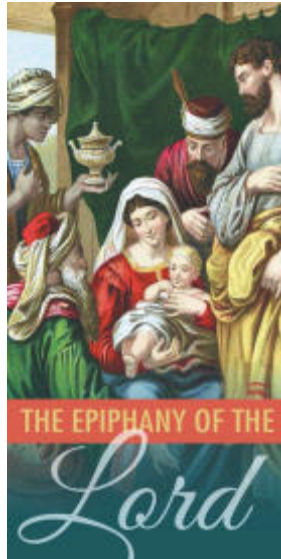


JANUARY 2, 2022 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

# Ss. ISIDORE & MARIA TORRIBIA PARISH

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*We  
saw  
His star  
at  
its' rising...*



*...and  
have come  
to do  
Him  
homage.*

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## OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Catholic Community of faith united in our Love for Jesus Christ. We strive to maintain and carry the message of hope and salvation to others through our works of evangelization and examples of sacramental life.

### OUR VISION

We will promote a stable Parish with a vibrant, spiritually nourishing, learning environment to grow ourselves and others as disciples of Christ.

**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA -  
MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sat Jan 1**

6:00 pm - *Robert Jones* req Mrgaret Arnold & Family

**SUN JAN 2 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

9:00 am - Special Intention of Aggie Hoffman

**Tues Jan 4 (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)**

9:00 am - *Dan Linsler* req Mary Jane Skeels

**Sat Jan 8**

6:00 pm - *Dec'd Members of the Horey Family* req  
Helen Horey

**SUN JAN 9 - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

9:00 am - *Matthew & Madge Flynn* req Madge Kelly

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**ST. JOSEPH THE CARPENTER -  
MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sat Jan 1 - Mass of the Epiphany of the Lord**

4:00 pm - *Richard McDonald* req Parish Family

**Mon Jan 3**

5:30 pm - *Harry Walsh* req Parish Family

**Sat Jan 8 - Mass of the Epiphany of the Lord**

4:00 pm - *Lloyd Joseph Rowe* req William & Anne  
McLaughlin

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**ST. STANISLAUS, BISHOP & MARTYR -  
MASS INTENTIONS**

**SUN JAN 2 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

11:00 am - *Anne Harrian* req Ted Harrian

**Fri Jan 7 (St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest)**

4:30 pm - *Nancy Steiniger* req Prish Family

**SUN JAN 9 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

11:00 am - *Joan & Frank Dibble* req Greg Dibble

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**A Prayer to Be Open to God's Will**

Good and gracious God,  
I know that life can be unpredictable.  
Sometimes I know what is good and right,  
but I don't have the courage to do it.  
Sometimes I am so busy with my own affairs,  
I forget to see the needs of people in front of me.  
Sometimes I am set in my own ways,  
and I resist growing and learning.  
Help me, Lord, to be open to Your will.  
When You prompt me to do the right thing,  
give me the courage to do it.  
When those around me need my help,  
give me Your heart to love them.  
When I'm stuck in my own ways,  
give me the grace to grow closer to You every day.  
Give me the trust and confidence of Mary.  
Let it be done unto me according to Your word!  
Amen.

**UNDERSTANDING & LOVING THE MASS - Father Pat**

**THE BOOK OF THE GOSPELS:** Some may wonder why the Book of the Gospels carried by the Deacon in processions at the start of Mass, placed on the altar so as to be prominent, then raised high above the people during the Gospel Acclamation and kissed after the Gospel...why all this fuss over a book?? Well, just imagine Jesus speaking to the multitude in the desert, sitting on a large rock with the people around him, seated. He is teaching by His Word and they are focused on Him. His Hands are raised in blessing. This Gospel book is another way Jesus is present to us, His People, through the Word Proclaimed, especially His Gospel, His very words! It is as if He Himself is once again speaking to the crowds! No wonder the Book is set apart there on the altar to stand up...for it is another way to say, "Here is Jesus!"...to help us prepare our hearts to hear His Word! He is in the Tabernacle not far away in the Blessed Sacrament, but He is also in the Gospel Book...in the words which the Deacon or Priest will proclaim, and the Holy Spirit will give life to those words and help them burn in our hearts and plant seeds of Life and Hope and Peace, just as they did for those people back then in the desert. No wonder the Deacon holds the book high as the Gospel Acclamation is sung...so that we can set aside whatever distractions are going on inside us and focus ourselves on what we are about to hear Jesus speak to us through the proclamation of the Gospel...not just a reading, but the proclamation of the Living Word of the Son of God. A miracle is taking place...in someone's heart, maybe yours, Jesus is being born anew, and a mind renewed, and soon through the Bread of Life holiness begins to grow!

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**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDER-  
STANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**January 2, 2022  
The Epiphany of the Lord**

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important. We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

**JANUARY 2, 2022 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

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**APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION**  
***GAUDETE ET EXULTATE***  
**OF THE HOLY FATHER**  
**FRANCIS**  
**ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS**  
**IN TODAY'S WORLD**



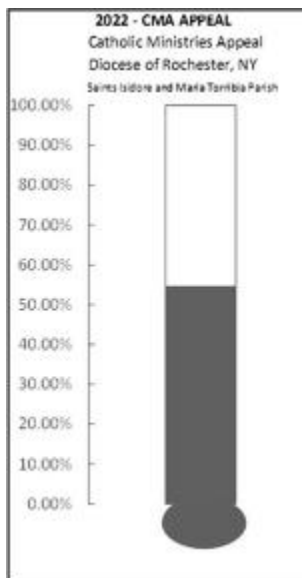
**CHAPTER ONE**

**THE CALL TO HOLINESS**

**THE LORD CALLS**

10. All this is important. Yet with this Exhortation I would like to insist primarily on the call to holiness that the Lord addresses to each of us, the call that he also addresses, personally, to you: "Be holy, for I am holy" (*Lev 11:44*; cf. *1 Pet 1:16*). The Second Vatican Council stated this clearly: "Strengthened by so many and such great means of salvation, all the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord – each in his or her own way – to that perfect holiness by which the Father himself is perfect".[10] 11. "Each in his or her own way" the Council says. We should not grow discouraged before examples of holiness that appear unattainable. There are some testimonies that may prove helpful and inspiring, but that we are not meant to copy, for that could even lead us astray from the one specific path that the Lord has in mind for us. The important thing is that each believer discern his or her own path, that they bring out the very best of themselves, the most personal gifts that God has placed in their hearts (cf. *1 Cor 12:7*), rather than hopelessly trying to imitate something not meant for them. We are all called to be witnesses, but there are many actual ways of bearing witness.[11] Indeed, when the great mystic, Saint John of the Cross, wrote his *Spiritual Canticle*, he preferred to avoid hard and fast rules for all. He explained that his verses were composed so that everyone could benefit from them "in his or her own way".[12] For God's life is communicated "to some in one way and to others in another".[13] 12. Within these various forms, I would stress too that the "genius of woman" is seen in feminine styles of holiness, which are an essential means of reflecting God's holiness in this world. Indeed, in times when women tended to be most ignored or overlooked, the Holy Spirit raised up saints whose attractiveness produced new spiritual vigour and important reforms in the Church. We can mention Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Saint Bridget, Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint Teresa of Avila and Saint Thérèse of Lisieux. But I think too of all families and communities by the power of their witness.

13. This should excite and encourage us to give our all and to embrace that unique plan that God willed for each of us from eternity: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" (*Jer 1:5*).  
*(to be cont'd...)*



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**+++ SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE MASS +++**

**THIS WEEKEND,**  
**JANUARY 2, 2022**  
**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
 Is 60: 1-6  
 Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13  
 Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6  
 Mt 2: 1-12

*"Speak, Lord, your servant is listening!"*

**NEXT WEEKEND,**  
**JANUARY 9, 2022**  
**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
 Is 40: 1-5, 9-11  
 Ps 104: 1b-4, 24-25, 27-30  
 Ti 2: 11-14, 3: 4-7  
 Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22

*"You have the Words of Eternal Life!"*

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