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## MASS SCHEDULE

MON-THUR 9:00AM	SUNDAY   8:30AM & 10:30AM	RECONCILIATION SATURDAY 3:30-4:15PM
SATURDAY (VIGIL) 4:30PM	HOLY DAYS 9:00AM & 7:00PM	ADORATION WEDNESDAY 3:00-6:00PM

## 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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11:00am-2:00pm

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday 1/1 | The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

9:00am: Mass for the people

**Sunday 1/2 | Epiphany of the Lord**

8:30am: Mass for the people

**Saturday 1/8**

4:30pm: Anniv 14: Barbara Lohman | Requested by  
Margaret Lohman Family

Mem: Richard Falcetti, Sr. | Anniv 8: Daniel Falcetti

Requested by Ria Garriepy

**Sunday 1/9 | Baptism of the Lord**

8:30am: Mass for the people

10:30am: Mem: Jesse Lee Brigham | Requested by Family

## SACRAMENTS

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN:** Parents wishing to have their child baptized should contact the parish office. Prior to the actual celebration of the sacrament there is a catechesis for parents on the meaning of baptism and Christian parenting.

**SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION FOR ADULTS:** Adults seeking to be baptized as well as those already baptized (in both Catholic & non-Catholic communities) who seek to be confirmed and to receive Holy Communion, are invited to join with others in exploring our Catholic faith. Please contact the parish office.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Couples intending to marry should contact the parish priest at least six months prior to the intended wedding date.

**HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND:** We are eager to bring Holy Communion to those unable to come to church. The priest, deacon and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion will assure that the Eucharist is brought to homes of those wishing to receive it.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Those experiencing serious illness should contact the parish office or speak with the parish priest as soon as possible.

HEAVENLY FATHER,  
WE PRAY FOR...

+ We join our hearts in prayer for a greater respect for human life and for the dignity of every human being,

+ We pray for respectful dialogue and reconciliation between diverse communities.

+ We pray for cooperation between nations in caring for our fragile earth.

+ We pray for communities and schools beset by violence.

+ We pray for all those who are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

+ We pray for those for whom the holiday season is difficult or painful.

+ We pray for those whose lives have been overwhelmed by storms and disasters.

+ We pray that our continuing celebration of the Christmas Season will be a time for the renewal of minds and hearts.

+ We pray for those awaiting the birth or the adoption of a child.

+ **Pope Francis' personal prayer intention for the month of January: For the human family-We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution. May their dignity be affirmed and their rights upheld.**

+ We pray for all who are sick or recovering from injury, illness or surgery, especially, Deacon John Barton and Father Thirbuse Millott.

+ We pray for those who have died, especially Father George Riddick. May they find peace with God.

## 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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## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Order of Mass begins on page 3 of the Breaking  
Bread hymnal. The texts of the scripture readings are  
found on Page 57 of the hymnal.

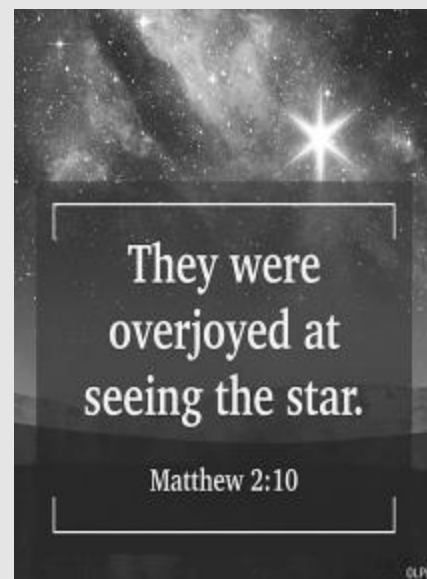
**Entrance:** As With Gladness Men of Old #105

**Offertory:** We Three Kings #107

**Communion:** The First Noel #108

**Meditation:** Of The Father's Love Begotten #84

**Recessional:** What Star is This #109



## TODAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Today we continue our celebration of Christmas as the church celebrates the Epiphany of the Lord. The word **Epiphany** means "appearance," "revelation" and "manifestation." On this day we contemplate the mystery of God who revealed himself as a tiny child and yet who is the "Light of the World." This Epiphany is one of the most ancient feasts of the Christian calendar. In the Eastern Orthodox churches and in many parts of the Middle East and Eastern Europe it is celebrated with greater festivity than Christmas. The Magi described in today's gospel were astrologers. They observed an unusual astronomical phenomenon and were seeking out the meaning of the event. They journeyed for a newborn "king" they did not yet know. They were open to where the journey might lead. Eventually, they discovered the Savior.

The story is very much about our life's journey and our faith, God's manifestation of himself to us, and our response through the sharing and offering of our gifts. As we begin 2022, we might reflect upon our life together as a parish during tumultuous times: *"How has God been leading us over the past year? Where do we see the light of Christ shining in our parish community during this extraordinary year? How might we be called to open our treasures in 2022? What gifts are we being called to share? Has our "distancing led us to discover new insights and "treasures?"*

The journey of the Magi is one we are all called to embrace. May the light of Christ beckon us to new discoveries into God's love along life's pilgrimage.

PARISH  
ANNOUNCEMENTS



GET INVOLVED



OLGC PRAYER LINE

Those who wish to have their intentions remembered in prayer or want to join our prayer line can contact Renate Isbell at 508.835.3286 or submit a request directly through the parish website.

LECTOR & SERVER

Prayerfully consider joining our Lector or Altar Server ministries. Contact Deacon Mick or Deacon Scott for more details!

HOPE FOR HOUSING

Become a part of our Hope for Housing food card selling team! Volunteers sell food cards 1-2 times monthly after weekend masses to benefit families in need! Contact the parish office for more details.

WINTER WEATHER POLICY

As we enter into the winter months, we offer this reminder regarding winter weather and weekday Masses: **In the event of severe winter weather, if the West Boylston public school classes are canceled or delayed, the 9:00 am is canceled. The cancelation of daily Mass and of Eucharistic Adoration will also be communicated by means of Facebook and Flocknote emails.** When the weather is bad, it is important to remain safe at home and allow the snow removal crews to do their work. Please share this information with others. *Thank you.*

THANK YOU!

Please accept my deep appreciation and gratitude for the many cards, letters and gifts of food and wine that I received from so many parishioners during the Christmas season. Your goodness is a blessing. It is a privilege to be a part of such a warm and caring parish community.

*Thank you! Merci beaucoup!*

*Father Steven Labaire*

LITURGICAL ROLES: LORD'S DAY MASSES

SATURDAY 1/8 4:30PM

**PRIEST** | FR. STEVEN LABAIRE  
**DEACON** | MICK BECK  
**ACOLYTES** | BARB MARD &  
STEVE MUSCENTE  
**LECTOR** | PHIL MALLETT

SUNDAY 1/9 | 8:30AM

**PRIEST** | FR. STEVEN LABAIRE  
**ACOLYTES** | SHIRLEY PUKAITE  
& KAREN HENNESSY  
**LECTOR** | WAYNE TUPPER

SUNDAY 1/9 | 10:30AM

**PRIEST** | FR. STEVEN LABAIRE  
**DEACON** | SCOTT CAMILLERI  
**ACOLYTES** | DAVE KING &  
BARBARA REYNOLDS  
**LECTOR** | DEB PULEO

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

**Week of Sunday December 26, 2021**

- ⇒ Parish Offertory Income: \$ 4541.50
- ⇒ Electronic Giving Income: \$1087.50
- ⇒ Parish Expenses Paid (for week of 12/19): \$4,334.86

So that we may maintain our parish finances during these challenging times, consider mailing offertory envelopes to: Our Lady of Good Counsel, 111 Worcester St. W. Boylston, MA 01583. Also consider our convenient online giving option, refer to our parish website or call the office for more details on how to enroll. Thank you!





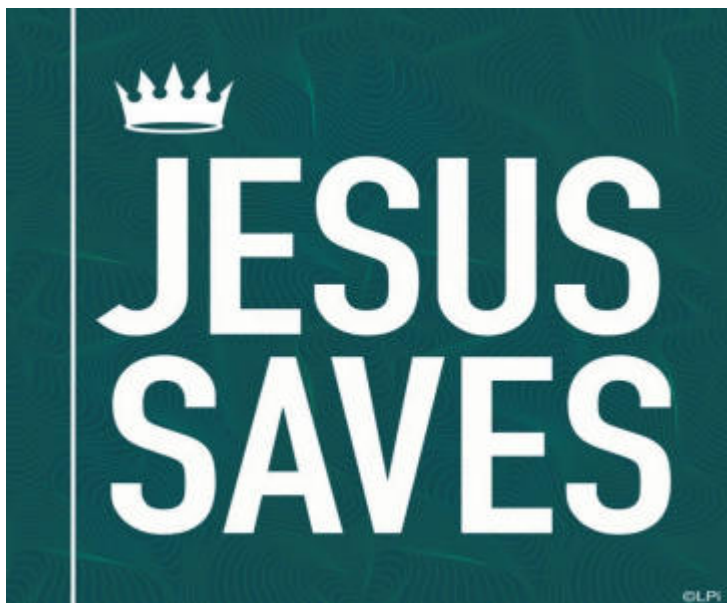
## CONTINUING OUR CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

Saint Augustine said that **"God became human so that humans might become more like God."**

What an amazing thing to say! But it goes right to the heart of what we celebrate during the Christmas season. Through the mystery of the Incarnation, we share in Christ because Christ shares in us—a marvelous exchange. It is our faith that this exchange continues. God becomes human so that humans might become more like God, right now. Today. Sometimes we hear people say that Christmas is Jesus' birthday. But this is only partly true. A birthday is a celebration of a past event. Christmas is the celebration of what is happening now. When we sing and pray, "Christ is born, today" *we really mean it!* Through the grace given to us in the waters of Baptism, Christ is taking on our flesh, working through us to continue his work through time and space. Christ is being born within us and using our voices, eyes, ears, hands and hearts. What happened in Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago continues *through us*.

As the First Letter of Saint John proclaims: *"You may be sure that everyone who does right has been born of Christ. See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God."*

Christmas is God's embrace of our world. May our lives extend that embrace!



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