

JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2022



# 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. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- Mt 2:10-11

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#### **OUR MISSION**

**To Proclaim-** To proclaim the Word of God through teaching, preaching, and living our daily lives.

**To Be Community-** We are called by Jesus to be a community that gives witness to our unity of faith. We are the Body of Christ.

**To Serve-** Our call is both a gift and a responsibility. Therefore, we must examine the needs of the parish, the community, the nation and the world and respond accordingly.

**To Celebrate-** The realities of our faith through sacramental liturgies, particularly the Eucharist, the high point of all liturgical celebrations.

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Weekday Monday-Friday 6:30 & 8:00 a.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Weekend Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.

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## Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish!

Welcome to our parish.

We are happy you are here! To register in the parish, please go to our website (click on Parish Life) or call Mary in the parish office at 445-7915 for registration. (www.ourladyoflourdes.org)

#### Bishop McKnight's January prayer intention for our Local Church

As we begin a new year, may the opportunities for the grace to clearly recognize the dignity of life, education and ecumenism allow us to better support our brothers and sisters who need the warmth of Christ's love and our compassion during this winter season.



# SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturdays at 4 p.m.

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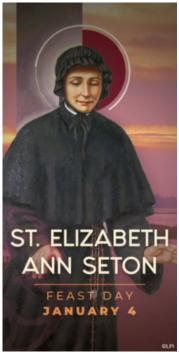
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#### ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON JANUARY 4

The patron saint of
Catholic schools, St.
Elizabeth Ann Seton
(August 28, 1774 – January
4, 1821) was born in New
York City to a prominent
family of the Episcopal
faith. When she turned 19,
she married a wealthy
businessman with whom
she had five children. He
later died of tuberculosis in
1803, leaving her a young
widow. After discovering

the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint." ©I Pi

# TRAINING FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- \* Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Sunday, January 30 1pm in church
- \* Readers, Hospitality Ministers (Ushers) Sunday, January 30 - 3pm in church

Please prayerfully consider whether the Holy Spirit is calling you to serve the Parish in one of these ministries (or any others not listed here). If you have any questions, please contact Paul Fell through the parish office for more information.



#### TRAINING FOR NEW SERVERS

If you would like to train as a new Altar Server and you are presently entering 4th Grade (or older), please contact Paul Fell via phone or email to register for training. If these dates must change due to weather or a time conflict, changes will be published on-line and in the Sunday bulletin (which is also available on-line in electronic format). At least one parent must attend and actively take part in the training. Not only will this gesture show support for our Altar Servers, the parents might learn something new! Sessions lasts around 1.5 hours and meet in the church.

SESSION 1/2 \* Monday, January 24 at 6pm SESSION 2/2 - requires completion of first session \* Thursday, January 27 at 6pm

We have a particular need for Servers at 7am Mass right now, so please consider whether you could help with this Mass time one weekend a month.



## To be Community\_

#### That Man is You

That Man Is You (TMIY) men's ministry will resume spring semester meetings on Thursdays beginning January 13th. This year's program is "Thy Kingdom Come" and explores how the principles of Christian charity and evangelical boldness can help men become better husbands and fathers. Join us Thursday mornings in Flanagan Hall. Optional Rosary begins at 6:10 am followed be speaker video at 6:30 am. You will done and ready to start your day by 7:30 am. Contact Tim Danze with any questions at <u>TimDanze@gmail.com</u>.

# Women, Wine, and the Word

Ladies are you ready to start up with small groups/book club? Come and join us for the return of Women, Wine, and The Word. Our first quarterly wine and cheese is on Thursday, January 20th from 6-7:30pm in Flanagan Hall. We can help place you in a small group or just come for food and fellowship.

#### January food collection

The January food collection will be given to Coyote Hill Christian Children's Home (a foster home for abused children). Items needed included: paper towels, napkins, tissues, t/p, and various canned goods for their pantry.

#### WOMEN OF LOURDES

Please join us for our next general meeting Saturday January 15th in Flanagan Hall at 9am with a potluck brunch.

#### WE NEED YOU!

Looking for a way to become more involved with your faith community at Our Lady of Lourdes? We are currently looking for new officers for the Women of Lourdes Ministry, specifically the President position (Becky Sander) and Secretary position (Marcia Doll) whose terms end in January. Please contact Becky at <a href="mailto:sander.becky@gmail.com">sander.becky@gmail.com</a> or Marcia at <a href="mailto:dollmkc@gmail.com">dollmkc@gmail.com</a>. Thank you for your consideration!

# TOLTON CATHOLIC ADMISSIONS DEADLINE

The deadline for incoming 8th graders to apply to Fr. Tolton Catholic High School for the 2022-23 school year is fast approaching! We encourage you to fill out an

application for your 8th graders as soon as possible. The deadline is January 15, 2022, but the earlier the better! Please use this link to get started: <a href="https://toltoncatholic.org/apply">https://toltoncatholic.org/apply</a>. If you have any questions, please reach out to Laura Sasser at <a href="mailto:lsasser@toltoncatholic.org">lsasser@toltoncatholic.org</a>.

# CHRISTMAS PRAYER BY ST. BERNARD

Let your goodness Lord, appear to us, that we, made in your image, may conform ourselves to it. In our own strength we cannot imagine your majesty, power, and wonder, nor is it fitting for us to even try. But your mercy reaches from the heavens, through the clouds, to the earth below. You have come to us as a small child, but you have brought us the greatest gift, the gift of your eternal love. Caress us with your tiny hands, embrace us with your tiny arms, and pierce our hearts with your soft, sweet cries. Amen.

- St. Bernard of Clairvaux

# Engaged? Congratulations! Our Marriage Ministries have programs just for you! Learn more and register for a Pre-Cana or Engaged Encounter at diojeffcity.org/marriage-preparation. DIOCESE OF BETTER TOGETHER

#### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday, January 3

1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Mt 4:12-17,23-25 6:30 am the Ross family 8:00 am Bill Vinson †

#### Tuesday, January 4

1 Jn 4:7-10 Mk 6:34-44 6:30 am Casey Cox † 8:00 am Tillie Bryans

#### Wednesday, January 5

1 Jn 4:11-18 Mk 6:45-52

**6:30 am** Giangiacomo family

8:00 am Vocations

#### Thursday, January 6

1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Lk 4:14-22a 6:30 am Jim Schmitz † 8:00 am JP Vinson†

#### Friday, January 7

1 Jn 5:5-13 Lk 5:12-16

**6:30 am** COVID patients

8:00 am Teachers

#### Saturday, January 8

1 Jn 5:14-21 Jn 3:22-30 8:00 am Carol Leible † 5:30 pm Steve Willey †

#### Sunday, January 9

 Is 42:1-4,6-7
 Lk 3:15-16,21-22

 7:00 am
 Mary Rime †

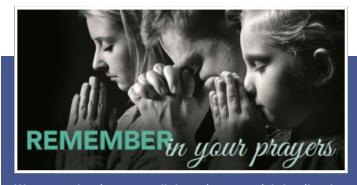
 8:30 am
 Kristina Pont †

 10:00 am
 Lou Hart †

 11:30 am
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# Epiphany Concert

After a year off for COVID, the Our Lady of Lourdes Contemporary Group will once again be presenting a "Farewell to Christmas" concert and Christmas carol singalong on Saturday, Jan. 8th, at 7 p.m. (following 5:30 Mass). We will take up a free-will offering to benefit Catholic Charities' work with Afghan refugees.



We remember in prayer all those in our parish family who are suffering from an illness, especially Dorothy Martin, Kathy Payne, and Peter Grathwohl.

#### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

The Light of the Moon -

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

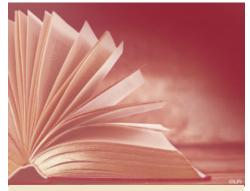
One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?" That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it. The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others. Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

ordinary lives extraordinary.

#### To Celebrate



#### First Reading:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

#### Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

#### **Second Reading:**

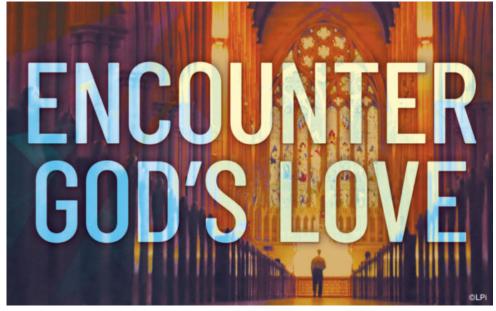
It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

#### Gospel:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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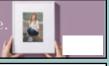
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