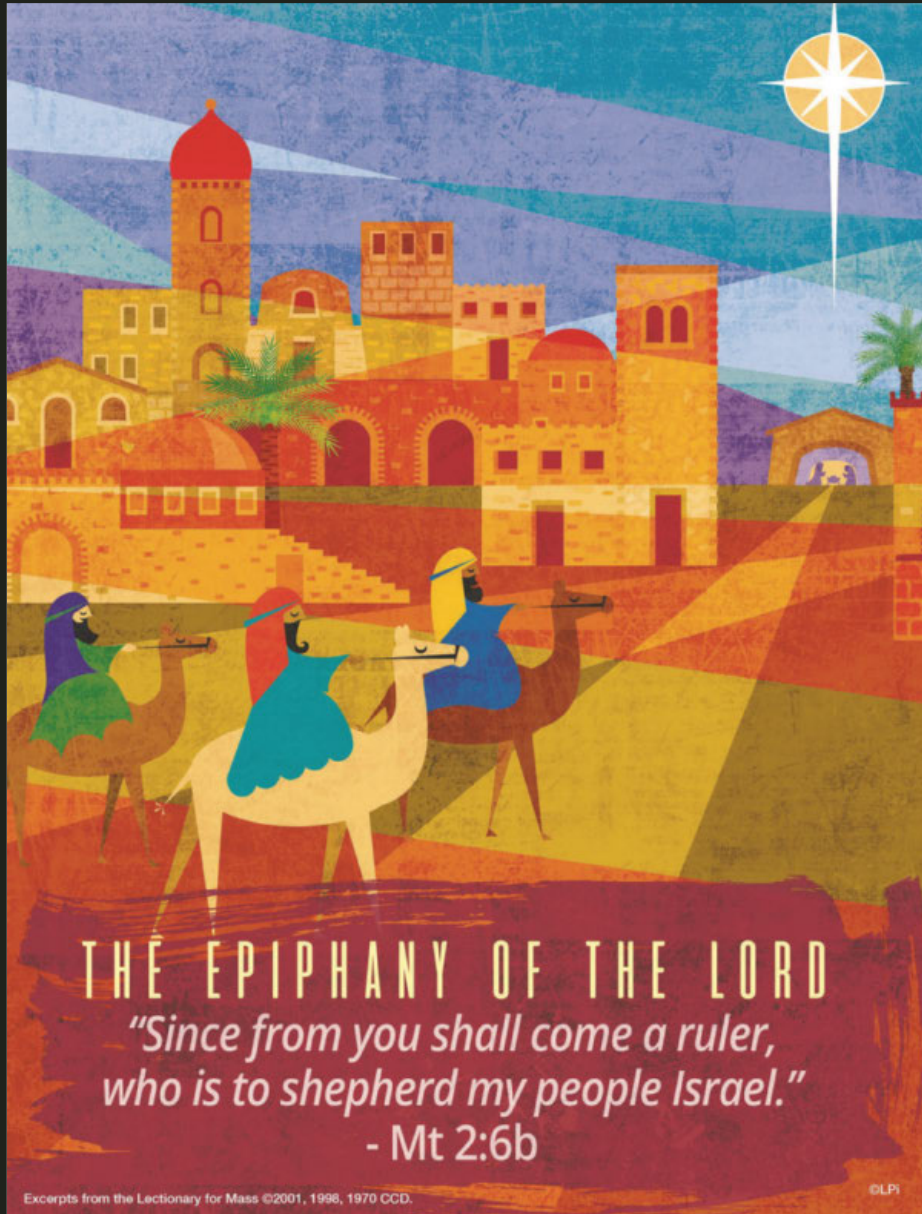




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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel."*

- Mt 2:6b

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Wednesday 10:00am — 11:00am

Thursday 7:00am — 7:45am

Saturday 3:00pm — 4:00pm

Sunday 7:30am—7:50am

Sunday 10:00am—10:20am

REGULAR 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

Today we celebrate the feast of the epiphany. It is a great time where we get to focus on the beauty of God being revealed to us. While the focus is a sort of outward movement from the Holy Family to the world, as God enters our humanity and will go in pursuit of us, (seen in our first and second readings) our Gospel focuses on the opposite, where the world comes to our Lord, namely through the wise men.

This is a beautiful way of wrestling with how God works. The more we allow God in, the more we can let God out into the world. One way I have been blessed to receive this is through some of the generous cards you all have given me over the last several months. I have been slowly going through them and trying to read what was written. If I have not responded to some of you, that might be why. It has been a great blessing to see some of the work that our Lord has been doing in our parish. I have been very humbled by some of the work that He has seen fit to do through me. It is one of the great blessings of the priesthood to be a vessel for His love. I do want to emphasize how much it is God doing His work. If we can appreciate this properly, it can help us to better know His love and see how powerful He is. He can use a fellow sinner for His work.

As we continue in the Christmas season, let us humbly pray and reflect on God's work in the world, and the great role He desires each of us to play.

Father Adam



SAT JANUARY 1

4:30pm Rodolfo & Maria Martinez

SUN JANUARY 2

6:30am People of the Parish
 8:00am † Rosemary Fergen
 10:30am 6th Grade Intentions

TUES JANUARY 4

6pm † Ernest Sr. & Alvina Honas

WED JANUARY 5

8:00am † Frank Honas

THURS JANUARY 6

8:00am † Paul & Bernice Shafer

FRI JANUARY 7

8:00am David Dennis

SAT JANUARY 8

4:30pm † Lonny Casaert

SUN JANUARY 9

6:30am † Fr. Peter O'Sullivan
 8:00am † Jay Robertson
 10:30am People of the Parish

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

PARISH SUPPORT

Collections for Dec 12th		Budget Year to Date	
Regular Offertory		Income	
Budgeted	\$17,540	Budget July 1- Dec 12	\$489,363
Collection	\$23,970	Actual July 1- Dec 12	\$492,195
Difference	\$6,429	Difference	\$2,832
Towards Christ		Expenses	
Budgeted	\$2,610	Budget July 1 - Dec 12	\$521,013
Collection	\$1,730	Actual July 1 - Dec 12	\$407,08
Difference	-\$880	Difference	\$113,927

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There was not a winner for Dec 12th, # 615 was drawn. The balance was \$ 7,834.46.

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING:

Visit our Parish website, www.divinemerckys.org and click on "How to Give" for instructions for making your offering online. Our Parish is grateful for your continued support. THANK YOU!

SUNDAY'S READINGS

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)

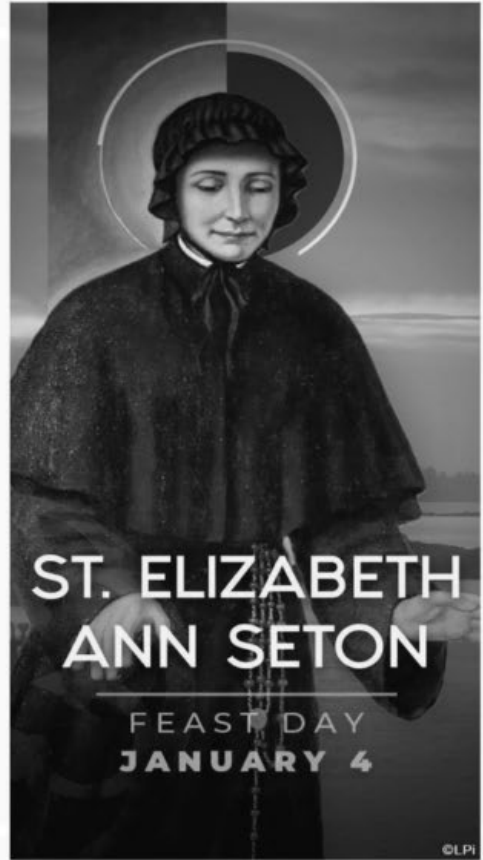
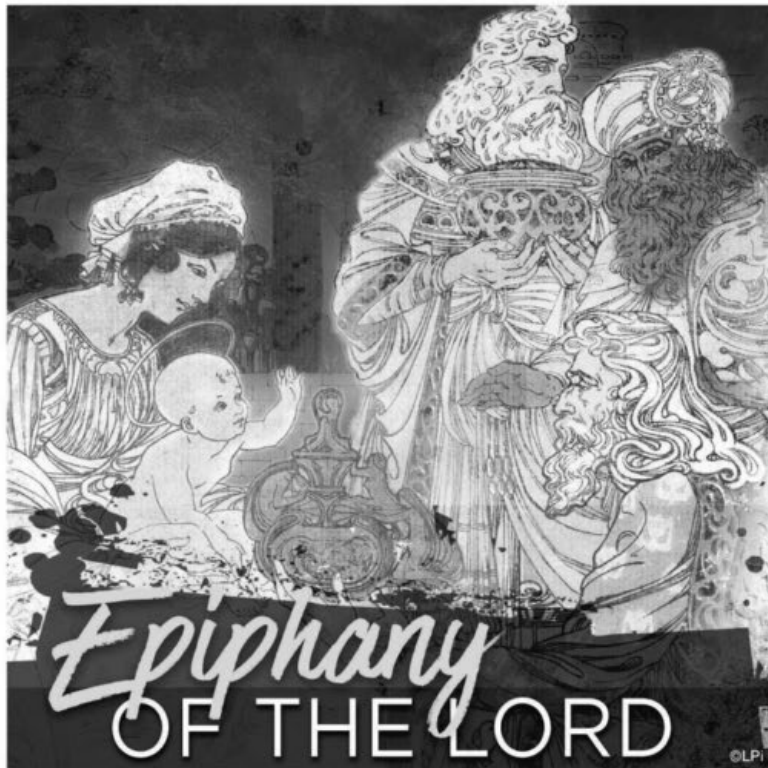
GOSPEL:

"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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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

- Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
- Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
- Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
- Thursday: St. André Bessette, Religious
- Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
- Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord



Saint of the Week

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."

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 ordinary lives extraordinary.

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.

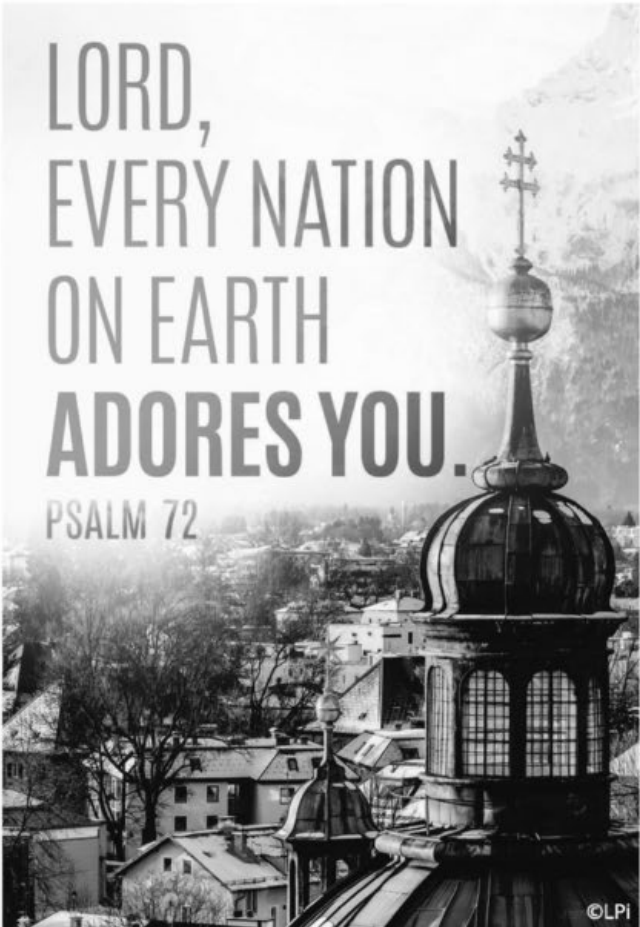
Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHAT HAPPENS TO A CONSECRATED HOST IF IT ACCIDENTALLY FALLS TO THE GROUND?

This is a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled? If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).



LORD,
EVERY NATION
ON EARTH
ADORES YOU.

PSALM 72

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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.

"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."

- Mt 2:6

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HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

The Legionnaires of the Legion of Mary visit care facilities and residents' homes in the Gardner and surrounding areas to distribute Holy Communion outside of Mass. Please contact the Legion with the name and location of anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion. Kathleen Demaree: 913-206-1356, led111539@netscape.net



Kids Corner

READ THE
GOSPEL &
COLOR

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK



The Three Wise Men told Herod about a King being born. Herod was jealous. He did not want another king to be more powerful than he. Herod told them to come back and tell him where the baby was. They thought Herod was truly interested in Jesus. After they gave him their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, an angel warned them, "Go back a different way. Herod wants to kill the baby Jesus."

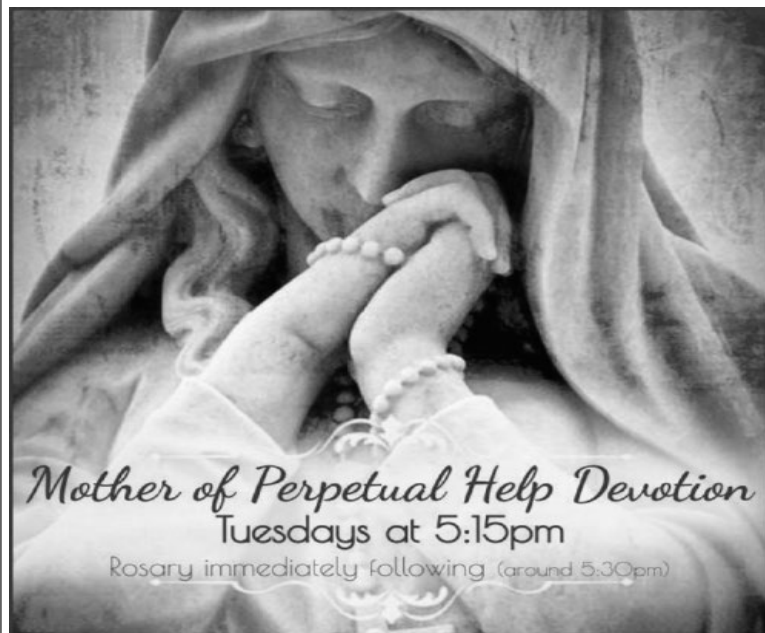
Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

PRAYER

Lord, give me the power to help others, not harm them.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will do three favors to help someone in my family today.



Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion
Tuesdays at 5:15pm
Rosary immediately following (around 5:30pm)

CONGRATULATIONS

to the newest members of the Church!

Andromeda Lynn Silver

Daughter of Amanda & Ronald Silver

Tripp Thomas Tanking

Son of Connor & Jacob Tanking

Baptized

November 7, 2021



**ADORATION
OF THE EUCHARIST**



Tuesday

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Wednesday

10:00 am - 9:00 pm

7:00 - 8:00 pm Family

Holy Hour

Spend time with our Lord

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are so fortunate to offer the amazing gift of Adoration every **Tuesday from 4-7 pm and 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 bb.robinson@yahoo.com or (913) **485-5609** with your name and availability.

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**FIRST FRIDAY
HOLY HOUR
6 - 7 PM**



PARISH EVENTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

4-7pm Adoration

5:15pm Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion

5:30pm Catholic Conversations

6:00pm Mass & evening prayer

6:30pm Into the Deep

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

8:00am Mass & Morning prayer

9am-1pm St. Anne's Sewing Circle

10am-9pm Adoration

10 - 11 am Confession

5pm Legion of Mary meeting

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

7-7:45am Confession

8:00am Mass & Morning prayer

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00am Mass & Morning prayer

8:45am Confession

6pm First Friday Holy Hour

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

3:00-4:00pm Confession

4:30pm Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

6:30am Mass

7:30am Confession

8:00am Mass

9:10-10:20am Class K-8th grade

10:00am Confession

10:30am Mass—Live Stream

11:30am Youth Group



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