

## Special Christmas Bible Trivia Answers

1. Which King of Israel was Jesus Christ's ancestor? **David.**
2. How many generations from Abraham to Jesus Christ? **Fourteen (14).**
3. When did the angel of the Lord appear to Joseph? **In a dream after he decided to divorce Mary quietly.**
4. What does the name Emmanuel mean? **"God is with us."**
5. Why did Joseph and Mary go to Bethlehem? **For Caesar Augustus' decree that the whole world should enroll.**
6. Who told the shepherds about Jesus' birth? **An angel of the Lord.**
7. What did the multitude of heavenly host say? **"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."**
8. What did the shepherds say when the angels went away? **"Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."**
9. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was Go. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was **the light of the human race.**"
10. "And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the **Fathers only Son, full of grace and truth.**"

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## March for Life

Praying for an end to abortion and all pro-death activities in our nation and our world

**Tuesday, January 14, 2025**

St. Peter Catholic Church, New Iberia



### Holy Hour at Grotto

**5:00 pm** - An hour of prayer, music and adoration with confession available

### Eucharistic Procession

**6:00 pm** - Procession from Grotto to St. Peter Church

### Mass for Life

**6:30 pm** - Fr. David Furka will serve as presider and homilist

(In event of inclement weather all activities will be moved to St. Peter Church)

### For More Information:

contact any local Catholic Church or call 337.369.3816

# St. Bernadette Catholic Church

## Bayou Vista

## January 5, 2025



### Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday  
8:30 am to 3:30 pm  
(Closed for Lunch)

### Physical Address:

1112 Saturn Rd.  
(Bayou Vista)  
Morgan City, LA 70380

### Contact Us:

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### Pastor

**Rev. Thainese Alphonse**

Email: talphonse@diolaf.org

### Parish Staff

**Bookkeeper:** Lois Bosworth

*Mon. - Thurs. 8:30am - 12pm*

**Secretary/DRE:** Becky Wiggins

*Wed. & Thurs. 8:30am - 3:30pm*

**Church & Rectory House Keeper:** Melinda Frederick

*Tues., Thurs., & Fri. 8:30am - 12pm*

**Maintenance:** Kim Meranta - *Wednesday*

## Sacraments

### Sacrament of Baptism:

Contact the office to schedule a meeting with the pastor, at the parents' convenience, one month prior to the desired Baptism date. Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday after 10:30am Mass.

### Sacrament of Marriage:

Couples wishing to get married should call the office at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding to begin the marriage preparation.

### Marriage annulment:

Contact the pastor for easy guidance.

### Anointing the Sick:

Call during office hours to schedule an appointment.

### Youth Faith Formation:

Classes begin in September and end in April on Wednesdays.

Grades Kindergarten - 5th — 3:15pm to 4:30pm

Grades 6th—Confirmation — 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

## Church Ministries

### Come, Lord Jesus

Wed. 10:30 am  
Patty Hotard  
255-9176

Thurs. 6:30 pm  
Roland Brannon  
412-6108

### K C Council 6211

Paul Tholen  
Grand Knight  
1st Wed. of month  
at 6:30 p.m.

**Bereavement**  
Kathy Shilling

### Ladies Altar Society

Michelle Tholen  
4th Tuesday of  
month at 6:30 p.m.  
in Parish Hall

**Youth Faith Formation**  
Becky Wiggins

### Men's Ultreva

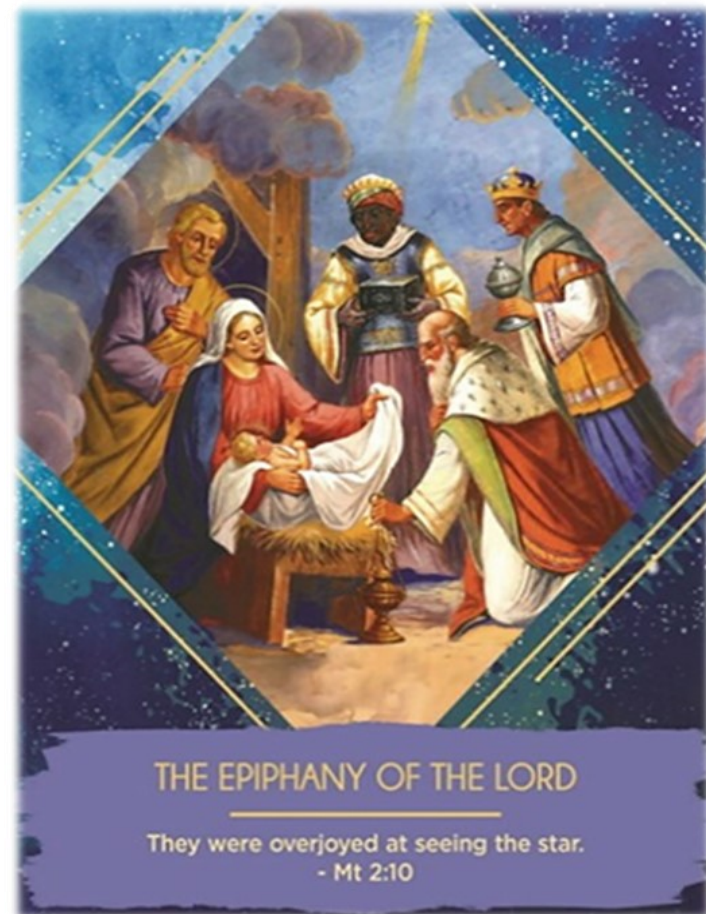
Thursday at  
6:30 p.m.  
in Parish Hall.

**Choir**  
Sundays  
10:30 am Mass

### Homebound ministry:

Kathleen, Julia,  
& Rachel

Please call the office  
to add or remove  
someone to/from the  
homebound list.



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# Mass Intentions

## Tuesday, January 7th

12:10 pm

†John Ourso †Danny Peterson  
†Becky & Kim.

## Wednesday, January 8th

12:10 pm

†Becky & Kim.

## Thursday, Jan. 9th

12:10 pm

†John Ourso †Danny Peterson  
†Becky & Kim.

## Friday, Jan. 10th

12:10 pm

†Becky & Kim †Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Jonathan Delatte,  
Chris Hardy,  
Nick Gardemal,  
Matt Bosworth,  
Cameron Campos,  
Matthew S. Landry, Luke  
Zweigle, Kadin Dinger,  
Caleb Von Buelow, Bart  
Von Buelow, Rebecca  
Rotolo, Jennifer Hebert,  
Jonathan Jenson, Logan  
Gros, Liam Guillotte,  
Elise Buonopane, Alex  
Mund, Jonah Foreman,  
Carson LeBlanc.



## Saturday, January 11th

Anticipated Mass 4:00 pm

†NJ Hebert †Trey Smith †Clarence & Ella Walker  
†Yvonne Anne Adams †Jimmie Aloisio †Floyd Verret  
†Becky & Kim †Thomas Beadle †Velma Williams  
†Eldridge Williams †David Stansbury †Ray LaHoste, Jr  
†Raymond LaHoste, Sr †Thomas Rivet, Jr †Thomas  
Rivet III †Thomas Rivet IV †Mary Bernard Blanchard  
†Peggy & Albert Hebert †Dr. Robert Blereau †Holy  
Souls in Purgatory †Tracey Peterson & John Ourso  
Families †Patricia & Donald Torres, Sr.

## Sunday, January 12th

7:30 am

†Albert Solet †Lynette Meranta †Becky & Kim  
†Maria & Ruben Trevino †Ruby & Roland Crappel  
†Choker & Greg Cart.

10:30 am

†Rose Lipari †Terry Wiggins †Ruth Wiggins  
†Roberta Justilian †Carlo Streva, Sr  
†Paul Messersmith †Scholler & McGinnis  
Families - Living & Deceased  
†Landry & Justilian Families—Living & Deceased.



The Feast of the Epiphany, a word that means “manifestation,” celebrates how Jesus was revealed as far more than the king of the Jews. He is revealed as God’s Son. Matthew’s story of the visit of the Magi from the East makes it clear that Jesus came to all people who seek God.

Talk together about the journey of the Magi, and why it is such an important part of the Christmas narrative. How can your family make

2025 one filled with little “epiphanies” that help you learn more about your faith and help you share your faith with others?

Use the opportunity this week to pay a visit to the manger scene at church and pray together in your own words that God will help you always trust in his promises and care for those in need. In that way your family will keep the Christmas spirit alive all year long.

God Bless! BW, DRE

## Liturgical Ministries

Date	Mass	Sacristan	Lector	Min of Comm.	Altar Servers
Saturday Jan. 11	4:00 pm	Michelle Tholen	Aubree Derise	Paul Tholen	Luke J.
Sunday Jan. 12	7:30 am	John Trevino	Jimmy Lemoine	-----	Parker Elijah
	10:30 am	Carlo Streva, Jr	Olivia Guillot	Katherine Sharp	Rickey Parker D. Logan

“It’s me Papa.

Open the door, it’s your son.”

The Buddha told a story. A young widower, who loved his five-year-old son very much, was away on business when bandits came, burned down his whole village, and took his son away. When the man returned, he saw the ruins, and panicked. He took the charred corpse of an infant to be his own child, and he began to pull his hair and beat his chest, crying uncontrollably. He organized a cremation ceremony, collected the ashes and put them in a very beautiful velvet bag. Working, sleeping, eating, he always carried the bag of ashes with him.

One day his real son escaped from the robbers and found his way home. He arrived at his father’s new cottage at midnight, and knocked at the door. You can imagine at that time, the young father was still carrying the

bag of ashes, and crying. He asked, “Who is there?” And the child answered, “It’s me Papa. Open the door, it’s your son.” In his agitated state of mind the father thought that some mischievous boy was making fun of him, and he shouted at the child to go away, and he continued to cry. The boy knocked again and again, but the father refused to let him in. Some time passed, and finally the child left. From that time on, father and son never saw one another...

After telling this story, the Buddha said, “Sometimes, somewhere, you take something to be the truth. If you cling to it so much, when the actual truth comes in person and knocks at your door, you will not open it.” We celebrate the feast of Epiphany. God breaks through. God is revealed. Truth happens.



## Characteristics of the Jubilee: Liturgy

The liturgy is the public prayer of the Church: in the words of the Second Vatican Council, it is the “summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; [and,] at the same time it is the font from which all her power flows.” (Sacrosanctum Concilium, 10). At the center is the Christian liturgy is the Mass - the Eucharistic celebration, where the Body and Blood of Christ are truly received. As a pilgrim, Christ himself walks alongside the disciples and reveals to them the mysteries of the Father, so that they too can say, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.” (Luke 24:29).

One liturgical rite that is specific to the Jubilee

year is the opening of the Holy Door. Until the last century, the Pope would symbolically initiate the demolition of the wall that kept the Holy Door bricked up on non-Jubilee years. Masons would then fully remove the brick wall to be able to open the Holy Door. Since 1950, the ceremony has changed and now the wall is dismantled beforehand and, within a solemn choral liturgy, the Pope pushes open the door from the outside, passing through it as the first pilgrim. This and the other liturgical expressions that accompany the Holy Year emphasize that Jubilee pilgrimage is not merely an intimate, personal gesture, but is a sign of the journey of the whole people of God toward the Kingdom.

[www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html](http://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html).



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