



ST. JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 2, 2022

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – YEAR C

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Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am

Weekday Masses

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 8:00am
Wednesday: 6:00pm

Holyday Masses As Announced

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00-4:45pm
Wednesday: 5:00-5:30pm
or by appointment



The Epiphany OF THE LORD

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b*

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NEW YEAR, JANUARY 1, 2022, SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD (Num. 6:22-27; Gal. 4:4-7; Lk. 2:16-21)
Mary Mother of God

Beloved brothers and sisters, on this 1st day of January in the new year of 2022, the Holy Mother Church celebrates the Solemnity of MARY MOTHER OF GOD. The Church confesses that the Word uniting to himself in his person the flesh animated by a rational soul, became man... Mary truly became the Mother of God by the human conception of the Son of God in her womb... (cf. CCC. 466). Mary is not divine but she as close to divinity as any creature can get. She is the daughter of the Father, the mother of the Son and the spouse of the Holy Spirit. The insistence on Mary's creature hood far from detracting from our love of her only makes our relationship more intimate. She really is one of us. In Jesus, born of Mary, God's ancient promise and blessing is fulfilled. God has revealed His face to us in Mary's child, born of at the appointed time. Mary pondered these great mysteries in her heart: the great things the Lord had done in her life and what privileges she had been given to be called "Mother of God." Mary is mother of God and we are children of God which we must remember always. It is not celebrated as a Holy Day of Obligation this year in the U.S. because it falls on Saturday but we're encouraged to attend Mass of the Solemnity this day. All generations now have called her blessed, and so do we on this day, at the opening of the year. Happy New Year to everyone!

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, JANUARY 2, 2022
 (Is. 60:1-6; Eph. 3:2-3a; Mt. 2:1-12)

On this Sunday, January 2, the Holy Mother Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. Epiphany from its Greek meaning and in the context of the Christian celebration is the commemoration of the manifestation, or showing forth, of the glory of God in Jesus Christ, the Eternal Word of God made flesh. Here we commemorate especially the coming of the wise men. In the 1st reading of today, the Prophet tries to encourage God's people and assure them that Jerusalem would again be a great city. He sees Jerusalem becoming a light for the world. His vision is that the Jews would no longer be the only people to learn about God and worship God, but people from all nations to visit Jerusalem to be nourished by God's word and to worship at God's holy temple. St. Matthew, in today's Gospel sees the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus as the fulfillment of the words of the prophet. "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of Herod the King, behold, there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him?" (Mt. 2:1-2). Doesn't this sound like what we come to Mass to do? We gather in prayer, we sing a few songs, we listen to God's word, and we adore and receive Jesus once again in the Eucharist as he makes himself known to us. Just as the wise men, we offer him our love and our praise and our treasure. May the glory of Christ shine in our lives all through the New Year!

GRATITUDE: A couple of events took place in our parish within the season of Advent and leading up to our Christmas/New Year celebrations. My parish home visits/family blessings have been awesome so far. I hope to begin again towards the spring of 2022. We recall with joy the success of our Parish Advent Wreath making on the 1st Sunday of Advent, as well as the Advent Communal Penance Service/Confessions on the 3rd Sunday of Advent, with the active participation of a good number of the parishioners. The Cookie Walk was awesome, thank you to our parish Women's Society who made it happen. The Church Decorations by some of the Parish volunteers were amazing as you all can testify to. We would indeed most respectfully appreciate the sacrifices of many of our parishioners particularly: the K. of C, the Women's Society, the CFF Teachers, the Choir, the Sacristans, the Eucharistic Ministers, the Lectors, the Altar Servers, the Parish Council, the Finance Council, the flower decorators, the Building Committee, the Parish Staff, and other volunteers and groups in our parish. You are real gifts to this parish. The Christmas Eve Mass was exceptional with our amazing kids leading in the Christmas Carols, the child coming up to place the baby Jesus in the manger and everyone singing a happy birthday song to Jesus at the end which made the ceremony outstanding. What a vibrant congregation in all the Masses of the Christmas Eve, Midnight and Day! Oh my God! What more can we ask for than this joy of the Christmas celebrations in the Church with fellow brothers and sisters? Special thanks to the Ushers, the Greeters and other individuals who have generously been giving of their time and talents to make our parish a vibrant one, and in particular, those coming out on every 2nd Saturday for the Church Workday. Thank you to all, for making this year's glorious Christmas celebrations incredible.

MY VACATION: I am traveling to be with my family in Nigeria for my vacation from January 2, and hope to be back by the first half of February, 2022. I ask for your prayers as I go to spend some time with my family and friends, and of course with all the funerals lined up for me to attend while at home. I have made arrangements for the priests that will be covering in our parish during my vacation. Read the details below.

APPRECIATION: I personally would like to thank you all who have surprised me with your Christmas presents in various ways, materially and spiritually. Your gifts to me and to Fr. Callistus Onumah (Our Resident Priest who is the Chaplain at HSHS St. John's Hospital in Springfield) gave us the feeling as if we were celebrating the Christmas in our own biological home in Nigeria with our families and friends. I am so pleased to be your Pastor. You are family to us and we are brothers and sisters in the Lord. God bless you all.

Wishing you and yours God's Blessings and Favors in the New Year. **HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!**

FR. FREDDIE MBIERE

Schedule for Mass Coverage during Fr. Freddie's Vacation January 2—February 16, 2022

ALL WEEKDAY MASSES: Jan. 3-Feb. 16, 2022

Fr. Callisutus C. Onumah

WEEKENDS

Saturday, January 8

5:00pm— Fr. Callisutus C. Onumah

Sunday, January 9

8:00am— Fr. Callisutus C. Onumah

Saturday, January 15

5:00pm— Msgr. David Hoefler

Sunday, January 16

8:00am— Msgr. David Hoefler

Saturday, January 22

5:00pm— Fr. Callisutus C. Onumah

Sunday, January 23

8:00am— Fr. Dominic Vahling

Saturday, January 29

5:00pm— Fr. Dennis Koopman

Sunday, January 30

8:00am— Fr. Callisutus C. Onumah

Saturday, February 5

5:00pm— Msgr. David Hoefler

Sunday, February 6

8:00am— Msgr. David Hoefler

Saturday, February 12

5:00pm— Fr. Dennis Koopman

Sunday, February 13

8:00am— Fr. Callisutus C. Onumah

Fr. George Nellikunnel will be covering any funeral

MASS INTENTIONS

(† indicates deceased)

Monday, January 3

Christmas Weekday—Holy Name of Jesus
8:00am— Ronald Cardoni †

Tuesday, January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
8:00am— Jasper Selvaggio †

Wednesday, January 5

St. John Neumann, Bishop
6:00pm— Anna Eleyidath †

Thursday, January 6

Christmas Weekday
8:00am— For the People (Pro Populo)

Friday, January 7

Christmas Weekday
8:00am— Marilyn Butchek †


Saturday, January 8

Vigil Mass
5:00pm— Val Contri †

Sunday, January 9

Baptism of the Lord
8:00am— For the People (Pro Populo)


SAVE THE DATE
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TRIVIA NIGHT
Saturday, February 12, 2022
6:00pm




The Women's Society would like to thank everyone that helped to make the Cookie Walk the best possible! Those who helped organize, setup, take down, and waited for the cookies deliveries during the approaching storm. Those that baked, decorated, and plated the cookies for a beautiful display for our customers. Those that watched over our shoppers, weighed their purchases, and took their money. We couldn't have done it without each and all of you.



Want to get Involved? Please contact the Parish Office at 523-3816 or email at ssaladino@sjv.dio.org if you are interested in becoming a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan, or Server. Training will be provided.



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Wed, Jan 5: 7:00am - 6:00pm Adoration
5:30pm Rosary
6:45pm Bible Study



PARISH WORKDAY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for
our next Workday on
Saturday, January 8th 8am - 12pm



Saturday, January 8 — 5:00pm (St. John Vianney)
Lector: John Ausmus
Eucharistic Minister: Andy Krug
Server: Avery Glasgow

Sunday, January 9 — 8:00am (St. John Vianney)
Lector: Michaela Campbell
Eucharistic Minister: Bev Hoffman
Server: Allison O'Neill and Samantha O'Neill

St. John Vianney WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING
December 18 & 19, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$1,830.00
WeShare	\$1,030.00
Loose Collections	\$4,016.00
Total	\$6,876.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,788.46
Weekly Surplus / Shortfall	\$2,087.54
Capital Improvements	\$ 200.00
Building & Maintenance	\$ 0.00
Kentucky Tornado	\$1,026.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 70.00
Retirement—Religious	\$ 50.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 10.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 175.00

St. John Vianney WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING
December 25 & 26, 2021

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Total	

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