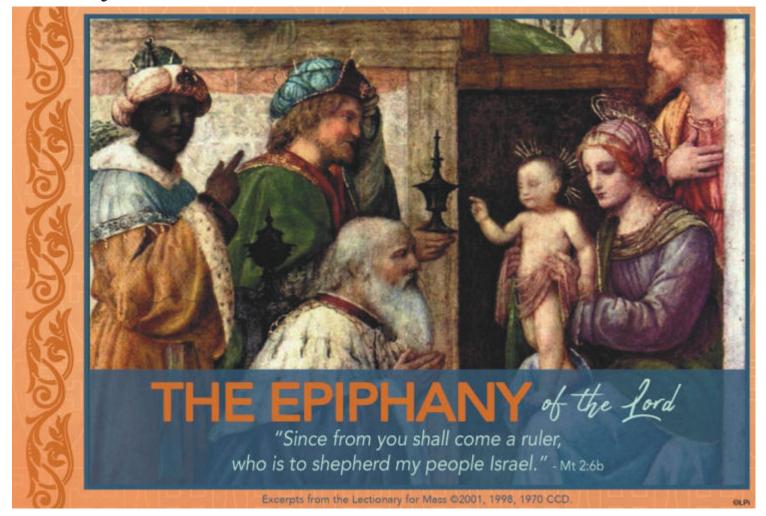
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January 2, 2022

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Sacraments of the Church

Masses: Saturday Vigil – 4:00 p.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. (Creole)

Daily Liturgy: Monday through Wednesday 12:10 p.m. Communion Service Friday 7:00 a.m.

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Infant Baptism: By appointment. Please contact the Rectory to make arrangements.

Inquirers:

Find out what it means to be Catholic while considering Baptism or Confirmation. If you are an adult whom has not received these sacraments and are considering doing so, please call Fr Joe MacCarthy at the Rectory.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 1, 2022

4:00 p.m. Jack Lee,

Arlene & Anne Thompson Memorial

Michael & Agnes Upton,

John, Anna & Thomas Kent Anniversary

Sunday, January 2, 2022

9:00 a.m. Anna Kisich Anniversary

11:00 a.m. Lisa Ireton Levesque

Memorial

Teresa & Salvatore Barba,

Alfonso Barba, Pellagrino Russo Memorial

Monday, January 3, 2022

12:10 p.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

12:10 p.m. Channa Lee Maire Healing

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

12:10 p.m. Arthur Leclerc Anniversary

Saturday, January 8, 2022

4:00 p.m. Helen Galli, Herbert Oliver,

& Caroline Doyle Memorial

Sunday, January 9, 2022

9:00 a.m. Abana Casimir Memorial

11:00 a.m. Chris Cassidy Healing

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Healing Prayer

Lord Jesus heal me. Heal in me whatever you see needs healing. Heal me of whatever might separate me from you. Heal my memory, heal my heart, heal my emotions, heal my spirit, heal my body, heal my soul. Lay your hands gently upon me and heal me through your love for me.

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Our prayers go out to all men and women who are serving our country may God protect them.

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PASTORAL STAFF

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Are you new to the Parish or just visiting

Welcome! Thank you for joining our parish in celebrating Mass. Whether you are visiting, or in the area for studies, or new to the community, please know that we are delighted to have you among us. We would like to meet you. Please say hello to any priest, minister or staff after Mass, or call 617-547-4880 or e-mail info@stjohncambridge.org

We are here to serve you!



NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTON IS FOR OUR FUEL COSTS.

The second collection on the weekend of January 8th & 9th will help us continue our efforts to keep you warm, this very chilly winter season. Thank you in advance for your help in making St. John's a cozy and comfortable place to worship.

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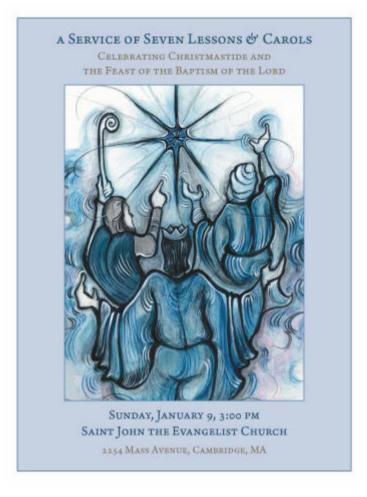
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Weekly Reflection

The readings today stress the importance of light — *Christ's light*. Isaiah states, "upon you the Lord shines." The Magi followed the light of a star that led them to Christ, the Lord, an encounter that changed their lives. Do you believe that the Lord looks upon you and shines forth from you? Has each encounter you have had with Christ brought about a change in you, in your way of living? When you humbly and honestly follow Christ and live in his light, "nations shall walk by your light." People will notice something different about you. So on this Epiphany - let your Christ Light shrine!



Mark Your Calendars!

Here is a quick list of upcoming events at St. John's to help you "mark your calendars"!

January:

• Lessons & Carols-January 9th at 3:00 p.m. Upper Church

Covid Testing Resumes

Covid testing will be available here at St. John's parish hall. Resumed December 1st

No appointment are needed. Walk-in are welcome

Testing: Wednesdays only Time: 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Location: St. John the Evangelist Church 2270 Massachusetts Ave.

The 2022 Calendars have arrived!



If you would like to pick up a free calendar for the 2022 year, they are located at all tables in the back of the Church. Thank you to **Keefe Funeral Homes** for providing these calendars. Enjoy!

Toys For Tots

The Cambridge Fire Department, United States Marine Corps, Caron and I, would like to THANK YOU again for your ongoing generosity and support of our 2021 annual Toys for Tots church donations collected this Christmas.

Since 1947 over 600 million toys have been distributed to support 272 million children bringing them happiness and joy during this wonderful time of year.

God Bless

Merry Christmas

Caron and Bill Courier

From the Pandemic Response Team:

In the light of spiking numbers of new COVID cases and the likely increase in those numbers in the upcoming holiday season, Cardinal Seán is mandating that throughout the archdiocese all people attending public Masses, including weddings and funerals, wear masks. This mandate takes effect the weekend of December 18/19, 2021, and expires on January 17, 2022. Mass celebrants, deacons, readers, servers, choir members, and instrumentalists, should all wear masks except when they are speaking.

Children under the age of five are not required to wear masks. Children under the age of two should not wear masks.

St. Vincent De Paul Boxes

You may have noticed the St. Vincent De Paul Boxes, located near the entrances and information centers of the church. The donations collected in these boxes go to those in our parish community, in need of



services provided by St. Vincent De Paul Society. The St. Vincent De Paul Society of our Parish community is dependent on your generosity to help those in need.

Thank you to all who have humbly, quietly and faithfully contributed to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Your generosity has kept food on tables and heat in homes of those without.

Food Donation



Thank you for your continued donations of nonperishable food items to local food pantries. These donations are ongoing and you can leave your items on the side porch of the rectory at any time.

JANUARY 2, 2022

Pastor's Corner

Given the proximity of the Christmas celebration to the Sunday celebration of Holy Family, the community of the Church did not deem it appropriate to celebrate Mary the Mother of God as a Holy Day of obligation. So, this weekend we celebrate the regular Vigil for the Sunday Mass of the Epiphany on Saturday at 4:00p.m. as well as our regular Sunday Masses for such at 9:00a.m. and 11:00a.m. At the same time it is appropriate to say something about the importance of Mary the Mother of God, both as it pertains to the celebration of the Christmas Season and because it is important relative to the history of Salvation.

The Early Church debated for a while regarding how Mary would be described in relation to the Savior Jesus and how that description would impact what the Church believes about her and about Christ. It was decided finally that Mary would undertake the title of "Godbearer" or, in Greek, "Theotokos", so as to underscore the importance of her humble willingness to accept the will of God and agree to carry Jesus as a Virgin until His birth. This is why the Church celebrates Mary as the Mother of God. She has accepted the responsibility and joy of birthing Jesus out onto the world so that He might, one day, at the appropriate time, carry on with His public ministry and message and accept the will of the Father, that He give His life as a ransom for the many.

Our Sunday celebration of the Epiphany is understood and taught traditionally by the community of the Church as the light of Christ coming into the world as an announcement that He is our awaited Savior and offer of Salvation. The Gospel from Matthew which is proclaimed for the celebration of the Mass describes the familiar story of the wise men, or kings, who came from the East in search of the child to be born. King Herod, of course, had heard of this great light and signal and tried to find out where the child was to be born. He told the magi that they were to go and search for the child and, when found, they were to bring him word of the location. After finding the child and bowing to him, they offered precious gifts and warned of Herod's nefarious plan, so they departed for their countries by another way.

The meaning behind the inclusion of the story in Matthew is to demonstrate to his Jewish audience that the birth of the Christ child trumped even kings and that the king that they sought as a Savior would come in the form of a humble, not a great world leader and not someone of power.

The light of the Epiphany celebration reminds us of the light offered in the moment of our own baptism. The candle which was lit perhaps so many years ago is a strong symbol of the dignity of Christ with which we were gifted and which should grow stronger in our hearts as we walk by the light of faith. May that light, shining brightly in the Christmas Season, shine as well throughout the year as we seek to follow and strengthen our friendship with Jesus Christ. Happy New Year to all in our community and beyond! Thanks and have a great week.

God Bless!

Fr. Joe

Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord, We pray that this New Year will bring us closer to You. May we take the time to get to know You. Help us to truly celebrate the gifts You have graciously given us and use them to serve You and spread Your word, May we also see and love you in all the people we meet, so that in turn, they can see You in us. We know that all human relations take time if they are to grow and deepen. This is also true of our relations with You, the Father and the Holy Spirit, which must grow over the course of our lives. In this New Year, let us realize that every action of ours no matter how great or small enables us to be in touch with You. Amen.



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