

What do the Saints Say?

CHRYSOSTOM. Herod *was troubled* when he heard that a King was born of Jewish lineage, lest, himself being an Idumæan, the kingdom should return again to native princes, and himself be expelled, and his seed after him. Great station is ever obnoxious to great fears, as the boughs of trees planted in high ground move when never so little wind blows, so high men are troubled with little rumors; while the lowly, like trees in the valley, remain at peace.

AUGUSTINE. If His birth as an infant makes proud kings tremble, what will His tribunal as a Judge do? Let princes fear Him sitting at the right hand of His Father, whom this impious king feared while He hanged yet on His mother's breast.

GREGORY. At the birth of a King of Heaven, a king of earth is troubled; surely, earthly greatness is confounded, when heavenly greatness shows itself.

LEO. Herod represents the Devil; who as he then instigated him, so now he unwearied imitates him. For he is grieved by the calling of the Gentiles, and by the daily ruin of his power.

CHRYSOSTOM. Both have their own causes of jealousy, both fear a successor in their kingdom; Herod an earthly successor, the Devil a spiritual. Even Jerusalem is troubled, which should have rejoiced at that news, when a Jewish King was said to be risen up. But they were troubled, for the wicked cannot rejoice at the coming of the good. Or perhaps it was in fear that Herod should wreak his wrath against a Jewish King on his race.

REMIGIUS. They are called Scribes, not from the employment of writing, but from the interpretation of the Scriptures, for they were doctors of the law. Observe, he does not enquire where Christ is born, but where He should be born; the subtle purpose of this was to see if they would shew pleasure at the birth of their King. He calls Him Christ, because he knew that the King of the Jews was anointed.

CHRYSOSTOM. Why does Herod make this enquiry, seeing he believed the Scriptures? Or if he did believe, how could he hope to be able to kill Him whom the Scriptures declared should be King? The Devil instigated him, who believed that Scripture lies not; such is the faith of devils, who are not permitted to have perfect belief, even of that which they do believe. That they do believe, it is the force of truth constrains them; that they do not believe, it is that they are blinded by the enemy. If they had perfect faith, they would live as about to depart from this world soon, not as to possess it forever.

THEODOTUS. Had He chosen the mighty city of Rome, it might have been thought that this change of the world had been wrought by the might of her citizens; had He been the son of the emperor, his power might have aided Him. But what was His choice? All that was mean, all that was in low esteem, that in this transformation of the world, divinity might at once be recognized. Therefore He chose a poor woman for His mother, a poor country for His native country; He has no money, and this stable is His cradle.

GREGORY. Rightly is He born in Bethlehem, which signifies the house of bread, who said, *am the living bread, who came down from heaven.*

JEROME. The following is the sense of the prophecy. Thou, Bethlehem, of the land of Judah, or Ephrata, (which is added to distinguish it from another Bethlehem in Galilee,) though thou art a small village among the thousand cities of Judah, yet out of thee shall be born Christ, who shall be the Ruler of Israel, who according to the flesh is of the seed of David, but was born of Me before the worlds; and therefore it is written, *His goings forth are of old. In the beginning was the Word.*

REMIGIUS. Or the sense is; though little among cities that have dominion, yet art thou not the least, for *out of thee shall come the Ruler, who shall rule My people Israel;* this Ruler is Christ, who rules and guides His faithful people.

CHRYSOSTOM. Observe the exactness of the prophecy; it is not He shall be in Bethlehem, but shall come out of Bethlehem; showing that He should be only born there. What reason is there for applying this to Zorobabel, as some do? For his goings forth were not from everlasting; nor did he go forth from Bethlehem, but was born in Babylonia. The expression, *art not the least,* is a further proof, for none but Christ could make the town where He was born illustrious. And after that birth, there came men from the utmost ends of the earth to see the stable and manger. He calls Him not 'the Son of God,' but (*he Ruler who shall govern My people Israel;* for thus He ought to condescend at the first, that they should not be scandalized, but should preach such things as more pertained to salvation, that they might be gained. *Who shall rule My people Israel,* is said mystically, for those of the Jews who believed; for if Christ ruled not all the Jews, theirs is the blame. Meanwhile he is silent respecting the Gentiles, that the Jews might not be scandalized. Mark this wonderful ordinance; Jews and Magi mutually instruct each other; the Jews learn of the Magi that a star had proclaimed Christ in the east, the Magi from the Jews that the Prophets had spoken of Him of old. Thus confirmed by a twofold testimony, they would look with more ardent faith for One whom the brightness of the star and the voice of the Prophets equally proclaimed.

Schedule of Events:

Monday, January 6

7p.m. youth formation 6-11th

Tuesday, January 7

7:30 a.m. Confessions

8 a.m. Mass

6p.m. youth formation K-5

Wednesday, January 8

7:30 a.m. Confessions

8 a.m. Mass

6:30 youth core meeting

Thursday, January 9

7:30 a.m. Confessions

8 a.m. Mass

Friday, January 10

7:30 a.m. Confessions

8 a.m. Mass

Saturday, January 11

3 p.m. Confessions

4 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 12

7:30 a.m. Confessions

8 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. Confessions

10 a.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. Mass



MASS INTENTIONS



For the Week of January 7, 2020 –January 12, 2020

Tuesday, January 7

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

Parishioners of St. Ann,

Wednesday, January 8

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

Parishioners of St. Ann, Amelia Doll

8:00 A.M. -Thursday January 9

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

Parishioners of St. Ann,

8:00 A.M -Friday, January 10

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

Parishioners of St. Ann

4:00 P.M. Saturday, January 11

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

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Cynthia Charpentier, Loyd Savin, Abel Adams, Jerry & Mathew Arceneaux,
Eric, Joel, & Frank Rogers, Wilbert Dupre Sr.*

8:00 A.M. – Sunday, January 12

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

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Wilma, Eugene & John Dusenbery, Veronica Trahan, Terry Lirette,
Amelie Thibodaux, Ella Mae Guidry, Jesse Fanguy Sr., Ann Hebert, A.J. Theriot
Cindy R. Broussard, Eula Mae, Paul & Roland Rodrigue*

*Allen, Clarice & John Bascle, Vayne & Mary Eve Bascle, Lionel Bascle family, Arte' Breaux family,
Arthur Lee Fabre, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Fabre, Mr. & Mrs. Irby Petit, Aubrey Lee Boquet, Sue Bueche
Vin & Joyce LeBlanc & family, Gilbert & Rita Bergeron & family*

10:00A.M. – Sunday, January 12

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

Parishioners of St. Ann,

6:30 P.M.-Sunday, January 12

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

Parishioners of St. Ann, Clinton & Wilma Picou

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 5, 2020

The Sanctuary Light burns this week in memory of *Loyd Savin* requested by Joyce Savin & family.

The Altar Bread is in memory of *Carmen, Ann & Michael Boquet*.

The Altar Wine is in memory of *Ezoline Bourg* requested by Claude Bourg.

The Altar Candles are in memory of *Kerry & Lee Lapeyrouse* requested by Stacey, Heidi, Louis & Tyler.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

December 28 & 29: Envelopes: \$3711.97 + Loose: \$830.00 + \$733.29 (Online giving)

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MASSES	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	COMMENTATOR/ LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
<u>January 11 & 12</u>				
SATURDAY 4:00P.M	Sue R., Steve R., Marianne M., Yvonne W.	Randolph B., Brian M.	Rebecca, Isabella	Dave, Ollie
SUNDAY 8:00A.M	Christine R., Doug B. Adrian, Patsy	Jesse N., Nick P.	Lucas	Butch, Leroy, Walton
10:00A.M	Paula W., Melissa L, Lacey B., Lisa L.	David L., Connie D.	Madison, Destiny	Joseph
6:30 p.m.	Shane R, Paige R.	Hayes B.		

