

Announcements
For the week of
Jan. 4, 2015

The School of Religious Education will be closed for the Holidays until Jan. 12, 2015.

The Diocese of Beaumont African Commission and the office of African American invite to join us in the Commemoration of the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Saturday Jan. 10, 2015. The host parish this year is our very own, Our Mother of Mercy.

Census forms are in the Vestibule of the Church. The Church Directory is being updated. All parishioners 18 and over and all who would like to receive envelopes or be registered as a member please fill out the census form and return the completed form in the offering basket or to the Rectory. Thanks for your cooperation.

The deadline for all Bulletin and pulpit announcements are **due on Monday by 2pm.** Announcements can be emailed. They must be approved by our Pastor, Fr. Lowell Case.

No impromptu announcements, please .

Please pray for all our Military and their families and for all the Sick and Shut-In.

Please take home a copy of this weeks' bulletin for more information.

**GOOD EVENING/MORNING PARISHIONERS, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND VISTORS! (PAUSE)
WELCOME TO OUR MOTHER OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH. WE ARE IN THE PRESENCE
OF THE LORD.**

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD. KINDLY
TURN TO YOUR NEIGHBOR AND EXTEND A GREETING OF WELCOME, (PAUSE 20 SEC-
ONDS)**

**PLEASE BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE PARISH, GIVE GENEROUSLY IN TODAY'S COLLEC-
TIONS. THE SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR PARISH MAINTENANCE.**

TODAY'S THEME:

The Christmas season continues today with our celebration of the Epiphany: Matthew's Gospel makes it clear that even from the very beginning Jesus Christ came to save all people of the world. And so we have magi, representing all the known world at the time, making their way to Jesus' humble birthplace. Gathered as we are from many places, let us pray in Thanksgiving that God has seen fit to reach out to all of us in love.

OUR CELEBRANT FOR THIS MASS IS:

4:30 P.M.- Fr.

7:00 A.M.-Fr.

9:00 A.M.-Fr.

11:30 A.M.-Fr.

**AS A COURTESY PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES AND PAGERS AND PLEASE RE-
FRAIN FROM TEXTING, ANSWERING YOUR PHONE AND CHEWING GUM DURING MASS.**

**OUT OF RESPECT FOR THE WORD, PLEASE REFRAIN FROM WALKING DURING THE 1ST
READING, 2ND READING, GOSPEL AND THE HOMILY.**

AFTER THE OPENING PRAYER:

Some interesting details to ponder from our readings today: Isaiah mentions only gold and frankincense among the gifts that come from all nations. It is Matthew who adds the gift of myrrh—the symbol of the future passion and death of the newborn Messiah. The magi must consult the revelation of faith to find their way to Bethlehem; their own means are not enough. As we listen to God's word now, what details strike you? How is the Messiah revealed to you today?

INTECESSORY PRAYER

Epiphany of the Lord

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Priest: God's arms are wide in welcome to all who seek salvation. Let us bring to God the needs of all the world

Our response will be: Glory to God in the highest!

- ◆ For Christians throughout the world, as they work to manifest God's love in the midst of hardship, apathy, and persecution, we pray to the Lord.
- ◆ That all nations of the world, the richest and the poorest, learn how to work together for the common good of all people, we pray to the Lord.
- ◆ For those who earnestly seek for signs of God's movement in their lives, and that our community encourage and welcome them,, we pray to the Lord.
- ◆ For those who study the stars of the universe or the microbes of the earth, or in other ways seek to unlock the secrets of God's creation for the benefit of all humanity, we pray to the Lord.
- ◆ For newborn children, signs of hope for the world, and for their parents and families, we pray to the Lord.
- ◆ For all the prayers that we hold in the silence of our hearts. (*pause 10 seconds*; the presider alone concludes), we pray to the Lord

Priest: O Lord of light, today you have revealed to the world your saving love. Hear these our prayers and grant them in the name of your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.. Amen.

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

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PLEASE WELCOME THE VISITORS

**ALSO PASS OUT THE CHILDREN
BULLETINS TO THE LITTLE ONES!**

Please make sure that you sign the sheet in the book.

Please remember to use the white bags for the collections
Please try and refrain anyone from walking during the
1st reading, 2nd Reading, the Gospel and the Homily.

Remember to take the count of those present at each Mass
This is very important. Secure collection after Mass

The Second Collection
Parish Maintenance