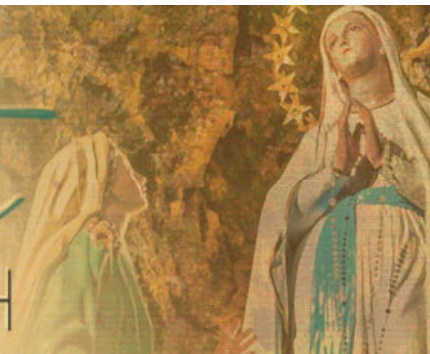


SAINT Bernadette PARISH



JANUARY 2, 2022 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD | LEMAY, MISSOURI

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday Vigil
Sunday 8:00 and 10:30 am

WEEKDAY

Monday through Thursday 8:00 am
Friday Communion Service 8:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 to 3:30 pm or by appointment

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Robert Reiker	Pastor
Dn. Michael L. Buckley	Deacon
Dn. Phillip Warren	Deacon
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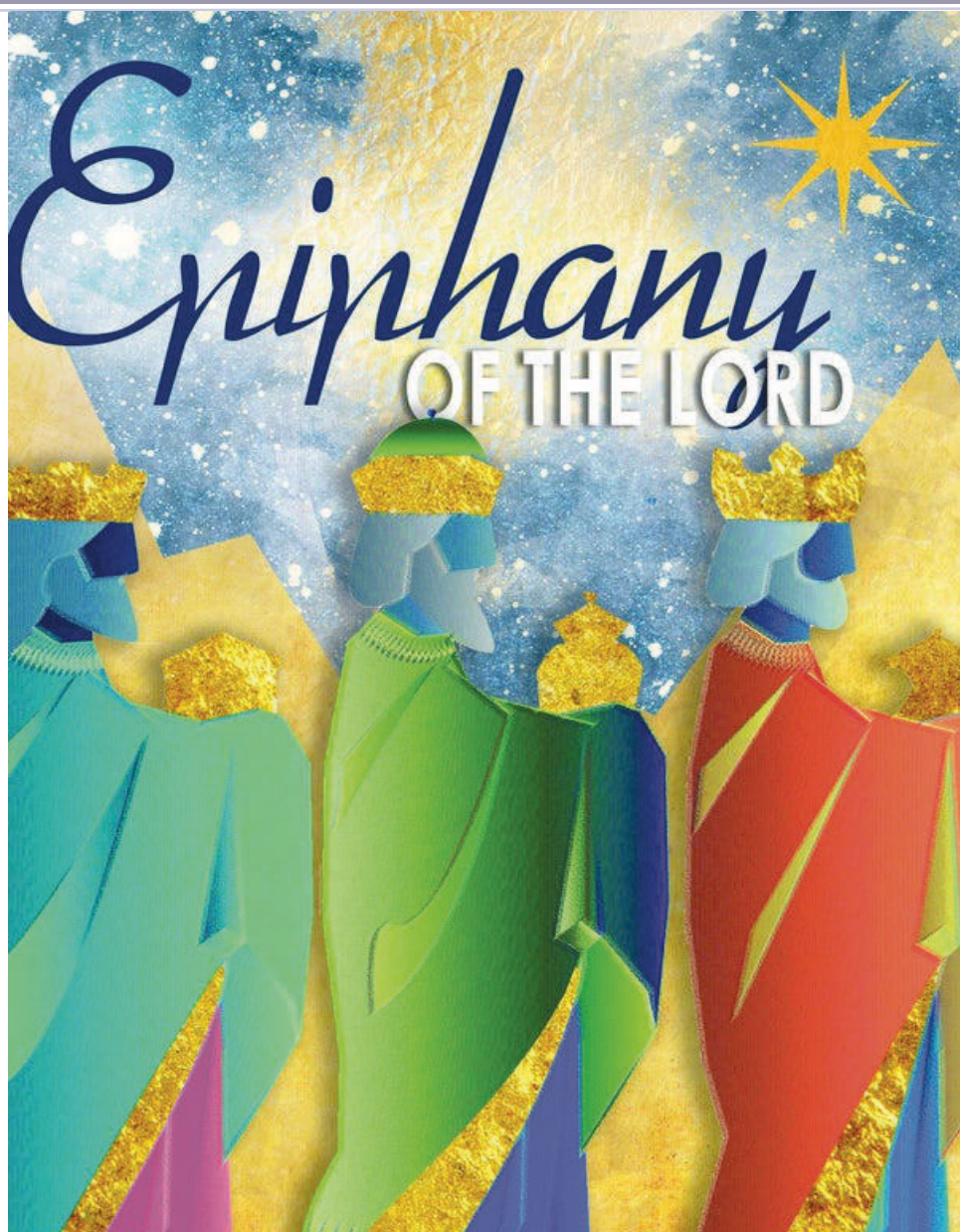
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www.churchofsaintbernadette.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM—3:30 pm
Friday 8:30 AM—12:30 pm

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

PSR CLASSES 9:00 to 10:15 am
Sunday Mornings September to April
phone: 314-892-6882 (Parish Office)



MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of God, in the Parish of St. Bernadette, understanding ourselves to be a part of the Universal Church, have received the call of His son Jesus through Baptism and Confirmation, to be His disciples and to spread and promote the Kingdom of God in faith and prayer through Christian worship, education, and service. The Council, strengthened by the Holy Spirit, and nourished by the Sacraments, attempts to listen to the needs and furnish leadership to the people of St. Bernadette. We do this to serve our God and to develop in our parish, His presence as the source and cause of our common Christian life and holiness.

Mass from St. Bernadette



Scan code with your smart device to link to the live-streamed Mass. Or connect through YouTube or St. Bernadette website.

-SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022-

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms

Sunday after 10:30 am Mass. Registered parishioners should contact the Rectory Office at least three weeks prior to desired date. Baptisms are not usually celebrated during Lent.

Matrimony

Registered Parishioners should make arrangements with the priest of the parish as soon as you are seriously contemplating marriage - at least six months prior to the wedding. Weddings are strongly discouraged during Lent and Octave of Easter.

Communion Calls

Holy Communion is brought to the homebound of the Parish Family. If you would like Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for someone in your household, notify the parish office. Also notify us if someone is in the hospital or a nursing home.

PRAYER NETWORK

Prayer Works! Parishioners are ready to pray for those in need. Ask and it shall be given to you. Contact Audrey at 487-6077.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please send bulletin items to the Parish Office in writing by 2:00 pm each Monday for the upcoming weekend. You may choose to send them via email at secretary@stbernadetteleamay.org



Bart Castelli	Rita Wiesehan
Sr. Phyllis Ann Price	Carole Benedick
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Fr. Bob Reiker	Ed Neiter
Barbara Eichhorst	Eileen & Harold Howard
Kathy Weber	Ken Smith
Sandy Warren	Wally Perks
Fr. Gary Faust	Viola Finch

Ministers for the Weekend of January 8/9, 2022

	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00pm	Megan McEntee	Dominic McEntee
8:00am	Pat Shaughnessy	Bill Wolk
10:30am	Jan Buckley	Eileen & Brian Simoncic
	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	
4:00pm	Tom Turner	
8:00am	Cathy Zimmer	
10:30am	JoAnn Blumenkemper	

SUNDAY OFFERTORY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 19, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 4,603.00
Sunday Loose Offering	\$ 732.00
Online Electronic Giving	\$ 620.00
Total Sunday Offering	\$ 5,955.00
Weekly Budget Amount	\$ 5,000.00
Year-to-date Budget	\$125,000.00
Year-to-date Actual	\$121,741.00
Budget surplus/(deficit)	(\$3,259.00)
Special Collections:	
Christmas Flowers	\$ 40.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 30.00
Other Special Collections	\$ 30.00

Laughter is Good for the Soul!

- ◇ It's not the minutes spent at the table that puts on weight. It's the seconds.
- ◇ What do you call a nervous javelin thrower? Shakespeare.
- ◇ What did the digital clock say to the grandfather clock? Look Grandpa, no hands!



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 1

9:00am Rick Allgeyer

Sunday, January 2

8:00am People of the Parish

10:30am In Thanksgiving-PP

Monday, January 3

8:00am St B Purgatorial Society

Tuesday, January 4

8:00am St B Purgatorial Society

Wednesday, January 5

8:00am Lorraine Scheffer

Thursday, January 6

8:00 am St. B Purgatorial Society

Friday, January 7

8:00 am Communion Service

Saturday, January 8

9:00 am Mary Matejka

Sunday, January 9

8:00am People of the Parish

10:30am Dorothy Matejka

- THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD -



Fr. Bob's Column



FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

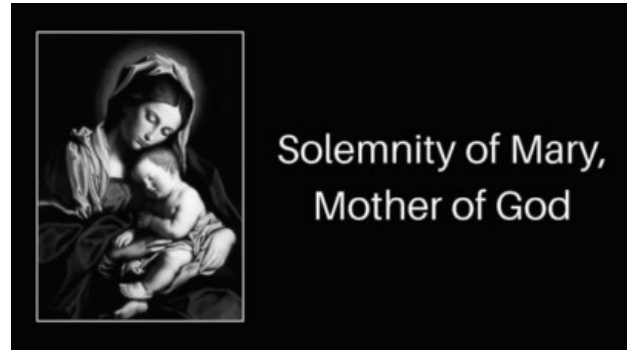
Today's solemnity continues the Christmas celebration of the astonishing mystery of the Son of God manifesting himself to the Magi in the gospel, and thus to the whole world. We are told of their three gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, from which information we presume there were three individuals, sometimes referred to as the three kings, the three wise men, or even the "three wise guys". But all we know is that they were astrologers or magi from the East who following a special star looking for a new king.

What we do know for sure is that Luke was interested in portraying these mysterious characters who found Jesus in Bethlehem and offered homage and gifts as representing the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah in our first scripture reading today: *"Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. ... They all gather and come to you. ... The wealth of nations shall be brought to you, ... bearing gold and frankincense and proclaiming the praise of the Lord."* That must have been an exciting day for Joseph and Mary to see their child so honored by these foreign dignitaries and leaving valuable gifts.

So Jesus is now manifested to us as our Savior and our Lord. What gifts do we bring to honor him? Our presence here for the Eucharist, and hopefully for every Sunday of the coming New Year, is the best way for us to give him homage and acknowledge his divinity. The incredible surprise at Mass is that we bring gifts to Christ, and he turns around and gives us a greater gift back – his very presence in Holy Communion. May we always worship faithfully our newborn King!



Fr. Bob's Column Continued...



BACKTRACKING A LITTLE ...

This Sunday bulletin for January 2nd will also be available for New Year's Masses on the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. On this Feast of Mary, the Gospel from Luke briefly describes three episodes in the early days of Mary's motherhood: Mary would have been surprised to see the scruffy shepherds all crowding around to see her cute newborn son; then we hear that Mary had a little time to reflect on the meaning of all that had been happening to Joseph and her recently; and finally Mary would have probably found a rabbi in Bethlehem to do the circumcision of their son as they named him Jesus.

**Masses for this feast day: Fri. Dec. 31st, 4:00pm
and Sat. Jan. 1st, 9:00am.**

[NO Saturday evening 4pm Mass – only 8am & 10:30am
Sunday]

HAPPY NEW YEAR! TO ALL OF OUR ST. BERNADETTE PARISH FAMILY!

New Year's for many is a time for resolutions that are rather short-lived. Maybe we can approach this year by being resolute – according to the dictionary that means: characterized by firmness and determination, unwavering. With all the challenges in the world around us and the challenges of our own individual lives, there are plenty things we need to be determined about. How about being determined in the practice of our faith, being unwavering in the hope we put in God's plan of salvation, and being firm and steady in our love for God and our love for absolutely all of God's people. The flip side of this same coin is: being determined to speak up against hatred or prejudice, being firm in our convictions about justice in our community, and being unwavering in the protection of the rights of the weak and the vulnerable. Bottom line – let's be resolute this year and we will have a blessed year by the end of 2022!



Fr. Bob's Column Continued

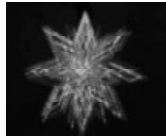


WEEKLY READINGS - January 2, 2022

- Sunday: The Epiphany**
Is 60:1-6
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12
- Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus**
1 Jn 3:22-4:6
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**
1 Jn 4:7-10
Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop**
1 Jn 4:11-18
Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday: St. André Bessette, Religious**
1 Jn 4:19—5:4
Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest**
1 Jn 5:5-13
Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday: Weekday**
1 Jn 5:14-21
Jn 3:22-30
- Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord**
Is 42:1-4, 6-7
Acts 10:34-38
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Blessing of a Home

The feast of Epiphany is a great time to bless our homes...the time when the Three Wise Men from the East came to visit the home of Mary and Joseph, bearing gifts for the Christ Child. It is a time to rededicate and remind ourselves that our home should be filled with the light of Christ.



This is a shortened form of the blessing of a home from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. For the full rite of blessing go to:

usccb.org/prayers/blessing-home-and-household-epiphany

Blessing of a Home on Epiphany

Leader: Lord God of heaven and earth,
You revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

Leader: May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever.

R/. Amen.

All Sing: *We Three Kings, O Come, All Ye Faithful*, or another appropriate song.



- PARISH ACTIVITIES -



- ◇ **Rosary** at 10am this Sunday, January 2nd, in church.
- ◇ **Mass** Monday through Thursday at 8am. Communion Service Friday at 8am. **Perpetual Help** devotions follow Mass on Wednesdays.
- ◇ **Confessions** Saturday, 3 - 3:30pm Saturday.
- ◇ **Mass** at 4pm Saturday, 8am and 10:30am on Sunday.
- ◇ Tuesday, January 4th, **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** from 8:30am - 1pm.
- ◇ Tuesday, January 4th, **SVDP** treasurer's meeting at 10am in Feckter Hall.
- ◇ Tuesday, January 4th, 1:30pm, **Bible Study** in Feckter Hall.
- ◇ Wednesday, January 5th, **Bible Study** 6:30 - 8pm in Feckter Hall.
- ◇ Next weekend, January 8th and 9th, **Meal A Month** collection for Feed My People food pantry.

Star Of The East
BY EUGENE FIELD



Star of the East, that long ago
Brought wise men on their
way

Where, angels singing to and fro,
The Child of Bethlehem lay—
Above that Syrian hill afar
Thou shinest out to-night, O Star!

Star of the East, the night were drear
But for the tender grace
That with thy glory comes to cheer
Earth's loneliest, darkest place;
For by that charity we see
Where there is hope for all and me.

Star of the East! show us the way
In wisdom undefiled
To seek that manger out and lay
Our gifts before the child—
To bring our hearts and offer them
Unto our King in Bethlehem!

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