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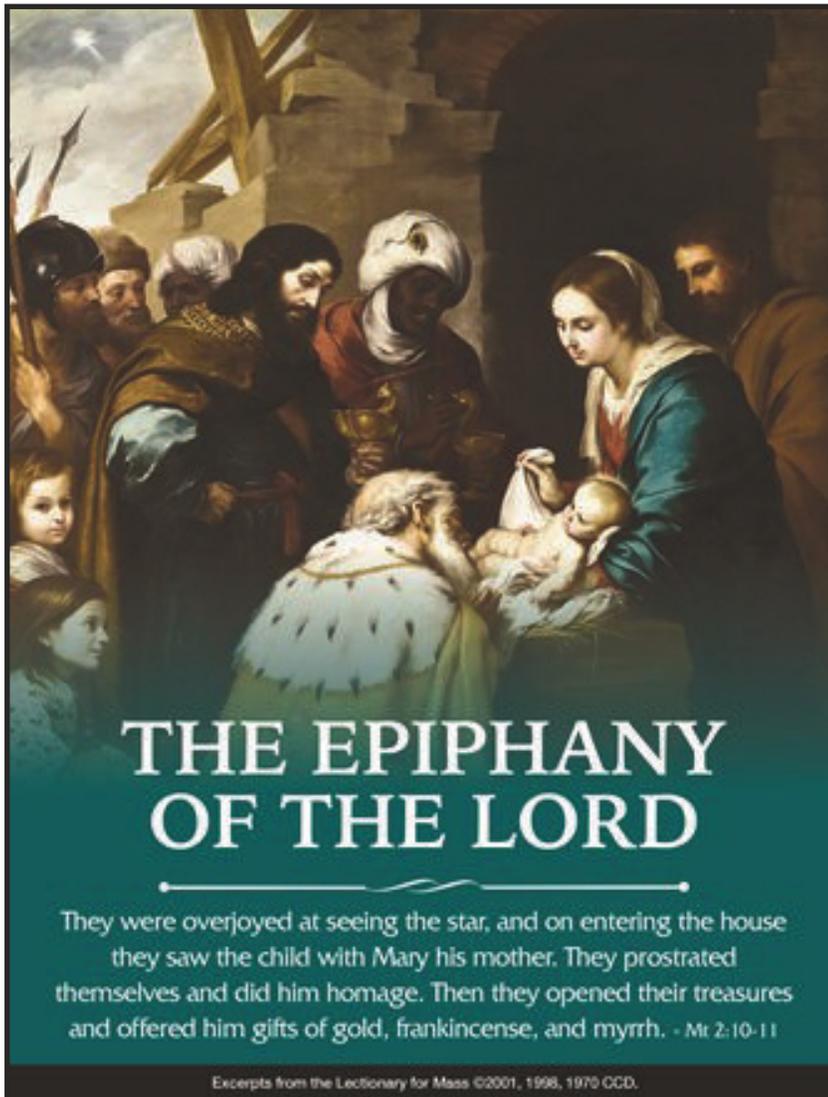


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January 3, 2021

Epiphany of the Lord

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8 :00 AM

Wednesday, Friday 5:30 PM

Saturday 5:30 PM

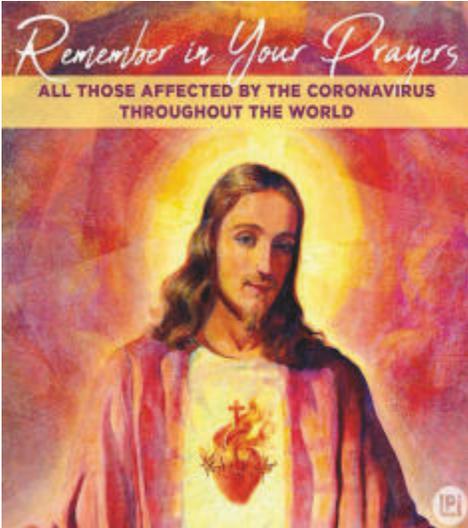
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Mass Intentions

January 4-10

Monday, January 4

No Mass today

Tuesday, January 5

No Mass today

Wednesday, January 6

Intention of The Bourque Family

Thursday, January 7

Rich Andriole

Friday, January 8

Joseph H Murray, Jr.

Saturday, January 9

Rich Andriole

Sunday, January 10

Betsy Brake

The Parish of St. Joan of Arc

Intention of Maureen Cox

Follow the Star

The Epiphany story has many players: the Magi, King Herod, of course Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus, and we might even include the star which guided the Magi. But there is another important player in this story who often gets overlooked: the one who placed the star in the sky, namely, God. It is God who sent His Son into the world, not just to Israel, but as Savior of all the nations of the world. God desires all people to come to Him, and to discover true and endless life through His Only-Begotten Son. The star was God's way of calling all people to seek and to find Jesus.

The Magi were most likely from Persia. They were seekers of truth, who practiced astrology, and were probably well-versed in philosophy and the natural sciences. When they saw the star of Jesus, they left their home behind and followed it. And, by faithfully following where the star led them, they found the Christ-Child. When they found Him, they offered gifts of gold, myrrh, and frankincense. It is often pointed out that these gifts acknowledged three things about Jesus: that He was a king, that His death would be significant, and that He was divine. But these gifts also tell us something about the Magi themselves. The gold represents the earthly wealth of the Magi, offered to Jesus. The myrrh (used for embalming) is the gift of their very lives to Jesus in the hope of being raised up to eternal life. And the frankincense is a symbol of their faith in Jesus and their devotion to Him.

God called the Magi to His Son by the star. How does God call us? How does He get our attention and draw us to His Son? What are the stars in our lives? Certainly, God calls us through the Church, in Word, Sacrament, prayer, and devotionals. God even calls to us through special Holy Days and Seasons of the year. But often, God speaks to us through other people, or through every day events and circumstances. God's ways of reaching out to us are unlimited. In fact, God never stops calling to us; however, we do not often pay attention.

The Magi saw the star because they were paying attention, and actively keeping watch for God. There are millions of stars in the sky, but they noticed that one was different. Stars are only visible at night, which means the Magi were not asleep, but that even during the night they were searching for divine guidance. Are we paying attention, actively keeping watch for God, and listening for His voice? Do we

Thoughts from Fr. Roberts

recognize that it is often in the darkest of times that God shows us a new way? After the Magi had worshiped Jesus, the Scripture says they departed for their home by another way. They wanted to avoid Herod, but there is also a spiritual meaning here. Once we truly encounter Jesus, there is no going back the way we came: now we journey to our “home” by a new path.

What are the stars in our life? How do we know if a star is from God, or just our own imagination? If a star simply comforts us, or reaffirms what we already believe, then it is probably of our own making. But a star sent from God always calls us to transformation, to change, to growth; such a star makes us a bit uncomfortable, and challenges us in some way. It leads us by new and unknown paths, causing us to walk by faith, not by sight. This is why the Magi traveled in the darkness, not knowing where they were going, but simply following wherever the star led them. And because they were willing to follow, it led them to see the face of Jesus. As we follow the stars God places before us, may we bring along the gift which Jesus most desires. What is it that Jesus wants us to bring Him? The offering of our entire self. For there, in the manger, that is what Jesus has given to us.

Fr. Roberts

From *The Heart of the New Evangelization, A Parish Manual for the New Evangelization* by Fr. Guy Roberts.

God has made each person unique, and has given each of us different gifts, talents, and abilities. No single person possesses all of these gifts or talents. We are called to work together, as the one body of Christ, the Church. P. 51.

St. Joan of Arc Parish Mission Statement:

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church is a community gathered in Jesus Christ. We welcome all people and provide them opportunities to know God, grow in faith, and use their gifts to serve others. Through Word, Sacrament, Prayer, and Service, we honor our tradition as we extend our ministry to each new generation.



Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOAN OF ARC

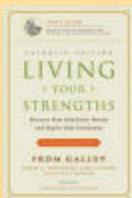
The hymns and readings for today's Mass can be found on page 7 of this bulletin.

This week there will be no daily Mass on January 4 or 5. Fr. Roberts will take a few days to relax.



Are you or someone you know grieving the loss of a loved one? Perhaps the Tri-Parish *Seasons of Hope* group can help. The **Seasons of Hope**

group is a ministry of St. Joan of Arc, Immaculate Heart of Mary, and St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic churches. Grief and the process of dealing with it is a very individual thing. What we have in common is our journey, supporting each other as pilgrims on the road to healing. You need not be Catholic or even particularly religious to attend. Just bring with you an openness or even a hope to encounter God's healing. The next six-week session of the Tri-Parish *Seasons of Hope* bereavement group will begin at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 12. This six-week session will be via Zoom video conferencing. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/Hope012021>. For more information, contact: Kyle Murphy at kmurphy@sjoa.org or Jeff Hutson at jeff@JeffHutson.com



St. Joan of Arc Parish is unique in that we encourage all adult parishioners to explore their God-given talents which are unique to them, and to use these talents not only to improve their daily lives but also to assist their community and parish. The **Strengths** Team is offering an opportunity for you to discover or perhaps review what lies in your inner sanctum. Mark your calendar for Thursday, January 14 at 7:00 PM to join the group virtually. You will want to buy the book or take the StrengthsFinder inventory online. Contact Melinda Rivelli for further information: mrivelli@sjoa.org or 317-283-5508 x 1116.

Weekly Prayer Petition



Almighty Father, as this New Year begins, help us to make a resolve to know you, love you, and serve you to our best of our abilities.

Please Pray For: Leslie Ashburn-Nardo; Kevin Beaty; Adeline Beining; Sam Blandina; Nancy Bogeman; Katie Bender (Holly O'Neil's sister); Kim Bourque (Kathy Caparo's Sister); Agnes Brake; Mable Brown; Frederick Bullard; Debbie Cassara (mother of Danielle Maynard); Cathy Chamberlaine; Ronerik Christie and Marvin Colbert (brother & brother-in-law of Yolanda Christie); David Colby; Kelly Colen; Ella Comer; Maureen Cox (d-i-l of Judy Cox); Ian Craig (son of Libby); Alison Croker; Judd Cromer; Ellie Davis; Lyla DeArmond; Mary Ellen Diemer; Gregg Dwyer; Dee Enrico-Janik; Marcia Fasbinder; Barbara Finch; Brian Gaddie; Rita Gatzemeyer; Donna Gesell-Stuart; Gail Gerlach; Joyce Geske (Ed Pritchard's mother-in-law); Larry Grein; Owen Griffith; Sara Hanlon; Betsy Harvey; Noreen Hazeur Williams; Polly & Carl Henn, Susie Hoffman (mother of Erin Kelly); Doris Hogan; many members of the Irwin Family; Harley Janssen; Dalaena Johnson; Judith Jones; Rod Kramer, Jim Laidlaw; Charlie Lane; Tom & Marie, (Catherine Hayes brother and sister); Kovan McCauley; Peggy McClellan (friend of Dee Enrico-Janik); JoAnn McDaniel; Betty McKillip; Sherm McMurray; Sharon Montieth; Buffy Moosbrugger; Kathleen Naghdi; James Neal; Teresa O'Connel (daughter of Alison Croker); Rob Ohlemiller; Kidney Patient; Sharon Pence; Angee Poe (friend of Margaret Graves); Mike M. Pointer; Clark Porter (grandson of Mark & Margie Porter); Barb Rainbolt; Charles Randall; Devin Ryan; Beth Salmon; Margaret Schneider; Frederick Selm; Helen Setmeyer; Christina Shedrick; Karen Sommer, Bob Sparks; The Thornburg Family; Jeanetta Torence; Mary Strigari Vish; James Vodde; Sr. Rita Ann Wade; Joe Wainscott; Drake Williams (son of Kyle and Abby); Carole Williams; Gary Williams; Valorie Woods.



We grieve with the family of former parishioner Carol Glass who passed away recently. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

DECEMBER 19-20 COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$34,508
Weekly Contributions	\$10,463
Faith Direct	\$21,889.15
Weekly Overage/Shortage	(\$3,155.85)
Yearly Overage/Shortage	(\$12,211.08)

Because of holiday publishing deadlines, the collection numbers we're reporting are several weeks behind. We will be able to catch up next week.



50/50 Club: Envelope #2199 was drawn and that household did not participate this week. The pot for next week will be \$379. ICG#2454



Did you miss the usher training, but are still interested in the **ministry of ushering**? Contact Kyle, kmurphy@sjoa.org. This ministry is a great way to serve the

community and make others feel welcome here at St. Joan of Arc.



Plan now to attend **Right to Life activities** Friday, January 22. We are joining again with Diocese of Lafayette for a day of prayerful witness in remembrance of the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. The morning will begin with a 10:30 am Mass at St. John

with Archbishop Thompson followed by a peaceful March to the Capital building and Rally at the South Steps of the Indiana State House. For details about the march please email Marc Tuttle at marc@rtlindy.org or Mary Dougherty mary@rtlindy.org. Registration is required for the 10:30 am mass due to capacity restrictions. www.archindy.org/humanlifeanddignity/march. Join us for all or part of the day's activities. For more information, please email Brie Anne Varick or call 317-236-1543.



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Greetings! Never have the words *Happy New Year* resonated so specifically for so many as we leave 2020 and pray fervently for a happy 2021. We've always thrown this New Year adage around as we set our sights on goals, have hopes for new beginnings, and conscientiously take steps for fresh starts. I know my hopes for an improved 2021 resonate in the hearts and minds of many who grew tired of what came with 2020. Globally, we faced the pandemic and in my home, we lost one of our own. We want to thank you for the many prayers and well wishes offered. We know that without our faith and the support of the community, things would be even harder to manage.

Since the funeral at SJOA, I have heard from many people from all over the country who attended virtually. They raved on about the beautiful church, amazing service, personal homily and the live stream capabilities on that beautiful November day. I relayed countless times what a special place Saint Joan of Arc is and how honored I am to serve as principal. I wholeheartedly agree that the church is beautiful and that Father Guy is great and a phenomenal homilist, but the truth is that the beauty and strength of Saint Joan of Arc truly lie in the community of the whole church...its members.

From school, we wish each of you a healthy and happy 2021.

God bless and many thanks,

Janet Andriole
Principal



Yoga & Spirituality is a Christian, ecumenical approach to holistic fitness. It is an exercise program that is great for those 50 years & older! This form is centered prayer

integrates the mind, body, and spirit while providing a supportive and encouraging environment for exercise. All levels and abilities are welcome - whether a beginner or advanced - Yoga & Spirituality is a great opportunity to stretch, strengthen, and step away from the stress of your busy day. Perhaps you made a resolve to exercise more in the New Year. The first class begins tomorrow, January 4th at 5:30 pm. Visit [www.https://www.benedictinn.org/programs](https://www.benedictinn.org/programs) for more information and to register.



For those of you who are missing meeting with your **Book Club** devotees, the Sister of Providence have a solution. Join

them for a four-part series as you read and discuss *Abounding in Kindness* by Elizabeth Johnson. Ms. Johnson is one of the finest contemporary theologians with immense knowledge from the early Church on to modern times and she shares it with clarity and passion. So pour a cup of tea or a glass of wine and join Sister Jan Craven SP on Wednesday, January 20 and the following 3 Wednesdays beginning at 6:30 PM. Visit: SistersofProvidence.org or call 812-535-2952.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Sgt. Dylan Barnett; P.O. 2nd class

Matthew Collier, P.O. 2nd Class James Fisher, LCDR Kurt E. Davis; Maj Rocknee Gardner; P.O. 2nd Class Eileen Grosvenor-Jarp, LCPL Jonah Hollis, P.O. 2nd Class Kyle McClelland, CPT Jon Mecker, GySgt. Tom Mitsch; Marine Jonathan Price, CPT Kevin Zander, P.O. 3rd Class Madison Bailey Ragsdale.



Claire Jackson, our hardworking coordinator of the CYO program, reminds all that the signup for volleyball is now closed but we still need help! The program needs coaches to help with volleyball as well as the spring sports: soccer, kickball and track. If coaching is not your thing, you can support SJOA Athletics by helping with the Walkathon. The last message from Claire is a reminder to families to please be sure your athlete turned in his/her jersey that may have been forgotten in a corner of the bedroom. Contact Claire for questions regarding any of the above subjects: cjackson@sjoa.org.



Many of the questions and concerns **Bishop Chatard High School** students and parents have regarding deciding on a career, finding a college, applying to a higher education institution, and navigating the FAFSA form can be answered in the Trojan College Counseling Video Series. Visit <https://www.bishopchatard.org/trojan-college-counseling-video-series/>



Cathedral High School invites you to sign up for individual tours through their website, gocathedral.com/admissions. These are being offered in lieu of other on campus events.



Teens as well as their families are encouraged to read about **Blessed Carlo Acutis**, an Italian 15 yr. old who died in 2006 and who now is on his path to sainthood. He has been accredited with a medical miracle which has led to his title of Blessed. This is a young man

who demonstrated that leading a life as an ordinary teen and being who God created you to be can be your road to sainthood. To hear a song written about him, "Born an Original", visit Holy Trinity High School in Hicksville, NY: holytrinityhighschool.org.

Blessed Carlos, pray for us!

January 2-3 Worship Aid

Processional: We Three Kings (vs.1, 2, & 5)

We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, Moor and mountain
Following yonder star

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown him again
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign (Refrain)

Glorious now, behold him arise
King and God and Sacrifice
Alleluia, Alleluia
Sounds through earth and skies (Refrain)

Refrain:
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, Heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father. (Refrain)

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us;
You take away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us. (Refrain)

For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, the Father. (Refrain)

First Reading: Is 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13
Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading: Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 2:2

We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage

Gospel: Mt 2:1-12

Communion Song: In the Bleak Midwinter

In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow
In the bleak mid-winter, long ago

Our God, heav'n cannot hold him, nor earth sus-
tain
Heav'n and earth shall flee away when he comes
to reign
In this bleak mid-winter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ

Angels and archangels may have gathered there
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air
But his mother only, in her maiden bliss
Worshiped the beloved with a kiss

What can I give him, poor as I am
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part
Yet what I can I give him: give my heart .

Recessional: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (vs.1 & 4)

Songs of thankfulness and praise
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar
Branch of royal David's stem
In thy birth at Bethlehem
Praises be to thee addressed
God in flesh made manifest

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord
Mirrored in thy holy Word
May we imitate thee now
And be pure, as pure art thou
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