



St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center

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Epiphany of the Lord - January 5, 2020



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They 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. - Mt 2:10-11a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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NOTES FROM FR. JOE

- ◆ Recently, I attended a meeting with officers of the Chicago Police Department (CPD). I was there with people from CHS (Karen Aguilar/Michelle Mendiola), Equip for Equality (Rachel Arfa, deaf lawyer), the Circuit Court of Cook Cty (Ann Wohlmuth/June Prusak) to discuss ways CPD can improve services for deaf people. We will keep you informed about the results. Remember: ALL Police departments must obey the ADA law and provide communication for deaf and hard of hearing persons.
- ◆ PLEASE make sure you pick up your Church envelopes. Your weekly donations keep St. Francis Borgia parish open for the deaf community. There are VERY few Catholic Deaf Centers like St. Francis Borgia open in the world.
- ◆ CCAC (Chicago Children's Advocacy Center) cares for over 2,000 children who suffer sexual abuse in Chicago every year. They sent us the following note, "Thank you to all the people in your community. They donated so many wonderful, warm clothes. Many of these children cannot return home; that is where they were abused. YOUR gifts of beautiful, warm clothes made these children feel so happy."
- ◆ SAT, 12/14, BOB SWATEK & I drove out to the Jack Mabley Center, Dixon, IL. We brought all the gifts people donated for the residents at the Center. Msgr. Nelson and the deaf community of Rockford donated the other half of the gifts. There are 112 residents at the Mabley center. All are disabled. Many are deaf, deaf/blind. Many of them have serious emotional and thinking struggle. They were SO thrilled to receive the wonderful Christmas gifts. Thanks to everyone who donated. I am thinking that maybe we should plan to give a picnic for the residents there this coming summer.
- ◆ SHOES: bring your nice, but used/new shoes to St. Francis Borgia on Sundays. Give them to Jimmy Smith. We will donate them to raise funds for Children of Peace/Holy Trinity school.
- ◆ 2020 begins legal "recreational pot" in Illinois. Be VERY careful!!!! If people offer you to "try it; it's legal!" say, NO THANKS. Warn your children NOT to try marijuana (pot). Tell them to tell you if anyone offers it to them or forces them to smoke it, they must tell you who did this to them. Then call 9-1-1 and report it.
- ◆ SATURDAY, Feb 29, "LENT JOURNEY with DEAF MARY MAGDALENE", wonderful retreat day for women. All in ASL. Mass, 4pm. St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center. INFO: davant0217@gmail.com.
- ◆ DCYIA (www.dcyia.net), Deaf Catholic Youth initiative for the Americas. Learn about this group.
- ◆ Want to sign the readings at Sunday Mass? Please see SUSAN ELIZABETH RANGEL OCHOA!
- ◆ PREVENT FLU: wash your hands with soap and water, especially after using the bathroom. Did you get a flu shot?

If you know of a Deaf person in the hospital or nursing home who would like to see Fr. Joe, please contact Catholic Office of the Deaf at 312-957-4766 vp, 312-534-7899 v, or cathdeafch@archchicago.org.

HEALING MASS for people with cancer. Each month, there is a special Mass for people with cancer at 11am. Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica, 3121 W. Jackson Blvd, CHGO. (Safe, guarded parking lot.) Please call CATHOLIC OFFICE OF THE DEAF if you need an interpreter. 2nd Saturday of the month SPANISH; 3rd Saturday ENGLISH.

EVENTS COMING UP

- * CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY has several opportunities for Deaf people and their hearing friends & family to get together. INFO: Evelyn Keolian ekeolian@chipublib.org.
- * Many museums in Chicago have FREE DAYS for Illinois residents each month. <https://www.choosechicago.com/articles/museums-art/free-museum-days-in-chicago/>

SHOES to help Children of Peace Deaf program. Children of Peace/Holy Trinity Deaf School has a special fund-raiser. The school is collecting shoes you no longer use or want. NO holes or tears. However, bring old pairs of shoes to St. Francis Borgia. JIMMY SMITH will collect them on Sundays.

PRAYING in DOWNTOWN CHICAGO: Monday-Friday, 11am-3pm; pray to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in a small, quiet chapel. Pauline Books, 172 N. Michigan Ave, Chgo. St. Peter's Catholic Church, open everyday, 110 W. Madison, Chgo.

2020 US CENSUS

The US government will hire people to work the US Census in 2020. People who are DEAF or DISABLED can apply for jobs. www.census.gov/about/regions/chicago/jobs

If your loved one dies and you need a sign language interpreter for Catholic funeral, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE contact Catholic Office of the Deaf with info! cathdeafch@archchicago.org or (312) 534-7899 v or (312) 957-4766 VP

ON THE WAY TO MASS

We hear today of Joseph's faith and trust. Would we be faith filled if God sent us a new baby at Christmas?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

Our patience is nearly exhausted! What do we wait for this Christmas season? When will the rejoicing begin?

IMMIGRATION LEGAL CLINICS:

Irish Community Services offers FREE 30 minute meetings with immigration lawyers. The meetings are FREE & CONFIDENTIAL. ALL Nationalities are welcome, not only Irish! If you are deaf and wish to attend one of these, contact Catholic Office of the Deaf to arrange an appointment and get an interpreter.

INFO: <https://www.irishchicago.org/>

Remember, when the snow comes, keeping sidewalks ice-free is an important way to protect yourself and passersby from injury. It's also the law in Chicago, and many suburban municipalities. Residents & businesses who do not follow this rule could face fines of \$50 to \$500. Chicago has a Snow Corps for helping seniors and people with disabilities. To volunteer or request help, go to: www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/mayor/snowportal/snow_corps.html

Message from Margaret Swatek, Religious Education Reporter EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

A Blessed New Year to everyone. Welcome back to our students who have been gone for the holidays. I hope everyone had some time to relax and catch up with family.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (C.L.O.W.) is fun for children up to age 9 who come for 10:30 a.m. mass. Please join us during Mass and hear the Gospel for your understanding and color pictures. We also invite you to prayer for others in your family, friends or others you may know need help

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sun, Jan 12: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee/rolls. Mass, 4pm, St. Julie Billiart. Refreshments.
Sun, Jan 19: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee/rolls. Mass, 4pm, St. Julie Billiart. Refreshments.
Thurs, Jan 23, 9am-2pm: Senior Citizen Social.
Sun, Jan 26: Mass, 10:30am. FR. BILL KEY. No 4PM Mass, St. Mary of Vernon.
Sun, Feb 4: Mass, 10:30am. BLESSING OF THROATS. Refreshments.

Readings for the week of January 5, 2020

Sun Jan 5: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-13; Eph 3:2-6; Mt 2:1-12
Mon Jan 6: 1 Jn 3:22 to 4:6; Ps 2:7-12; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tues Jan 7: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-8; Mk 6:34-44
Weds Jan 8: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thurs Jan 9: 1 Jn 4:19 to 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14-17; Lk 4:14-22a
Fri Jan 10: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-20; Lk 5:12-16
Sat Jan 11: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-9; Jn 3:22-3



Jan 5:
Servers: Maddy & Max
Reader: K. Bleurs

Children of Peace School is the only Catholic elementary school program for children who are deaf and hard of hearing in the state of Illinois. Their academically challenging curriculum is culturally sensitive and emotionally supportive, serving students from pre-school through 8th grade. INFO:
www.childrenofpeacechicago.org

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Genevieve Balsitis	Carol Fleming
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Mass Every Sunday 10:30am
At St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center
Mass at 4:00pm:
St. Julie Billiart: 2nd & 3rd Sundays every month
St. Mary of Vernon: 4th Sunday of every month

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