

January 3, 2021

The Epiphany of Our Lord



Scripture Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-13; Ephesians 3:2-6; Matthew 2:1-12

“..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh...” - Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi’s visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

| Liturgical Assignments January 9/10 | | |
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| | Lector | Extraordinary Minister |
| 4:30 p.m. | Ashley Kountz | |
| 9:00 a.m. | Chris Roberts | |
| Altar Servers | | |
| 4:30 p.m. | Ellis Abels / Carson Walsh | |
| 9:00 a.m. | Austin Barnes / Lucas Williams | |
| Weekday | | |
| Money Counters: Rob Kneib / Mary Kneib | | |
| Sacrificial Offerings to God | | |
| December 25, 26-27 | | \$ 19,335.00 |
| Envelopes | | |
| Plate | | 505.00 |
| Votives | | 69.00 |
| Repair/Utility Fund | | 816.25 |
| Misc. | | 0.00 |
| TOTAL | | \$20,725.25 |
| Average Weekly Offertory Needed | | \$14,360.00 |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This weekend the second collection will be taken up for the repair/utility fund.

Happy Birthday, Father Totton – January 4th !



This year we are showing Bishop Robert Barron’s beautiful video series on the Church. Parishioners are encouraged to attend any class on any given Sunday. We gather in the Casper Erk Rm (parish center) on Sunday mornings at 10:15AM.

JAN 3 – NO CLASS due to New Year’s

JAN 10 - Body Both Suffering and Glorious: The Mystical Union of Christ and The Church-Part 2

If you have further questions please contact Josh or Lindsey Bachman by email at lindseycbachman@gmail.com.

Epiphany Home Blessing

On the Epiphany, there is a custom of blessings homes, and, for this purpose, after Mass **chalk** and **water** are blessed. When you get home, sprinkle some Epiphany water (otherwise and afterwards used as regular Holy Water) in the rooms of your house to protect it and bring blessings. This Holy Water recalls the waters of the Jordan, and is a visible reminder of Christ’s Divinity, of Jesus’s revealing Himself as God at His Baptism, when were heard the words from the Father: "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased." This rite of blessing the home -- led by a priest, if possible, or the father of the house if no priest is available -- goes like this:

Antiphon: *From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.*

All: **My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For He hath regarded the humility of His handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty hath done great things to me, and holy is His Name. And His Mercy is from generation unto generations upon them that fear Him. He hath shewed might in His arm, He hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He hath sent empty away. He hath received Israel, His servant, being mindful of His mercy. As He spoke to our Fathers, Abraham and His seed forever.**

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Our Father...

Leader: *All they from Saba shall come.*

All: **Bringing gold and frankincense.**

Leader: *O Lord, hear my prayer.*

All: **And let my cry come unto Thee.**

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

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| Sunday, January 3 | Mass at 7AM (subject to change) Holy Hour /Confessions – 8AM Mass at 9AM (livestream on Facebook) NO RCIA Confirmation Class – 10:15AM, School Confessions – 11AM Latin Mass at 11:30AM |
| Mon. | Confessions – 7:30 to 7:55AM Legion of Mary – 8:30AM, C. Erk Rm Chaplet of Divine Mercy – 3PM, Church |
| Tues. | Confessions – 7:30 to 7:55AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy – 3PM, Church Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy -5:30PM Holy Hour/Confessions – 6PM |
| Wed. | Confessions – 7:30 to 7:55AM Adoration – 9 to 11AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy – 3PM, Church Traditional Latin Epiphany Mass – 7PM |
| Thur. | Confessions – 7:30 to 7:55AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy – 3PM, Church |
| Fri. | Office Closed Confessions – 7:30 to 7:55AM |
| Sat. | 5:45AM Men’s Group - MMHall Confessions – 3:30PM Mass at 4:30PM |
| Sunday, January 10 | Mass at 7AM (subject to change) Holy Hour /Confessions – 8AM Mass at 9AM (livestream on Facebook) Holy Name Sunday RCIA -10:15AM, C. Erk Rm Confirmation Class – 10:15AM, School Confessions – 11AM Latin Mass at 11:30AM |

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Leader: *Let us pray. O God, who by the guidance of a star didst on this day manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith may also attain the vision of Thy glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord.*

All: **Amen.**

Leader: Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee-- Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary.

All: **And the Gentiles shall walk in thy light and kings in the splendor of thy rising, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee.**

Leader: Let us pray. Bless, O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

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After the prayers of the blessing are recited, walk through the house and bless each room by sprinkling with Epiphany water and incensing it. Take the blessed chalk and first write the initials of the three Wise Men, connected with Crosses, over the inside of your front door (on the lintel, if possible). Then write the year, breaking up the numbers and the year so that they fall on both sides of the initials. It should look like this, for ex.:

20 C+M+B 21

with the "20 "being the millennium and century, the "C" standing for the first Wise Man, Caspar, the "M" standing for Melchior, the "B" standing for Balthasar, and the "21" standing for the decade and year. It is also popularly believed that the Kings' initials also stand for "Christus mansionem benedicat."

“**Coram Deo** exists to meet the needs of young adults in the St. Joseph area and to provide opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship, centered around Our Eucharistic Lord.

The Catholic young adult group for St. Joseph, Coram Deo, is meeting on Thursday, January 14th! Meet at St. Rose of Lima for 6pm Mass, followed by dinner and bowling! All young adults aged 22-35 are invited to attend. We hope to see you there! Questions? Please contact Ally Goetz at goetz.ally@gmail.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 3
Epiphany of the Lord

7:00 a.m. – *Special Intention, SF*

9:00 a.m. – *Pro Populo*

Sunday within the Octave of Christmas

11:30 a.m. (Latin)

Robert Kneib ✚

Monday, January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8 a.m. – *Rev. Joseph Totton*

Tuesday, January 5

St. John Neumann, Bishop

8 a.m. – *Virginia Girard* ✚

Wednesday, January 6

St. Andre Bessette, Religious

8 a.m. - *Shirley Cox* ✚

The Epiphany of Our Lord

7 p.m. – Latin Mass

Thursday, January 7

St. Raymond of Penafort

8:00 a.m. – *Rev. Alexander Sinclair* ✚

Friday, January 8

Christmas Weekday

8:00 a.m. – *Dan Ramirez* ✚

Saturday, January 9

Vigil Mass

4:30 p.m.- *Draga Zuptich* ✚

Sunday, January 10

Baptism of the Lord

7:00 a.m. – *Rita Andriano* ✚

9:00 a.m. – *Rev. Evan Patrick Harkins* ✚

Holy Family

11:30 a.m. (Latin)

Pro Populo

(A cross indicates that the Mass intention is for a deceased loved one.)

Please pray for vocations, especially from our parish.