

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 1 - 7

- Monday** - **SOLEMNITY OF MARY**
Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
- Tuesday** - 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
- Wednesday** - 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34
- Thursday** - 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
- Friday** - 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
- Saturday** - 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11
- Sunday** - **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



PRAY FOR: Harold Haydel, Rev. Patrick O'Brien, Lucy Michel, Dale Hebert, Robert Brescher, Judy P. Vincent, Maysen Smith, Gayle Breffelh, Mary Blum, Russ Todd, Penny Bergeron, Barbara Touns Miller, Kathy Folse, Florence Trahan, Melinda Fabre, Sylvia Chauvin, Keri Niette, Sandra Ellender, Steven Vowell, Pinky Boudreaux, Janice & Mark Windham, Stanley Cantrelle, Craig Louviere, Ralph Deroche, Mark Boudreaux, Carolyn Garrett, Laura Champagne, Lucille Hymel, Ken Watkins, Michael A. Thibodaux, Tommy Molaison, Tony James, Bernice Pontiff, Linda Favret, Ira Bergeron, Jeanne Wurzlow, Mary Talbot, Casey Domangue, Ana Lefevre, Jennifer Dinger, Donna Dinger, Patricia Beacom, Ben Leary, Patty Haydel, Jenny Fanguy, David Porter, Carol Collins, Aaron Robichaux, Taylor Riché, Sue Barker, Susan Laperouse, Holden Sawyer and for all prayer shawl recipients. **Pray for the repose of the soul of Garland Vincent.**

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS
Church**

In Loving Memory of Bernard "Biff" Breaux, III
donated by Louise Fazzio.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The Word Became Flesh and Made His Dwelling Among Us!
 Jn 1:1-18

In the rush and clamor that has come to characterize the commercialization of Christmas the true meaning of what we are celebrating can easily get lost. From a week before Thanksgiving until sometime after the New Year there seems to be an excess of activity, confusion, decorating, spending [often of money we cannot afford], eating, drinking, and competitiveness. On the positive side many families gather to renew great traditions and indulge in feast of treasured family recipes; friends reunite; and we make new acquaintances. By the time the decorations are dismantled and stored away the whole process can seem like an endurance test that leaves us exhausted and bewildered, rather than rejuvenated and rejoicing, about the true meaning of Christmas for all of us who are baptized in the name of our Triune God, the awesome truth that:

**THE WORD BECAME FLESH
AND MADE HIS DWELLING AMONG US!**

Sunday – December 24

Envelopes (286).....	\$12,922.50
Loose	2,914.33
	\$15,836.83
 Christmas Charities.....	 \$ 8,314.34
Christmas Offering.....	\$14,384.18

PARISH NEWS

**NEW YEAR'S DAY - Monday, January 1st
(No Vigil) 8:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.**

**The Cathedral Office will be closed
Dec 29th - Jan 1st for the Christmas Season.**

WELCOME FR. JAY BAKER

Please join us in welcoming Father Jay Baker next weekend, January 6th and 7th. Receptions will be held in the Youth Center after all Masses to give all parishioners a chance to meet our new Rector!

LEGION PARK CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Delivery day for the Legion Park Students was absolutely incredible! We wish all of you could have been with us for this grand day! The children had no idea they were receiving gifts until Santa (Vice Principal Carl Heims) walked into their classroom. One could feel the excitement and the energy in the air as the eyes of these children filled with great joy at the sight of the gifts! All of us as observers were filled with the Christmas Spirit of a child! What grace! What blessing! We were all one in joy- and the Light of Christ was so present in the hearts of all!

As we went from room to room, there were squeals of delight and children hugging each other out of joy for one another for what each had received. And as one particular child opened her gifts, tears began to stream down her face...so overwhelmed was she, by the beauty and generosity of what had been given. What a sight to see!

So even though many feel that Christmas Day has come and gone, it hasn't really left at all - for the Spirit of Christmas will live on for years to come in the hearts of some of these children - giving them hope for a brighter future - because someone cared!

On behalf of the faculty and students at Legion Park School - thank you for making this Christmas so special for the children! Thank you for your time, effort and generosity in shopping! Thank you for being Christ! Thank you for putting your faith in action! Thank you for the love you shared with these children who live in poverty - all because of Him - who came into our world in poverty himself!

CROSSROADS BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Our church parish will be participating in a Baby Bottle Fundraiser this weekend, January 13 & 14, to help support Crossroads Pregnancy Resource Center. Crossroads, located in Thibodaux, is a crisis pregnancy center serving women struggling with an unexpected pregnancy and who may be considering abortion. The complimentary services Crossroads provides include pregnancy tests, resources for pregnancy related concerns, ultrasound testing, abstinence education, abortion education and alternatives.

FACEBOOK

"Like" us on Facebook at the Cathedral of St. Francis DeSales Church – Houma to keep up with the latest happenings at the Cathedral.

Contribution envelopes for the year 2018 have been mailed out. Please call the Cathedral office if you would like envelopes or if you did not receive your set.

HOSPITAL VISITS

We would like to inform our parishioners if you are entering the hospital or have a loved one currently in the hospital and you would like one of our priests to visit, you can contact the church office at 876-6904, or Father Joseph Chacko who is the Catholic Chaplain at the hospital whom you can call for emergencies. Just tell the staff at the hospital that you would like to meet with Father Joseph. When you register at the hospital, tell them that you are Catholic and your parish is St. Francis de Sales so your name can be placed on the directory; otherwise, the Chaplain or Parish Priest have no way of knowing that you are in the hospital.

FOOD FOR THE SPIRIT MINISTRY

Cooks and prepares meals every second Saturday of the month for the homebound, clergy and those in need. If you have the name and number of anyone who may benefit from these services or you would like to help please contact Roxane Haydel 876-5709.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS - HELP NEEDED!

Now that the Christmas Season is over, we are asking for volunteers to help with taking down the decorations and clean up in the Cathedral. The work will take place on Sunday, January 7th after the 5:30 PM Mass.

YOUTH NEWS

Vandebilt Catholic High School 2018-2019 Registration will be held February 2-23, 2018. Placement Test for incoming 8th graders will be administered on the VCHS campus on Saturday, January 20, 2018. You must register for the Placement Test through the school office. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a private tour, please call 985-876-2551 to speak with Mrs. Kayla Vicknair, Dean of Admissions and Student Activities.



MINISTERS SCHEDULE Weekend of January 6-7

Commentators

4:00 PM	Mike Trahan
7:00 AM	Jerry Dover
9:00 AM	Scott Hebert
11:00 AM	Tommy Chauvin
5:30 PM	Charles Sevin



Lectors

4:00 PM	Carlisle Jukes
7:00 AM	Denise Dover
9:00 AM	Nathan Meidinger
11:00 AM	Tommy Tabor
5:30 PM	Bubba Watkins

Ministers of the Eucharist

4:00 PM	Brenda Tanner, Anita Pearson, Judith Archila, Mary Anne Rodrigue, Becky Badeaux, Volunteer
7:00 AM	John Breaux, C.J. & Kay Stoufflet, Mark Spence
9:00 AM	Nellie Chemin, Dale Norred, Murke Trahan, Colleen Lewis, Volunteer, Volunteer
11:00 AM	Bill & Ellen Blanchard, Jude Laperouse, Carol Domangue, Michael D'Angelo, Volunteer
5:30 PM	Ed & Joni Huerstel, Gail Guillot, Tommay Blanchard, Randy Bethancourt, Volunteer

Altar Servers

4:00 PM	Caroline Louviere, Joshua Louviere, Zachary Curtis
7:00 AM	John Breaux, C.J. Stoufflet
9:00 AM	Evan Adams, Lucia Pizzolato, Aubree Seely
11:00 AM	Isabella Amico, Olivia Babin, Emma Beeson
5:30 PM	Delsin Blancahrd, Madeline Sonnier, Maria de la Torre

DIOCESAN OUTREACH LINE

In response to the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux has made the following provision for anyone who has been hurt or sexually abused by anyone who works for the church. The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux has set up an Outreach Line for all victims/survivors of sexual abuse.

In continuing our commitment to support and healing, we invite and encourage people who have been hurt or sexually abused recently or in the past by clergy, religious or other employees of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, to call our outreach line. The Outreach Line operates from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily Monday through Friday. A trained mental health professional responds to the line. The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Outreach Line telephone numbers are (985) 873-0026.
