



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES | ST. JOSEPH'S

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekdays** Our Lady of Lourdes:  
Tue. 12 PM, Wed. - Fri. 8 AM

### Saturdays

Our Lady of Lourdes: 4 PM  
St. Joseph's (Memorial - Labor Day) 5:30 PM

### Sundays

Our Lady of Lourdes: 8 AM

### PHONE LISTING

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### PARISH STAFF

Rev. John B. MacKenzie	Pastor
Jeannie Garcia	Religious Ed. Coord.
Ellen Barbasso	Secretary

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8 AM - 12 PM

### RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Our Lady of Lourdes  
Saturday 3 PM

### BAPTISM

Families must be registered parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes or St. Joseph's. Please call the rectory for arrangements.

### MARRIAGE

Couples must contact the rectory at least six months before intended date to fulfill preparation requirements.

#### Mission Statement

We the faith community of Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Joseph, strive to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ through the Catholic Tradition. We are called by Baptism to proclaim the Good News using our time, talent, and treasure. We aim to grow in our relationship with God through our worship, education, service, fellowship, and by loving our neighbor.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, January 2

8:00 AM Intentions of Our Lady of Fatima OL  
 4:00 PM Maureen Patricia Horan by Terri Horan OL  
 5:30 PM No Mass

### Sunday, January 3

8:00 AM For Our Parishioners OL  
 10:00 AM Roland Lambert by Rita Lambert SJ

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, 12 noon OLOL  
 Wed., Thurs., Fri., 8 am OLOL

Monday January 4 No Mass  
 Tuesday January 5 David Miner  
 Wednesday January 6 Donor's Intentions  
 Thursday January 7 Intentions of Myra & Camille  
 Broussard  
 Friday January 8 Irene Riel

### Saturday, January 9

4:00 PM Alice Lunde by Theresa & Philip Sabbia OL  
 5:30 PM No Mass

### Sunday, January 10

8:00 AM For Our Parishioners OL  
 10:00 AM Don Madore by Goan Family SJ

Lay Ministries	January 2/3	January 9/10
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>		
4 PM	Michelle Clark	Ben Brown
5:30 PM	No Mass	No Mass
8 AM		
10 AM	Jim Klingensmith	Virginia Drew
<b>Lectors</b>		
4 PM	Ben Brown	Ellen Barbasso
5:30 PM	No Mass	No Mass
8 AM	Charles Hauck	Karen Cote
10 AM	Pauline Marston	Jen Klingensmith
<b>Altar Servers</b>		
4 PM		
5:30 PM		
8 AM		
10 AM		

### Parish Ministries

#### Serving God, Our Parish and Our Community Our Lady of Lourdes – St. Joseph's Church

#### Parish Center

- **Interfaith Community Kitchen Monday Meals** – Due to the rise of Covid19 cases, all meals are suspended until further notice.
- **The Clothes Closet** – Free clothing for men, women, and children. Open: Mondays 3:30-4:30, Thursdays 11:00-Noon, and the first Saturday of the Month from 10:00-11:00.
- **The Northwood Emergency Food Pantry** – Please stop by for our monthly schedule.

#### DIVINE MERCY MILITIA

Please join us every Thursday evening beginning at 5:30 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church as we pray for our nation, our Church, our parish, and our world. Concludes with Benediction.

Weekly amount needed to meet Budget  
 Requirement: \$ 4,000  
 Weekend of December 20, 2020

Weekly Offering	\$ 1,982
Parish Needs	\$ 1,907

We are, as always, very grateful for all who share, in a generous way, their Time, Talent,

### WELCOME TO OUR PARISH !

We pray that you enjoy celebrating with us this weekend. Whether you are new to the community or live here, know that you are invited to join our Parish family. Please be sure to introduce yourself to Father after Mass. You may register with us by dropping in or calling our rectory during the week at 435-6242.

If you are just visiting for the weekend, we hope you enjoy your visit with us and consider us your "home away from home".

### READING

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

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**“The Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel” (Eph 3:6)**

**Question of the Week**

Imagine yourselves as one of the Magi. What do you see? What do you hear? How do you respond?

**HIS WORD TODAY**

The word Epiphany derives from a Greek term that means “showing forth, manifestation, making public.” According to the account of the Epiphany in Matthew 2, magi, or wise men, from the East (perhaps Persia or Babylonia) came to Israel to pay homage to the newborn king of the Jews. Thus the feast of the Epiphany marks the manifestation of Jesus the Messiah of Israel to non-Jews.

The feast of the Epiphany provides an opportunity to reflect on the character of our Christian faith as both particular and universal. While acknowledging our roots in Israel and the Old Testament, we Christians are convinced that the good news of Jesus Christ has significance for all the peoples of the world.

The dynamic of the particular and the universal is prominent in the Magi story. These mysterious representatives of all nations come to Jerusalem in the land of Israel. There they learn from the Jewish scribes and the Hebrew Scriptures that the Messiah of Israel was to be born in Bethlehem of Judah (David’s city). So they go to Bethlehem and pay homage to the child Jesus. They seek out a particular person in a particular time and place, not an idea or a myth.

The passage from Isaiah 60 looks forward to the light that will shine forth from Jerusalem. It foresees that all the nations of the world will walk by that light, will acknowledge and enjoy that light, and so will proclaim the praises of the God of Israel. The verses from Psalm 72 use similar language and look forward to the day when “every nation on earth will adore you.” The hope expressed in these texts is that one day all nations will be part of the people of God.

How that hope becomes a reality is the subject of the reading from Ephesians 3. It shows that through the particular Jewish historical figure, Jesus of Nazareth, membership in the people of God has been extended beyond the limits of ethnic Israel to all the peoples of world. The readings for Epiphany remind us of our identity as the “catholic” church. The word catholic means “universal, worldwide, all over.” We are rooted in ancient Israel and yet open to all peoples. As God’s people in and through Christ, we have become members of the same body of Christ and are sharers in God’s promises to Abraham.

**FATHER JOHN'S JOTTINGS**



Matthew 2:1-12 describes the visit of the Magi:

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, *Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.* When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. In Bethlehem in Judea, they replied, *for this is what the prophet has written: ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.’* Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, *Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.* After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

The Magi are popularly referred to as wise men and kings. As part of their religion, these priests paid particular attention to the stars, and gained an international reputation for astrology, which was at that time highly regarded as a science. Traditions identify a variety of different names for the Magi. In the Western Christian church they have been commonly known since the 8th century as Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. Traditionally the view developed that they were Babylonian or Arabs or Jews from Yemen as the Makrebs or kings of Yemen then were Jews. According to the Gospel of Matthew, the Magi found Jesus by following a star, which thus traditionally became known as the Star of Bethlehem. After the visit the Magi leave the narrative by returning another way so as to avoid Herod, and do not reappear.

### YOUTH RELIGIOUS FAITH FORMATION

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Saul knew he had moved to a heavily Christian town when he was watching the Star Wars trilogy at the local movie theater. Every time the phrase, "May the force be with you," was uttered on screen, the audience replied, "And also with you."

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"Why do we always sing about food at church?" the little boy asked his grandma. "I can't think of any hymns with food in them," she answered. Her grandson persisted, "Well, what about 'Sleep in Heavenly Peas' and 'Up From the Gravy, A Rose?'"

### Hope After A Hard Year

God, thank you for helping us to make it through this difficult year. Thank you that you've carried us through the uncertainty of deep waters, through the flames of trials, and through the pain of hard losses. We are constantly aware of how much we need you, your grace, your strength, your power working through even the toughest days. Help us to keep our focus first on you this new year. Please forgive us for giving too much time and attention to other things, for looking to other people before coming to you first. Thank you that you came to give new life, peace, hope, and joy. Help us to remember that the gift of Christ, is our greatest treasure, not just at Christmas, but for the whole year through. Fill us with your joy and the peace of your Spirit. Direct our hearts and minds towards you. Thank you for your reminder that both in seasons of celebration and in seasons of brokenness, you're still with us. For you never leave us. Thank you that you surround us with favor as with a shield, and we are safe in your care. We choose to press in close to you today, and keep you first in our hearts and lives. Without you we would surely fail, but with you, there is great hope. Thank you for your healing power, thank you for bringing us into this new season up ahead. We look forward to all that You still have in store. In Jesus' name, Amen

### PARISH NEWS FLASHES

- ◆ *Father John wishes masks to be worn by all who attend any Mass. Thank You all for your anticipated compliance.*
- ◆ *Families will have fun making a batch of Christmas cookies together and learning about the birth of Jesus. Password to video link, recipe, coloring pages, and music can be found on the parish website faith formation page This activity is suitable for Pre-K thru elementary level.*

### Full-Tuition Scholarship Apply Today!

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Questions? Contact Marci Houle at 603-456-4113 or [mhoule@magdalen.edu](mailto:mhoule@magdalen.edu).

Please continue to keep each other safe and limit the spread of COVID-19 in our communities. This includes:

- ◆ Wearing a mask.
- ◆ Practicing social/physical distancing
- ◆ Cleaning your hands.

## Sharing the Gospel

Jigsaw puzzles are fun. Solve a puzzle with your whole family, and it comes together even faster. God helped the wise men solve a puzzle. They wanted to find the newborn king. Together the wise men read God's promises, did their homework, and followed the star. When all of their answers fit, they found baby Jesus.

## Prayer

God, thank you for all the people who helped me find Jesus.

## Something to Draw

Draw a picture of the people who help you learn more about Jesus.

## Mission for the Week

Solve a puzzle together with your family. Work together like the wise men did.

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## PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

WISE MEN  
STAR  
HEROD

MESSIAH  
WORSHIP  
EXCITED

GIFTS  
WARNED  
DREAM

U	W	A	R	N	E	D	E	K	O	E
J	I	N	E	G	A	J	W	I	N	G
A	S	U	T	O	F	I	O	S	A	I
N	E	X	C	I	T	E	D	U	D	F
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## MISSION

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## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Epiphany of the Lord • Matthew 2:1-12



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