



## The Epiphany of the Lord January 2, 2022



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### Parish Office

645 Main Street  
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### New Members

If you are new to our parish, please take a moment to register through our parish website or by phone. Welcome!

### Mass Schedule

Monday through Friday at 8am  
Saturday at 4pm  
Sunday at 8am & 10:30am  
Sabbath@Sundown Sunday evening  
Mass at 6pm

### Confessions

Confessions are heard in the Reconciliation Chapel at the rear of the church on Saturdays at 3pm or anytime by appointment. Please note that the chapel accommodates both anonymous and face-to-face confessions.

### Baptisms

Baptisms are typically celebrated at one Sunday Mass per month. Please contact Deacon John Pryor at 401.245.7000, extension 14, for more information. Private baptisms may also be arranged.

### Weddings

Please call the parish office to discuss wedding preparations at least one year in advance of the intended date.

### SMB Mountain Movers

Milly Grieve, *Coordinator of Children's Ministries*  
Email: [smbmountainmovers@gmail.com](mailto:smbmountainmovers@gmail.com)

### SMB Food Pantry

The Food Pantry operates out of the lower church hall and is open on Tuesdays from 3pm to 5pm and on Wednesdays from 9am to 11am.  
Wendy Baker, *Director*  
Phone: 401.245.7000, ext. 19  
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### Parish Outreach

Parishioners and members of the local community in need should contact the rectory for assistance.  
Phone: 401.245.7000, ext. 13

### St. Gabriel's Call

St. Gabriel's Call provides emotional and practical support to families in need, including diapers, baby clothing and much more.  
Barbara Fisher, *Coordinator*  
Phone: 401.245.7000, ext. 20

## Welcome to Saint Mary of the Bay

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, ethnicity or spirituality, no matter your own self-image of holiness or virtue, you are welcome here! You are invited, accepted and respected at Saint Mary of the Bay. We hope to share our Roman Catholic way of faith and life in Christ with you!



# Mass Intentions

## *The Solemnity of the Epiphany*

**Saturday, January 1**

4pm: Jane Ann Dennis

*Requested by Matt and Gigi Deleo*

**Sunday, January 2**

8am: For all parishioners

10:30am: Addie Dallaire, 29th Anniversary

*Requested by children & grandchildren*

## *The Baptism of the Lord*

**Saturday, January 8**

4pm: Joan Rogers, 1st Anniversary

*Requested by her children*

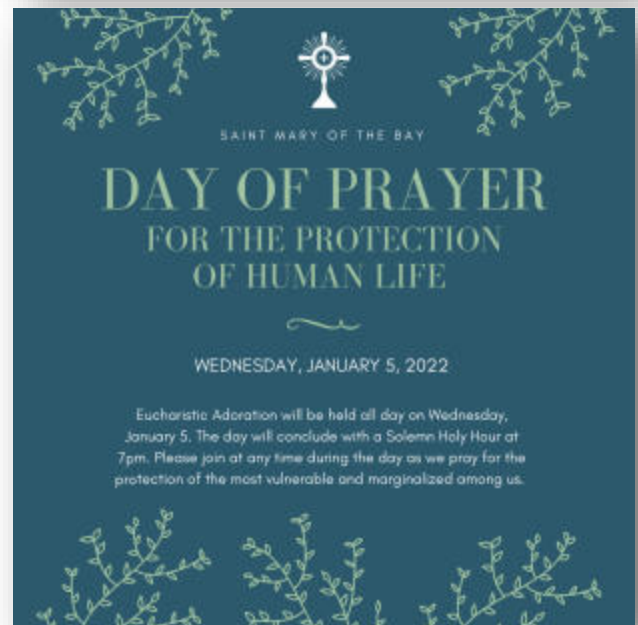
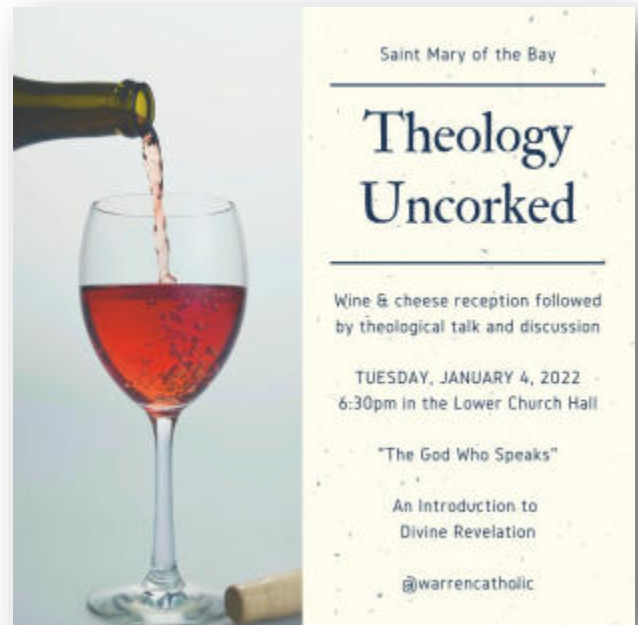
**Sunday, January 9**

8am: Rev. Joseph Santos

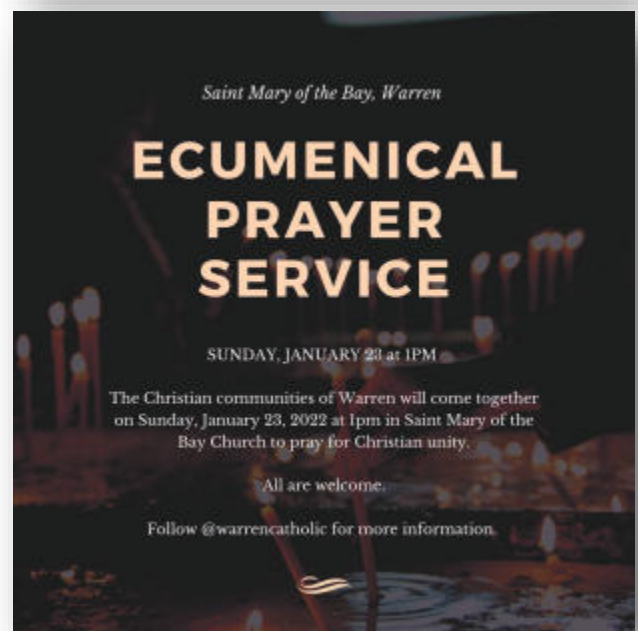
10:30am: Joao DaCamara

*Requested by Filomena & Richard, Elvis & Vanessa*

6pm: For all parishioners



Many, many thanks to all those who contributed to the 2021 Virtual Giving Tree Project! We collected nearly 1,000 gifts for local families! Thank you for your generosity!





# 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 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. (Eph 3:5-6)

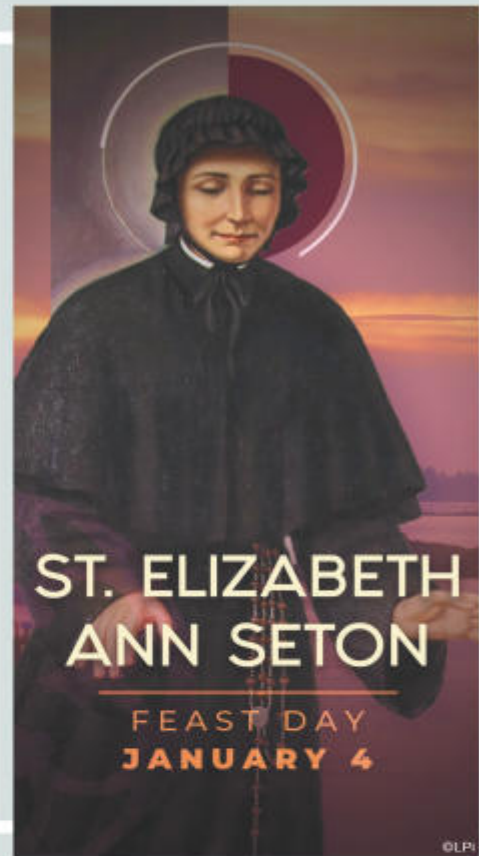
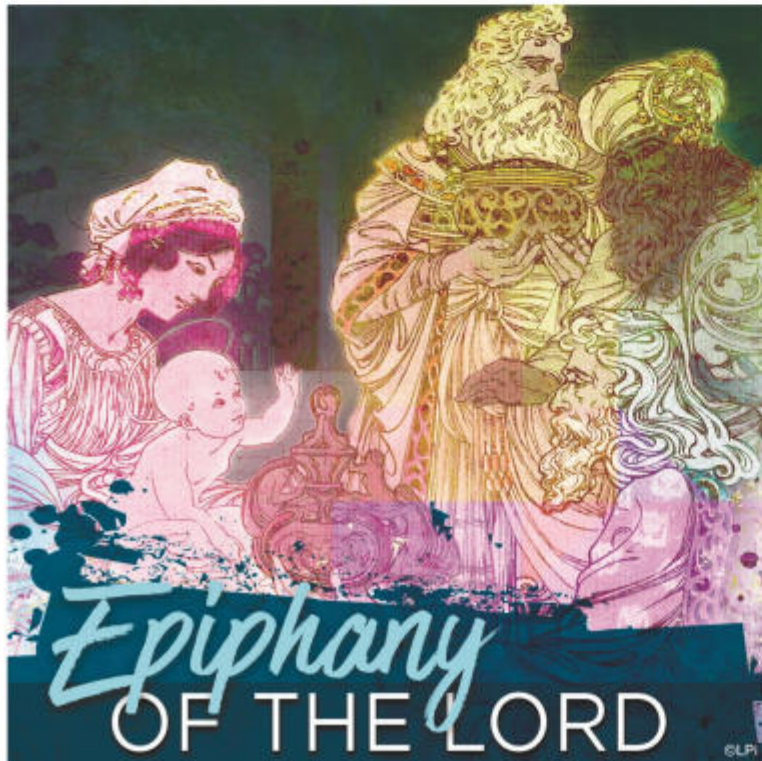
## GOSPEL:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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## 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



## 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."



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can



get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of

mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

*"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."*

- Mt 2:6

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