



THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b*

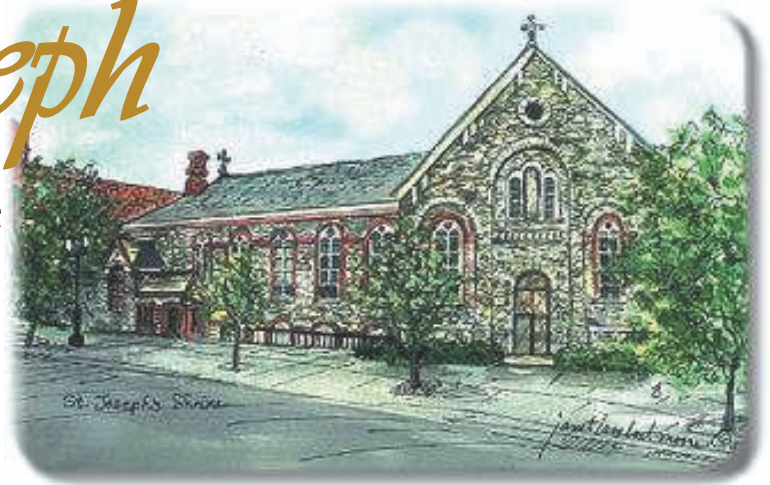
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St. Joseph

The Worker Shrine

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Saint Joseph the Worker Shrine is a place of prayer, reflection, and social action undertaken in the spirit of Jesus Christ and Saint Eugene de Mazenod, founder of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Our mission is based on Matthew 11:28,

“Come to me, all you who labor and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.”

St. Joseph the Worker Shrine is a ministry of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, United States Province.

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Weekdays: 8 AM, 12 Noon & 5:30 PM
Saturday: 8 AM, 12 Noon, & 4 PM
Sunday at 8 AM, 10 AM, & 12 Noon

Confessions:

Weekdays: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 4:30 - 5:15 PM
Saturday: 10 AM - 1 PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturdays and each First Friday after the noon Mass (approx. 12:45 PM) and ending with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament before the evening Mass.

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Mass Intentions

January 1- January 9, 2022

- Saturday January 1, 2022**
 8:00 Rene J. Bedard - deceased
 12:00 Rojas Family
- Sunday January 2, 2022**
 8:00 Alba Rojas - deceased
 10:00 Christy Nuñez - living
 12:00 Alba Rojas - deceased
- Monday January 3, 2022**
 8:00 Debbie Leighton - living
 12:00 Gerardo Hugonnett - living
 5:30 Fr. Tony O'Connor OMI - 1st anniv. deceased
- Tuesday January 4, 2022**
 8:00 Fr. Roy Shipes OMI - 1st anniv. deceased
 12:00 Fr. Francis Hill OMI - deceased
 5:30 Fr. Ronald Barton OMI - deceased
- Wednesday January 5, 2022**
 8:00 Jack Kerovac - deceased
 12:00 Shrine Benefactors
 5:30 Fr. Terry O'Connell OMI - deceased
- Thursday January 6, 2022**
 8:00 Kathy Forgues - deceased
 12:00 Andrea Carroll - living
 5:30 Mary E. Mochen
- Friday January 7, 2022**
 8:00 Fr. Terry O'Connell OMI - deceased
 12:00 Shannon Lally - living
 5:30 Jeanne M. LeLacheur
- Saturday January 8, 2022**
 8:00 Annamay Conserva - deceased
 12:00 John Cole - deceased
 4:00 St. Josephine Bakhita
- Sunday January 9, 2022**
 8:00 George & Marguerite Dziczek
 10:00 Thomas Hardy & Louise Park
 12:00 Jesus Heli Hernandez

This Wednesday, and on the first Wednesday of every month, additional Confessions will be heard from 7 to 8 PM.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Thank you for your contributions!
 We appreciate your generous support of St. Joseph the Worker Shrine, and the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

Week Ending	December 19, 2022
Weekend Total:	\$2,580.38
Weekday Total:	\$966.45
Total Offertory:	\$3,546.83
We-Share Total:	\$600.00

Music For Sunday, January 2, 2022

CHOIR 8AM.

Entrance #107 We Three Kings
 Offertory #105 As With Gladness Men of Old
 Communion #108 The First Nowell
 Sending Forth #101 The Snow Lay on the Ground

4PM/10AM/12PM

Entrance #107 We Three Kings
 Offertory #109 What Star is This
 Communion # 108 The First Nowell
 #87 O Little Town of Bethlehem
 Sending Forth #104 Angels, From the Realms of Glory

Readings for the week of January 2, 2022

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/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1Jn5:14-21/Ps149:1-2, 3-4, 5and 6a and 9b/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/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Epiphany Proclamation 2022

Know, dear brethren, (brothers and sisters) that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the Second day of March will fall Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the Seventeenth day of April you will celebrate with Joy Easter Day, the feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the Twenty-sixth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the Fifth day of June, the feast of Pentecost.

On the Nineteenth day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the Twenty-seventh day of November, the First Sunday of Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever.

Amen.



**St. Joseph most prudent,
Pray for us!**

- Litany of St. Joseph



**Pope Francis'
January prayer
intention is for human
fraternity.**

We pray for all those who suffer from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



As Bishop of Marseilles you dedicated all your energies to being a loving father to your flock, with a special insistence on mirroring the Saviour's love for the poor and most abandoned.

St. Eugene, guide us to the Savior in our time of need.

- Litany of St. Eugene de Mazenod

Epiphany House Blessing

Bless, O Lord, almighty God, this home so that in it there may be health, chastity, victorious strength, humility, goodness and mildness, obedience to God's laws, and acts of thanks to God the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. May this Blessing remain upon this house, and upon all who dwell in it. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.



Hunger Takes No Vacation

The Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities Food Pantry helps all of us to fulfill the gospel mandate to feed the hungry (see Matthew 25). The pantry provides food to more than 600 needy individuals and families every month. To sustain this ministry that so many people count on, the MVCC Food Pantry needs our help and participation. Please pray for the poor, hungry, and sick in our midst and consider the following actions:



- * Place **any of these items** in our Gift Shop lobby: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Pasta, cereals, rice, beans, coffee, teas and canned goods such as: Soup, Tuna, Sauce, Fruits and Vegetables. Please be mindful of 'Best By' dates.
- * Become a **pantry volunteer**. There are a variety of ways you can help. Call the Food Pantry at 978-454-9946 to get more information or to sign up as a volunteer.

Thank you to all who generously gave to the Shrine Christmas collection. This offering is to help the many Oblates who reside at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Residence in Tewksbury.

These men have served the Lord - many at the Shrine or in the Lowell area - and are now retired or are infirmed. Please remember also to pray for vocations.



From the Director's Desk



January 2, 2022

Charles Peguy (1873-1914) wrote poems. He was from France. One of his poems was on God's amazement.

Men's faith does not amaze me-God says-it is not surprising.

I shine so in my creation that, not to see me, these poor people would have to be blind.

Men's charity does not amaze me.

It is not surprising: these poor creatures are so unhappy that if they do not have hearts of stone, they cannot but feel love for one another.

But hope: that is what amazes me!

Hope amazes God. Remember when He asked Abraham to kill his son, Isaac. Abraham could not believe what the Lord was asking. Nevertheless, Abraham never lost his hope in God. God was amazed. When David stood before Goliath. David had 5 stones! He needed only 1 to flatten the giant.

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear. Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet will I be confident.

Peguy pities those who have no hope. Judas made a big mistake when he betrayed Christ. He made a bigger mistake when he lost all hope and took his life.

Happy feast of the Epiphany! God reveals his Son to all nations. Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar brought Jesus gifts. They also brought to him the sins of their people. The wise men laid gifts and iniquities before the new born king. In 33 years, his Precious Blood will cover the sins.

Our sins become gold, frankincense and myrrh if they are given to God, to afford him the consolation of forgiving them. The sins of three of Our Lord's ancestors should have been cancelled. Their names are in Jesus' genealogy. *Rahab* was a courtesan. *Tamar* bore a son by her own father-in law. *Bathsheba* committed adultery with David.

If Jesus had such sinners in his lineage, we can hope! Jesus cancelled their sins on the Cross. There, he cancelled our sins. Along with Peguy, we will amaze God with our hope.

I remember you at Mass.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY

OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

A blessed and happy Epiphany to you all.

The Epiphany of our Lord was, in the ancient church, a day that was set aside to commemorate not only the visitation of the Magi, but the Lord's



Baptism, and his first miracle.

The season of Epiphany was developed to offer separate meditation and reflection on each of these events in our Lord's ministry, so on this day, the focus is on the visit of the Magi.

The Gospel tells us of the magi from the east who, following the star, come to Bethlehem in search of "a ruler, who is to shepherd my people to Israel."

Upon seeing the baby, Jesus, they prostrate themselves and offer the finest gifts. By their actions, they acknowledge this special Child and leave their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Thus, we pray today:

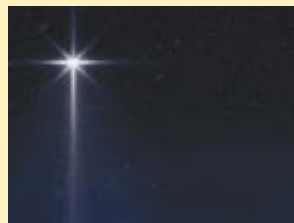
O God, by the leading of a star, You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, now and forever.

Amen.

From: catholicculture.org

Epiphany Prayer

O God, who did this day reveal your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles by the leading of a star; mercifully grant that we who know you now by faith, may be brought to the contemplation of your majesty.



The Roman Missal (Collect for the Epiphany)

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