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LITURGY GUIDE FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Congregational singing is suspended per COVID protocol.

HYMN FOR YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

ISTE CONFESSOR

Joseph the Glory and the Joy of Heaven

INTROIT (10:00 a.m.) *Ecce advenit*

Gregorian Missal, Mode II

Ecce advénit dominátor Dóminus: et regnum in manu eius, et potéstas, et impérium. Ps. Deus, iudícium tuum regi da: et iustítiam tuam filio regis.

Behold, the Sovereign Lord is coming; kingship, government and power are in his hands. V. Endow the King with your judgment, O God, and the King's son with your righteousness. Cf. Mal 3:1; 1 Chron 29:12; Ps 72:1, 10, 11

GREETING

Roman Missal

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Assembly: Amen.

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of
God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with
you all. *(or similar greeting)*

Assembly: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Confiteor

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And striking the breast, say:

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

KYRIE *Sung by Schola/Cantor alone Deutsche Messe, adapt., Richard Proulx*

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA *Sung by Schola/Cantor alone Deutsche Messe, adapt., Richard Proulx*

Glory too 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.

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

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. Amen.

COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

See, darkness covers the earth,
and thick clouds cover the peoples;
but upon you the LORD shines,
and over you appears his glory.

Nations shall walk by your light,
and kings by your shining radiance.

Raise your eyes and look about;
they all gather and come to you:

your sons come from afar,
and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see,
your heart shall throb and overflow,

for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you,
the wealth of nations shall be brought to you.

Caravans of camels shall fill you,
dromedaries from Midian and Ephah;
all from Sheba shall come
bearing gold and frankincense,
and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Cantor, or Lector alone*

The Grail, 1963

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Richard Proulx; Ganza/Elgar

Ant., Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgment to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgment.

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.

He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

The kings of Tarshish and the seacoasts
shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.

Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him.

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters:

You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace
that was given to me for your benefit,
namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation.

It was not made known to people in other generations
as it has now been revealed

to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body,
and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Sung by Cantor alone Te Deum, adapt.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

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."

When King Herod heard this,

he was greatly troubled,
and all Jerusalem with him.

Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people,
he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea,
for thus it has been written through the prophet:

*And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel."*

Then Herod called the magi secretly
and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance.

He sent them to Bethlehem and said,

"Go and search diligently for the child.

When you have found him, bring me word,

that I too may go and do him homage."
After their audience with the king they set out.
And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.
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.
Then they opened their treasures
and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod,
they departed for their country by another way.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

All bow while saying

*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Assembly: Lord, hear our prayer.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

HYMN

PUER NOBIS

What Star Is This

MOTET (10:00) *Quem Pastores Laudavere* Arr., John Rutter

Quem pastores laudavere Quibus angeli dixerunt, Absit vobis iam timere, Natus est rex glorie. Ad quem magi ambulabant Aurum, thus, myrrum portabant, Immolabant haec sincere Nato regi glorie. Exultemus cum Maria In coelesti heirarchia Natum promat voce pia Laus honor et gloria. Christo regi, Deo nato, Per Mariam nobis dato, Merito resonet vere Laus, honor et gloria. Shepherds left their flocks a-straying, God's command with joy obeying, When they heard the angel saying: "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Wise men came from far, and saw him: Knelt in homage to adore him; Precious gifts they laid before him: Gold and frankincense and myrrh. Let us now in ev'ry nation Sing his praise with exultation, All the world shall find salvation In the birth of Mary's Son. *14th Century, tr. Imogen Holst*

SANCTUS *Sung by Schola/Cantor alone; Deutsche Messe, adapt., Richard Proulx*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Roman Missal

Assembly: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

AGNUS DEI *Sung by Cantor alone*

Missa XVII

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

ECCE AGNUS DEI

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away
the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the
supper of the Lamb.

Assembly: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter
under my roof, but only say the word, and my soul
shall be healed.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (5:15 p.m., 10:00 a.m.)

For those who cannot be present

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You
above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this
moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I
embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

COMMUNIO *Vidimus stellam*

Gregorian Missal, Mode IV

Vidimus stellam eius in Oriente, et venimus cum munibus adorare Dominum.
*We have seen his star in the East, and we have come with our gifts, to wor-
ship the Lord.*

Cf. Mt 2:3

HYMN

KINGS OF ORIENT

We Three Kings of Orient Are

MOTET (10:00) *In the Bleak Midwinter*

Harold Darke

In the bleak mid-winter Frosty wind made moan. Earth stood hard as iron, Wa-
ter like a stone. Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow. In the bleak
mid-winter long ago. Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, Nor earth sustain
Heaven and earth shall flee away. When He comes to reign. In the bleak mid-
winter, A stable-place sufficed The Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ. Enough
for Him, whom cherubim, Worship night and day, A breast full of milk, And a
mangerful of hay, Enough for Him, whom angels, Fall down before, The ox
and ass and camel, Which adore. 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. *Christina Rossetti*

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION BY THE ASSEMBLY

*Holy Communion will be distributed by individual sections of pews. Please
wait until a Communion distributor arrives at your section before proceeding.
Maintain a distance of two pews between yourself and the nearest individual
ahead of you in line who is not from your household. Distribution begins at the
sections nearest the exits and ends in the center aisle. For Holy Commu-
nion in the hand – please extend your hands, one directly over the other, as the
Sacred Host is deposited. For those desiring to receive Communion on the
tongue, please make your way to the Center Aisle, where both options for re-
ception will be available. All other sections will be reserved for Communion in
the hand, so as to reassure any who may be concerned. Furthermore, if any con-
tact is made whatsoever, sanitization will take place immediately before the next
communicant comes forward. Upon reception of Holy Communion, please
step aside and consume the Sacred Host immediately before returning to
your pew. Thank you for your cooperation.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CLOSING HYMN

THE FIRST NOWELL

The First Nowell

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CATHEDRAL HOURS

CATHEDRAL - COVID-19 HOURS

Monday - Friday 7:15 to 8:15 a.m.

Sunday Church opens approx. 25 minutes before Mass
Church Office is temporarily closed during Covid-19

SUNDAY MASS

Anticipatory (Saturday) 5:15 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., Noon, & 5:00 p.m.

DAILY MASS - COVID-19 SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday 3:45 to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED DURING COVID-19

Tuesday 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ROSARY

TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED DURING COVID-19

Sundays at 11:15 a.m. in the Cana Chapel and at

6:00 p.m. in the Chapel of the Blessed Virgin

Weekdays at 4:40 p.m. in the Chapel of the Blessed Virgin

OFFICE HOURS (RECTORY AT 239 SELBY AVENUE)

TEMPORARILY CLOSED DURING COVID-19

WELCOME CENTER HOURS

Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

GUIDED TOURS

TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED DURING COVID-19

Offered Tuesday-Friday at 1:00 p.m. (except on holy days and national holidays).

MUSEUM HOURS

TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED DURING COVID-19

Call the Cathedral at 651.228.1766 for hours of operation.

VIRTUAL TOURS

Visit www.stpaulcathedraltour.com for a mobile app tour and to virtually "walk through" the Cathedral.

RADIO BROADCAST ON RELEVANT RADIO® 1330 AM

The 5:15 p.m. Saturday Mass is recorded and aired on

Relevant Radio 1330 AM Sundays: 9:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses are recorded and broadcast at 7:30 p.m.

Monday through Friday.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CAMPUS

Twin Cities Hmong Catholic Community

Located at 651 Virginia Street, Saint Paul

Sunday Mass (Hmong and English) 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR DECEMBER 20, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	\$	7,419.99
Member EFT	\$	7,204.34
Plate	\$	3,305.20
Total Sunday Contributions	\$	17,929.53
December Fuel Collection (additional)	\$	1,653.00
Immaculate Conception (additional)	\$	455.00
Thank you for your tremendous generosity!		
Saint Vincent de Paul Campus	\$	n/a

"WHEN I SEE YOUR HEAVENS..." (PSM. 8:4): GAZING HEAVENWARD AT CHRISTMAS



Astronomy is the detailed study of celestial bodies, encompassing the whole universe. The Astronomers tell us that we'd have to travel back in time to just before dawn on March 4, 1226 to see a closer alignment between Jupiter and Saturn than was able to be seen this year just before Christmas. On December 21, 2020, the two planets were "close" enough that they were separated by only 1/5 the diameter of the full moon. And to top that, for about a week, they were **only 0.1° apart** in the night sky at the moment of conjunction. Now for perspective, they are **still** hundreds of millions of miles apart, yet still able to be seen in the same field of view. Saturn is the sixth planet out from the sun, Jupiter the fifth. This is important for several reasons, including its rarity but also due to its relation to the Solemnity of the Epiphany.

It is the Gospel of Matthew that gives voice to the account of the Epiphany. "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) Many have speculated in various articles about the possibility that God may have providentially employed an **extremely rare** naturally occurring planetary conjunction as the sign, the star that the Magi followed. While there is **no way to prove** this, it is at least worth giving due consideration. I encourage you to listen to **Br. Guy Consolmagnolo** of the **Vatican Observatory** discuss Epiphany in Catholic News Agency's (CNA) Podcast episode 52 (Dec. 2019) beginning at the [11:00 minute mark](#). Br. Guy is a Harvard and MIT educated astronomer, who sees science as a route to truth, not the enemy of the faith.

Over the course of centuries, certain Old Testament texts have been interpreted as referring to the Magi, including **Psalm 7:10**, "The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute." In **Isaiah 60:6**, we read: "Caravans of camels shall cover you, dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; All from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and heralding the praises of the Lord." The planet **Saturn** even makes an appearance in the Bible, albeit under a different form of its name. And in the Book of the prophet **Amos**, we read (5:26): "Yet you will carry away Sukuth, your king, and Kaiwan, your star-image, your gods that you have made for yourselves..." It first names Sukuth, a Hebrew form of the brightest star in the night sky, **Sirius**. The verse then notes Kaiwan, itself also a Hebraized form of a name for Saturn and **worshipped as a deity** in Mesopotamia.

In other words, the reference to the stars cited above was anything but complimentary. Rather, it was a **warning against idolatry**. The early Church Fathers wrote **forcefully** against astrology, the belief that the planets control our destiny. Some defended astrology with an appeal to Genesis 1:14: "Then God said: Let there be lights in the dome of the sky, to separate day from night. Let them mark the seasons, the days and the years." In his masterful commentary on the Book of Genesis entitled, *On the Six Days of Creation*, **St. Basil** responded that these people "pretend that our lives depend upon the motion of the heavenly bodies" and that they "understand neither the variations of the weather nor the change of seasons; they only see in them, at the will of their imagination, the distribution of human destinies." *The Six Days Work* 6:5

St. Augustine went farther, detailing the point of his gradual conversion by noting "By now I had also repudiated the **lying divinations and impious absurdities** of the astrologers." (*Confessions* Book VII, chap. 6, para. 8)

While Christians affirm the **legitimate science** of studying the stars (astronomy), our Catholic faith rightly rejects the attribution of special powers of the planets with respect to human destiny. In fact, we affirm the **goodness** of gazing upward to the heavens, pondering God's creation in all its immensity. We affirm this because of our conviction that when we see the stars, the handiwork of God's creation, we are drawn to wonder and awe at the creator. (cf. Psalm 8:1) It is God who directs our steps, not the planets. Catholic teaching rejects all forms of divination, including astrology, because they "conceal a desire for power over time, history and in the last analysis, other human beings" and "contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph # 2116)

In the earlier-cited work, St. Basil began: "It is right that anyone beginning to narrate the formation of the world should begin with the **good order** which **reigns** in visible things. I am about to speak of the creation of heaven and earth, which was not spontaneous, as some have imagined, but drew its origin from God." Indeed, it is right to observe and marvel at the "good order" of the universe. We city dwellers too often miss the stars; it is only when we get out in the exurbs or the country that suddenly they come alive. We encounter God in the **magnificent** universe He created, if we but take the time to gaze and wonder. Today's feast is a wonderful reminder of that fact. Like the stars that beckoned the curious to follow, God's grandeur speaks to the soul. May we never lose sight of God's glory.

- As a follow up to my column on vaccines last week, the Church recognizes that in the current situation "there exist differing degrees of responsibility" in the cooperation of evil. Catholics are **not morally obliged** to be vaccinated, especially if they have moral qualms, though the common good is a very strong reason to receive them. Certain vaccines did not make use of aborted stem cells in their production, and they ought to be preferred.
- Keep 'em guessing. Of all the pitches one could face in the batter's box, a **knuckleball** might just perhaps be scarier than a 100-mph fastball. Atlanta Brave **Phil Niekro**, Hall of Fame pitcher with 318 wins (16th place all-time), died at the age of 81. One never knew where that knuckleball would go— it gave batters, catchers and umpires alike a fit. It is all but extinct in today's game. The son of an Ohio coal miner, Niekro played for **24 seasons**, unimaginable today.
- It is worth noting, though not celebrating, that today marks the **500th anniversary** of the excommunication (3 January 1521) of **Martin Luther**. May understanding and cooperation between Catholics and Lutherans continue to grow. I recall the powerful exhibit at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts four years ago. May we specially pray for unity among Christians and for an end to all religious strife.
- Forgotten amidst the pandemic was the long-awaited March 2020 opening of the Vatican Archives concerning the pontificate of **Pope Pius XII**. Reputable scholars note the carefully catalogued materials contain "documented proof of the direct actions of Pope Pius XII to end the arrest of the Roman Jews on Oct. 16, 1943, and then the massive rescue attempt to hide those who were not arrested." May a careful and sober study allow the full light of truth to shine on this controversial topic.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. John L. Ubel,
Rector

PROTOCOLS

STEWARDSHIP PROTOCOLS

Located at the **four main doors** (two on Selby Ave. and two on Dayton Ave.) you will find **gold colored metal** drop boxes. Please distribute your **Sunday Stewardship** envelopes or cash in those slots, preferably before Mass. Otherwise, you may deposit them when leaving.

ENTRANCE/EXIT PROTOCOLS

Doors are clearly marked and identified as either for **entrance** or as an **exit**.

The **upper Selby Ave. door** (by St. Peter Chapel) is an **Entrance**. Note: The handicapped may use this door in both directions. The **lower Selby Ave. door** is an **Exit only**. It is the one closest to the Bus Stop.

On the **Dayton Ave. side**, the upper Dayton Ave. **door nearest the Sacred Heart Chapel** is an Entrance, while the lower Dayton Ave. door is designated as an exit. The **main doors** at the back of the Narthex are designated, one as Entrance (nearest Selby Ave.) and the other as an Exit (nearest Dayton Ave.).

CLOTH FACE COVERINGS IN CHURCH

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends all people 2 years of age and older wear a cloth face covering in public settings and when around people who don't live in your household. The emerging evidence from clinical studies shows that cloth face coverings reduce the spray of droplets when worn over the nose and mouth. COVID-19 spreads mainly among people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet), so the use of cloth face coverings is particularly important in settings where social distancing is difficult to maintain, such as in Church. **Doing this for others help keeps all safe and healthy.**

ON THE COVER



This week's cover depicts the Three Kings found in the Cathedral Outdoor Crèche. This crèche was first displayed in 1948 to allow "The Christmas Story to be told even to casual passersby." Msgr. George Ryan, Rector.

Excerpt from Voices from the Archives

MASS INTENTIONS

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday - December 31 - Friday, January 1, 2021

- 5:15 p.m. Communal Mass Intentions
 8:00 a.m. Communal Mass Intentions
 10:00 a.m. Cathedral Parish ~ For the People
 12:00 p.m. Communal Mass Intentions

Saturday - Sunday, January 2 - 3

- 5:15 p.m. Rosina Raspanti Macak †
 8:00 a.m. LuVerne R. Wilczyk †
 9:00 a.m. SVDP Campus ~ For the People
 10:00 a.m. Cathedral Parish ~ For the People
 12:00 p.m. The Ostertag Family
 5:00 p.m. Andreas Behrendt †

Monday, January 4

- 7:30 a.m. Peggy Allie

Tuesday, January 5

- 7:30 a.m. John T. & Claire Lagowski ††

Wednesday, January 6

- 7:30 a.m. Lila Katherine Weeda Chavez †

Thursday, January 7

- 7:30 a.m. Cathedral Benefactors

Friday, January 8

- 7:30 a.m. Mary Lowen



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]
 Jn 1:1-18
 Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]
 Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Readings for the week of January 3, 2021

- Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11,
 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]
 Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]
 Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]
 Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc,
 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15,
 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and
 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
 Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]
 Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11
 Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9
 Mk 1:7-11



Observances for the week of January 3, 2021

- Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
 National Migration Week
 Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
 Tuesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
 Wednesday: St. André Bessette, Religious
 Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
 Friday: Christmas Weekday
 Saturday: Christmas Weekday
 Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

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CATHEDRAL NEWS

EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING KITS, JANUARY 3

Epiphany House Blessing Kits will be available after the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses (while supplies continue to be available) on January 3, 2021. Be sure to pick up your Epiphany House Blessing Kit at either Selby entrance, or at the cross aisle. The kit comes complete with holy water, chalk, and a prayer card.

ONLINE GIVING - EFT

We are grateful for your support of the Cathedral of Saint Paul. Online Giving allows you to make contributions to the parish without writing checks or worrying about cash. Selecting the DONATE button at www.cathedralsaintpaul.org lets you set up automatic reoccurring contributions using your credit card or bank card. You can still place your Sunday envelope in the basket at church, just check that you are donating by using EFT. We have had 979 new onetime or new repeating contribution signups between April 8 through December 19! Thank you! Please email msnyder@cedralsaintpaul.org with any questions about online giving.



PRO-LIFE EVENTS, JANUARY 22

PRAYER SERVICE FOR LIFE

Please join us on Friday, January 22, at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Paul and via livestream for this prayer service to commemorate the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath. Limited seating will be available, and COVID-19 protocols will be followed. The prayer service will also be livestreamed on the Cathedral's Facebook page: facebook.com/cathedralsaintpaul.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, December 31

5:15 p.m. (Anticipatory Mass)

Friday, January 1

Masses at 8:00 a.m. | 10:00 a.m. | 12:00 Noon



Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen

VOICES FROM THE ARCHIVES

The New Year . . .

Most of the headlines on the front page of the *St. Paul Dispatch* for January 1, 1914, focused on the war in Europe, already enveloping eight nations and threatening American neutrality. But there was a bright note on the front page too.

**ST. PAUL LOOKS BACKWARD AND AHEAD, SMILING.
1914 Was a Good Old Year for Which the City Is Thankful,
and Prospects Are Good for New One.**

Citizens looking back and looking ahead found reason for satisfaction, for gladness and for thankfulness. Summing it up, they decided that 1914 was a great year for St. Paul in face of a war abroad and resultant conditions at home that have been reflected with much greater severity in other cities and sections. For 1915, they anticipate a prosperity that has made St. Paul and the Northwest synonymous with good times.

In the Religious Section of the *Dispatch*, the Cathedral was listed first among the 23 Catholic churches in Saint Paul with a short note. **Cathedral. Auditorium Chapel of School, College Avenue and Third St., Masses at 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 a.m. Sunday Vespers, Benediction.** At the site of the New Cathedral of Saint Paul on Cathedral Hill, work continued, perhaps with more urgency as workers were reminded that they had only 87 days left to prepare the interior for the first Mass in the New Cathedral on Palm Sunday, March 28, 1915. ACSP.

Note: “With characteristic bravura, Archbishop John Ireland was going to build two cathedrals at once . . . in St. Paul the cathedral would stand upon a hilltop and look down magisterially at the business center of the city; in Minneapolis, the pro-cathedral—as Ireland incorrectly called it—would bestride an elevated piece of ground . . . close to the point where Lyndale and Hennepin avenues, the cities’ two busiest thoroughfares intersected.”

Excerpts from *John Ireland and the American Catholic Church*
by Marvin R. O’Connell.



RACHEL’S VINEYARD WEEKEND RETREAT

Friday, January 8 through Sunday, January 10
Coon Rapids, MN

A Rachel’s Vineyard retreat is a weekend opportunity for women and men to resolve issues of guilt, shame, pain, grief, and anxiety after an abortion. The retreat provides a safe and sacred place for you to open up to our Lord and unburden yourself without fear. You will be able to grieve, work on any anger, forgive yourself, reconcile with God, and reconcile with your children.

You can register by mail, phone, email, or online with our **secure registration form**. If you wish to register by mail, [click here to print a registration form](#). Please contact us either at rachels@rvineyardmn.org or call 763.250.9313 (confidential voice-mail) if you have questions. The cost of the retreat is \$180 per person. If you are unable to pay, financial assistance is available. Registrations are kept in the strictest confidence and privacy.

RITEs

BAPTISM

We welcome those who have been newly baptized. Please pray for them as they continue to grow in Christ.

MARRIAGE

Please join us in praying for all couples preparing for the sacrament of Matrimony.

FUNERAL/MEMORIAL MASS

Please remember in your prayers those who are in grief because of the loss of a loved one.

Tha-Yeng Yang

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISM

The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated for our parishioners on Sundays after the Noon Mass. Parents must attend a preparation class. Call Gail Wood at 651.357.1325.

FIRST RECONCILIATION/HOLY COMMUNION, AND CONFIRMATION

Registered parishioners are encouraged to register for preparation for the sacraments. For more information regarding catechesis for children ages 3 through Confirmation, call Stephen Hilgendorf at 651.357.1340.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Curious about Catholicism? Considering becoming Catholic? RCIA, a process of learning and formation, is modeled on how people were brought into the Church in the first centuries. Visit cathedralsaintpaul.org/rcia and call Stephen Hilgendorf at 651.357.1340.

MATRIMONY

To be married at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, one or both persons of the engaged couple must be an active, registered Cathedral parishioner for **six months prior to requesting a wedding date**. For more information about wedding policies, call Gail Wood at 651.357.1325.



PRAYER REQUEST FOR COVID-19 FAMILY

Tha-Yeng Yang ~ Deceased
Funeral held Wednesday, December 30

Kifi Yang ~ hospitalized in critical condition

Please prayer for these brothers and their family who are parishioners at our Saint Vincent de Paul Campus.

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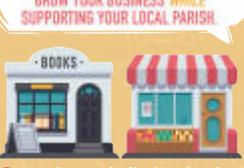
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