

# Catholic Weymouth

Immaculate Conception Parish | 781-337-0380 | Saint Jerome Parish

**Sunday, January 3, 2021**

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## Mass Times

### Immaculate Conception

Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 9:00am  
Tuesday, Thursday 9:00am

### Saint Jerome

Sunday 7:30am, 10:30am and 5:00pm  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00am

### Confessions

Immaculate Conception  
Saturday 3-3:45pm



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE 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."

- Mt 2:1-2

**MASS** *Intentions*



**Saturday, January 2**

Robert E. Curtis

**Sunday, January 3**

Richard Gibbons, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**Tuesday, January 5**

Deceased Members of the Heaney Family

**Thursday, January 7**

Michelle Vail

**Saturday, January 9**

Alice M. Gaughen

**Sunday, January 10**

Scott Lang

Debbie Tanger, 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Elizabeth Leonard, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, January 3**

Paul B. Lawler

Joseph O'Malley

John Tangherlini

**Monday, January 4**

Good Health and Happiness

Mother and Mother in law

**Wednesday, January 6**

Virginia Eibel, Memorial

**Friday, January 8**

Vitalie Paganelli

**Sunday, January 10**

Mary Quinn, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Steve and Louise Cheney, Memorial

Paul B. Lawler



*Pray For...*

*Robert Wilkinson*

*John Wilkinson*

**Memorial Gifts for the Week**

**January 3, 2021**

*The Hosts, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Light  
have been donated in loving remembrance of*

***Richard Gibbons***

***First Anniversary***



*....bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.*

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## The Epiphany: And There Were Four Gifts!



*They prostrated themselves and did him homage.  
Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts  
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Mt 2: 11*

This joyous feast of the Epiphany, during which Christ manifests himself to the entire world, we celebrate the gifts of the Magi as symbolic gifts that we, ourselves, give the Lord.

The Kings were drawn by faith to come before the Christ child with the first gift of Christmas, the gift of homage, of adoration, before the Child who would save mankind. How immensely happy they must have been, having come so far, and then to know they were the first to recognize and present the most important gift of adoration. They taught us on this first Christmas how to be joyful and happy in the Lord's presence. They taught us how to see in a small child the hidden gift of salvation for all peoples. In many ways Jesus is "hidden" in small Tabernacles throughout the world and we must search for Him and know his presence. The Kings taught us how to worship the Lord in those Tabernacles, the new mangers, by seeing

the gift of the Eucharist and to bow our heads and express gratitude that we have been given the great privilege of being in the presence of Christ, just as they were some twenty centuries ago.

As the Kings rose from their knees with lifted hearts, they presented some of the world's gifts to the Blessed Mother and Joseph for their newborn Son. They opened their stores of treasures, as do we each day with our lives, and offered gold, a symbol of royalty. We, like the Kings, recognize that Christ must "reign" in all human activities exercising justice, peace and holiness over all souls. The gift of gold also indicates that we wish to share our material wealth with the Lord, so as to practice detachment from material goods and to put what we have at the service and benefit of others.

As the Kings placed incense before the Holy Family we are reminded that like them, we offer the fragrance of a good Christian life for the glory of God. Incense raises our prayers to God and is a gift of noble worth which gives off the "aroma of Christ" for the one whose actions demonstrate authentic kindness, generosity and love.

Myrrh seems a strange gift to give a child at birth, but in the inspired wisdom of the Kings, it is a most appropriate one for Christ, and for us. Myrrh is often used during difficult times for medicinal purposes and recalls for us the sacrificial nature of Christ's Incarnation, that he came to suffer and die for us, but also the nature of sacrifice in our lives. Sacrifice is a gift we give to one another. Sacrifice is not a dismal or awful thing, sacrifice is closely related to joy, to charity, as when we sacrifice we often make life better in some way for ourselves or others. We gain self-mastery from sacrifice and we allow ourselves to learn what others might need. Sacrificing can be as small as smiling at a person who constantly annoys us or learning to listen better, rather than talking so much. Sacrifice can be extraordinary too when we find ourselves sacrificing complaining through an illness as we unite our sufferings to the cross, and Christ. Myrrh is an extraordinarily strange and wonderful gift.

What joy these Kings must have had as they journeyed home knowing they had presented the first four gifts of Christmas in person to the Savior: their adoration, their gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Happy Feast of the Epiphany and May 2021 be a Holy, Healthy Year for all!  
Mary Ellen Cassani, Adult Formation



## Forming in Faith...

### CATHOLIC WEYMOUTH OFFERS MASS ONLINE AT FACEBOOK.COM

Please go to our website and watch Holy Mass in our own collaborative. Go to [catholicweymouth.org](http://catholicweymouth.org) and click on the **f** (found in the upper right) of the homepage. You do not need to have a facebook account to watch this Mass. If you do have facebook, search for and select Catholic Weymouth, then scroll down and click on the Mass. This Mass live is live streamed alternating weekly between Immaculate Conception and Saint Jerome Parish. This week, January 3, we will live stream from Saint Jerome at 7:30am. You may watch it live at 7:30am or at anytime once the Mass is over.



#### SNOW AND CANCELLATION POLICY

It's that time of year again...time to get ready for winter and snow that will surely accompany it! If Weymouth Public Schools are cancelled, daily Mass, Youth Ministry and all other programs are cancelled. On weekends, if a state of emergency is declared by the governor, weekend Masses, Faith Formation and all other events are cancelled as well. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. Winter in New England. Be Safe! This information will also be posted on our website.

#### Prayer Requests

Do you know of someone we should include in our prayers at our live streamed Mass on Sunday's? Email your requests to [office@catholicweymouth.org](mailto:office@catholicweymouth.org) or call the parish office.



#### Please Take Note as the Weather Changes

In order to increase air circulation in our Churches and to promote good health we will be opening windows and doors and also using fans (Saint Jerome) during all Masses. As the weather changes and becomes more seasonal, we encourage everyone to dress accordingly. As a reminder, and for everyone's safety, please wear your mask so that it covers your nose and mouth completely while you are in the Church. Thank you.

### CATHOLIC WEYMOUTH YOUTH MINISTRY

All are welcome!



Whether you are just starting out on your faith journey, been going to Church your whole life, or if you are just curious what this whole Catholic thing is about, we want you to be a part of our community, just the way you are! Come join us as we grow together in faith and ask big questions!

Follow us for more info or DM us with questions!

Instagram: [@catholicweymouth](https://www.instagram.com/catholicweymouth)

**High School Youth Group:** Sundays 7:30-9:30pm at Immaculate Conception Hackett Center

**Middle School Youth Night:** Thursdays 6:30-8pm at Immaculate Conception Hackett Center

If you have any questions please reach out to me...

Zach your youth minister:

[youthministry@catholicweymouth.org](mailto:youthministry@catholicweymouth.org)

I can't wait to hear from you!

I get the emails like texts so no pressure!

#### ***Financial Stewardship***

##### ***Offertory - December 20, 2020***

*Immaculate Conception: \$4,220    Online: \$834*

*Saint Jerome: \$7,920    Online: \$1,987*

##### ***Offertory - December 27, 2020***

*Immaculate Conception: \$5,642    Online: \$570*

*Saint Jerome: \$2,806    Online: \$1,772*

##### ***Christmas - Clergy Trust***

*Immaculate Conception: \$5,203    Online: \$420*

*Saint Jerome: \$6,604    Online: \$610*

***Sincere Thanks for your Generous Support***



### READINGS: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**First Reading:** 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.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

**Second Reading:** 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.

**Gospel:** 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.

#### FAITH COMMUNITY NURSING - HOPE AND HAPPINESS

One of the feelings millions of us are experiencing during the current pandemic is loneliness. In our combined efforts to stay safe and save lives, our usual ways of seeing family and friends or just familiar faces have been put on hold. If you are not tech savvy, regular phone calls or letter writing are lovely ways to show someone you are thinking of them. Doing good is good for our mental health, so now is a good opportunity to help someone who might be feeling lonely. One idea is to get in touch with someone who lives alone or might not have any close connections to check in on them. A message or a phone call could make a big difference to someone who has been out of touch for a while. If loneliness is holding you, try calling a friend, family member or health professional to talk about your feelings. Consider going for short walks in public places (while keeping six foot distance). As we celebrate the birth of Our Lord, Jesus, it is important that we hold onto the meaning of this blessed event all the more if we cannot mark it in the way we might have in the past with families! While it is natural to want to be with your loved ones in person, ensuring they are as protected as possible from coronavirus may be the greatest gift you can give this year.



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