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## 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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## MASS TIMES

### Saturday

7:30am, 4:00pm (Vigil for Sunday)

### Sunday

8:00am, 10:00am (Family Mass) & 12 Noon

### Weekdays

7:30am

### Holy Days

Vigil 7:00pm

7:30am & 7:00pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm



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## **MASS INTENTIONS**



### **Saturday January 1, 2022 (Vigil Mass)**

**4pm ++**

### **Sunday January 2, 2022 Epiphany of the Lord**

**8am Antonio Cipollone requested by Angela Assalone**

**10am Larry Nannery requested by Richard & Dorothy Jennings**

**12Noon Anlu Payla requested by The Tinawin Family**

### **Monday January 3, 2022 Holy Name of Jesus**

**7:30am Antonio Servedio requested by Lucy Mazzaro**

### **Tuesday January 4, 2022 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

**7:30am ++**

### **Wednesday January 5, 2022 St. John Neumann**

**7:30am Yolanda Fronk requested by Dorothy Fronk**

### **Thursday January 6, 2022**

**7:30 am Richard Feroni requested by The Feroni Family**

### **Friday, January 7, 2022**

**7:30 am Laura Marie Hernandez requested by Ron McCormack**

### **Saturday January 8, 2022**

**7:30am Domenico Cipollone requested by Antonio & Maria Cipollone**

### **Saturday January 8, 2022 (Vigil Mass)**

**4pm Frances Cerullo requested by Rosemarie Vasti**

### **Sunday January 9, 2022 Baptism of the Lord**

**8am Salvatore & Rose Picone requested by Debra Picone**

**10am Thomas, John & Eileen Divilly requested by Richard & Dorothy Jennings**

**12Noon Dile Mark Tinaj requested by Maria Vashtaj**

**Our Gifts back to the Lord  
December 19, 2021 \$4,196.00  
Thank you and May God Bless You!**



## **Happy New Year, Brothers and Sisters!**

I'm praying that this New Year will be a good one for you and for your families. For myself, I'd say 2021 was slightly better than the previous year—in some ways—but on the whole I'm glad to be moving on to the New Year.

A time honored tradition in our culture is to make "resolutions" or deep commitments for January 1<sup>st</sup>. And sometimes we keep to them and sometimes we don't. Still, they're worth making because it shows that we want to better ourselves and improve our lives. The most common resolution is to lose weight. I've had moderate success with that over the years myself but that's one of my goals this year.

Spiritual resolutions are important too because they not only show our desire that we want to grow closer to God, but we also show God that we care about our relationship with Him.

Here are some tried and true resolutions that we can make that will absolutely bring us closer to God this year. Even if we fail or only keep them partially, it's much better than not making the commitment at all.

1. Mass every Sunday, and if possible, attending during the week if you can. There's nothing like starting the day with receiving the Body of Christ in the Eucharist and hearing his word.
2. Going to Confession, preferably once a month—or if a serious sin happens. Again, there's nothing like having things well-ordered in our souls. And also we get tremendous graces from God for this act of humility.
3. Praying the Rosary every day is one of the most powerful weapons of the spiritual life we can ever have. Our Lady protects us in a very special way from the snares of the Evil One when we do this.

4. Random acts of Charity. Sometimes the smallest acts of kindness (giving a bigger tip to a waiter, giving a couple of dollars to a homeless person, etc. can have a big impact. Even when no one sees it, God sees it—and remembers.
5. Getting rid of “stuff” is a wonderful idea that can actually have the double effect of helping someone in need. Maybe you have a nice warm jacket that you no longer use that you can give to charity? No matter, cleaning house is always a prelude to the cleaning of the soul.
6. Complimenting more and criticizing less is absolutely essential to being a follower of Christ. We’ve all heard about “spreading the good” in word and deed, but words are very important. People need to feel like they matter, because they do matter. I’m sure Jesus would approve of this particular resolution in a world where people rip each other to pieces on social media. To be positive and complimentary is to be truly different.

I hope you like these suggestions, brothers and sisters. I’m sure you have many ideas of your own to make the New Year better—don’t be afraid to be bold and make the commitment. God is all about commitment, and he loves when we try to make him

Happy New Year!  
Father Sal

***Newly Baptized***

*We welcome into the Roman Catholic Church and our parish community:*



*Lovely Rodriguez, daughter of Michael and Rosa Maria*

**Mass of Christian Burial-**  
**Pray for the soul of**  
**Laura Marie Hernandez**  
**who was buried from our Church on December 22, 2021.**



*Eternal Rest Grant unto her, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen*

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

*Eucharistic Adoration will resume at St. Francis Xavier on Saturday January 8, 2022. 11am—2:00 pm*



**St. Francis Xavier School News:**  
**School will resume January 3, 2022.**

**Just a reminder the 2022 Mass Intention Book is opened. Please write down your requested mass intentions and bring it to the Rectory. Each announced Mass is \$20.00.**

**Year-End Contribution Statements**

**We wish to thank all of our parishioners for their generous support throughout this past year. If you would like a statement for your envelope contributions for tax year end 2021 please call the Rectory, starting on January 12, 2022.**



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**The governor has mandated the wearing of masks in all indoor facilities.**



**PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH IN YOUR COMMUNITY PRAYERS:**

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**REMEMBER ALL THE MEN & WOMEN SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES ESPECIALLY:**

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