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OUR VISION

All Saints Parish is a growing community of believers—challenged and supported by the example and prayers of our parish patrons—who glorify God in all that we do.

OUR MISSION

Gathered in community and surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, All Saints Parish seeks to glorify God through strengthening worship, fellowship, service to the poor, and evangelizing the unchurched.

The Parish Vision and Mission Statements were adopted by the All Saints Parish Council on January 28, 2020.

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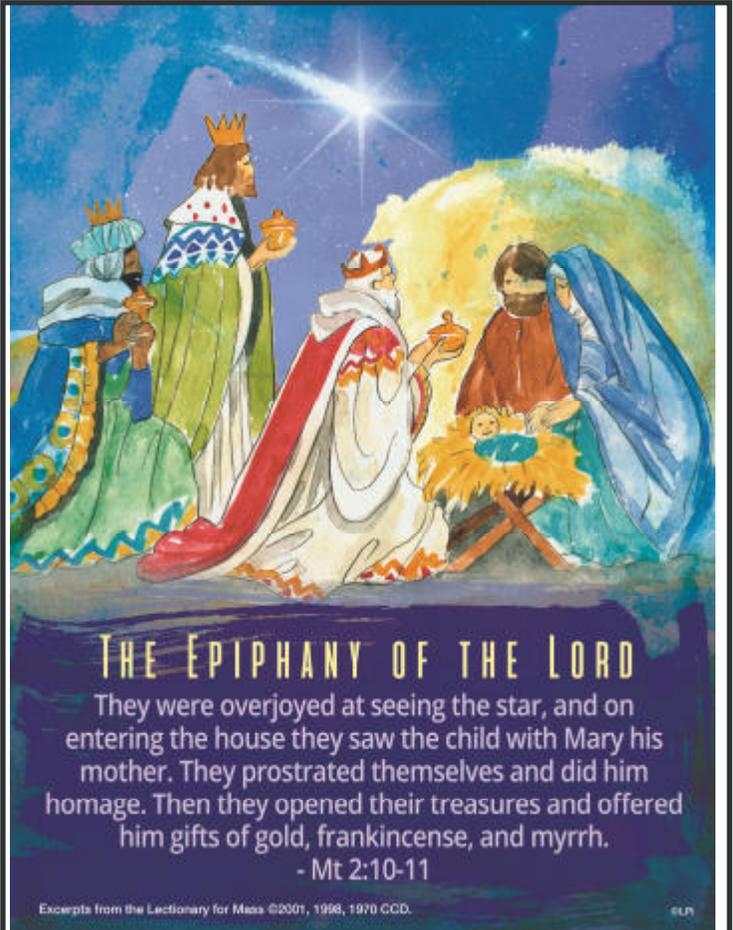
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - 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.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

January 3rd, 2021

From The Pastor

Dear Saint Joseph and All Saints Parishioners:

Pope Francis often says that one of the hallmark characteristics of a Christian is their gratitude, and while Christmas was a little different this year, it still was incredibly beautiful and prayerful. I want to take a moment to thank all who made the celebration of our Lord's birth possible:

At Saint Joseph's: To those who helped decorate our church, especially Erik and Michelle Eckilson, Madeline Gagne, and the team of volunteers; our organist and choir director, Rene Pincince; our cellist, John Kelly; our sacristans, Michael Burke and Matthew Badeau who work so hard "behind the scenes"; our servers, readers and Extraordinary Ministers; our maintenance men, Dennis Gilbert and Andy Cote, who made sure our parking lot was safe and our church was clean; and our office staff who fielded phone calls all week long.

At All Saints: To Sue Trinqué, Alcida Adam, Rhonda Landry, Bob Boisvert, Connie Boisvert, and Cathie Boisvert who decorated the church; Leo and Will Fontaine, our musicians; Melody Albanese-Kelly, our violinist; Christian Larivee, our server and sacristan; our readers and Extraordinary Ministers; and Deb Doris, our Office Manager, who answered the many phone calls and emails that came in this week.

At Saint Charles Borromeo: To Andrew and Zachary Larivee who decorated the church; R.C. MacDonald who provided the beautiful wreaths and flower arrangements in front of the church; our servers and readers from Saint Joseph's who served at the 10 PM Mass with our seminarians; Wayne and Becky Kilcline for their beautiful music that lifted our minds and hearts to God; and to Ronald Lamoureux, our trumpeter.

Lastly, a final word of thanks to Father John Berg, FSSP for asking to use Saint Charles Borromeo Church for a Solemn High Mass at Midnight. Father Berg is the Pastor of Saint Mary's Church in Providence, a parish of our diocese who exclusively celebrates the Latin Mass. Given the current restrictions, Father Berg was concerned with having too many people at St. Mary's and wanted to offer an additional Mass for those "up north." It was incredible to see a full church of young families, to hear beautiful polyphonic Gregorian Chant, and to appreciate the rich and beautiful history of our Roman Catholic faith. I pray I didn't mess up too many times serving as the Subdeacon!

I'm sure this list is not exhaustive and I apologize if I've inadvertently left anyone out but please know how much we appreciate all that you do day-in and day-out. You truly make our parishes incredible and prayerful places to give glory to Almighty God, so thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Peace,

Father Ryan

All Saints Christmas Bazaar

Thank you to all who helped work and who participated in the All Saints Bazaar to make it another success this year. Because of your generosity, we raised over \$4,000 for our parish and the work we do in the City of Woonsocket. Thank you!

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2021

- SUN 1/03** 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
- MON 1/04** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- TUE 1/05** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
- WED 1/06** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
- THR 1/07** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
- FRI 1/08** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
- SAT 1/09** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
- SUN 1/10** 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 INTENTIONS

Saturday January 2nd 5:30pm

Philippe Tardif, *by the family*

Sunday January 3rd 9:30am

Sister Lucie-Anna, *by family*

Saturday January 9th 5:30pm

Vincent Bogan & Bogan Family, *by Kelly Bogan*

Sunday January 10th 9:30am

Roger Bibeault

*If you would like to reschedule a mass intention,
please call the office 762-1100 or email
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WEEKLY BUDGET COLLECTION

December 19/20th Unavailable

Mass Attendance

Weekend of December 19th/20th: Unavailable



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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 generation 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 2:5-6)

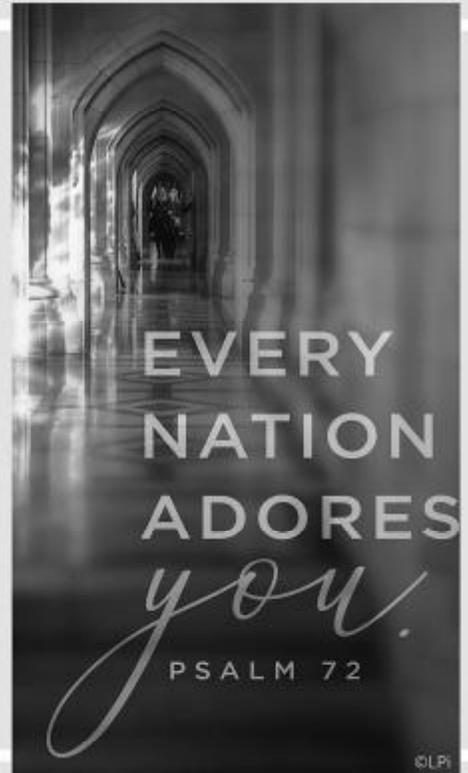
GOSPEL:

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2021

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week
Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Tuesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
Wednesday: St. André Bessette, Religious
Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord



REFLECT

FIRST READING

In late 6th century BC, the prophet Isaiah proclaimed an unimaginable future of glory for Israel in the wake of their return from seventy years of captivity in Babylon. What message of hope does our nation need today?

SECOND READING

Paul speaks of God's "revelation" to include Gentiles as "coheirs" and "copartners" with Jews in the divine promise fulfilled in Christ Jesus. How welcoming are you to those you consider outsiders?

GOSPEL READING

The magi's visit to discover the "newborn king of the Jews" caused great anxiety for the religious leaders of Jerusalem, including King Herod. Why do you think some people are not open to the good news of Jesus Christ?

WELCOME!

No matter what your present status is in the Catholic Church,
No matter your current family or marital status,
No matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, race, or ethnicity,
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We want to share our Roman Catholic way of faith and life in Christ with you!



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Mass Schedule
Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 9:30am

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The parish office will be open Mondays from 8am to 2pm.
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Sunday at 8:30am, 10:30am
6pm mass September thru May only
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
30 minutes before each weekend Mass
Wednesdays from 5pm to 6pm

GOSPEL MEDITATION

January 3, 2021 The Epiphany of the Lord

"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!

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