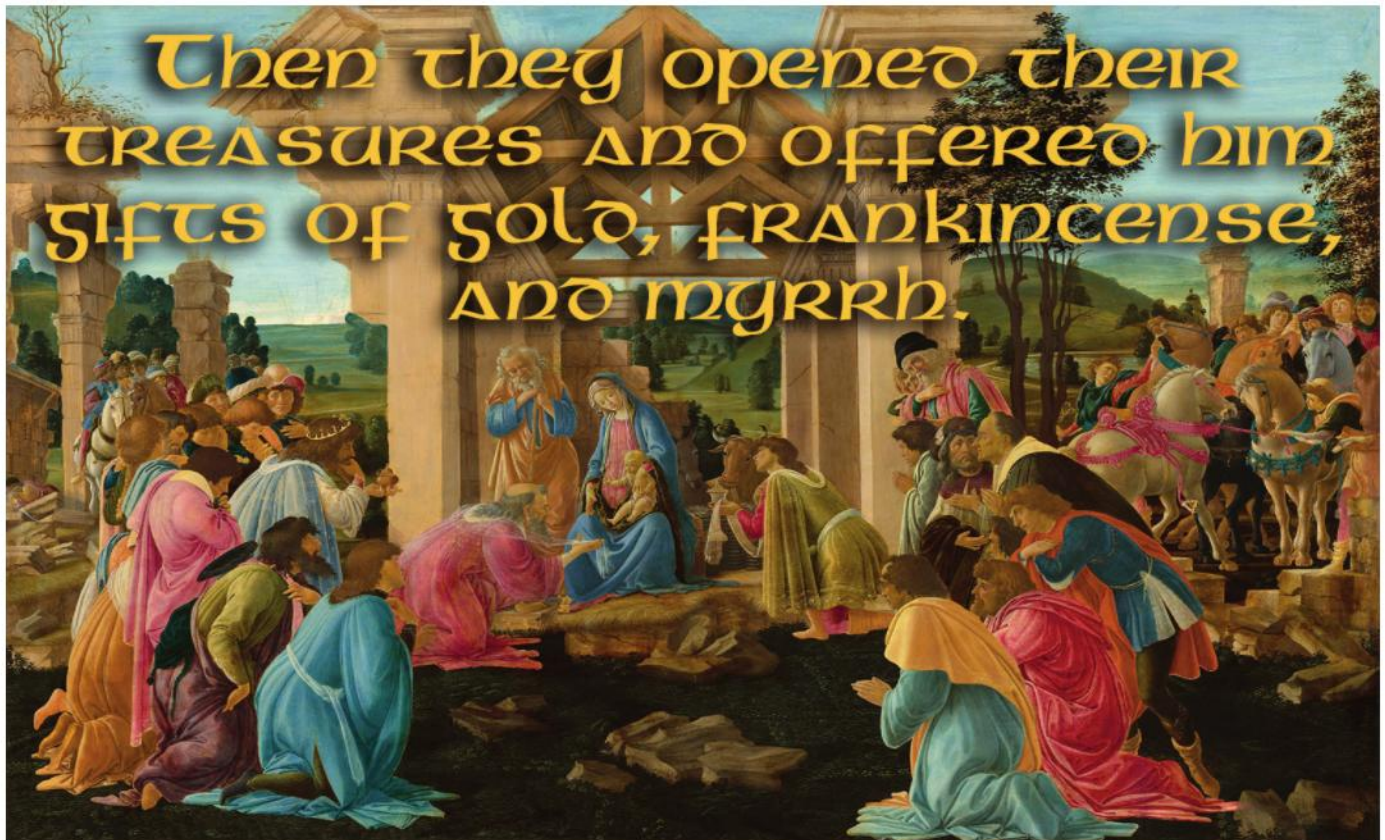




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11:30 AM & 5:30 PM

Weekdays Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM  
Friday 8:05AM

All weekdays Masses are livestreamed

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Tuesday—Friday After Mass  
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Please call the parish office in the early months of pregnancy.

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Contact parish priest at least six months prior to anticipated date of wedding.

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Our mission as the Body of Christ in the parish of St. Jean Vianney is to model the love of Jesus by discerning and doing God's will, consciously Sharing the Word and Eucharist at worship, educating in faith all ages, evangelizing our parishioners for Christ's mission, and serving justly God's people, our sisters and brothers within our parish boundaries, our larger Baton Rouge community, and into the world.

## Reflection

Question of the day...why do we talk about the weather so much when we can't control it? So now is the time to return all of the gifts that don't fit us, we don't like, we didn't want or ask for, right? So much for the Christmas spirit and good will toward men! The other issue, how are going to eat all this food and the cookies and the snacks? Also, where are we going to discreetly pitch some of the stuff, like fruit cake, because we don't like it? So how many of us have made New Year's resolutions? We are determined to eat healthier (maybe), exercise (probably not) and be nicer to people (are you kidding). So why can't we meet these resolutions? There are a variety of reasons. Analysts believe that we tend to make resolutions that are not realistic, and thus, once we start to miss a workout or eat an unhealthy meal, we feel defeated and quit. Another reason is that although we make these commitments in good faith, we don't take the next step and map out a plan to achieve these targets which we set for ourselves in a reasonable time. A very well known author, Steven Covey, said that "we need to begin with the end in mind." Sounds nice, but how do we do that? May I suggest talking to someone who knows the area you want to work in? For example, if you want to lose weight you should seek a trainer and discuss what you want to do and share your plan with them. They can help you with that plan or suggest some alternatives which you didn't think about. Maybe you have a trusted family member or friend to give you honest feedback about the probability of reaching your desired goals. Remember, your attitude goes a long way in achieving anything in life. It's the same with our faith...what are we going to keep doing and what do we need to change? Let us turn to the Lord and ask Him for guidance. We need to make time to be by ourselves and open our hearts and minds to Jesus. If we let Him, he can help us achieve our goals. We have to listen! Why? Because nothing will be impossible for God!

Remember...God Loves You!!!

Deacon Richard

## The Rosary

Our Knights of Columbus lead the rosary at 3:20 PM on Saturdays before the 4 PM Mass. All are invited.



## BIBLE STUDY FOR SPRING OF 2024

### *First Corinthians – The Church and the Christian Community*

How Do I Live as a Christian in the Midst of a Pagan Culture?

If you page through Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, you will see that he addresses many of the same topics that appear in the news headlines today: scandals, promiscuity, debates and controversies, and issues related to prosperity versus poverty. Clearly, the struggles faced by the early Christians are in many ways similar to our own. Paul's messages to the Corinthians about divisions, immorality, persecution, and other trials offer much-needed wisdom for our own times.

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Classes begin Wednesday, January 10 @ 9:30am  
St. John XXIII's Meeting Room (next to Gym)  
Workbook cost is \$35.00

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#### Do You Really "Believe?"

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## SJV CALENDAR

### Monday, January 8

The Baptism of the Lord  
6:30pm Catholic Daughters Mtg.

### Tuesday, January 9

6:00pm Adoration

### Wednesday, January 10

Bulletin Articles due 1/21  
9:30am 1st Corinthians  
6:30pm Jesus Bible Study  
6:30pm RCIA  
7:30pm Choir

### Thursday, January 11

6:30pm KC Meeting  
6:30pm KC Ladies Mtg.  
6:30pm CCC-Pillar 1

### Friday, January 12

### Saturday, January 13

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
2:00pm Reconciliation  
3:20pm KC Rosary

### Sunday, January 14

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Monday, January 15

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Schools Out

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, January 8

8:30am Rosemary Orr

### Tuesday, January 9

8:30am Jamie Wyble

### Wednesday, January 10

8:30am Mona Roberts

### Thursday, January 11

8:30am David Barnes

### Friday, January 12

8:05am Emile Jacquin  
Edward Wilson  
Margie Landry

### Saturday, January 13

4:00pm Emile and Frances Noto  
Bailen Walsh  
Joseph Fontenot  
Kathy Breaux  
George Roussel, Jr.  
Margaret Musso

### Sunday, January 14

7:30am For Parishioners of SJV  
9:30am Julie Cherry  
11:30am Gus Makedon  
Greg Richard  
5:30pm Scott Reeves  
Owen Tabor

## SANCTUARY LAMP

January 8 - January 14, 2024  
Greg Richard

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Please consider remembering St. Jean Vianney Parish in your will. Contact Father Eric for more information. (753.7950)

## STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday

### Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mk 1:7-11

### Tuesday

1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

### Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; PS 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39

### Thursday

1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

### Friday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12

### Saturday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17

### Sunday

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42



2024

25th & 50th and 65th

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Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 2 pm

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Families of the honored couples are invited to  
attend the liturgy and reception afterward in the  
Most Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall.

RSVP through the parish office by February 1st.



## The Epiphany of the Lord,

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

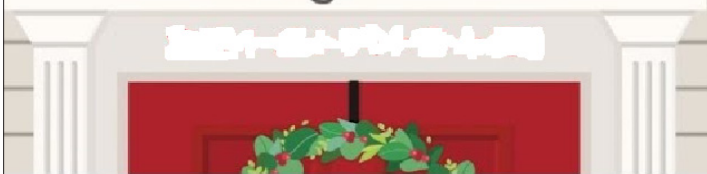
We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

Loyola Press. Sunday Connection. Epiphany of the Lord.

## Epiphany Day Chalking the Door



### Epiphany House Blessing

God of Light, bless our home. Make it a haven of rest for all in need of your warmth and care, When we leave from this place, may we never lose sight of Christ's light. We mark our door with the symbols of the Magi. May all who enter find love and light; for Christ dwells in this home and these hearts. Amen

## Parish Stewardship

Summary Fiscal  
Year to Date

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Weekend of December 24, 2023

	Goal	Amt. Rec'd
Year to day Offertory	687,492.00	677,262.00
Weekly Offertory	26,442.00	39,572.92

**Average weekly Goal 26,442.00**

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Application - due January 25, 2024

Visit [www.louisianakc.org](http://www.louisianakc.org) or scan QR code.



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