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### SUNDAY MASSES

**SATURDAY 4:00PM**

**SUNDAY 7:30AM, 9:00AM,  
10:30AM, 12:30PM, 5:00PM**

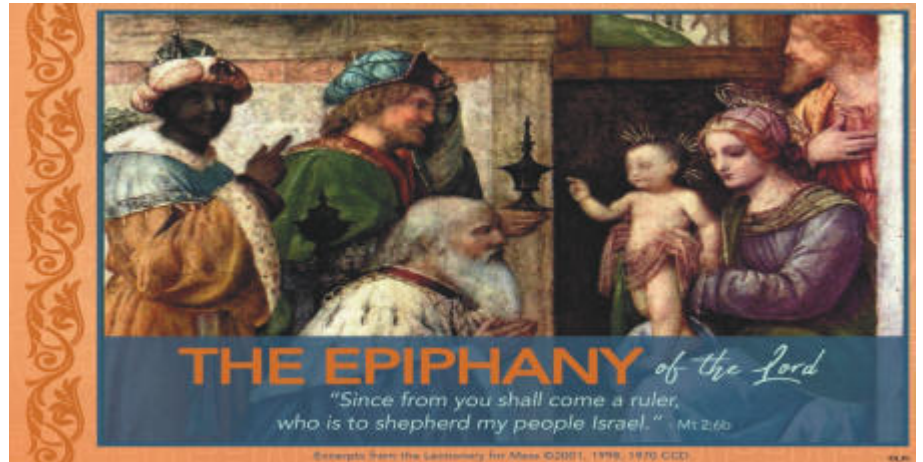
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### BAPTISMS

Designated Sundays at 1:30  
Please call the rectory to check  
dates and to meet with a priest or  
deacon.

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Every Saturday, Noon to 1pm,  
in the sacristy near the altar

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4:00PM For the People of Our Parish 7:30PM Joseph and Theresa Capobianco 9:00AM Vincenzo J. Grimaldi 10:30AM Albert Witt 12:30PM Frances Kennedy 5:00PM Teresita Carreon		4:00PM Salvatore Cioffi 7:30PM Frances Kennedy 9:00AM Rob Cavallone 10:30AM Joseph Tirone Sr. 12:30PM Joseph Tirone 5:00PM For the People of Our Parish
MONDAY, JANUARY 3	TUESDAY, JANUARY 4	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5
8:30AM Filipinas Decena	8:30AM Pat Festa 12NOON St. Benedicta	8:30AM Priests of Archdiocese of NY 12NOON Pete Reyes
THURSDAY, JANUARY 6	FRIDAY, JANUARY 7	SATURDAY, JANUARY 8
8:30AM Maryann Granello 12NOON Frances Schmitt	8:30AM Theresann and Ken Yashian (Living) 12NOON Sean Savage	8:30AM Victoria Yashian

*IT IS A DEVOUT AND LOVING PRACTICE TO COME TO MASS AND PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE DIED.*

### SERVED BY

**MSGR. WILLIAM BELFORD**  
Pastor

**FATHER JOHN KALLATTIL, VC**  
Parochial Vicar

**FATHER STEVEN CHALLMAN**  
Sunday Associate

**DEACON JONATHAN REYES**  
Deacon

**MRS. NICOLE C. FRESCA**  
St. Teresa-St. Rita Principal

**MRS. LISA RAMETTA**  
Religious Education Coordinator

**MRS. LISA NAUGHTON**  
Parish Manager

**MR. EDWARD MORAND**  
Director of Music

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Your prayers are requested for all who are sick in our parish and community, especially: **Grace Agalo-os, Karen Bertuzzi, Michael Borik, Vincent Borzumato, Nicholas Crispiano, Nicholas Ciricirillo, Carina DeGulio, Ed Diaz, Rachel Diaz, Kevin Dunne, Patricia Dunne, Joanie Edwards, Augustine Ferrer, Mark & Arlene Fileccia, Michael G., Josephine Greco, Elaine Guarino, David Hall, Vincent Hicks, Barbara Hicks, Buddy Jarrel, Pat Jarrell, Jennifer Johnson, Fred Kabat, Donnalyn Lawton, Catherine Leone, Edward Lewis, Genevieve Lewis, Josephine Linton, Linda Mahoney, Paul Mahoney, Emma Jane Mannix, Mikia James Martin, Judy C. Mc., Raymond and Maureen McLaughlin, Bill McMillen, Susan Morris, Josephine Nastasi, Ryan Pizzaro, Joanny Pizzuti, Sal Prestigiacomio, Edwin Rodriguez, Ronald Rothmund, Jerry Scattaglia, Cheryl Spinelli, Joseph Tirone, Alex Valenti, David Valle, Margaret White, William Wisnieski.**

#### Pray for Our Parishioners in the Military

*Private Michael R. Mazzuki, Jr. U.S. Army, Garrison Humphreys, South Korea.*

*Sergeant Connor M. O'Brien, U.S. Marine Corp., Marine Corps Base Twentynine Palms, Twentynine Palms, CA.*

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR PRIESTS

7:30am, 12:30pm Monsignor Belford  
 4:00pm, 9:30am, 10:30am, Clove Lakes Home Father Kallattil  
 5pm Father Challman

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

On this first Sunday of the Year of Our Lord 2022, Father John Kallattil, Deacon Jonathan Reyes and I wish you a new year of grace and peace, with good health and much happiness. I want to thank our staff members and volunteers – especially Mr. Edward Morand, Mrs. Lisa Naughton, our Holy Name Society, choir members and liturgical ministers - who helped to make our Christmas Masses uplifting and inspirational, and our Church and Chapel beautiful.

As you can imagine, circumstances of Covid affected attendance. And the necessity of masks limited participation in the prayers, singing and personal greetings. Fewer parents with children were at Mass, and perhaps fewer people will make a Christmas contribution for the support of our parish this year. Pray that this year will not become a new normal for Catholic people, lest secularized people forget that the name for **Christmas** is a combination of **Christ** and **Mass**.

But the Christmas season continues, and so does our worship and praise! Today is only January 2, and our church is still decorated with many flowers (thanks to people whose names are on the posters in the vestibules of Church and Chapel.) Also thanks to donors of the Christmas trees on our corner, which look so magical at night. Come for a quiet visit in church or a weekday Mass to see the Nativity scene in the front of our church during this coming week.

Why contemplate a Nativity scene, in our church or in your home? Because there is always more for you to think about and appreciate in the story of our salvation. For example, today and next Sunday, let me share with you some of the wonderful things that Saint Joseph did for Mary and Jesus. I will be quoting parts of an Apostolic Letter from Pope Francis, dated December 8, 2020. The Latin title is *Patris Corde*; in English, *With A Father's Heart*.

*WITH A FATHER'S HEART: that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as "the son of Joseph". Matthew and Luke, the two Evangelists who speak most of Joseph, tell us only a little, yet enough for us to appreciate what sort of father Joseph was, and the mission entrusted to him by God's providence.*

*We know that Joseph was a lowly carpenter (cf. Mt 13:55), betrothed to Mary (cf. Mt 1:18; Lk 1:27). He was a "just man" (Mt 1:19), ever ready to carry out God's will as revealed to him in the Law (cf. Lk 2:22.27.39) and through four dreams (cf. Mt 1:20; 2:13.19.22).*

*After a long and tiring journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, he beheld the birth of the Messiah in a stable, since "there was no place for them" elsewhere (cf. Lk 2:7). He witnessed the adoration of the shepherds (cf. Lk 2:8-20) and the Magi (cf. Mt 2:1-12), who represented respectively the people of Israel and the pagan peoples.*

*Joseph had the courage to become the legal father of Jesus, to whom he gave the name revealed by the angel: "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Mt 1:21).*

*Thanks to his role in salvation history, Saint Joseph has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people. This is shown by the countless churches dedicated to him worldwide and the many traditional expressions of piety in his honor. Innumerable holy men and women were passionately devoted to him.*

*Popular trust in Saint Joseph is seen in the expression "Go to Joseph", which evokes the famine in Egypt, told in the Book of Genesis, when the Egyptians begged Pharaoh for bread. He in turn replied: "Go to Joseph; what he says to you, do" (Gen 41:55). Pharaoh was referring to Joseph the son of Jacob, who was sold into slavery because of the jealousy of his brothers (cf. Gen 37:11-28) and who – according to the biblical account – subsequently became viceroy of Egypt (cf. Gen 41:41-44).*

*Joseph, as a descendant of King David (cf. Matthew 1:16-20), from whose stock Jesus was to spring according to the promise made to David by the prophet Nathan (cf. 2 Sam 7), and as the spouse of Mary of Nazareth, Saint Joseph stands at the crossroads between the Old and New Testaments...*

In next Sunday's bulletin, you will be able to read more of Pope Francis' reflections on Saint Joseph, and Joseph's struggles with the role in life God had chosen for him. In particular, we can learn from the four dreams recorded in the first chapters of Saint Matthew. As he had done with Mary, God revealed his saving plan to Joseph. He did so by using dreams, which in the Bible and among all ancient peoples, were considered a way for God to make his will known.

Celebrating with you on this Sunday of the Epiphany, recognizing the awesome personal benefit to us of the birth of the Son of God,

Msgr. William Belford

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS MADE OR WILL VERY SOON MAKE THEIR CHRISTMAS CONTRIBUTION FOR THE WORK OF OUR PARISH. WE GIVE OUT OF LOVE AND GRATITUDE FOR THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND TO MEET OUR DUTY TO TELL OTHERS THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL, EACH ACCORDING TO WHAT WE ARE ABLE TO DO.



*Mr. Edward Morand, our Director of Music, and choir members and cantors who lead us in singing each week, would like to welcome new members to join them. Please go up to the choir loft on a Sunday and introduce yourself. You will be joining friendly people and a very important ministry.*

### ADJUSTING OUR DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

FATHER JOHN KALLATTIL WILL, GOD WILLING, BE GOING HOME TO INDIA TO SEE HIS FAMILY NEXT MONDAY, JANUARY 9. THIS WILL BE HIS FIRST VISIT IN TWO AND A HALF YEARS. WHILE HE IS AWAY, AND UNTIL HIS SAFE RETURN ON FEBRUARY 7, MSGR. BELFORD WILL BE SAYING ALMOST ALL OUR MASSES HIMSELF.

TO PROVIDE FOR FUNERALS AND TO ACCOMPANY FAMILIES TO THE CEMETERY, WE HAVE NOT SCHEDULED ANY OF OUR USUAL 12 NOON MASSES ON TUESDAYS TO FRIDAYS DURING THOSE FOUR WEEKS. WE WILL RESUME WHEN FATHER JOHN RETURNS.

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR HOLY NAME MEN

TREES WILL BE TAKEN DOWN THIS SATURDAY JANUARY 8. IF YOU DONATED A TREE AND WANT TO SAVE SOME OF YOUR DECORATIONS, PLEASE VISIT YOUR TREE AT ANY TIME BEFORE SATURDAY MORNING.

### YOU CAN READ OUR BULLETINS ON LINE

Our Sunday bulletins are posted online every week. Go to [www.saintteresasi.org](http://www.saintteresasi.org). Previous bulletins are also there for reference or sharing.

*Because of the Christmas and New Year holidays, this bulletin was due at the printer before we had information about recent collections. The Christmas amount will also be in next week's bulletin.*

### A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

*For God's graces and blessings to come upon our new Mayor as he begins his term of office, and also especially for his Schools Chancellor and Police Commissioner, that they may all succeed in bringing many improvements for the people of our city, let us pray to the Lord...*

### THANKS TO OUR VIDEO TEAM

Special thanks to several people who come every Saturday to livestream our 4pm Mass. We are especially grateful to Karen Fischer, Fred Fischer and Rich Nellis for their assistance. Hundreds of "views" are reported each week, and many more on special days like Christmas. To watch that Mass on Saturday or at other times, just go to [www.saintteresasi.org](http://www.saintteresasi.org).

### TODAY IS FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

MANY THANKS TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS WHO CONTRIBUTE PERSONALLY AFTER MASSES ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH, OR WHO SEND AN OCCASIONAL CHECK OR A MONTHLY DONATION TO OUR FOOD PANTRY, TO KEEP ALIVE OUR PARISH'S MINISTRY OF FEEDING THE HUNGRY THROUGH OUR SISTER MARGARET MARY FOOD PANTRY.

WE DON'T HAVE MUCH MONEY LEFT AFTER MAILING 70 INVITATIONS DURING DECEMBER TO OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED, SO THAT THEY COULD GO TO OUR LOCAL MET FOOD STORE AND USE A \$100 CREDIT WE PROVIDED FOR THEM TO SHOP FOR THEIR FOOD NEEDS. OUR ORIGINAL WAY OF PERSONAL HANDLING AND GIVING OF FOOD TO PEOPLE IN A SMALL SPACE IN OUR RECTORY IS IMPOSSIBLE NOW BECAUSE OF COVID.

WE WERE ABLE TO AFFORD THAT HIGH LEVEL OF GIVING IN PART BECAUSE OF AN EXTRAORDINARY \$5,000 CONTRIBUTION IN DECEMBER FROM THE RICHMOND COUNTY SAVINGS FOUNDATION. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THEIR SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION.



## FORUM

## ASK A PRIEST

*Why are there three separate holy days of obligation devoted to Mary, and why is one of them on New Year's Day?*

The feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary occupy a special place in the liturgical year. Not only is Mary a model of virtue, as is every saint, but through her holy life, she played an essential role in the saving works of Christ. She conceived and gave birth to Jesus, shared in His life and ministry, remained by the foot of the cross, witnessed to His resurrection and received the gift of the Holy Spirit along with the apostles at Pentecost. She was assumed into heaven body and soul and continues to be a part of her Son's saving work by interceding for us, praying that we may each grow in holiness and one day join her and her Son in heaven.

We honor Mary and pray to her throughout the year, but we do so in a special way on these three days: January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God; August 15, the Assumption of Mary; and December 8, the Immaculate Conception. These days focus on three of the most significant aspects of Mary's holy life: her role as the Mother of God, her assumption into heaven, and her preservation from all stain of original sin (that with which we are born as a result of Adam and Eve's rebellion in Eden). Each offers us an opportunity to reflect on her sanctity and virtues, as well as her agency in bringing all of God's people closer to her Son, Jesus.

These holy days of obligation trace their origins to the year 431 and the Council of Ephesus, which officially recognized Mary as Theotokos ("Mother of God"). Following that pronouncement, many feast days dedicated to Mary were added

to the liturgical calendar. In particular, the date chosen for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, has an interesting history.

In ancient Rome, January 1 was a day dedicated to the god Janus, who is often depicted as facing simultaneously in two directions: toward the old year and the new. His day was marked by feasting and riotous celebrations. To contrast with these pagan festivities, the early Christian church observed January 1 with fasting and penance.

Writing to Christians in the early fifth century, Saint Augustine said, "Let them give new year's gifts; you should give alms! Let them sing boisterous songs; you should open your hearts to the word of God! Let them rush to the theater; you should rush to the church!" It is hardly a surprise, however, to learn that many people were more drawn to feasting than fasting. After the Council of Ephesus, therefore, the Church decided to step back from the day of penance and instead redirect the new year's celebratory spirit toward a more noble purpose: a feast in honor of Mary, the Mother of God.

For centuries, Christians have sought ways to honor Mary as a model of virtue and to ask for her intercession. The liturgical year is a powerful means by which we can enter more deeply into the Paschal Mystery of Christ by recalling the unique role of Mary in her Son's life and in our lives every day.

*Fr. Matthew Ernest  
Director, Office of Liturgy  
Archdiocese of New York*



# GROWING+ WITH THE Gospel

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### COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Epiphany of the Lord • Matthew 2:1-12



### PUZZLE

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

wise-men  
child  
born

king  
star  
worship

Mary  
gifts  
dream

wsie mne    W i s e m e n

brno    \_ \_ \_ \_

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