

Sunday, January 3, 2021 — FEAST OF EPIPHANY



# Holy Spirit Parish

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## MASS TIMES

Sunday 9:30 am

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## USUAL OFFICE HOURS

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**Saturday and Sunday**

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Website: [www.holyspirit300.com](http://www.holyspirit300.com)

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**T**hey 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



# PRAYER AND REFLECTIONS

## A Word from Sr. Phyllis:

Within the last week each household in the parish received a Christmas greeting from the entire Pastoral Council. For weeks they passed the cards from person to person so that each could personally sign their name. It was their way of saying: "We're here for you. If there is anything we can do for you; if you have suggestions as how to make Holy Spirit Parish even better, give us a call." As we begin this new year of 2021 we thank this dedicated group of parishioners whose genuine concern touches us all.

### Pastoral Council Members

Patricia Hyson  
Beverly Calvert  
Rick Hartke  
Pamela McDonald  
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Mark Courtney  
Ruth Bradford  
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**Pray every day to end abortion, euthanasia  
the death penalty. PLEASE PRAY FOR**

Mary Soeka  
Joni Ward  
Christine Adams  
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**If someone is in need of prayer, or should be taken off  
the list, please call Joni Ward at 575-779-6617.**

### Mass Intentions

**As we look to 2021 there are an abundance of  
openings for mass intentions. If you are interest-  
ed in scheduling a mass, please see  
Mickey Edwards or Sr. Phyllis.**



THE EPIPHANY OF THE  
*Lord*

### Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*



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