

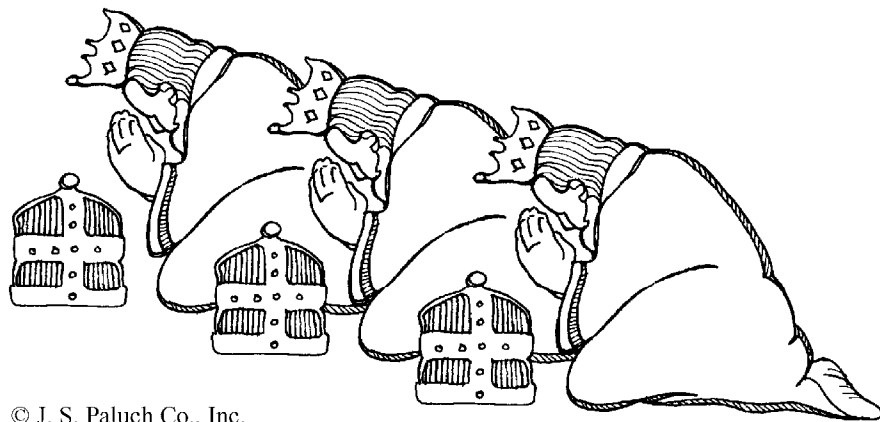


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Weekend of January 3rd & 4th, 2009
The Epiphany of the Lord
All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

Psalm 72:11



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The Holy Star

O Father, may that holy star
Grow every year more bright
And send its glorious beams afar
To fill the world with light.

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Reconciliation

St. Anne/Saturdays at 3:00pm

Daily Masses

Monday 5:00pm St. Anne

Tuesday 7:00am St. Anne

Wednesday 7:00am St. Anne

Weddings

There is a required 6 month process of preparation. Wedding dates are tentative until first meeting with priest

Funerals

Please contact church office for help with arrangements

Baptisms

Contact office for the dates and times of baptism seminars and baptisms

Emergencies

Call 369-6656 and follow directions given on voice mail message

From the Tee Box

A Weekly Letter from Our Clergy

The Feast of the Epiphany
January 4, 2009



Dear Friends:

As with the beginning of every year, it felt a bit strange to change the last digit (this year, from 2008 to 2009.) I won't bore you with the whole, "oh, where did the year go?" thing, or "they say that the older you get..." Either way you look at it, another year means another year of experience, another year of challenge, and another year of the unexpected. More than anything, however, it means another year of life. I cannot speak of the new year without reflecting on the past one. Believe me when I tell you that my life is fuller, richer, and more focused because of you and the blessings that came with the year 2008. Epiphany is the feast that we celebrate this Sunday. It originated, we estimate, in or around the year 361 AD. The word "epiphany" means, "to reveal or to make known." Within this context, I can honestly say that God was revealed to me in many new ways during the past year. This has been mainly due to the grace of my relationship with you as priest, as pastor, as companion on the journey. If I might, please allow me a moment to share with you a few of the "epiphanies" that God has given me as I look back. The first would be this: in a way, **the most significant blessings are the unexpected ones.** During 2008, whatever I needed (and whenever I needed it) God gave it to me. And, in most cases, I never even saw it coming. After having been here for 12 years and formed some of the most important and meaningful relationships in my life, I continually meet and get to know new people. This probably sounds completely normal to you, but it has been in the sharing, those individual moments when someone says something to you or does something for you that no one else has ever said or done that you stop in your tracks—spiritually floored, if you will—and you say, "thank you, God. I get it now." The Lord has definitely spoken to me in those places, moments, and relationships where you might least expect it. The second revelation that I hold as a blessing from this past year is actually a revisiting of an old one: **you will never be able to please everyone, so don't even try.** All of us have thought this somewhere along the way. As a pastor, I have certainly known this to be true. This past year, however, brought me to a deeper understanding of how things sometimes go when you are in a leadership role. Some people will judge you without asking questions first. Some people

will talk about that judgment to everyone **but you.** Some people will give way too much weight to small things. And some people will not even give you a chance. Some people. Not a lot. Not the majority. Just some. I find that, in most cases, these are people who have a lot of difficulty with any type of change and/or have a sense of unhappiness in life. At various times throughout my own life, I have been one of these "some people." So, I know what it's like. All of this takes me back to the reminder that, if you can put your head to the pillow at night and honestly say that you thought about it and prayed about it enough and made your choices based on that, well, then that's all God asks you to do. The world would be a better place if more people took this approach to life. The third insight that I would like to share with you is simply this: **the healthier you are, then the happier you are.** I came through cancer, as all of you know, to quote one of my physicians, "healthier than I've been since I was 14 years old." On the physical side of life, which, of course is closely connected to the spiritual, this has without a doubt been my greatest blessing. However, even after such a miraculous experience, it is easy to take this for granted and risk slipping back into my old ways. It seems that everywhere I go, more and more people are openly discussing their own health issues: weight, stress, exercise, and so on. This third thought is not about losing weight. It's not about a certain number of pounds. It's about the really big, the really important "broad-stroke" question: **am I even trying to take care of myself?** I have found myself in many conversations lately with high school and college students, in which I said to them: "there are 3 things in life that are most important: take care of your body, make sure that your family knows everyday that you love them, and do the best that you possibly can in school." I truly believe this. I also realize that, in part, I was talking to myself. I'm not in school, obviously, but, like the rest of us, I'm still learning. 2008 was a year of new lessons and a return to some old, yet always important ones. On this Feast of Epiphany, thank you, God, for this revelation.

The Revised and Final SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

4:00pm at St. Anne

8:00am at St. Anne

9:30am at Assumption

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REMINDERS

Grades K through 8th

Grades K through 5th: Mondays, 4:30pm until 5:30pm
Grades 6th through 8th: Mondays, 5:45pm until 6:45pm
Landsmann Center

High School Religious Education

Landsmann Center

Course 3

January 26, 2009

7:00pm until 8:15pm

The Third Order of Mary will be meeting in the Landsmann Center, Wednesday, January 7th at 3:00pm.

GOD'S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE

Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Mt 4:13-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

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



December 2008

Minta Perrere
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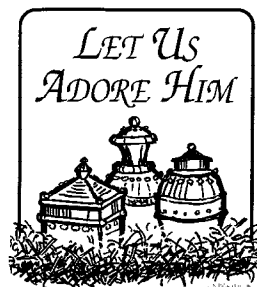


Baptisms & Seminars

The next baptism seminar will be **Tuesday, February 3** at 7:00 p.m. in the Landsmann Center.

Parents are to contact Mrs. Kathy Landry prior to the Baptismal Seminar at 369-2130.

Any questions regarding seminar, please call Mrs. Kathy Landry. Please call the church office to schedule baptism. Unless otherwise noted, baptisms always take place on the **third Sunday of the month** after the 9:15am Mass at Assumption Church.



25th & 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration
February 22, 2009
3:00pm
Sacred Heart Church

Bishop Robert W. Muench will celebrate a liturgy at Sacred Heart Church honoring couples on their 25th, 50th, and 65th or longer wedding anniversary. The families of honored couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and reception afterward in the Sacred Heart School gym. Couples should contact their parish office and let them know they will be attending. The registration deadline is Tuesday, February 9.

PLACEMENT TEST

E.D. White Catholic High School will be giving a placement test to all incoming 8th and 9th graders for the 2009-2010 school year on Saturday, January 10, 2009. The test is a screening device to determine placement in English, math, and science classes. Please contact Michelle Chiasson at 985-446-8486 ext. 103 for admissions information.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE...
burns this week in memory of:



Assumption Church
 C.J. & Bennie Acosta

St. Anne Church
 Dave Gros

A Prayer for Our Soldiers

Dear Lord, give them the wisdom to lead, and the humility to follow. Grant them the dedication to work untiringly for their country, its people and our freedom. Teach them to be the best they can be, for themselves and for the others around them. Fill them with the strength, the courage, and the willingness to do the job they are called to do. Help them to believe in truth, speak out for justice, defend the flag and uphold the American ideals that make our country the wonderful land it is. We ask this through Christ our Lord Amen.

The Bayou Parishes
Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturdays

4:00pm St. Anne Church
 4:00pm St. Jules Church
 4:00pm St. Philomena Church
 6:00pm St. Elizabeth Church

Sundays

8:00am St. Anne Church
 8:00am St. Philomena
 8:30am St. Jules Church
 9:30am Assumption Church
 10:00am St. Philomena Church
 10:45am St. Elizabeth Church

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

December 20th & 21st, 2008

St. Anne Offertory	\$6,457.00
<u>Assumption Offertory</u>	<u>\$1,648.35</u>
Total	\$8,105.35

Christmas

St. Anne Offertory	\$
<u>Assumption Offertory</u>	<u>\$</u>
Total Christmas Offertory	\$

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