



# ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 2, 2022



## 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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### MASSES

Saturday 5:00p.m.

Sunday 8:00a.m. & 10:00a.m.

For Daily Mass times & Holy Days

See times listed inside

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Saturday 4:00p.m.—4:45p.m.

First Saturday at 7:30a.m.

30 minutes before all Masses

### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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“We are soldiers of Christ; our whole life is a kind of warfare against our enemies.”  
~ Father Frederic Baraga

**FROM NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM:  
The trying journey of Mary and Joseph**

Even though Joseph, a descendant of King David, was from the small town of Judea, he and Mary were living in Nazareth in the north of Galilee when she was pregnant with Jesus, as Luke’s Gospel recalls.

**A journey of more than 90 miles**

But when Mary was almost at the end of her pregnancy, the emperor Augustus ordered a great census that obliged everyone to go to their hometown. Thus, “Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David” (Luke 2:4).

A 97-mile journey, which represented a real ordeal for the couple at a time and place when the roads were not paved—as they were in a good part of the rest of the Roman Empire—and when the only means of transportation for them could be a donkey or a camel. In addition, Mary was almost nine months pregnant.

**Bethlehem, also called Ephrathah, is located 4 miles south of Jerusalem and is nearly 2500 feet above sea level.** Although it’s the city of King David, and the matriarch Rachel (Jacob’s second wife) is buried there, it was considered minor at the time. The route, which is very mountainous, was nevertheless used by many caravans going from Jerusalem to Egypt.

The canonical gospels say nothing about the means of transport used by the couple, but we can assume that they had a donkey at their disposal to carry food. They probably also slept three or four nights under the stars or at inns. It was a tiring journey at the end of which the couple found nowhere to sleep but a place where animals were kept.

The celebration of Christmas should remind us of the courage and dedication of this exemplary couple. It might make us think twice about the “hardship” of traveling by car or plane to visit family during the holidays.

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St. Mary & St. Joseph Roman Catholic Parish reverently and gratefully accepts the loving embrace of the Eucharistic Lord Jesus and extends His love to everyone.

## WHAT IS THE EPIPHANY?

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, “The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee.” In this way, the scope of the Epiphany proves to be much greater than simply the adoration of the magi.



### The Adoration of the Magi

Regarding this event commemorated on the feast of the Epiphany, it is helpful to again turn to the Catechism, which states: “In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi’s coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations.” This adoration of the magi is of immense importance, as it shows the possibility of redemption for everyone who seeks it.

The symbolism involved in the adoration of the magi has a number of layers, but the first one is relatively easy to see. The worship of Jesus by the magi

shows us that Jesus’ kingship began at his birth and superseded all other earthly kinds of royalty. Though the magi are often referred to as the three kings, it is not clear that they were in fact that specific type of royalty. According to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, the term “magi” encompasses a number of different meanings. In terms of their religion, it is thought that the magi were members of a Persian priestly caste. They are also thought to have been philosophers, and others say they were involved in some way with the supernatural or astrology. In spite of the variety of definitions one could apply to the term magi, it is clear that these were men who held a certain amount of power and influence in the world at that time. The fact that they embarked on a journey and ultimately bowed down at the manger of Jesus shows that the kingship of Jesus supersedes all earthly power.

### The Baptism in the Jordan

The next event commemorated is another mystery of Jesus’ public life, namely His baptism in the Jordan by John the Baptist. Although John initially hesitated to baptize his cousin among the crowd of sinners present at the time, Jesus insisted and allowed Himself to be numbered among sinners. This shows His acceptance of His mission to suffer for the sake of the rest of humanity: as He is baptized in this crowd, He anticipates the death He will suffer as a result of His Incarnation. After His baptism, it is stated in the Catechism: “The Spirit whom Jesus possessed in fullness from his conception comes to “rest on him”. Jesus will be the source of the Spirit for all mankind. At his baptism “the heavens were opened” - the heavens that Adam’s sin had closed - and the waters were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the Spirit, a prelude to the new creation.”

As the adoration of the magi showed the power of Jesus, the baptism in the Jordan is indicative of His vulnerability as a result of the Incarnation. Jesus Himself in no way needs the saving power of Baptism as Christians do, yet He submits Himself to it regardless. Jesus’ baptism also shows us what we must do to reach heaven at the end of our lives. As said in the Catechism, “The Christian must enter into this mystery of humble self-abasement and repentance, go down into the water with Jesus in order to rise with him, be reborn of water and the Spirit so as to become the Father’s beloved son in the Son and ‘walk in newness of life.’”

### The Wedding Feast at Cana

The wedding feast at Cana is the final event we remember as we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. This wedding feast, at which Jesus performed the miracle of turning water into wine upon the request of His mother, proves to be much more than Jesus’ first public miracle.

According to Pope Francis in an address to an audience, what occurs at the wedding feast at Cana illuminates the person of Jesus and the reason for His coming. The wedding feast mirrors the eventual wedding feast in heaven. In the Catechism, it states: “At Cana, the mother of Jesus asks her son for the needs of a wedding feast; this is the sign of another feast – that of the wedding of the Lamb where he gives his body and blood at the request of the Church, his Bride.”

Additionally, the miracle at Cana gives us insight into the role of Mary as Mother. “It is at the hour of the New Covenant, at the foot of the cross, that Mary is heard as the Woman, the new Eve, the true ‘Mother of all the living.’” The person of Mary as shown in Scripture fades into the background over time: she is present in Scripture throughout the time of the Annunciation, Nativity and in Jesus’ early life, but is rarely mentioned in Jesus’ later years. Her presence at this wedding feast evokes her humble importance as Mary, Mother of the Church: her humility is indicated in her request of a favor from her Son, and her importance is shown by Jesus’ affirmation of it.

# Liturgical Ministers

## NEXT WEEK

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

- 5:00p.m. Lana Smith  
8:00a.m. Becky Cecconi  
10:00a.m. Lisa Nelson, Ron Tass

### **LECTORS**

- 5:00p.m. Rob Lundholm  
8:00a.m. Dan Wentarmini  
10:00a.m. Maria Basanese-Hill

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

- 5:00p.m. Tommy, Joey, Clare Lundholm  
8:00a.m. Rachael Hackstock, Sofia Wentarmini,  
Lily Murawski  
10:00a.m. Kolbe, Martin, Jacinta Husing,  
Gavin Etsinger

### **USHERS**

- 5:00p.m. Tim Chartier, Bob Boyle,  
Joe Smeester, Karen Druschke  
8:00a.m. Don Sericati, Bill Bond,  
Larry Roell, Mark Ellingson  
10:00a.m. Bill Adrian, Mike Brzoznowski,  
Brian & Michele Boehmer

### **COUNTERS**

Jeff Smith, Vickie Michaud, Mary Wenzel

"Keep your heart in peace and let nothing trouble you, not even your faults. You must humble yourself and amend them peacefully, without being discouraged or cast down, for God's dwelling is in peace."

-St. Margaret Mary Alacoque



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## ACTIVITIES FOR THIS WEEK

### MONDAY

**TUESDAY:** "Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion"  
is prayed during the 5:00pm Mass.

### WEDNESDAY:

6:00p.m. Faith Formation/K-11/BBCS

### THURSDAY:

### FRIDAY:

6:00a.m. Men's Prayer Group/SMSJ Church  
8:00am BBCS School Mass

### SATURDAY:

6:30a.m. Men's Bible Study/Parish Hall  
4:30p.m. Rosary before Mass

### SUNDAY:

7:25a.m. Rosary before Mass  
9:30a.m. Rosary before Mass



### TUESDAY:

5:00p.m. +Bridget Anne Jauquet:  
Al & Debbie LeBlanc

### WEDNESDAY:

8:00a.m. +Mike Youngberg:  
Al & Debbie LeBlanc

### THURSDAY:

12:10p.m. +John Blomquist:  
Joanne Hady

### FRIDAY:

8:00a.m. +Dennis Demerse:  
The Pirkola Family

### SATURDAY:

5:00p.m. +For the Living & Deceased members  
of our Parish Family

### SUNDAY:

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