

Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3, 2010



Our Mission Statement

Our Lady of the Gulf is a Catholic Community within the Diocese of Biloxi, with a tradition of faith and endurance since its founding in 1847. Inspired by this heritage, we accept God's call to us in our time to grow as a community of faith, love and compassion, modeled on the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Parish Staff

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Ministries

Director of Music

Mr. Ed Grotkowski 493-9010

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Mrs. Janet Buras, Principal principal@holytrinitycatholic.net

Our Lady Academy 467-7048 www.ourladyacademy.com

Sr. Jacqueline Howard, President Mrs. Susan Goggins, Principal

St. Stanislaus College 467-9057 www.ststan.com

Bro. Ronald Hingle, President Mr. Paul Verlander, Principal

Religious Education: Elementary

Mr. Chris Austin & Miss Patricia LaFontaine

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m. (4:00 p.m. in Winter)

Sunday: 8 & 10:30 a.m.

Weekdays: 7:00 a.m. Saturdays: 7:30 a.m.

Holy Days: Vigil 5:30 p.m.; 7 & 9 a.m.

Confessions:

Saturdays, 4:30—5:30 p.m., before the Vigil Mass (after the 4:00 p.m. Mass in Winter) and other times by appointment. Communal Penance celebrations held during Advent and Lent.

OLG CALENDAR & INFO

Altar Society: Meetings held the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the parish offices. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Novena of Perpetual Help: Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., in the new Parish Offices. Call 467-6509 for more information.

Choir Practice: Every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. in the church. For more information contact Ed Grotkowski, Minister of Music, at 228-493-9010.

Angel Ministry: Contact Jo Ann Hille for more information at 228-222-0209.

Adoration: The Eucharist is exposed for Adoration on Thursdays from 8 a.m.—8 p.m. at the St. Augustine Seminary Chapel. Call Yvonne Viguerie at 467-5560 to sign up for an hour or to be a substitute.

Electronic Transfer (Direct Debit): Forms are available at the parish office or our website home page.

St. Vincent de Paul: Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 6, 2010, at 2:00 p.m.

Additional Parish Information

New Parishioners: Welcome to Our Lady of the Gulf! Please call the parish office to register or download our parish registration form from our website.

Baptisms: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated the third Sunday of each month after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Baptism classes for parents and godparents are held the first Monday of every month, 6:00 p.m., in the new parish office building.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: Those who are seriously ill should be given the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as soon as possible. Communal celebrations are held during Advent and Lent.

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements for weddings must be made at least six months ahead of time. A pre-marriage preparation program and individual counseling with the parish priest are required for all.

House Calls: Please notify the parish office of the names of any who desire to receive Holy Communion, the Sacrament of the Sick or the Sacrament of Reconciliation at home.

St. Mary Cemetery: A sacred enclosure to receive those who have lived within the faith. For information, call Ames Kergosien at 467-5402.

Continuing the Church: Please remember Our Lady of the Gulf Parish and its schools in your will.

Church Support: Parishioners are encouraged to base their giving on the principles of stewardship and sacrifice. Please use your envelopes or sign up for Direct Debit.

Parish Community Center: For rental or schedule information, call the parish office at 467-6509.



Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power."

With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season. — *Pius Parsch* (www.catholicculture.org)

Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

David & Nell Baygents, Joyce Bermond, Raymond Bermond, Vernon Bermond, Zadie Bermond, Charlie Blaize, Geri Bleau, Otto Bourgeois, Warren Bourgeois, Camella Boyd, Julie Bradberry, Kale Bradford, Vincent Bradley, Kyle Brown, Carmelle Bufkin, Jeanine Burch, Wally Burns, Jessica Compretta Caillet, Lynnette Ladner Carbon, Brady James Cheramie, Tyler Childs, Richard Collins, Judy Cooksey, Stephen Cooksey, Gail DeGeorge, Dot & George DiBenedetto, Cindy Barne Elliot, Jackie Garriga, John Gleeson, Jr., Orville Guseman, Kris Hearin, Brett Heitzmann, Watson Johns, Martha Kassis, Shirley Kelly, Jimmy Ladner, Venda Mae Ladner, Carolyn Langenbacker, Laura Main, Loretta Mary, Paul E. Mary IV, Kathryn McCauley, Jerry McCurley, Gene & Mary Alice Monti, Candy Murphy, Adam Osterholm, Mary Price, Mary Reed, Gloria Rosato, Sam Scafidi, Stuart Seal, Sue Sellier, Bill Shaw, Bryan Simolke, Susan Sotak, Susan Thigpen, Josie Thomas, Gert Toomey, James Travirca, Gary Treuil, Pennie Treutel, Chelsea Umbach, Roy C. Walton, Bea Williams, Mary Ybos, our shut-ins, and all others in our parish and community who are in need of physical or spiritual healing.

Mass Intentions for the Week

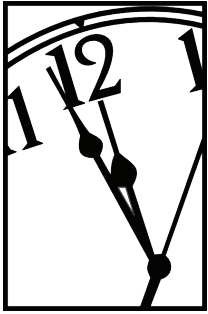
Monday, January 4, 7:00 a.m.	†Ernest Kurtz MacDowell
Tuesday, January 5, 7:00 a.m.	Mary Reed
Wednesday, January 6, 7:00 a.m.	†Mildred Ladner
Wednesday, January 6, 8:15 a.m.	†Fr. John T. O'Brien
Thursday, January 7, 7:00 a.m.	Marge & Bill Blaisdell
Friday, January 8, 7:00 a.m.	†Mae Chapman
Saturday, January 9, 7:30 a.m.	† Helen Binninger
Saturday, January 9, 4:00 p.m.	† Eddie Murtagh
Sunday, January 10, 8:00 a.m.	†Charles & Lorraine Ladner
Sunday, January 10, 10:30 a.m.	†Louis Starita

FINANCES WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2009

Offertory:	Envelopes	\$ 4,428.00
	Loose	\$ 4,132.66
	Direct Debit	\$ 555.00
	Hurricane/Rebuild	\$27,035.00
	St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 416.00
	Christmas Collections	\$ 8,171.58
	All Other Contributions	\$ 711.00

Number of Identifiable Contributions313

Thank you for your continued support!



A Year of Time

Though even thinking on the subject of time may prove discomfoting, it is not a bad idea—especially at the beginning of a new year.

As we look into 2009 we look at a block of time. We see 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, 8,760 hours, 525,600 minutes, 31,536,000 seconds.

And all is a gift from God. We have done nothing to deserve it, earn it, or purchased it. Like the air we breathe, time comes to us as a part of life.

The gift of time is not ours alone. It is given equally to each person. Rich and poor, educated and ignorant, strong and weak—every man, woman and child has the same twenty-four hours every day.

Another important thing about time is that you cannot stop it. There is no way to slow it down, turn it off, or adjust it. Time marches on.

And you cannot bring back time. Once it is gone, it is gone. Yesterday is lost forever. If yesterday is lost, tomorrow is uncertain. We may look ahead at a full year's block of time, but we really have no guarantee that we will experience any of it.

Obviously, time is one of our most precious possessions. We can waste it. We can worry over it. We can spend it on ourselves. Or, as good stewards, we can invest it in the kingdom of God.

The new year is full of time. As the seconds tick away, will you be tossing time out the window, or will you make every minute count?

Schedules Available

The latest Eucharistic Minister/Lector schedules are now available in the back of church.

The schedule is also available on our web site at: www.olgchurch.net



Year of the Priest

In the continuing celebration of the Year of the Priest, the OLG Angel Ministry will be sponsoring an evening of Adoration and Benediction on **Friday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m.**, here at OLG. All are invited to attend!

Confirmation Information

There will be an important informational meeting for parents and candidates of Confirmation on **January 10, 2010, at 4:00 p.m.**, in the Parish Community Center. Diocesan guidelines state that the Sacrament of Confirmation is offered in the 11th or 12th grade. Call Kathleen at 467-6509 for any further information.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

K of C Pere Le Duc Council 1522 will have its January Council Meeting tomorrow, Monday, January 4th, 2010, 7 p.m. at St. Augustine's Wm. J. Kelley, SVD, Retreat Center (510 North Second Street in Bay St. Louis). All Brother Knights of Columbus, including area visiting K of C members, are welcomed. The Bay-Waveland Catholic Men's Club meeting will immediately follow the Council meeting. For further information, please contact Mel Estrade, PGK, at 228-586-9292.

Our Lady Academy Entrance Exam

Our Lady Academy will be administering its Entrance Exam to prospective 7th grade girls on Saturday, January 9th, from 9:30—11:30 a.m. Any sixth grade girl interested in attending OLA next fall must take this test. Cost of the test is \$12. Parents are invited to attend an informational session followed by a "Question & Answer" session while girls are testing. Please join us—you'll like what you see!

St. Stanislaus Placement Test

Parents of current 6th and 7th grade students who are interested in attending St. Stanislaus are urged to register their sons for the annual placement test. The test is scheduled for Saturday, January 9th at 10:00 a.m. The cost of the test is \$10. For additional information about St. Stanislaus and/or to register for the placement test, please contact Mrs. Dolores Richmond at 467-9057, extension 226.

The Haitian Project

The Haitian Project is a Catholic Mission which supports and operates Louverture Cleary School (LCS), a tuition-free, co-educational secondary boarding school for economically under-privileged Haitian children. Elissa Kegosien, daughter of OLG parishioners Bill & Carolyn Kergosien, will be speaking at the Masses during the first weekend of January to share her experience of volunteering in Haiti, and to give OLG parishioners the opportunity to learn about ways they can help support the work of the Haitian Project. To learn more about The Haitian Project, visit their site at:

<http://www.haitianproject.org>



Christmas Flowers

Special thanks to all who have made donations for Christmas flowers and for those in honor of, in memory of, or by the following: *All Souls, Dr. & Mrs. Sidney Chevis, Richard & Marine Collins, Yvette Davis, Peter Deagano, Otis Gilmore, Agnes Kingston, Donna Leavell, Jude Moersdorf, Gene & Mary Alice Monti, and Gail Tomson.*