



St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center

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Epiphany of the Lord - January 3, 2021



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

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

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NOTES FROM FR. JOE

- Since last summer, we have been able to celebrate Mass in our Deaf community. Thanks to the "team" at St. Francis Borgia: Brian Swatek, Bob & Maggie Swatek, Karen Bogdan, Fate & Susan Elizabeth Rangel-Ochoa, Lizzy Rangel, Donna Mattini, Annette Langston, Bob & Rita Depcik, Colleen Curry, Jimmy Smith (who has also been responsible for our videos); Betty Mulvey, Iris Martinez for volunteering for readings on Sundays; Mrs. Swatek, Mrs. Reyes for their work with our religious education program along with all the catechists and helpers; Kathy Hiatt for her assistance at St. Julie Billiart (and the hearing staff at the parish); Deacon John & Claudia Glenn, and Tom Sisk at St. Mary of Vernon. We should also be grateful for those priests who have taped ASL Masses each week: Msgr. Nelson, Fr. Mike Depcik, Fr. Shawn Carey, Fr. Chris Klusman, Fr. Paul Zirimenya.
- COVID VACCINE: hospitals, doctors, CVS/Walgreens, clinics will soon be giving Covid vaccine to people. If you have a family doctor, check with that doctor about getting your vaccine. However, beware of Covid SCAMS. There are many false ads about the Vaccine: "Pay us and you will get first shots", "Special vaccine available for \$\$\$", "Must pay for Medicare/SS vaccine", etc. LIES!!!!!!!!!! Medicare/Medicaid/SSI/SSD, Insurance will pay for your Covid vaccine.
- DRIVERS: be aware of the parking restrictions on city of Chicago streets (also some suburbs). Even if there is no snow, the parking rules are in force. Also, each time you fill up with gas, clean both your headlights and tail lights.
- THANKS for all your wonderful cards, notes, gifts at Christmas time. They were beautiful, wonderful, and DELICIOUS!!!!!!!!!!!!
- DONATION ENVELOPES: please take a box of Sunday donation envelopes to use each week at Mass. If you need us to mail your envelopes, please send an email to c Curry@archchicago.org. If you prefer, we have online donations at deafchurchchicago.weshareonline.org/ Your support of St. Francis Borgia Deaf center is important.
- POPE FRANCIS has declared that 2021 is the "Year of St. Joseph". More in next week's bulletin.

If your loved one dies and you need a sign language interpreter for Catholic funeral, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE contact Fr. Joe at 312-685-7899 v/text. If you know of a Deaf person in the hospital or nursing home who would like his blessing, he can call them at the nursing home.

If you feel sick, feel a cold starting, stay home from Church until you feel good again. It is important to: wash your hands/use a hand sanitizer. Wear a mask when you are with other people, outside or into any stores. No handshaking. Keep social distance. If you feel sick: high fever, hard cough, body hurts all over, contact your doctor. If you are VERY weak, trouble breathing, 9-1-1! Do not wait. IF YOU CAME TO CHURCH AND TEST POSITIVE FOR CoVid 19 PLEASE CONTACT FR JOE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WEAR MASKS. WASH YOUR HANDS. KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCING. GET REST.

Every Monday, 1pm & Every Wednesday, 2pm:
VIDEO PHONE CHAT with
Deaf Social/Support Group,
RSVP: 224-520-9763vp,
sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org

WASH YOUR HANDS

SOAP & WARM WATER, 20 Seconds.

STAY HOME: avoid being near other people.

GET REST: getting enough sleep is important.

DRINK WATER

MOVE AROUND: do not sit at your VP or computer screen for hours.

FEEDING HUNGRY CHILDREN: There are hundreds of sites in the Chicago area where children can receive healthy, FREE meals. Text FOODIL to 877877, or call 1-800-359-2164. CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS has free lunch for children at many schools from 8 AM to 1 PM at over 450 sites every weekday. Find a site near you at cps.edu/mealsites. The Greater Chicago Food Depository has a number of "Pop-up Pantries". These are mobile sites where food is available for families. Go to: www.chicagofoodbank.org and search "Pop-up Pantries".

From Steve Caudillo, Activity Therapist Coordinator at Jack Mabley Developmental Center:

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! On behalf of the Mabley residents and staff we would like to wish you all a blessed season. Thank you for the beautiful Christmas gifts. We appreciate the love that is put into shopping, wrapping and getting the gifts to the right people on time. The residents enjoyed opening your gifts. The clothes were all correct size, and the residents love their new blankets, perfume, pajamas & stuffed animals. One of the brightest parts of the holidays is people like you. Thank you for making our Christmas season very special.

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

ELECTRONIC GIVING is an EASY way to contribute to St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center.
INFO: deafsmitty@gmail.com (JIMMY SMITH).
He can make your giving to church each week simple, with no hassles!

WARNING: if you travel to ANY STATE OUTSIDE OF ILLINOIS, be careful. Wear your mask and stay 6 feet from other people. You MUST quarantine yourself for 14 days after you return. All states have high rates of COVID-19, but not all have strict mask & distance rules.

Family Together

Signs and symbols of Christmas have disappeared from the stores. At home, decorations are packed away for another year. It is up to us to keep Jesus' presence alive. This week, list ways your family can be a sign of Jesus' presence.

Here are some ideas:

- 1) Virtually adopt a foster child from another country. Individuals can take turns writing to this new member of your family.
- 2) Adopt a poor parish in the inner city. Collect groceries, clothing, and household items to be used by members of the parish.

Message from Margaret Swatek, Religious Education Reporter
Three kings visit Jesus

January 3, 2021

Epiphany of the Lord

Traditionally, Epiphany is celebrated on January 6, however, in the United States it is often celebrated on Sunday, as it is a moveable feast. As Roman Catholics, we celebrate the awesome realization that Jesus, the Son of God, came to earth and was recognized by the Magi who traveled great distances to seek the newborn King of Kings. Though Scripture does not mention the number of Magi nor their names, tradition suggests three Wise Men followed the star to where Jesus lay. Melchior, Gaspar, and Balthasar represent all races of people around the world. They came to pay homage, bringing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Gold represents a gift fitting for Jesus, the King of Kings. Frankincense, an aromatic substance burnt during religious ceremonies, represents a gift fitting for Jesus, the Son of God. Finally, myrrh, a fragrance typically used during burials, suggests that Jesus, as Savior, would die for our sins.

Catholics of Eastern rites do not focus on the magi, but on the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River where God claims Jesus as his Beloved Son. In both the East and the West, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as God on this special day.

For the past several weeks we have been reading, learning about, and celebrating the remarkable birth of the child Jesus in a stable in Bethlehem.

Visitors came from far away with gifts for the infant. Let us see what we can learn from their stories.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sun, Jan 10: Mass, 10:30am. Baptism of the Lord.
Sun, Jan 17: Mass, 10:30am.
Sun, Jan 24: Mass, 10:30am. Mass, 4pm, St. Mary of Vernon.
Sun, Jan 31: Mass, 10:30am.

REMINDER: the doors to the hall open at 10am each Sunday for Mass. There is no social time after Mass until further notice. When Mass is finished, you must leave the building.

There are NO 6pm Masses at St. Julie during January.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR NEW INFORMATION. WWW.DEAFCHURCHCHICAGO.ORG
Many of our Chaplains for the Deaf are posting Masses on the internet.
Mon and Weds - Fr. Shawn Carey - www.facebook.com/bostondeafcatholic.org/
Tuesdays - Fr. Mike Depcik at 10:30 am EST, 7:30am PST - www.facebook.com/deafmass
Thursdays - Fr. Paul Zirimenya 12 noon PST, 3pm EST www.facebook.com/stbenedictparish
Fridays - 3pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet - www.facebook.com/groups/icdaus/

HelpIllinoisfamilies.com is a program to help families who have unpaid bills for rent, utilities, food, etc.
Go to: helpillinoisfamilies.com.

Readings for the week of January 3, 2021

Sun Jan 3: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-13; Eph 3:2-6; Mt 2:1-12
Mon Jan 4: 1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tues Jan 5: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-8; Mk 6:34-44
Weds Jan 6: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thurs Jan 7: 1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Fri Jan 8: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Sat Jan 9: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Genevieve Balsitis	John Hoberg
Marijo Wimbush	Sr. Corita Ambro
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Majka family	James Mulcrone
Drucilla Ronchen	Joan Christian
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WILMA ROCHE (87) who died Dec 26.

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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

Take a look at FR. MIKE DEPCIK's web-page, every week: www.frmd.org

Pietryka Funeral Home

5734 W. Diversey Avenue ~ 773-889-0115

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