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Epiphany of the Lord - - January 3, 2021 - - Cycle C

**“To share the gifts that God has entrusted to us by being Christ to one another, mindful of his unconditional love.”**

Welcome Back to St. Boniface Church Mass  
Saturday 4:00, Sundays 10 am, Noon in French

Please arrive early for check-in time before Mass

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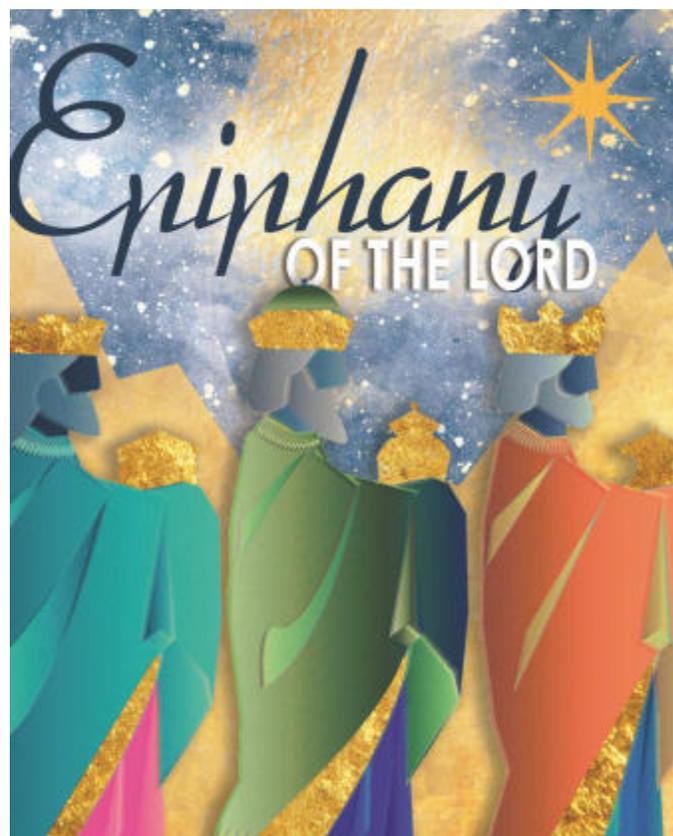
Please call parish office for information.

## Partners in Prayer

Phone prayer intentions any time to 612.986.3445  
E-mail prayer requests to: [boniface1858@usfamily.net](mailto:boniface1858@usfamily.net)

St. Boniface, pray for us.

Help us keep the faith for which you gave your life.



## Saint Boniface Catholic Church

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**READINGS for the Week of January 3, 2021**

Sunday: Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12  
 Monday: I Jn 3:22—4:6 Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
 Tuesday: I Jn 4:7-10 Mk 6:34-44  
 Wednesday: I Jn 4:11-18 Mk 6:45-52  
 Thursday: I Jn 4:19—5:4 Lk 4:14-22a  
 Friday: I Jn 5:5-13 Lk 5:12-16  
 Saturday: I Jn 5:14-21 Jn 3:22-30  
 Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Mk 1:7-11

**PRIVATE CONFESSION**

is always available on Saturdays at 3:30pm in our Chapel  
 (located left side of Altar).

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, January 2, 2021

4:00pm Ray and Mary Rush††, Don Garski†

Sunday, January 3, 2021

10:00am George and Mary Wator††  
 St. Boniface Council of Catholic Women

12:00pm (French) All Parishioners

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

9:00am Bob Wrubel, Jeff and Annie Hermann Family

Thursday, January 7, 2021

5:00pm David Mruz, Fr Patrick Griffin†

Saturday, January 9, 2021

4:00pm Audrey Ringdal†, Daniel Metzdorff†

Sunday, January 10, 2021

10:00am Members of the St. Boniface Council

12:00pm (French) All Parishioners

**Some Things to Ponder . . .** In the scripture readings of January 1st, just one week after Christmas, the shepherds are back! They saw a mother and father with their baby. Nothing out of the ordinary—and yet, most extraordinarily, they recognized the face of God. So will we in this new year, if we look with eyes of faith!

THE BREAD which you do not use  
 is the bread  
 OF THE HUNGRY.

THE GARMENT hanging in your wardrobe  
 is the garment of him who  
 IS NAKED.

THE SHOES that you do not wear  
 are the shoes of the one who is  
 BARE FOOT.

THE MONEY that you keep locked away  
 is the money  
 OF THE POOR.

**Gospel Meditation — Epiphany of the Lord****Mt 2:1-12**

“Where is that thing?” mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. “I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!” Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, “Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear.” The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

“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.” The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God’s tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God’s salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God’s healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for! ©Lpi

**Observances for the week of January 3, 2021**

January 3-9 National Migration Week  
 January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

**Our Gifts to the Lord**

December 20, \$ 2,525.00 Memorials \$150  
 Online Giving \$ 1,412.50  
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## Blessings Of A Holy Hour

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Boniface Church  
On Thursdays after the 9:00am morning Holy Mass  
Eucharistic Adoration - 9:30am to 10:30am

## The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament is available to all who wish to receive it. Father Biju will anoint after any of the weekend Holy Masses as well as any of the weekday Holy Masses.

A reservation is recommended. Please contact Marge at 612.379.9184 to arrange a time to come for this sacrament.

## The Advent Tree

So many of you have so generously contributed many things to our Advent Tree of 2020. THANK YOU!

## CSAF

St Boniface has reached only half of our 2020 goal for the Catholic Service Appeal Foundation. Let me remind you that this is where 20 of the Catholic charities that serve in our Diocese get the funding they need to help the people of our Diocese. If you have it in your heart to help out, please send your contribution to St. Boniface Church, 629-2nd St. NE, Minneapolis MN 55413. Or also go to their Website: <https://csafspm.org/givecsaf/>.

## The Holy Name Society of St. Boniface Church

promotes reverence for the Sacred Names of God and Jesus Christ, obedience and loyalty to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church, and the personal sanctification and holiness of its members.

Information: Don Dick, President, 612.781.5115.

## Are You Hurting?

If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, come and experience the compassionate mercy of Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' retreats which are open to anyone impacted by abortion. Retreat is January 8-10, 2021 in the Twin Cities area. For more information contact Nancy at [rachels@vineyardmn.org](mailto:rachels@vineyardmn.org) or you may call 763.250.9313.

## Prayer Service for Life - Friday, January 22, 2021

Please join in the Annual Prayer Service for Life on Friday, January 22, 2021 at 10:30am, Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul. This prayer service commemorates 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 protocols will be followed. The prayer service will also be livestreamed on the Cathedral's [Facebook page](#).



## The Year of St. Joseph

"The figure of this great saint, even though remaining somewhat hidden, is of fundamental importance in the history of salvation. Above all, belonging to the tribe of Judah, he united Jesus to the Davidic lineage so that, realizing the promises about the Messiah, the son of the Virgin Mary may really be called "son of David."

Angelus Address of Pope Benedict XVI  
March 19, 2006

## Did You Know? From our Venezuelan Mission "The Pencil"

*Fr. Dempsey: There is no shortage of intentions for which we offer our prayer these days...all with an eye to a different future, a safer, saner, holier future for everyone, for which we can all be instruments. Blessings.*

During an interview for Time Magazine in 1989, Mother Teresa of Calcutta was asked how she was able to accomplish so much for God. She replied, "I'm like a little pencil in his hand. That's all. He does the thinking. He does the writing. The pencil has nothing to do with it. The pencil has only to be allowed to be used."

I watched as Corito, with a stub of a pencil in her hand, wrote down the names of the sick and the deceased for whom we would offer the upcoming Mass. That pencil had definitely gotten a lot of use. Having begun its career at the standard 7.5 inch length, it was now worn down to a nub shorter than a golf pencil. In Minnesota, where I had enough pencils and pens in my desk to last several lifetimes, that stub of a pencil would probably have been tossed in the wastebasket, but here it still had value and would remain in service until Corito could no longer grasp it and press graphite to paper ("lead" pencils never actually had lead by the way).

That pencil is representative of how Venezuelans see value in and make use of everything. Paper printed on one side never gets tossed. A woman in our parish hand draws cartoon booklets for kids, but can't afford to buy paper. She treasures the printed-on-one-side paper a local business gives her as though she had won the lottery. Broken plastic chairs that would end up in the trash in Minnesota are held together with wire and string, their lives extended to serve for several more years. You know those well-worn sofas and chairs that get put out on the curb with a "free" sign in Minnesota? They would constitute a significant upgrade for most families here. Junkyard-worthy vehicles chug and sputter their way down our streets. What actually does get thrown away usually gets picked up and repurposed by folks rifling through the piles of garbage all over our city.

Corito, pencil in hand, has a lot in common with Mother Teresa and her sisters. From her barrio home where neighbors are always stopping by, Corito gathers a few dozen folks each day for rosary and prayer and organizes efforts to visit the sick and elderly, bring food to those in need, and lead prayers in homes of those recently deceased. Religious music blends with the whir of her sewing machine in her tiny seamstress shop where she produces outfits to order at prices lower than stores would charge. If money is a problem, you can pay with a bag of rice or a few hours of neighborhood service...but don't forget to come back for rosary in the evening.

God writes with a lot of pencils, but it's not as though they're all number 2 graphites...more like a giant box of colored pencils. Each pencil in God's collection is a bit unique from the next...Mother Teresa Corito, you, me, everyone, including those whom the world may consider of little value...you know those worn down to a nub by the crosses and struggles of life...all different colors and shades in the hand of an artistic, ever-writing God.

Points to Ponder: Do you value the things and people in your life? How are you a pencil in the hand of God?

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