

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 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

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

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/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/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/Lk 3:15-

16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30

[1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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

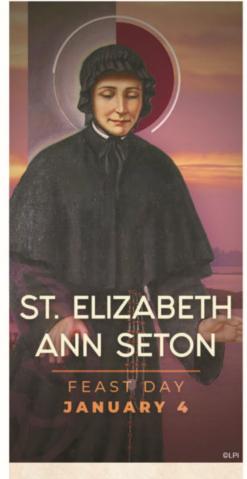
Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

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.



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."

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Donating through a QCD is a good way to avoid paying taxes on the money you withdraw while helping a qualified charity. The money must go directly from the IRA to a charity to ensure the distribution doesn't count toward your taxable income for the year.

Please contact Pat Dold, our SJV Accountant via e-mail at pat@sjvssp.org or call the office on Tuesday/Thursdays between 11:30—2:30pm and speak with him directly to make any changes to your contributions for the new year.

Three Kings Feast ~ Saturday, January 8th ~ 6:30 pm

The Three Kings Feast is an Italian family style feast to support St. John Vianney parish. COVID has hit many parishes financially and St. John Vianney is no different. So, let's come together to raise funds by sharing a feast.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

First of all, let me wish you all a very Happy and Blessed New Year. I pray for each and every one of you, that our merciful Lord bless you with good health and a year filled with joy.

As we begin this New Year, I want to thank you in a very special way for everything you do for our parish, and me personally. A special *Thank you* to all those who sent me personal greetings and gifts. As I am unable to write back to each and every individual, please accept this as my *"Thank you*" to you.

I am really amazed at the way so many of you care for this parish, and come together with your generous support when we need it the most. A few weeks ago, I informed you of the unexpected shortfall in our envelope giving, something that caught all of us by surprise. Right away, many of you stepped in with extra donations of support, and words are not enough to express my gratitude. All I can say is this: May God bless and reward you for generosity and, to quote the words of St. Paul's letter to the Philippians 1:3-4:

"I give thanks to my God each time I think of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you". As we are still in the Christmas season, where we enjoy the generous love of God – sharing His only Son for us, may all of us continue to be generous in our attitude.

As usual, let me conclude with a prayer of blessing which we find in the book of Numbers 6: 24-26 "The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace"!

~Fr. Antony Skaria CFIC.



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| WEDNESDAY | JAN 05 | 8:00 AM | SUSAN WILLENBRING+ |
| THURSDAY | JAN 06 | 8:00 AM | FRANCIS FAMILY |
| FRIDAY | JAN 07 | 8:00 AM | KATIE LODER+ |
| SATURDAY | JAN 08 | 5:00 PM | STAN STARIHA+ |
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