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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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- Mt 2:10-11

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CONFESSIONS

Wednesday 10:00 am—11:00 am

Thursday 7:00 am—7:45 am

Saturday 3:00 pm— 4:00 pm

MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY

Tuesday 6:00 pm

Wednesday 8:00 am

Thursday 8:00 am

Friday 8:00 am

WEEKEND

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 6:30 am

8:00 am

10:30 am



SAT JANUARY 2

4:30pm † Gene Jesberg

SUN JANUARY 3

6:30am People of the Parish

8:00am † Brett Hardy

10:30am † Zelle Faustina Gervais

TUES JANUARY 5

† Msgr. Robert Bergman

WED JANUARY 6

† Patricia Struchtemeyer

THURS JANUARY 7

Jeni Moore

FRI JANUARY 8

† Rikki Betts

SAT JANUARY 9

4:30pm † Michael Hugo

SUN JANUARY 10

6:30am † Garrett Dreiling

8:00am People of the Parish

10:30am † Sandi Imlay

Please contact the parish office for Mass intentions. The suggested offering is \$10 per Mass.

This weekend the church celebrates Epiphany, which comes with the tradition of blessing our homes. Below is an explanation of how to do so. I would encourage each family to participate in this tradition and gather to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows. A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the entrance to the home: 20 + C + M + B + 21. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words Christus mansionem benedicat, "May Christ bless the house." The + signs represent the cross and 2021 is the year.

Blessing the Chalk

Leader: Our help is the name of the Lord

Response: The maker of heaven and earth

Leader: The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in

Response: From this time forth for evermore

Leader: Let us pray. Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people; and grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name that we who use it in faith to write upon the door of our home the names of your holy ones Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in or visit our home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Instructions for Blessing the Home

Using the blessed chalk, mark above your front door (or front porch step): "20 + C + M + B + 21," while saying: The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and fifteen years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then offer the following prayer: Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen

Parish Support

Collections for December 20, 2020		Budget Year to Date		
Regular Offertory		Income		
Budgeted	\$23,289	Budget July 1 - Dec 20	\$487,680	
Collection	\$7,562	Actual July 1 - Dec 20	\$486,394	50 / 50
Difference	-\$15,728	Difference	-\$1,286	
Towards Christ		Expenses		
Budgeted	\$3,913	Budget July 1 - Dec 20	\$479,471.	There was NOT a winner for the week of December 20, 2020. # 1801 was drawn. The balance was \$3,058.22.
Collection	\$753	Actual July 1 - Dec 20	\$477,913.	
Difference	-\$3,160	Difference	\$1,558	

PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR HOLY MASS

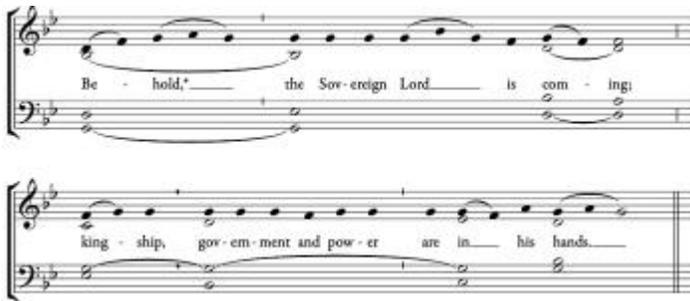
INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Luke 2:16

6:30 am Mass: Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

All other Masses:



SPRINKLING RITE

The blessing and sprinkling of water as a memorial of Baptism may take place from time to time in all churches and chapels. During this unusual time, the faithful are not given the opportunity to bless themselves with holy water when entering the church. As a result, Father Adam will be including the Rite for the Blessing and Sprinkling of Water at Masses during the first weekend of each month.

GLORIA

Glory to 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

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6; (20 ABC)

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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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



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O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

R.

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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 2:2

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

The Lord be with you

R: And with your Spirit

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R: Glory to you, O 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." 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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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 through "became man"*) 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.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION & PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

R: Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

R: Blessed be God for ever.

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

STAND

R: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

R: And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

R: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R: It is right and just.

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly,
Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro - claim your
Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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GREAT AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

R: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

R: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

AGNUS DEI

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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.

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Baruch 3:38

6:30 am Mass: We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord .

All other Masses:

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord, always and everywhere, that we may perceive with clear sight and revere with true affection the mystery in which you have willed us to participate. Through Christ our Lord

R: Amen

CONCLUDING RITES

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

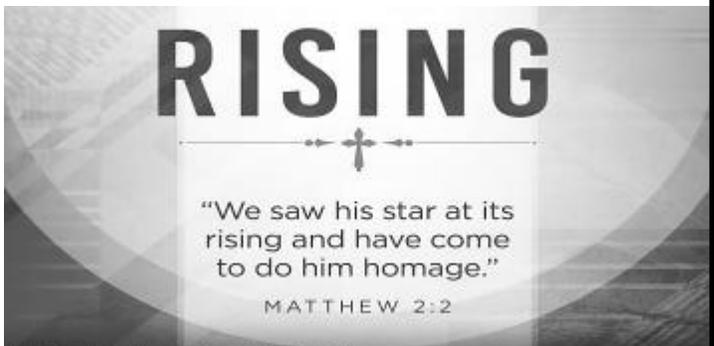
Saint Joseph Terror of Demons

R: Pray for us

Mary Refuge of Sinners

R: Pray for us

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OF THE EUCHARIST



Every Wednesday

10:00 am - 9:00 pm
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Family Holy Hour

Spend time with our Lord

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We are so fortunate to offer the amazing gift of Adoration every **Wednesday from 10AM to 9PM**. This is a precious time to worship and devote ourselves to the Lord. We are still in need of at least two unrelated people to sign-up to be in attendance. This allows one person to never be alone in the church, as well as ensuring someone is always present. We would also like to create a substitute volunteer list for Adoration. To be placed on our substitute list, please contact **Brenda Robinson at bb.robinson@yahoo.com or (913)485-5609** with your name and availability.



Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come; before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions but, in your mercy, hear and answer me.

Amen.

PARISH EVENTS

- 5 Tues- 6:00pm Evening Prayer
- 5 Tues- 6:30pm Into the Deep
- 6 Wed- 8:00 am Morning Prayer
- 6 Wed- 10:00 am - 9:00 pm Adoration
- 6 Wed- 6:30 pm- Bible Study
- 7 Thurs- 8:00 am Morning Prayer
- 7 Thurs-12-6:00 pm Blood Drive
- 8 Fri- 8:00 am Morning prayer
- 9 Sat- 3:00pm-4:00 pm Confession
- 9 Sat- 4:30pm Mass
- 10 Sun- 6:30am Mass
- 10 Sun- 8am Mass (Live Stream) Must sign up
- 10 Sun- 9:15am Formation classes Gr. 1-4
- 10 Sun-10:30am-Mass
- 10 Sun- 11:30 Youth Group

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