

# The Epiphany of the Lord January 2, 2011



## Schedule of Masses

Saturday  
5:30 p.m.

Sunday:  
8:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
12:00 noon (Español)

Weekday:

Monday - Friday 8:05 a.m.  
*First Friday: 8:05 a.m.*

*10:00 a.m. (Nursing Home)*

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. (*anticipated*)

## Parish Office Hours

Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## Reconciliation

Confessions are held every Saturday 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. in the Church (mission churches: 30 minutes prior to each weekend liturgy) and by appointment at any time.

## Anointing of the Sick

Those in need of the Sacrament may contact the Parish Office.

## Baptism

Celebrated on the first Saturday of the month (outside of Lent). Parents & Godparents must register for the Baptism class (held monthly) by contacting the parish office. Godparents must be practicing, church-going Catholics and if married, must be married in the Catholic church.

## Marriage

Arrangements must begin at least 6 months in advance. Call for an appointment with a Priest or Deacon.

## Confirmation

Our Bishop celebrates Confirmation with our parish each year during the Easter Season. Registration begins each year during July & ends in September of the same year.

## Holy Orders

Those interested in a vocation to priesthood or the diaconate should call the Parish office. Any who are interested in life as a Religious Sister or Brother may also call to discuss their vocation.

## Quinceañera

Must be practicing Catholic & attending Mass on Sundays/Holy Days. Currently attending R.E. & attended for the previous three years.

## Religious Education

is our program of faith formation for children not attending Catholic school. Sessions are held on Wednesdays.

## Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church

serving the Missions of

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**Reverend Ty Bazar, Pastor**

**Reverend Robert Fisher, SVD, Parochial Vicar**

**Deacon Alonzo Calzada, Deacon Kenneth Ryan**

**Sr. Francesca Bui Thi Thanh Bihn, O.P. Superior**

## A reflection from the Pastor

Someone asked me if I was tired after this past weekend. My answer: not really. I was more tired going through it. There is something about celebrating and yet the celebration often begins after the party. Vacations are that way. In the midst of family or personal vacations, we can get so caught up in what we think we need to see or do, that we take little time to relax, and when we return we need a vacation to get past the vacation. What is it that causes this phenomenon in our lives? I think part of the answer lies in the way that we prepare our hearts and souls and the rest we give our bodies.

To a certain extent, the three wise kings of today's Epiphany gospel encounter the same phenomenon. They knelt down and adored Jesus, but could they have realized all that he was in that single instant. They brought gifts for a king; gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Myrrh was that which was often used to prepare the body for burial. Did they realize that Jesus was to die for the salvation of the world? Regardless, their homage of Jesus was the epiphany that the world needed then, and still needs today, to take the message of salvation to all the world. Their epiphany meant that beyond taking gifts, they took the message of Jesus to heart and began to share their epiphany with others – the celebration of the event beyond the event.

As we move into this new year of God's grace, may we carry that same joy into 2011. I pray that this year will be one of many blessings as we take the message of Jesus to those we meet.

Thank you to all who brought food, sent a card, or gave a gift during these days of Christmas. I wish all of you a happy 2011.

May you have a blessed week,

Fr. Ty

## Prayer Requests

Please keep the following people in your prayers as we wish them a return to good health. Family members of those in need of prayer may call the parish office to have a name added to the list. Names will appear for two consecutive Sundays. Please call to renew your request.



Aiden Cartier  
Warren Greenly  
Shelton Albrecht  
Joe Minjares  
Lupe Rocha  
Duane Mc Donald  
James Wagner  
Mark Almanzar  
Bert Hermes  
Madison Daniel  
Terri Ostler Hand

**Lamp Intention**  
Military Personnel

## Our Lady of the Gulf

### Monday, Jan 3

8:05 am Nicho Aguilar  
by Stella Dugan

### Tuesday, Jan 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
8:05 am Ernestina Davila  
by John & Carol Stewart

### Wednesday, Jan 5

St. John Newman  
8:05 am Mrs. Ashley Waghorne  
by Theresa Dent

### Thursday, Jan 6

8:05 am Roger Martinez  
by ACTS Community

### Friday, Jan 7

First Friday  
8:05 am Emil Kurtz  
by M/M Paul Tassler  
8:45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
10:00 am NH Kenneth Tronicek  
by Family

### Saturday, Jan 8

9:00 am Katherine Medina  
by M/M Benny Garcia  
5:30 pm Deacon Ken & LeAnn Ryan  
by Dale & Vonnie Greenly

### Sunday, Jan 9

Baptism of the Lord  
8:00 am Parish Family  
10:00 am Bryan Todd Thompson  
by Family  
12:00 pm El Niño Jesus  
by M/M Raymond Moreno, Sr.

## St. Ann, Point Comfort

### Wednesday, Jan 5

St. John Newman  
9:00 am Edwin Janecka, Sr.  
by James & Yvonne Wagner

### Sunday, Jan 9

Baptism of the Lord  
10:30 am Jesus Hernandez  
by Mary Esther DeLaCruz

## St. Joseph, Port O'Connor

### Tuesday, Jan 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
5:30 pm Armando Lopez  
by Lois Campos

### Saturday, Jan 8

7:00 pm Gary Ward  
by Tucker Family

## St. Patrick, Seadrift

### Thursday, Jan 6

9:00 am Antonio Amejorado  
by Mrs. Minnie Davis

### Sunday, Jan 9

Baptism of the Lord  
8:30 am Augustina Villarreal  
by M/M Ernest C. Michael

## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

### January 8, 2011

#### 5:30 pm

Host - Gilbert Torres  
Cup - Margaret Yanta,  
Deacon Ken Ryan

### January 9, 2011

#### 8:00 am

Host - Janie Bonuz  
Cup - Steve Bonuz, Connie Moehler

#### 10:00 am

Host - Nancy Thompson,  
Pam Weathersby  
Cup - Adrian Chavana,  
Louis Bonuz, Mary Escobar

#### 12:00 pm

Host - Mary Calzada,  
Soledad Alvarado  
Cup - Mateo Alvarado,  
Deacon Alonzo Calzada  
Santiago Degollado

**Saturday evening OLG Mass has changed to 5:30 pm. Confessions are from 4:30 - 5:15 pm. The 7:00 pm weekday mass at St. Joseph Church in Port O'Connor now begins at 5:30 pm. All other Mass times will remain the same.**

## Last Sunday's Collection December 26, 2010

OLG \$8291.79  
Christmas \$2952.87

St. Joseph \$488.00  
Christmas \$1007.00

St. Ann \$757.00  
Christmas \$736.70

St. Patrick \$  
Christmas \$

## Altar Servers

### January 1, 2011

#### 5:30 pm

Cory Mabry, Nathan Gonzales, Dylan Alva

### January 2

#### 8:00 am

Melina Ortiz, Steven Bonuz, Issac Cardona

#### 10:00 am

Destiny Rodriguez, Jake Carr, Ciandra Smith

#### 12:00

Harley & Ty DeSoto, Luis Rodriguez

## Prayer for a Blessing on the New Year

O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech You, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to You friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down your blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Your inspirations and carried on by Your assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in You, may likewise be ended through You.

Amen

### “Come and See” Visits January 15-16, 2011

Single catholic women 18 - 50 yrs. are invited to visit Incarnate Word Convent in Victoria, Texas. For more information call 361-575-7111.

### Our Lady of the Gulf Lil Mariner Daycare & Preschool

Mrs. Rosie Padron, Director

361-552-6140 ext. 556

Children 18 months - 12 yrs. of age



**Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic School**  
301 S. San Antonio St.  
Mrs. Theresa Dent, Principal  
361-552-6140  
[www.olgmariners.org](http://www.olgmariners.org)  
Winter break from  
December 20 - 31  
Returning January 3, 2011



## ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT

### Pastoral Institute Arrives at Our Lady of the Gulf Parish



Beginning Jan 10, 2011 OLG will begin hosting Pastoral Institute classes provided by the Diocese of Victoria. The first two courses will be held at St. Ann's parish hall, moving to St. Jude in the summer. Eventually we hope to rotate classes around our parish to insure everyone has access to these great courses.

All Catholics interested in learning more about their Catholic faith are invited to attend the Pastoral Institute classes. Also, catechists, youth ministers, Catholic school religion teachers, lectors, ministers of communion, parish council members, and others who serve in Church ministry will find these classes beneficial for their ministry.

#### Class Schedule

Each class is 6 weeks and are held on Mondays. There is a morning session (9:15-11:15) and an evening session (7:00 to 9:00) so you can decide which is most convenient to your schedule.

JAN 10 - FEB 14  
MORAL THEOLOGY  
by Brother Patrick, OSST

Via distance learning. How do we deal with moral issues in today's multimedia society.

FEB 21-MAR 28  
LITURGY  
by Fr. Bob Fisher, SVD

NOTE that this class will be live at St. Ann's and broadcast to the Chancery.

## Religious Education (CCD)

Classes will resume on  
January 5, 2011

**ESL Class**  
**Resume January 4**  
6:30 pm, St. Matthew Hall

### Clase de inglés

dia 4 de enero del 2011 a las 6:30 pm en el salon de San Mateo.

## FOR SALE

### Two Story House on Benavides

(formerly the priest residence)

This two story house is for sale to be moved. For more information or to make an offer call Tim Dent at the parish office.

### 2 weeks to Signup for Retrouvaille

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the January program in Victoria beginning with a weekend on January 14-16, call 979-543-3493 or email: [lbconner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lbconner@sbcglobal.net) or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org)

### Building Scheduling for 2011

Organizations using a parish building to hold meetings are asked to come by the parish office to schedule use for 2011. Please bring an updated list of officers and their phone numbers. Do not assume that because your organization is currently scheduled on the calendar, you will remain scheduled. Scheduling must be made in person by an organization officer.