



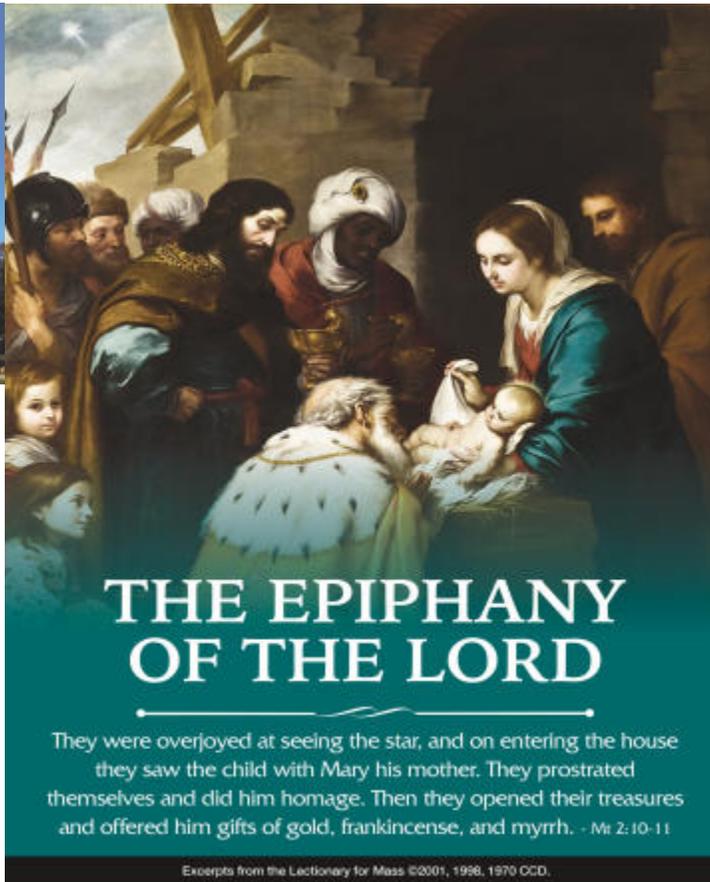
St. Patrick's Parish

82 High Street
Wareham

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil, 4pm
Sunday 8am, 10am, & 12pm
(10am live streamed)

Reconciliation Saturday 8:30-
9am in the Parish Hall or by
appointment



St. Anthony Chapel

35 Gault Road
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Mass Time

Sunday 9am

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Daily Mass Times

St. Patrick's
Daily Mass Monday—Saturday 8am

Mass Scheduling—Currently we are booking masses up to three months in advance. The mass stipend is \$10, preferably due at the time of scheduling your mass. The mass book is now open through April. Please consider having your loved one remembered at St. Patrick's.

Call the Rectory, 508-295-2411, if you have homebound parishioners who would like to receive the Eucharist or the Sacrament of the Sick. **UNDER CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS, We are limited to visits to nursing homes, Tobey Hospital, and parishioner homes unless it is to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. We will continue to say prayers for those we cannot visit.**

Eucharistic Adoration—Eucharistic Adoration is a powerful means of asking our Lord's intercession. Have absolute confidence and trust in the power of His love to bring peace to all. Adoration is **7 days a week, 24 hours a day!** Adoration is in the Prayer Chapel in the basement of the Parish Hall.

Healing Service—Every First Thursday at 6:30pm in the Church.

Are You Registered?—If you do not receive mailings from the parish, it means you are not registered. If you are new, we welcome you! Please stop by the parish office to fill out a registration form! If you have moved, married, or made changes, please notify us so we can make the appropriate changes.

Address Changes—If you have moved or changed your address or phone number for any reason, please notify the Parish Office so our records are updated.

Becoming Catholic (RCIA)—Are you an adult looking to become a Roman Catholic? Or wish to complete your sacraments of initiation? We are happy to accompany you along this faith journey. Please contact Deacon David in the Faith Formation Office at 508-295-0780 or email davidmurphy@stpatrickswareham.org for more information.

Marriage—If you are interested in the Sacrament of Marriage, please contact the Parish Office and speak to Fr. Antonio at least six months prior to the wedding.

Baptism—please contact the Parish Office. Baptisms are held during masses on the third weekend of each month or privately. Any child 7 or older cannot be baptized in the same manner as a baby. This must be addressed at your meeting. Currently due to Covid 19, all baptisms are held outside of mass.

Divorced Ministry—Divorced Support Group meets the third Sunday of every month at 4pm in the Parish Hall.

Mass Intentions

ST. PATRICK: Week of January 3
SAT 4pm Columbia Maglione
SUN 8am For Our Blessing Mother
10am For the People of Our Parish
12pm Cynthia DeLuca
MON 8am Claire Hartnett
TUE 8am Joan Colandrea
WED 8am Constance LaPalme
THU 8am
FRI 8am
SAT 8am
NEXT WEEKEND: Week of January 10
SAT 4pm Richard Haskell
SUN 8am Claire Sylvia
10am For the People of Our Parish
12pm Annie Cardoza
ST. ANTHONY: Week of January 3
SUN 9am Arthur and Rose Gladu
NEXT WEEKEND: Week of January 10
SUN 9am Chad Rusinoski, Sr.

Gospel Reflection for Epiphany

Encourage Deeper Understanding

January 3, 2021

"Where is that thing?" mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. "I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!" Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, "Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear." The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

"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." The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God's tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God's salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God's healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

Stewardship Report

Epiphany—The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?

Sunday, December 27

Cash	\$ Unavailable due
Checks	\$ to early transmission
Mail ins	\$
Total	\$

Prayer

Dear Jesus, as You led the Three Kings to You by the light of a star, please draw us ever closer to You by the light of Faith. Help us to desire You as ardently as they did. Give us the grace to overcome all the obstacles that keep us far from You. May we, like them, have something to give You when we appear before You.
 Amen

Readings for the week of January 3, 2021

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 [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/ Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/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/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11



Mass Guidelines—There are several limitations in place: masks must be worn and there is social distancing in place. Communion will only be given in the hand, gloves removed. A limited amount of people will be allowed in the church to allow for social distancing. If you are not comfortable coming to mass in the church, please stay home. There is a dispensation in place where you are not obligated to attend. The church will be open 20 minutes prior to mass beginning. Please enter by the **front doors** and **exit on the sides**.

Receiving Communion—Please remember that when receiving Communion come to the center aisle ONLY making one single line. Keep your mask on until close to the priest or deacon. The priest will be distributing communion at the Altar (Sanctuary section) and the Deacon by the baptismal font. Do not try to come to communion by the side aisles! After you have received, return to your pew by the side aisles. Mass will continue as normal. To be safe, remember (1)keep your mask on, (2)keep safe distance, (3)avoid crowds and (4)wash hands frequently.

Parish Collection—Collection baskets will remain on the altar and front door. We appreciate your generosity and ask you to place your donation into the basket before you leave the Church. In these difficult economic times, no gift is too small and every gift is sincerely appreciated. Please accept our humble gratitude.

Covid Social Distancing Guidelines—Please remember both before mass, and especially after mass, to not gather by the doors of the church so people can get by—for both inside the church and outside. Also, please do not stand on the altar and talk. Masks should be worn and we need to remember that we MUST social distance so our beautiful church does not have to close due to spikes of Corona Virus.

Online Bereavement Support—Due to Covid 19, live sessions are not allowed. Currently online sessions are offered on Tuesdays, either at 4:30 or 7pm. 4:30pm register in advance for this meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8446121166>; 7pm <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8446121166>. After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing info to join the meeting. One-on-one sessions can be arranged at 508-678-2828 or 508-642-0583 or rsaraiva@dfrcs.org or rosemarysaraiva@gmail.com.

Prayer Shawl—The St. Patrick's Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to prayerfully make shawls and laprobes for the benefit of our parishioners and their loved ones. They are also available for the greater community to comfort those in need and to celebrate joyous occasions. The continuing challenges of 2020 alone are presenting opportunities to offer comfort and hope. Please contact Ann at 774-766-7478 if you or someone you know would benefit from a Prayer Shawl or Prayer Laprobe.

New Covid Restrictions—There are now sign ups in the entrances at all masses. Please sign up for contact tracing in the event someone is positive for Coronavirus. Write your first and last name and phone number and write as clearly as you can. Also, Please **enter via the front doors of the church only**. The only exception to this would be if you need to use the handicap entrance. Please be considerate to all others attending masses! After mass, please exit via the side doors and go directly to your car. Do not stay in the church or near the outside exits and talk making it difficult for people to exit or follow social distancing.

Advent Folders—If you have not already done so and were planning to, please return your Advent Folder as soon as you can. Thank you!

Assessment Collection—Continues on the fourth Sunday of each month. **January 24** is our next collection for the Assessment. Please be as generous as your circumstances allow. Thank you for sharing your treasure.

Sanctuary Lamp—If you would like to have the Sanctuary Candle lit in someone's memory, please contact the parish office.

Live-Streamed Mass—Every Sunday our 10am mass will be live streamed on our Facebook site and on YouTube. To access YouTube, follow this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAgbkRTUAYKJHuZd2AJUfsw> or Search St. Patrick's Wareham Mass and click at logo of St. Patrick Church.

Christmas Flower Memorials

Helen and Charles Lyons, Skehan Family, The Murphy/Loucks Family, Jeanne E. Doherty, F. Kevin Ward, Mary Wilson, Nancy Burke, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. McNearney, Mary E. McNearney, Bruce Asiaf, John Wirth, Bob Hale, Joan Colandrea, Peter eAsiaf, Jr., Dian Asiaf, Rose Nichols, Gerard Schmit, Paul Schmit, Joe Carrabino

The Christmas mailing went out the first full week of December. Unfortunately, there have been many problems with the Post Office and the schedules for masses, along with the flower envelopes, were not received in time for Christmas. Our apologies! All flower memorials will be published as they are received.

Adult Confirmation—Online sessions for those wishing to be confirmed 18 years of age and older begin February 18. A registration fee of \$45 will be payable to the Office of Faith Formation. These sessions are run by the Diocese. All interested should meet with their pastor prior to registering. More information will be provided if you are interested and have registered. Please contact the Parish Office at 508-295-2411.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS—Wise Men See God in the Simple Things—If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which. After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.



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