



The Evangelist



The Weekly Newsletter of St. John the Evangelist Parish



"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." Matthew 2:2
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Our Mission

We are a Roman Catholic Family of Faith that seeks to help one another to love the Lord with all our hearts and our neighbors as ourselves. Our life centers on the Eucharist and the sacramental life of the Church. From these encounters we seek to be Christ's eyes, hands, voice and heart in the world. We warmly welcome visitors and seekers and anyone who is curious about faith, Church and God; we rejoice in the Lord when returning brothers and sisters join us at Table.

To be truly happy, find a way to serve God. ~ Father Tom Frechette

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Welcome to St. John the Evangelist

Mass Schedule

All Masses Live Stream and live attendance

Sundays:

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

4PM Saturday Vigil

Bourne TV's Public Channel 13 (Comcast - 1 week delay)

Saturday: 3:00 PM

Rosary: 7 days a week at 7:30 AM

Sunday: 3:30 PM

Daily Mass:

7:30 AM Monday-Thursday

Live Stream & Archives: <https://www.stjohnspocasset.org/livestream>

Daily Rosary (in-person or live stream): Monday - Thursday 6:50 AM, Friday 7:30 AM

Holy Days: Vigil 4PM; Holy Day: 7:30AM, 7 PM *Check newsletter to confirm times*
New to Our Faith Family? We are blessed you could join us at the Eucharistic Table! It is our hope and prayer that you find a welcoming, faith-filled, spiritual home as you grow in your relationship with God. Stop by the Welcome Center. If you are interested in or curious about any of our offerings and don't know where to begin, a Staff Member will be happy to help.

Welcome Center & Store Hours (508) 563-5887:

Monday - Friday: 9 AM - 1 PM

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Faith Formation Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday: 9:30 AM - 4 PM

Tuesday: 9:30 AM - 6 PM

Sunday: By Appointment

Sacraments

Baptism: Please contact the Welcome Center prior to making any arrangements. Parents and the child will meet with the Deacon. All will be explained and a date will be selected for the Baptism at that meeting.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 2:30-3:00 PM or by appointment.

First Communion & Confirmation: Formation is conducted in a two-year Sacramental preparation program. Contact Deborah for more information. Baptized Adults 18+ seeking Confirmation should contact Father Tom or Deacon John.

Marriage: Congratulations! Please contact the Welcome Center at least six months prior to the intended wedding date.

Sick & Homebound: Contact the Welcome Center to arrange regular visits.

Holy Orders: Please contact Father Tom for more information.

Becoming Catholic: Are you an adult looking to become a Roman Catholic and wish to complete your Sacraments of Initiation? We are happy to accompany you along this faith journey. Contact Father Tom or Deacon John for more information.

Some events may require
prior sign-up.

† Our Parish Calendar †

Check inside for more details
or call the Welcome Center.

COVID-19 protocols: Masks are no longer required but we ask you to respect each individual's decision to wear or not wear a mask in church. Please respect each other's personal space.

If you feel at all under the weather, or if you have been or suspect you have been exposed to COVID-19, for your own health and safety and that of those around you, DO NOT attend Mass or any other church function.

Please note: All church events are Live attendance and live-streamed.

Week of January 2, 2022

Sunday, January 2: Epiphany of the Lord

- **Sunday Mass** 8:00, 10:30 AM

Monday, January 3:

- **Rosary** 6:50 AM
- **Daily Mass** 7:30 AM
- **Walking With Purpose** WC Afternoon 1-2:30 PM
Evening 6:30-8 PM

Tuesday, January 4:

- **Rosary** 6:50 AM
- **Daily Mass** 7:30 AM
- **Lunch Bunch** 12 Noon WC Hall

Wednesday, January 5:

- **Rosary** 6:50 AM
- **Daily Mass** 7:30 AM
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** - 9:30 - 11 - WC Hall
- **Small Group - Schutten** Room 1 10:30-12 Noon

Thursday, January 6:

- **Rosary** 6:50 AM
- **Daily Mass** 7:30 AM
- **Prayers For Priests** Immediately following Mass
- **Seasons of Hope Bereavement** - 10 AM Room 5

Friday, January 7:

- **Rosary** 7:30 AM

Saturday, January 8:

- **SVdP Monthly Meeting** 8:42 AM Rooms 1 & 2
- **Reconciliation** 2:30 - 3 PM
- **Mass:** 4 PM



Week of January 9, 2022

Sunday, January 9: Baptism of the Lord

- **Sunday Mass** 8:00, 10:30 AM

Monday, January 10:

- **Rosary** 6:50 AM
- **Daily Mass** 7:30 AM
- **Walking With Purpose** WC Afternoon 1-2:30 PM
Evening 6:30-8 PM

Tuesday, January 11:

- **Rosary** 6:50 AM
- **Daily Mass** 7:30 AM
- **Lunch Bunch~HOT Lunch** 12 Noon WC Hall

Wednesday, January 12:

- **Rosary** 6:50 AM
- **Daily Mass** 7:30 AM
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** - 9:30 - 11 - WC Hall
- **Small Group - Schutten** Room 1 10:30-12 Noon

Thursday, January 13:

- **Rosary** 6:50 AM
- **Daily Mass** 7:30 AM
- **Prayers For Priests** Immediately following Mass

Friday, January 14:

- **Rosary** 7:30 AM

Saturday, January 15:

- **Reconciliation** 2:30 - 3 PM
- **Mass:** 4 PM



† A Message From Bishop da Cunha †



Diocese of Fall River
Office of the Bishop
Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D.

Bishop da Cunha's 2021 Christmas Message A Season of Opportunity

Dear Friends in Christ,

Opportunity is defined as a set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something. The last two years have presented us with various circumstances, some extremely difficult, with which we can do something beautiful. We can come together and use these moments to breathe fresh hope into our homes, parishes, and world. While the Covid-19 pandemic continues to concern us, and require our caution, I look toward the celebration of Christmas and the New Year that is nearly upon us with expectant hope and faith.

This year, Pope Francis invited the whole Church to join on a two-year journey (2021-2023) to focus on synodality: a decisive theme for the life and mission of the Church. The Holy Spirit is undoubtedly moving in our Diocese. As the theme of my pastoral letter, I chose *Journeying Together: With Jesus on the Path of Faith and Hope*, shortly after Pope Francis announced the synod theme, *For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission*. Synodality asks us to consider: how can the Church better function as the Body of Christ?

The central hope for us embracing this synodal process is for all of us to become part of a caring and listening Church. Journeying together requires a great commitment to listen to the voices of all who make up the People of God. Individually and as a parish, we have an opportunity to embrace the process as a means for growth and creating meaningful connections. First, during this joyous time of holiday gatherings, either in person or virtual, open your heart to truly listen to your friends and family—pay attention to their cares and concerns; what a magnificent way to experience the synodal process in your life. Second, the synod will create opportunities for parishes in their revitalization efforts. What remarkable potential the formal and informal coming together of the People of God presents.

I also look forward with faith and hope to the nationwide Eucharistic Revival set to launch next summer and conclude with a Eucharistic Congress in 2024. I am truly excited as plans are taking shape for this initiative. I can already envision the many blessings these will bring to the Church at large as well as to the Diocese of Fall River. The three years working together to better understand and communicate the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist will bring innumerable graces. I have no doubt hearts will be set aflame, people's faith will be reignited, and souls will grow ever closer to Christ.

During this Christmas season, I pray that we all experience a renewal of faith and hope as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. May our celebrations strengthen us to remain steadfast in our desire to share this Good News with the world. May we see all the good things put into motion this year come to fruition in our lives, our Diocese, and the world. May all answer God's call to be a part of the revitalization and renewal of the Church, through our love, dedication, and perseverance as disciples and witnesses of our Eucharistic Lord.

May God bless you and your loved ones, and may you enjoy a very happy, joyful, blessed and Merry Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.

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† A Note from the (Choir) Loft †

Confessions of a Commitment-phobe By John Brennan

(originally published: 12/26/21)

First I have to confess: A large part of my first vocation (and love) here, the Music Ministry, is to attract and obtain commitment from my Music Ministers (please don't tell them about this confession! I'll never hear the end of it!) It takes commitment and hard work to prepare to sing and play every weekend, and the people we have in the Music Ministry right now are so dedicated to making that happen ~ we are truly blessed!

Second confession (isn't there a booth for this somewhere?) I hate making commitments! I think it may stem from not being a quitter, and therefore having to see through a several week commitment simply because I said 'yes' to the first meeting. It's a curse!

2021 began with introducing a new concept here at St. John's: the Small Group. From the moment I heard it, I said to myself: "No! Not another thing! I can't! I WON'T!" Now in my defense, in addition to my regular duties of preparing the music for every Mass, including Funerals, Weddings, and HoDoOs (Holy Days of Obligation), I also schedule musicians, publish the Newsletter, work with Bourne Comcast Cable Channel 13 to ensure our Masses get on the air and keep the livestream up and running, among lots of other little things; I am also a proud member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and one of the co-leaders of Seasons of Hope, our bereavement group. So maybe now you know why I said "No mas!" As the time drew nearer to the start of our small groups and the excitement around them built, I was swept up in it and joined a group. I have never been so happy to go against my gut instinct. Meeting with my small group has absolutely become one of the highlights of my week and we have all found close friends in each other. I can and have reached out to them in times of need and joy and sorrow: I feel they have my back...it is an indescribable feeling!

As 2021 rolled on, Father Tom came into my office with news of a new men's ministry he was starting: That Man is You! It would meet on Saturday mornings at 6:30 (thank you Thank You THANK YOU to the core leadership group for saying to Fr. Tom, "Father that's just too early!" and moving it to 7 AM (still early, but more doable!) Father subtly asked me to consider being a part of it by saying "You'll be there, right!?" My inner commitment-phobe was screaming into the thought bubble over my head "No NO NO!" but alas...

To my surprise, I like it! The pre-meeting banter during the coffee and breakfast foods section is priceless. I can now put a name with so many men's faces that I knew from Masses and various parish activities, and I know a lot more of their individual stories. The topics are challenging and the small group discussions are emotional and spiritual and engaging. So, I had to give up the ONLY day I did not have to set an alarm in order to be there, but I am so glad I did. I'm looking forward to the next semester and continuing this journey with at least 40 other men, and hopefully more. {*shameless plug: TMIY! begins again January 22 @ 7 AM*}

So what's my point? (I can literally *feel* you asking that question!) As 2022 dawns, I challenge each of you to stand up to your inner commitment-phobe (ICP) and stretch yourself to join in a parish activity or ministry in the coming year. It may be tough. You may have to hold off on binge-watching Netflix for a couple of hours or shift things around to accommodate the time, but it will be so worth it. My faith has grown and I have witnessed it grow in countless others and all we had to do was say 'yes' and show up. Pray on it, then listen to your heart and God's calling, and tell your ICP all will be fine!

† Worship Aid: The Epiphany of the Lord †

NOTE: The Liturgy for the 4 PM Saturday Mass is for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God and can be found on page 55 of the Missalette.

Opening: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies,
With angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb:

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate deity
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"

3. Hail the Heaven-born Prince of Peace
Hail the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"

Christmas Gloria

Response: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

A reading from the Book of The Prophet Isaiah:

Isaiah 60:1-6

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.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

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

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

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.

The Word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

Cantor, then All repeat: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you: **All: And with your spirit**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew:

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 2:1-12

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.

The Gospel of the Lord

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Nicene Creed: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, **(all bow your heads for the next two lines)** and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

† Worship Aid: The Epiphany of the Lord †

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

Prayers of the Faithful

Preparation of Gifts: We Three Kings

1. We three kings of Orient are bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
following yonder star

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, Gold I bring to crown
Him again. King for ever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign **Refrain**

5. Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and
Sacrifice! Alleluia, alleluia! Sounds through the earth & skies

Holy

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are
full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the
highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Mystery of Faith

We proclaim your death O Lord, and profess your
Resurrection, until you come again.

Amen

Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy
kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our
trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world have
mercy, have mercy on us
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world have
mercy, have mercy on us
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world
Grant us, grant us peace

The Prayer of Spiritual Communion

"My Jesus, I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You
sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart,
and allow me to unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen."

Communion Hymn: Child of the Poor/What Child is This

1. Helpless and hungry, lowly, afraid, wrapped in the chill of
midwinter; Comes now, among us He lies, born into
poverty's embrace, new life for the world

Refrain: Who is this, Who lives with the lowly?

Sharing their sorrows, knowing their hunger?

This is Christ revealed to the world in the eyes of a child,
a child of the poor

2. Who is, this stranger? Here in our midst? Looking for
shelter among us? Who is, the outcast? Who do we see
amidst the poor? The children of God?

3. Bring all, the thirsty, all who seek peace; Bring those with
nothing to offer. Strengthen the feeble,
Say to, the frightened heart: "Fear not: here is your God!"

Meditation Hymn: God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

1. God rest you merry gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone
astray

Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

2. From God our Heavenly Father, a blessed Angel came
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name

Refrain

4. Now to the Lord sing praises all you within this place
And with true love and charity each other now embrace!
This holy tide of Christmas is filled with heavenly grace.

Refrain

Closing Hymn: Go, Tell it on the Mountain

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and
everywhere. Go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born

1. While shepherds kept their watching, O'er silent flocks by
night. Behold throughout the heavens

There shone a Holy light **Refrain**

2. The shepherds feared and trembled, When high above
the Earth, rang out the angel chorus,
That hailed our Savior's birth **Refrain**

4. Down in a lowly manger, the humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn **R**

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† Points to Ponder †

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

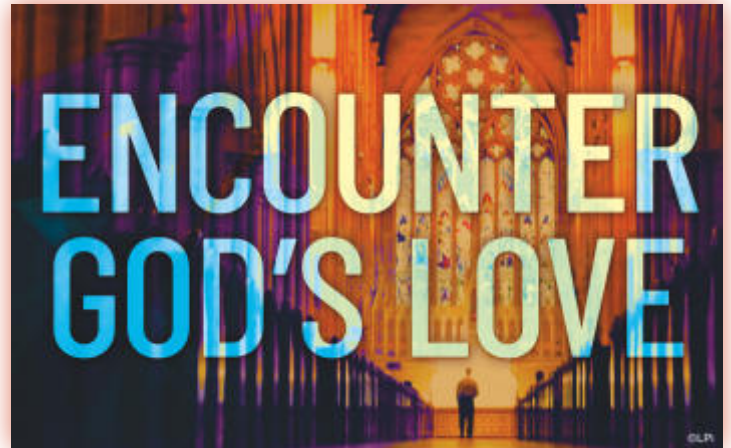
January 2, 2022 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

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.

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(aaaand...Dance by) The Light of the Moon!

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



† Take Five for Faith †



Sunday, January 2, 2022

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The sanctity of home

"Home is where the heart is" is an ancient proverb. Many folks find their deepest level of satisfaction and fulfillment in family life. But home is also where the hearth is: the place to which we come in from the cold to restore ourselves, where we put up our feet, sigh, and relax. Our homes are sacred to us; why not commend them to God? On Epiphany, we're invited to gather with our loved ones to bless the door, walls, and table of our dwelling. Compose your own blessing together or visit the USCCB's Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany for the rite of home blessing.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12 (20).

Monday, January 3, 2022

MEMORIAL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Initial reflections

Do you have anything monogrammed with your initials, perhaps towels or clothing? While monogramming is decorative, it also marks your belongings as yours. Jesus has a monogram too: "IHS," which stands for the first three letters of the Greek spelling of the name of Jesus. Later the monogram was associated with the Latin phrase Iesus Hominum Salvator (Jesus Humankind's Savior). There is power in the very name of Jesus and so Catholics venerate it. Perhaps you've seen this monogram on altars or vestments. Jesuits use the IHS monogram as the emblem of their society. You can bear his monogram too—by calling on his name and showing to the world that you belong to him.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25 (212).

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS

Fed by the bread of life

Raised Episcopalian, Elizabeth Ann Seton knew about Jesus multiplying loaves. On Sundays, she was a devout communicant at historic Trinity Church on Wall Street. But it wasn't until Elizabeth went to Italy with her children and husband in 1803, attending Mass with Catholic friends, that she was drawn to the Real Presence in the Eucharist. "How happy would we be, if we believed what these dear souls believe," she wrote, "that they possess God in the sacrament, and that He remains in their churches and is carried to them when they are sick!" In honor of Mother Seton, the first U.S.-born saint, resolve to receive Communion more often this year.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44 (213).

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

MEMORIAL OF JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP

Get to know your neighbors

Today we celebrate the feast of Saint John Neuman, the first Redemptorist priest ordained in the United States and the first male U.S. citizen named a saint. Neumann, who emigrated to the United States from Bohemia as a young man desirous of being a missionary, is revered for his tireless work among immigrants in the Northeast. He had a talent for understanding people and knowing what would bring them peace and comfort. Seek to emulate this holy man, who one of his fellow bishops observed, "had a solution for every question posed," and an "unruffled composure, which betokened deep humility and perfect self-control. I always regarded him as a saint."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52 (214).

Thursday, January 6, 2022

MEMORIAL OF ANDRÉ BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS

The comeback kid of Québec

Saint André Bessette's remarkable life began when he was born into poverty in 1845. Orphaned by age 12, considered a failure in school, he practiced unskilled trades until his pastor encouraged him to join the Congregation of the Holy Cross. The congregation reluctantly admitted him, concerned about his frail health. Brother André defied expectations, living to age 91 and becoming famous throughout Québec for the many healings people experienced after visiting him in his role as a humble doorkeeper. Why not ask Brother André for his intercession, be it for mental, spiritual, relational, or physical healing?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 4:19—5:4; Luke 4:14-22 (215).

Friday, January 7, 2022

MEMORIAL OF RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT, PRIEST

Make straight your path

Through its long history, the church has been careful to make a distinction between the canons, or rules, of the church and the laws of the state. The canons, from the Greek kanon for "straight," were meant to guide Catholics toward the mission of the church—to keep them on the straight and narrow of faith, so to speak. There are 1,752 canons, many that pertain to all of us. For example, Canon 210: "All the Christian faithful must direct their efforts to lead a holy life and to promote the growth of the church and its continual sanctification, according to their own condition." In honor of the patron saint of canon lawyers, Saint Raymond of Peñafort, do your best to follow the rules of the church and give witness to God's saving love.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16 (216).

Saturday, January 8, 2022

SATURDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Increasing Christ

Tomorrow, the Baptism of the Lord, marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. The days, dates, and seasons of the church's liturgical calendar focus the whole People of God on the same celebrations. During Advent we prepare. In Christmas we welcome. Lent is a time of reflection and repentance. Easter is new life. In Ordinary Time we celebrate the ongoing effects of God's grace. So when "Silent Night" or "We Three Kings" is sung throughout the world, the air fills with the grace generated by God in our hearts. Sing a Christmas hymn today and know that the stars are singing with you.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30 (217).

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

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† Pray for our Family of Faith †

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 Peggy Black
 Margaret May & Mac Borden
 Stacey Bowen
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 Matthew Conlon
 Elizabeth Coyle
 Corrinne A. DeMoss
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 Sylvia Embrescia
 Dorothy Emmons
 Paul Fahey
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 John Gordon
 Jan Guerriere
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 Alfred Hoffmeister
 Toots Holden
 Betty Kelley
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 Monica Layton
 Paul Leary
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 Cornelius "Neil" Maher
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 Paul Medeiros
 Marie Mosher
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 John O'Neil
 Alyson Bowers Perez
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Monday, January 3

7:30 AM Richard
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Tuesday, January 4

7:30 AM Joseph Laperle

Wednesday, January 5

7:30 AM Keith Ellis

Thursday, January 6

7:30 AM Rita Soulia

Saturday, January 8

4:00 PM Adam Chalker

Sunday, January 9

8:00 AM Matthew Murray
 10:30 AM Josephine
 Carlson

Monday, January 10

7:30 AM Adam Chalker

Tuesday, January 11

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Saturday, January 14

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