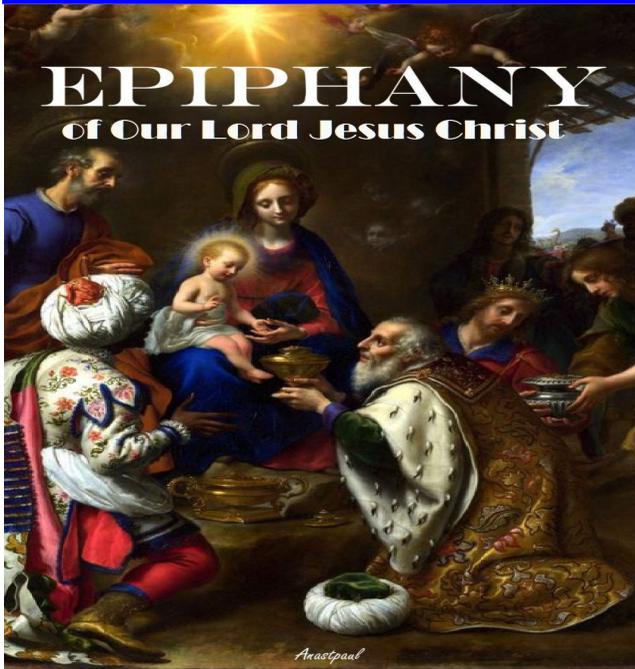


**Reflection of today Gospel**  
*Mt 2:1-12*



**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

*Stanley Robichaux (memory)*  
All names and families remembered by the Poinsettia alter flowers as shown in the picture frame on the side of altar.

**Tuesday, January 4, 2022**

*John Steiner (memory)*

**Sanctuary Candle**

*End to Abortion*

**To schedule Mass Intentions or Sanctuary Candle Memorials call the Center 529-1636**

**Pope Francis' January Prayer Intention**

*For true human fraternity*

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." 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. <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/>

**Next Weeks Reading**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

*Sunday, January 9, 2022*

*Reading 1: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11*

*Responsorial Psalm: 104:1b-4,24-25,27-30*

*Reading 2: Titus 2:11-14;3:4-7*

*Gospel: Luke 3:15-16,21-22*

**Life in Spirit Seminar 2022**

Center of Jesus the Lord is happy to be sponsoring the "Life in Spirit" Seminar, January 15, 2022 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. It is an invitation to deepen your relationship with the Lord through the power of the Holy Spirit. Come and see what living your life in the Spirit is all about and be renewed and refreshed in your faith. To register or for more information, please call the Center Office at 504-529-1636

**The Second Collection for the Church in Latin American Jan 8-9**

On the weekend of January 8-9, 2022, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

**Angel Tree**

Thank you for bringing the true spirit of Christmas to life with your generosity and love for you neighbors!

**Center of Jesus Upcoming Events**

**Saturday, January 8**

*Adoration and Mass*

**Sunday, January 9**

*Christmas Social*

**Monday, January 10**

*SCC begins*

**Saturday, January 15**

*Life in the Spirit Seminar*

**Saturday, February 12**

*School of Healing Prayer*

**Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration**

The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce that the annual Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, March 27, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, New Orleans. This prayer service will honor couples who are celebrating or have recently celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. The celebration is open to couples married between 1992 - 1997. To register, please contact the Center at 504-529-1636 before Monday, January 24, 2022. This is a prayer service not a mass and will not fulfil the couple's Sunday obligation.

**2022 Marriage Preparation Options are Live**

Engaged couples can now register for Catholic Engaged Encounter Retreat Weekends, archdiocesan Days for the Engaged sessions, or Special Marriage Preparation workshops in 2022 in order to complete their sacramental preparation by visiting [nolacatholic.org/mfl](http://nolacatholic.org/mfl), then clicking on "Getting Married?".



*There are no strangers here,  
only friends we have not  
yet MET*

*Pray the Divine Mercy Novena with us  
Sunday before Mass at 9:45 AM*

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**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Altar Flowers are provided through the generosity of community members who contribute to their purchase. A donation to the flower fund is a beautiful way to remember, honor or give thanks for loved ones. The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God.

Altar Flower contribution envelopes can be found in the rear of the Church or at the Rectory. A Minimum donation of \$50.00 is requested.

*Sacrament of Reconciliation before Sunday & Tuesday Masses. To schedule an appointment, please call the Center to check the availability of the priest.*

# Center of Jesus the Lord at Our Lady of Good Counsel



**JANUARY 2, 2022 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

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**Administrative Secretary: Tien Pham**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*Center of Jesus the Lord at Our Lady of Good Counsel is a joy filled, loving Catholic community where all are WELCOME! We are active in service to others, living the GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

**THE CENTER'S WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY Praise and Worship: 10:00 AM; Eucharistic Celebration 10:15 AM;**

*Healing Prayer after Mass; Fellowship follows in dining hall*

**TUESDAY Praise and Worship 11:30 AM; Eucharistic Celebration 12:00 PM;**

*following Mass all are welcomed to join in fellowship (1307 Louisiana Avenue)*

**MONTHLY SATURDAY Eucharistic Adoration 11am followed by Praise and Worship and Mass**

**Center of Jesus The Lord**

**2022**

**Life in the**

**SPIRIT SEMINAR**

**Experience the Presence and Power of the Holy Spirit**

Seminar presented by Center of Jesus the Lord Team and on DVD by International Leaders in the Charismatic Community.

**Saturday - January 15**

**9 AM - 4 PM**

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church - 1307 Louisiana Ave. NOLA 70115  
\$25 Registration fee - Please pick up a registration form at the Center Office

**Our Online Offering:**

<https://faithlife.com/centerofjesusthelord/give>

**NEED ONGOING HEALING AND FOLLOW UP?**

- ✘ *Inner Healing Prayer*
- ✘ *Spiritual Direction*

*Schedule your appointment through the office*

**PRAY THE ROSARY**

**OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL ROSARY GROUP EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:00 PM**

**Need Intercessory Prayer?...**

**Please call the Center at (504) 503-1206**

**Stewards of Mercy**

- ✘ *Provides a mercy meal after funeral for grieving families for Center Members*
- If you or someone you know have a need for this services please call the Center of Jesus the Lord at 504-529-1636*