



## The Epiphany of the Lord

“Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” What a wonderful example the Magi give us in their visit to the infant Jesus. First of all, they demonstrate profound faith in God’s word, spoken through the prophet Micah: “And you, Bethlehem ... from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel” (cf. 5:2). Embarking on a long and difficult journey, they trust that they will find this newborn king of

the Jews in Bethlehem as the prophecy announced.

On their arrival at the home of the Holy Family, the Magi also give us an example of profound humility. These important men, to whom kings look for guidance and advice, do not hesitate to bow down, to “prostrate themselves” and give homage to a tiny babe. Putting their own position out of their minds, they reverently worship the infant Lord even as he sits on the lap of his mother.


The generosity of these three “kings” is also evident as they open their treasure boxes and give to the poor child the richest of gifts. Traditionally, we understand the gold to symbolize the earthly kingship of Christ, the frankincense to represent his divinity, and the myrrh to stand as a symbol of the anointing he will receive upon his death.

Finally, the wisdom of these men is evident in their decision to return to their country “by another way.” Understanding the threat that King Herod posed to Jesus, they followed a plan that would help keep the divine child safe even though it meant inconvenience to themselves.

Faith, humility, generosity, and wisdom. These gifts are the real legacy of the Three Kings. Today, let us ask God for the blessing of having these gifts in our lives.

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## Saint Catherine of Siena Catholic Church



2605 Springhill Avenue • Mobile, Alabama 36607

**Pastor:** Rev. Msgr. James S. Kee

**Organist:** Shawn Wright

### SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil Mass (for Sunday) 5:00 pm Saturday  
Sunday 7:00 and 10:00 am

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday thru Friday 8:10 am

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

4:00 until 4:45 pm Saturday

**Rectory**..... 251 • 473-1415  
251 • 473-1427

**Brothers of the Sacred Heart Residence**  
251 • 438-3812

**2-B Pregnancy Center** ..... 251 • 343-4636



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## ON SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

**Daily Mass:** Monday through Saturday at Visitation ..... 7:00 a.m.  
**Tuesday** ..... 6:00 p.m. Mass  
**Saturday - Vigil Mass** ..... 5:00 p.m.  
**Sunday at Visitation Monastery** ..... 7:00 a.m.  
**Sunday** ..... 10:00 a.m.  
**Sacrament of Penance** ..... 4:00 UNTIL 4:45 p.m. Saturday  
**Parish Website** ..... www.stcatherinemobile.com  
**Hispanic Ministry Mass - Each Sunday** ..... 12:00 Noon  
**Bingo** ..... Thursday & Friday at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center

## COLLECTION: December 31, 2017

**Envelopes:** \$1,325.00 **Other:** \$454.00

## OFFERTORY PROCESSION:

**Jan. 6th & 7th:** **Saturday:** 5:00 P.M. Volunteers **Sunday:** 10:00 A.M. Hoffman Family

**Jan. 13th & 14th:** **Saturday:** 5:00 P.M. Smiley Family **Sunday:** 10:00 A.M. Horn Family

**PRAYER REMEMBRANCES:** Please remember in your prayers: Ophelia Sigler, Adriene Baker, Wayne Clark, Ralph Taylor, III, Louie Ankersen, Billy Yost, Miriam Zoghby, William Rice, Mary Myer Clarke, Fred & Janice Morton, Maria Foster Owens, Erielen Washington, Katherine Miller, Bunny Ankersen, Herman Mose, Sarah Roberts, John Miller, Ellarnie Washington, Mildred Foster, Fred McIver, Marva Hayes, William V. Talbott, Denise Huett, Briand Saba, Eleanor Hollinger, Lois White, Walter Skinner, Eugene "Bo" Loeffler, Grace Moore, Wanda & Alice Redding, Cora Starkey, Ginny Steele, Tinker Reese, Kim Geisled, Mary Lois Moree, Cecilia Zoghby, Zettie McIlwain, Mary Whatley, Anita Toole, Joseph A. Conner, Louis Reyer, Caleb Elders, Betty Hall, Theresa Christi, Franklin Millette, Cindy Naman, Tara Ligon Williams, Scott Sciple, Nolan Redding, Winnie Fulford, Roni Caudle, Janet Broder, Mary Bower, Avis & Kenneth Williams, Alice Langham, Mary Lou Staker and Sidney Pearson.

**PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN:** In your charity, please pray for our service men and women overseas. Especially: Reed Loper, Ricky Anderson, Melanie Norton, Tommy Nicholls, Matthew Nicholls, Joseph Nicholls, Joshua Horace Turner, Lt. Com. John Moree, Kevin Sweeney, Christopher Sweeney, Peter Swinson, Kathy Savell, Kevin McCalman, Erich Schnee, Patrick Lott, Capt. David Wendell and William Butler. If you would like to have a family members name included, please call 473-1415.

**THANKS:** Our sincere thanks to Tom & Linda Landry for making it possible to have the organ in the church tuned up and repaired before Christmas. Thank you for your generosity.

**THANKS:** Our sincere thanks to Mary Louise Hoffman and Members of the Ladies Altar Sodality and all our volunteers for your time and effort in decorating the Church for the Christmas Season. What a beautiful job and the Church is absolutely magnificent! Thanks to Billy Yost for his continual help through the years. We could not do it without you. Our thanks also to the choir for a job well done! Thanks for making our Christmas Services so special!

**BLESSED SEELOS BIRTHDAY MASS:** The Blessed Seelos Prayer Group and Mass will be held at Little Sisters of the Poor on Tuesday, January 9th. Cenacle Prayer starts at 4:45 P.M. and Mass will be at 5:15 P.M. All are welcome. For more information call Maria Ann at 753-2416.

**LECTORS AND MINISTERS:** Schedules for January have been mailed. If for some reason you do not receive your copy, please contact the Church office.

**POINSETTIAS:** If you ordered a Poinsettia for Christmas and would like to take one home to plant, please take the ones that are in the windows of the Church. Thanks for your support.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 15th in honor of Martin Luther King Day. We will be back in the office on Tuesday.

**MARDI GRAS:** As you know Mardi Gras is rapidly approaching. Which means the Lenten Season is also close at hand. If you would like to volunteer to help with our delicious Lenten Dinners, please call the church office and let us know. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

**BLESSED SEELOS PRAYER GROUP:** The St. Catherine's Bl. Seelos Group meets every Tuesday evening. Beginning at 5:30 P.M. with Cenacle Prayer Time followed by Mass at 6:00 P.M. All are welcome. For more information call Maria Ann at 753-2416.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES:

**Sunday, January 28th is Catholic Charities Sunday.**

**Catholic Charities distributes millions of dollars to sustain Catholic ministries across our Archdiocese.**

**We ask that you show your love for others through your prayerful generosity to**

**this years Catholic Charities Appeal.**

## Mass Intentions

Saturday...5:00 P.M ..... Donna Farrell Rosario (d)

Sunday...10:00 A.M. .... Frank Rose (d)

## BINGO

15	28	37	51	73
6	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	60	70
12	26	44	52	66
7	22	34	48	72

**Come Join Us For**

**BINGO**

**Thursdays and Fridays**

**at 6:30 p.m.**