's creation gives Him glory and praises Him by its very existence. Psalm 143 states, "Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all shining stars. Praise him, highest heavens, you waters above the heavens. Let them all praise the LORD's name; for he commanded and they were created..." Though creation gives praise to God simply by existing and thus, revealing its Creator, today's solemnity commemorates the one moment in time when God used a star to manifest His

eternal glory. At the time of Jesus' birth, it was commonly believed that a new star would appear whenever a new ruler was born. The Father in Heaven used this belief to honor His Son Who was born as the new King. The three Magi from the East were astrologers. When they saw this "new star," they chose to follow it to discover the new King. Creation itself, in the form of a star, pointed the way, thus giving glory to the newborn King, manifesting Him to the whole world as symbolized by the Magi. The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation." Therefore, as we honor this moment in time when the Christ Child was made manifest to the world, we need to look into our own hearts. There, we discover Christ's ongoing manifestation to us so that we can worship Him Who has also chosen to be born within our hearts. We must diligently seek out that manifestation of God within us and respond to it in the same ways that the Magi responded. First of all, the Magi were determined. When they saw a sign from the heavens that pointed to a new King, they stopped everything and departed in haste to find Him. When God speaks to you and manifests Himself to you in some way, nothing could be more important than to be attentive to His voice and follow His manifestation with the same haste. The Magi brought the Christ Child gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. God was honored and glorified through His creation by the giving of these gifts. God created gold to manifest His beauty and dignity. It was a gift that symbolized kingship. When we ponder the natural gift of gold given to the Christ Child, we are inspired to give Him our own gift of symbolic gold by prayerfully acknowledging Him as our own King to whom we pledge our complete submission. Made from the sap of trees found in India, northeastern Africa, and the Arabian peninsula, frankincense and myrrh are also fruits of God's creation. Used in worship to symbolize prayers rising to heaven, frankincense symbolizes the Christ Child's divinity. We offer frankincense to Christ when we acknowledge His divine nature, since He is God in the flesh. Often used in burial, myrrh honors the Christ Child Who came to give His life as a sacrifice for many. We offer myrrh to profess our belief in the saving power of Christ's death on the Cross and our need for that gift of salvation. As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany, try to see it as a historical event in which you are invited to share. God wants to manifest Himself to you today. When this happens, you must respond with faith and worship, giving God the greatest glory by giving Him your very life and offering Him your spiritual gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Prayer: Most glorious Christ Child, the Father in Heaven honored Your birth by placing a star over the place where you lay. Through that new star, Your divine presence was made manifest to the world in the Magi who responded with faith and worship. Please manifest Yourself to me within my own soul where You wish to be born, and give me the love and zeal I need to follow the example of the Magi, offering You my own gifts in adoration and trust. Jesus, I trust in You.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK



This week, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Scott Family Physicians for their generous support of our parish community.

Their commitment helps us continue our mission and serve our congregation in numerous ways.

Please consider supporting them as a token of appreciation for their dedication to our church.

Thank you, Dr. Darrin!

