

What do the Saints Say?

AUGUSTINE- After the miraculous Virgin-birth, a God-man having by Divine power proceeded from a virgin womb; in the obscure shelter of such a cradle, a narrow stall, wherein lay Infinite Majesty in a body more narrow, a God was suckled and suffered the wrapping of vile rags—amidst all this, on a sudden a new star shone in the sky upon the earth, and driving away the darkness of the world, changed night into day; that the day-star should not be hidden by the night. Hence it is that the Evangelist says, *Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem.*

JEROME- We think the Evangelist first wrote, as we read in the Hebrew, 'Judah,' not 'Judæa.' For in what other country is there a Bethlehem, that this needs to be distinguished as in 'Judæa?' But 'Judah' is written, because there is another Bethlehem in Galilee.

CHRYSOSTOM- Let us see to what serves this designation of time. *In the days of Herod the king.* It shows the fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy, wherein he spoke that Christ should be born after seventy weeks of years. For from the time of the prophecy to the reign of Herod, the years of seventy weeks were accomplished. Or again, as long as Judæa was ruled by Jewish princes, though sinners, so long prophets were sent for its amendment; but now, whereas God's law was held under the power of an unrighteous king, and the righteousness of God enslaved by the Roman rule, Christ is born; the more desperate sickness required the better physician.

RABANUS- The Magi are men who enquire into the nature of things philosophically, but common speech uses Magi for wizards. In their own country, however, they are held in other repute, being the philosophers of the Chaldæans, in whose lore kings and princes of that nation are taught, and by which themselves knew the birth of the Lord.

AUGUSTINE- What were these Magi but the first fruits of the Gentiles? Israelitish shepherds, gentile Magicians, one from far, the other from near, hastened to the one Corner-stone.

AUGUSTINE- Jesus then was manifested neither to the learned nor the righteous; for ignorance belonged to the shepherds, impiety to the idolatrous Magi. Yet does that Corner-stone attract them both to Itself, seeing He came to choose the foolish things of this world to confound the wise, and not to call the righteous, but sinners; that nothing great should exalt himself, none weak should despair.

REMIIGIUS- It should be known, that opinions vary respecting the Magi. Some say they were Chaldæans, who are known to have worshipped a star as God; thus their fictitious Deity showed them the way to the true God. Others think that they were Persians; others again, that they came from the utmost ends of the earth. Another and more probable opinion is, that they were descendants of Balaam, who having his prophecy, *There shall rise a Star out of Jacob,* (Num. 24:17.) as soon as they saw the star, would know that a King was born.

CHRYSOSTOM- This was manifestly not one of the common stars of Heaven. First, because none of the stars moves in this way, from east to south, and such is the situation of Palestine with respect to Persia. Secondly, from the time of its appearance, not in the night only, but during the day. Thirdly, from its being visible and then again invisible; when they entered Jerusalem it hid itself, and then appeared again when they left Herod. Further, it had no stated motion, but when the Magi were to go on, it went before them; when to stop, it stopped like the pillar of cloud in the desert. Fourthly, it signified the Virgin's delivery, not by being fixed aloft, but by descending to earth, showing herein like an invisible virtue formed into the visible appearance of a star.



For the Week of, January 8, 2019 – January 13, 2019

8:00 A.M. – Tuesday, January 8

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Parishioners of St. Ann, Rai & Thaddeus Pellegrin, Amelia Doll, S.N. & family, Sue, Jake, & Matt

8:00 A.M. – Wednesday, January 9

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8:00 A.M. - Thursday, January 10

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8:00 A.M. - Friday, January 11

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4:00P.M. - Saturday, January 12

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: *Parishioners of St. Ann,*

Loyd Savin, Eldred & MayBelle Ellender, Wilbert & Elise Hebert Linda Ann Hebert, Salome H. Matherne, Matthew S. Matherne, Peter W. Hebert, Samuel Dominic Hebert, Michael Lee McGee, Wayne G. Cancienne, Wilbert Dupre Sr., Jerry & Matthew Arceneaux, Mr. & Mrs. Audrin Pinell family, Mr. & Mrs. Huey Dugas & Lisa, Mr. & Mrs.

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8:00A.M. - Sunday, January 13

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: *Parishioners of St. Ann,*

Lawrence & Eula Mazerac, Judith & Donald Lirette Jr., Rhea P. Voisin & Eddie Voisin Jr., Sue Bueche, Mary Eve & Vayne Bascle, Lionel Bascle family, Arthe' Breaux family, Arthur Lee Fabre, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Fabre, Mr. & Mrs. Irby Petit, Aubrey Lee Boquet, Roland, Paul & Eula Mae Rodrigue, Cindy R. Broussard, Vin & Joyce LeBlanc family, Gilbert & Rita Bergeron family, S.N. & family, Sue, Jake, & Matt

10:00A.M. - Sunday, January 13

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:

Parishioners of St. Ann, Joyce, Deborah, Celina & Herbert Belanger, Rosie & Richard Lafont, Lyle LeCompte, Geraldine Dupre, Keri Lynn Niette, S.N. & family, Sue, Jake, & Matt



MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 6, 2019



The Sanctuary Light burns this week in memory of *Loyd Savin* requested by Archie & Elwanda Dupre .

The Altar Bread is in memory of *Eldred & Maybelle Ellender* requested by the family.

The Altar Wine & Missals are in memory of *Ezoline Bourg* requested by Leward & Peggy Boquet.

The altar candles burn this week in memory of *Carmen, Ann, & Michael Boquet* requested by the family.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

December 29 & 30, 2018: Envelopes: \$3285.00 +Loose: \$456.00 + \$918.97 (Online)

****Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Catholic Charities collection!****

****We exceeded our parish quota of \$6,350.00.****

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YOUTH FORMATION CLASS:

If you have any questions please Call Lisa L. @ 985-852-2007

Knights of Columbus St. Ann Bourg Council 8932 is accepting applications for the 2019 Catholic Youth Leadership Award Scholarship Program. Applications, directions for filling out the application, and informative information about the award can be found at www.louisianakc.org, by contacting your school guidance counselor, or picked up at the St. Ann Parish Center. The CYLA Award is open to all graduating Catholic boys and girls who are in the 12th Grade. Applicant must be a parishioner of St. Ann Catholic Church to apply for the St. Ann Bourg Council award. Application deadline is January 25, 2019 by midnight, and must be turned in to a Knight of St. Ann Bourg Council 8932. For additional information please see the Louisiana Knights of Columbus web site.
Good Luck!



Safe Environment Training

If your role involves contact with children **for any length of time** and you are a volunteer or paid personnel with the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, you are **required** to take the online Safe and Sacred, Safe Environment training before volunteering/working at a diocesan church parish, office or Catholic school. There is also a volunteer ministry application that is necessary to be completed and turned into the parish office **before** the online training can be completed.

Contact your Safe Environment Coordinator regarding your Volunteer Ministry Application and Safe Environment Training. (St. Ann Safe Environment Coordinator, Wendy Romero (985)-594-3548)
Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Office of Child and Youth Protection Michelle Ohmer, Safe Environment mohmer@htdiocese.org (985)850-3140

CHURCH CLEANING: WEEK OF JANUARY 12 – Leslie B., Tim & Mona M., Darlene L., Kellie B.

MASSES	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	COMMENTATOR/ LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
<u>January 12 & 13</u>				
SATURDAY 4:00P.M.	Sue, Steve, Yvonne, June	Hayes, Randolph	Grace, Rebecca	Steve H., Jan
SUNDAY 8:00A.M.	Tim, Mona Carol, Monique	David, Nick	Trenton, Volunteer	Jesse, Paula, Peggy
10:00A.M.	Lisa, Leroy, Mindy, Debra L.	Connie D., Cindy	Alexis, Brooke, Anna, Peyton	Kenneth, Joseph
This schedule only serves as a reminder. Please pick up a complete schedule in the back of church.				
Thank you for serving St. Ann Parish.				

