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ST. ANTHONY MISSION CHAPEL

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Sacrament of Baptism

Contact the Church office to schedule Baptisms

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples should contact the Priest 6 months prior to the wedding date. NO wedding date should be planned, till after the Marriage Preparation has been completed.

Funerals

Please call the office to inform of the death of a church member and to schedule an appointment to plan the Funeral. Only after meeting with the Secretary, should one contact the funeral home with the final arrangement.

Office Hours

Monday & Friday 9:00 a.m.–12 noon
Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Tuesday **CLOSED**

(Parishioners: For any emergency or sacramental needs please contact Fr. Richard, SVD at (337) 714-9327)

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: *St Anthony* 8:00 a.m.
St Joseph 10:00 a.m.
Monday - Thursday 7:00 a.m.
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

Confession

Saturday 4:00–5:00 p.m.
Weekdays following weekday masses
or by appointment

Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Ryszard Zawadzki, S.V.D.
(337) 714-9327

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Ms. Peggie M. Bellow

Sacristan: Mr. Dan Foster

Maintenance: Mr. Terry Flugence

Musicians: Mr. Harris Flugence
Ms. Carla Bernard

Trustees: Mr. Ervin Flugence
Mrs. Dianna Darby

Victims Assistance Coordinator:
Mr. Joe Pisanco, Jr. (337) 298-2987

Meetings

Ushers Association: Third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m.—Bishop Perry Learning Center

Adult Choir Practice: Every Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

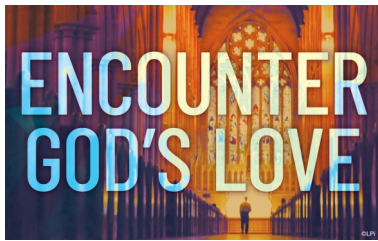
Come Lord Jesus Group: Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Knights & Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver: 2nd Sun of the month

Mission Statement

“As a community inspired by the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and our ancestral heritage, we the parishioners of St. Joseph and St. Anthony profess to proclaim God’s goodness. And through our faith and commitment to the Holy Word we join together in spirit, truth, love and service working together for the good of our church parish.”

GOSPEL MEDITATION



"In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is

not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being." Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important. We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

Mass Intentions

Fri. Dec 31st, 6:00 p.m: Gilbert Matthews Sr, M/M Anna Mae & Elmo Johnson Sr, Irene Campbell, Mildred Davis, Alvin Davis and Frankie Flugence. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and donor and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

Sat. Jan 1st, 10:00 a.m: Hilda Johnson, Alexson Mathieu, Audrey Mathieu, deceased members of the Mathieu & Mouton families, Christopher J Anderson, Wilbert & Thelma Jeanlouis, Harold Anderson Sr & Ethel Mae Decuir, Jaylon Harrison, Mary Martin, Linda James, Charles Walker, deceased members of the Johnson & Walker families, Kitty Keefe, Patrick Keefe, deceased members of the Keefe family and for all deceased Ushers of the parish. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and donor and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

Sun. Jan 2nd 8:00 a.m: Wonest Decuir Sr, Harper Zacharie, Mrs. Willie Mae Zacharie and for all deceased Ushers of the parish. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

Sun. Jan 2nd 10:00 a.m: Joseph Leo Sias III, Christopher Anderson and the deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families, Lionel Ryes, M/M Curley & Mary Ann Flugence, deceased members of the Flugence & St. Julien families, and for all deceased Ushers of the parish. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.



Prayers for the Sick:

*Merciful Jesus, onto Your
Compassionate Heart we recommend:*

Charles Lee, Gustavia Thibeaux, John Albert Ledet, Mark Tauriac, Shavawna Flugence, Mayola Williams, Lester Mouton, Louvenia L Gibson, Audrey Armelin, Rodney Dupuis, Bessie Johnson, Edna Nickerson, Carolyn Flugence, Ronnie Trahan Sr, Dan Foster, Emery Joe and Sylvania Cormier.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

- Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/
Mt 2:1-12
- 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 72:1-2, 3-4, 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 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
- Next Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

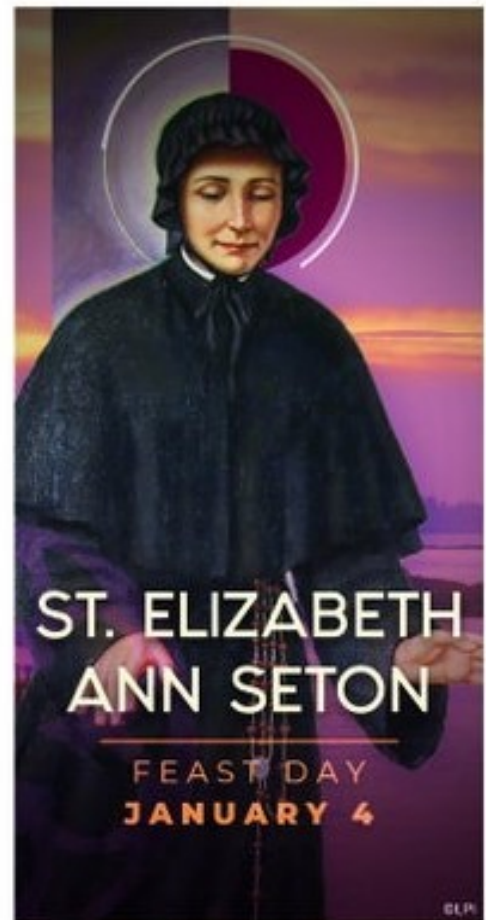
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

- Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
- Monday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- Tuesday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
- Wednesday:** St. John Neumann, Bishop
- Thursday:** St. André Bessette, Religious
- Friday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
- Next Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord

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Inspiration for the week

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.



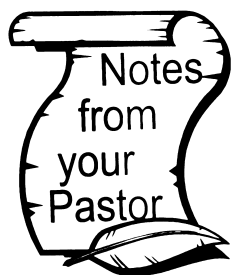
SAINT OF THE WEEK

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

PASTORS CORNER



Epiphany of our Lord

The feast of the Epiphany is the celebration of the Lord's manifestation to all peoples represented by the Magi who came from the East to adore the King of the Jews. The word epiphany comes from Greek, meaning a showing or manifestation. Originally the word Epiphany referred to the visit of a king to the people of his provinces. Matthew who recounts the event tells us how the Magi arrived in Jerusalem following a star seen at its rising and interpreted as a sign of the birth of a new king. Originally this feast celebrated on the 6th of January, contained four great manifestations of Jesus namely the Nativity of our Lord, the coming of the Magi or the three kings, the Baptism of our Lord and the wedding at Cana. Today we celebrate only the feast of the coming of the Magi in search of the newly born king and God revealing himself to the universe to a group essentially non-Jewish. The magi were strangers, foreigners, total outsiders who came to pay royal homage to this little child. In the first reading of today a prophet encourages the people to stand up and welcome a new day. All the darkness will be replaced with light and Israel will become a light to the nations. They will see all the good things God has in store for them. In the second reading Paul refers to the great mystery of God revealed to him namely that God desires to save both Jews and Gentiles in Christ. Gentiles join the Jews in experiencing God's promise of salvation. The Gospel of today tells us about the wise men from the East who followed a star in search of the new born king of the Jews. When they find him they worship him and pay him homage by offering him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

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Inspirations for Your Week

I'm Just Saying

**Sometimes I
 wish I could just
 rewind back to
 the old days and
 press pause... just
 for a little
 while.**

Our Giving

Dec 24th, 25th & 26th, 2021

St. Joseph: (85) Envelopes)	\$827.00
St. Anthony: (46 Envelopes)	<u>313.00</u>
	\$1,140.00

2nd Collections:

Thanksgiving Offerings:	10.00
Christmas Offerings:	2,147.00
Building Maintenance:	5.00
Annual Donation:	100.00
B.S.A:	104.00
TOTAL:	\$3,506.00

November Assessment Paid:	\$1,792.95
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Stewardship Quotes:

"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." (MATTHEW 2:11)

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

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JANUARY 2ND, 2022

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
SATURDAY Jan 8, 2022 5:00pm	Christella Spurlock	Linda Johnson		
SUNDAY Jan 9, 2022 8:0am	Erroll Greig			Loucinda George Eddie Chretien
SUNDAY Jan 9, 2022 10:00am	Marie Francis	Terry Flugence		

Please Note: Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion; by calling for a replacement when you are scheduled but cannot serve, you honor your commitment and help to ensure that there is no interruption for mass. Thanks!!

God's Housekeepers:

St. Joseph: Thanks to all of the ladies in **Group C** that cleaned the church on December 30th, 2021. The next group is **Group A:** Marie Francis, Gaynell Kimble and Jennifer Harris – January 8th, 2022.

St. Anthony — January, 2022: (**Group A**) Loucinda George, Jeanette Mitchell and Lillie Faye Jones.
Your hard work and time dedicated is appreciated!

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Through Memorial Ads
on the Our Church Bulletin



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By Sarah and Jane Smith

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ There is NO 2nd Collection next weekend
- ♦ Friday January 7th – First Friday of the month Mass at 7am followed by Adoration. Come and spend sometimes with Jesus in private adoration

