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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, JANUARY 2, 2022

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As a welcoming faith
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- Inspirational Worship
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- Service to Others

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11



Weekly Message

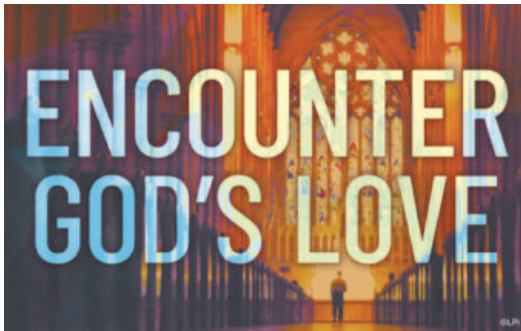


Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.



We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved. ©LPi

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Holiday Parish Office Hours:

Monday, January 3rd

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Adult Formation

EPIPHANY

Ponder **HOMAGE** and **GIFTS** as you celebrate Epiphany. The Magi honored the Christ child and presented generous gifts to someone so humbly born. The start of a new year offers the opportunity to plan ahead. Ponder what God given gifts you can share with others in His name to bring Him *homage* in 2022.

Can you see the perfect triangles in this ice formation on the sidewalk? It is always a delightful gift to find this type of unexpected precision in nature. The Creator who made this design also created YOU! Based on the amount of minute detail in nature, consider *how much more* loving care He put into creating YOU! Partner with the Holy Spirit this year. Pray for the wisdom to identify your gifts. Ask the Holy Spirit to activate those



gifts. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, freely and frequently share your gifts. The unexpected ones, out of the blue, even if simple, are often the most perfect and delightful to bring Him *homage*.

—Mary Kral, Adult Formation (mkral@stpaulgenesee.net)



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Faith Formation

How often do you praise God? Do you praise Him with each heartbeat? Do you acknowledge Him as the Lord of your life? Or, do you, like so many of us, find yourself looking at your situation and speak of its power in your life? It is an easy trap in which we all fall at times. It happens largely because we have a tendency to look at the immediate. We want the immediate situation to be rectified. And all too often, the things of God often patiently wait for us. These “things” rarely demand anything of us. **It’s so like God to be patiently waiting for us - never pressuring us or forcing Himself on us.**

However, after following God for the last 30 or so years, I have come to realize something very important. **When it is hardest to praise God is often the time you most need to do it.**

We are nearing the end of the Christmas season... we are called to take the joy and cheer we sing about in all of those well loved Christmas Carols and sing the

reality of God’s goodness and steadfast love all year long. Singing praise to God can end up being a bit like an arsenal for the battle of everyday life. Life is hard. We often spend a lot of time feeling like we are in an uphill battle. But in the liturgical sense, we just had a mountaintop experience. **Hopefully, your Advent preparation led to a beautifully filled time with God’s presence.** And those songs we love so much during this time (O Come Let Us Adore Him, for example) need to be able to fill our spiritual tank until Easter. **We need to continue to adore Him. He is Emmanuel - God with us... and He is with us in such a way that He comes to abide within us.**

We need to continually draw near to Him (c.f. James 4:8). It is in Him that we will find our strength and courage to continue living this life of faith. So, praise the Lord. When we praise Him our hearts are set free to acknowledge Him and live in Him. With praise comes freedom.

“Draw close to Him and he will draw near to you” (James 4:8).

Karen Farrell—kfarrell@stpaulgenesee.net

*Draw near to God,
and He will draw
near to you.*



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ST BRUNO Events and Invites

ST. BRUNO Eucharistic Celebrations

Weekends: Saturday at 4:00 p.m. & Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
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Reconciliation: 1st & 3rd Saturday, 10am & *By appointment*

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St. Paul's Liturgical Week

Readings for the week of January 2, 2021

<http://bible.usccb.org/>

Monday: 1 John 3:22—4:6 / Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 John 4:7-10 / Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 John 4:11-18 / Mark 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 John 4:19—5:4 / Luke 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 John 5:5-13 / Luke 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21 / John 3:22-30

Next Sunday:

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 / Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY 3 - JANUARY 9

Mon 8:00 AM (Mass at St. Bruno)

Tues 8:00AM † Victoria Lynn Gegware-Hess
by Vera Switalski

Wed 8:45 AM (Mass at St. Bruno)

Fri 8:00AM † Marleh Lehman by A Friend

Sat 4:00pm (Mass at St. Bruno)

5:30pm † Parishioners of St. Paul & St. Bruno

Sun 9:00AM † Donald Allen by Brady Family



Remember all first responders, military personnel and their families. May God keep them safe in his hands.



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday to
Maureen Konley on
January 1st.

Best Wishes to all who are celebrating
this week!!

Sacramental Information

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: Prepare for the sacraments of initiation with a small group to join the Catholic church. Call Mary Kral.

Infant Baptism: Parent sessions are required for registered parishioners who would like their child baptized. Call Mary Kral, at least one month in advance, to schedule a class time and make arrangements to pick a date for your child's baptism.

Confirmation: Youth at least 16 years of age or adults seeking to be confirmed, call Parish Office.

First Eucharist: Parent and child preparation required. Contact Karen Farrell.

Reconciliation: 2nd & 4th Saturday at 10:00am or by appointment.

Marriage: Arrangements should be made six months in advance. One of the parties must be a registered parish member and a practicing Catholic.

Care of Sick: Sacramental care of the sick, call the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick: Call the Parish office with request.

St. Paul Cemetery: Hwy DE & Snowdon Rd. Call Parish Office for information.

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Please submit to cwick@stpaulgenesee.net



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