

MASS INTENTIONSSunday, January 3, 2010 – *Epiphany of the Lord*10:00 a.m. Kevin Bassett (D) Bill & Elaine Scherer (D) Bernard Gonzales, Jr. (D)
Landy Lanza (L)

8:30 p.m. Parishioners and Benefactors

Monday, January 4, 2010 – *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

12:15 p.m. Brian J. D'Alfonso (L)

Tuesday, January 5, 2010 - *St. John Neumann*

12:15 p.m. The Willard Family

Wednesday, January 6, 2010 -

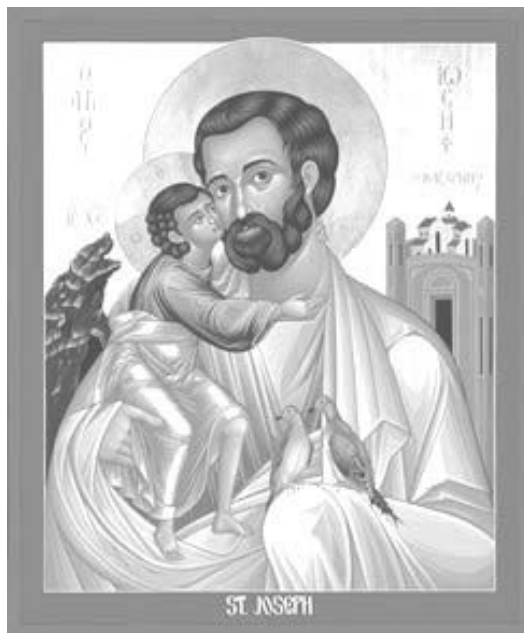
12:15 p.m. Eustis Marmie

Thursday, January 7, 2010 -

12:15 p.m. Brad A. D'Alfonso (L)

Friday, January 8, 2010 –

10:00 a.m. Austin A. D'Alfonso

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS:**

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| Augusta Bayonne | Maria Lindsey | Mary Scamardo | Mildred Coulon | Bob Smothers |
| Escher Griffin | Mrs. Perry Henry, Sr. | Christina McNulty | Bernice Ferdinand | Karen Peterson |
| Marshall Vaughn | Thomas Christiana, Jr. | Emma Scherer | Frances Feigler | Keith Naccari |
| Wilma Hicks | Norby Dunn | Earlene Antoine | Joanne Slocum | Irelia C. Robinson- |
| Althea Deterville | Frans Labranche | Robert Boese | Dulce Aguda | Eva Morales |
| Sgt. David Sowel USMC | Buzz Waterston | Shelia Jones | Rose Christiana Matranga | Andrew Brown |
| Gladys Butler | Shirley Tonglet | Brandon Cole | Jeannie Sargent | Joan Hyde |
| Christina McNulty | Krissy Carapina | Brian McHughes | Brandon M. Cole | Charlie Slocum |
| Heather Dupuy | Charles Francis | Mamie Brown | Wilma Joseph | Alonzo Jones |
| Carolyn Arso | Jerry Daussin | Betty Dawson | Sylvia Bassett | Marc Barbe |
| Wendy Waterston | Jane Tonglet | Yolanda Coleman | | |

If you want to have a name placed on this list, please contact the church office (522-3186 x141) . Please also call the office if a name can be removed from the list. Thank you.

SANCTUARY CANDLE AND MASS INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week in loving memory of Henry L. Eiserloh, Jr. If you would like to reserve a date to burn the Candle for someone or for a special intention, please call the church office. The Sanctuary Candle offering is \$10 for 14 days. The offering for Mass intentions is \$5.00 per person per Mass.

SODALITY NEWS

The Marian Sodality of the Miraculous Medal at St. Joseph Church will hold its annual meeting on the second Sunday of this month, Jan. 2, 2010 immediately following the 10:00am Mass. Please mark your calendars. The sodality is also sponsoring a food drive for Lantern Light Ministries throughout the month of January. Please bring your food donations to the church (dry and canned goods).

2010 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Boxes of offering envelopes for 2010 are available for pick-up in the church office or in the church lobby after Sunday Masses. Boxes have been prepared only for those who used envelopes during 2009 and are available to registered parishioners only. Should you wish to register as a parishioner, please complete the form found on the table in the back of the church.

"We have seen his star in the east and have come with gifts to adore the Lord."

ST. JOSEPH LOOKS AT THE WEEK AHEAD:**FUTURE EVENTS:**

- ◆ **Sunday, January 31, 2010 - St. Joseph parish Holiday Celebration after the 10:00am Mass**

TREASURE STEWARDSHIP

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| December 27, 2009 | \$ 3, 269.30 |
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| Christmas Masses | 2, 114.15 |
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Thank you for your generous support!

REBUILD CENTER/LANTERN LIGHT

Thanks for your support during the Christmas season. We wish all of our volunteers and supporters a very, very happy New Year.

FAREWELL FR. JOSEPH!

Last Sunday we bid farewell to Fr. Joseph Totthamkara, C.M. who has served us here at St. Joseph Church as Parochial Vicar since shortly after Katrina. Fr. Joseph will spend the next several months continuing his studies at Tulane University and then will return to his native India in June to continue his work in remote missions there. We will all miss his great sense of humor, his willingness to help, his gentle nature, and the great care that he took to keep the church accounts in good order.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

The parish Epiphany Party, which had been scheduled for Sunday, January 3, 2010, has been postponed because of the Saints/Panthers game that begins at noon. It has been rescheduled for Sunday, January 31, 2010 after the 10:00am Mass. Save the date!!

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR

The Ursuline Sisters cordially invite you to the celebration of the Solemnity of Our Lady of Prompt Succor at 4:00pm on Friday, January 8, 2010, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, 2701 State St. The principal celebrant will be Archbishop Gregory Aymond, and the homilist will be Abbot Justin Brown, OSB. Refreshments will be served after the Mass. This celebration is held annually on the anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans in fulfillment of a vow made by the Ursuline Sisters that a Mass of Thanksgiving would be held annually and the Te Deum sung on this date.

SCRIPTURE BULLETIN BITES

‘Where is the newborn king of the Jews?

We saw his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.’ Matthew 2:1-12

The Feast of the Epiphany originated in the Eastern Church and is celebrated in the Roman Rite as the Manifestation of the Lord to Astrologers [Magi] from Persia [present day Iran]. The astrologers made the long and difficult journey to Bethlehem to pay homage to a newborn Jewish child. For us the Feast of the Epiphany is another opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of the Birth of Christ - God Incarnate - and how He is manifested in our lives. It is an opportunity to ponder: During Advent and the celebration of Christmas did we grow in our understanding and appreciation of God present among us? Did we make an effort equivalent to the Magi to present a gift to the Child Jesus - the gift of our time and a commitment to contribute more of our talents and resources to the mission of the Church through greater involvement in our parish faith community? If not, it is not too late. Those gifts abound in our lives. Are we willing to share them with others? Are we willing to manifest Jesus [make Him present] to others?

CHARTER FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

In response to the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Archdiocese of New Orleans continues to make the Hot Line available for anyone who has been hurt or sexually abused by anyone who works for the Church. The Hot Line continues to be available; the number is (504) 522-5019. In continuing our commitment to support and to heal, we invite and encourage individuals who have been hurt or sexually abused recently or in the past by clergy, religious or other employees of the Archdiocese to call our Hot Line. The Hot Line is available 24 hours a day and your message will be received confidentially by a trained mental health professional. In addition, anyone can make a direct call during regular business hours to the Victims' Assistance Coordinator at (504) 861-6253