



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, January 2

- 4:00PM † Mary O'Grady by Barbara O'Grady
 † James Patterson by The Family
 † Beth Barker by Bob Mackin
 † Fern Waite by Ken & Mittie Shannon

SUNDAY, January 3

- 8:00AM † William Toomey by Deb & Andy Phelan
 10:30AM † Mark Flahive by Jack & Karen Graber
 † Jim LeSuer by Jane & Steve DiGiovanni
 † Cameron Gill by Urszula Putkotycki
 12:30PM (Latin) † John McNamara by Mary Sweeney

MONDAY, January 4

- 7:00AM † Marie Collins by By The Family

WEDNESDAY, January 6

- 7:00AM † Anna Signoracci by Joe & Jerry Teresi

FRIDAY, January 8

- 7:00AM † Dr. Peter Collins by Deb & Andy Phelan

SATURDAY, January 9

- 4:00PM † Marguerite DonVito by Her Nieces Geri & Deana
 † John R. Dunne by Bob Mackin
 † Joseph LiPuma by The Duffy Family

SUNDAY, January 10

- 8:00AM † James Muscato (3rd Anniversary) by His wife & Family
 10:30AM † Jose Luis Prado by Susana & Antonio Hebert
 12:30PM (Latin) † Tina Gaetani by Margaret Purcell
 † Family members of Osorio Najera by Susana & Antonio Hebert

**EPIPHANY**

*Your light has come, the glory of the Lord
shines upon you. Isaiah 60*

*May the kings of Tarshish and the islands bring
tribute, the kings of Arabia and Seba*

*offer gifts. May all kings bow before him, all
nations serve him. For he rescues the poor when
they cry out, the oppressed who have no one to
help. He shows pity to the needy and the poor
and saves the lives of the poor. Psalm 72*

*The Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body,
and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through
the gospel. Ephesians 3*

This great feast - celebrated in the East as the Baptism of the Lord - is a feast of "revelation." Jesus is the beloved Son of God, a light for the whole world, the very one who comes to us in time, this year, to be our savior: to rescue the poor, to hear our cry, to save us in our need, in our poverty. May we bring him the gifts of our faith and trust and hope; May we recognize him as our savior who gave his own life to set us free from the power of sin and death.

Come, let us adore him!**REVELATION OF GLORY**

Our Feast of the Epiphany came to us from the East, both in name and in spirit. The East celebrated Jesus' birth and his manifestation as God and King on January 6th. For us, it also celebrates Jesus' manifesta-

tion or revealing of himself as God in the child in the manger and as king to the three kings or Magi who came seeking "the king of the Jews." Today, Jesus tells us that he is here among us as God and King.

What is central for us to remember when we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany is that this feast commemorates the revelation of the glory of the Lord to all people. Yes, it was the kings who came seeking Jesus and who found him. But those kings were from far away and represent all the people of the world. Jesus revealed his glory not just to a few foreign tourists but to all.

When we look back to the First Reading, we hear Isaiah describing a vision of the last days of the world. "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come and the glory of the Lord shines upon you...Nations shall walk by your light and kings by your shining radiance."

This brings us back to all of us here today. We don't know who will be around at the last days of the world, but that doesn't really matter because we are living right here and now, and our response right now is what is important.

When we come here for our Eucharistic celebration, we also come to honor God and to offer ourselves under the sign of the Eucharistic gifts. The gifts that we offer represent our recognition of the glory of the Lord and our surrender to that glory.

In every Eucharist we offer ourselves and honor God. This isn't unique to today's Feast of the Epiphany, but today's feast recalls this for us. It reminds us that we, too, offer the gold, frankincense and myrrh of our talents, our gifts and our lives to God. It reminds us to do it consciously and deliberately. It also reminds us that God's glory has been revealed to all of us through those kings so long ago, but God's glory can also be revealed to others through us.

ST MARY'S CALENDARS

Thanks to the Lasak-Gigliotti Funeral Home for donating our 2021 calendars. We are grateful for their generosity. Contact Holly Hayes if you would like to pick one up from our office.

BE A PRAYER PARTNER TO POPE FRANCIS

For those who have made the commitment to pray every day for the monthly intentions of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis: - for January he asks that we pray for: **For Human Fraternity** May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.



Bless Your Door on Epiphany

The gospel tells us that the magi found Christ “on entering the house.” The door to your home is a holy threshold. You can bless those who come in and go out by inscribing above the door in chalk the first two numbers of the year + C + M + B + the last two numbers of the year. Tradition tells us that the letters stand for the names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Adolph Adam points out that it may also mean “Christus mansionem benedicat” or “May Christ bless this dwelling.” It’s appropriate to bless your door in January—janua means “door” and the first month is the door to the new year.

After inscribing the doorway, say this prayer:

*God of Bethlehem and Cana,
God of Jordan’s leaping waters,
in baptism you bring us
into your family.
You wed us and embrace us
as your beloved.
May we fill this place
with kindness to one another,
with hospitality to guests,
and with abundant care
for every stranger.
By the gentle light of a star,
guide home all who seek you
on paths of faith, hope and love.
Then we will join the angels in
proclaiming your praise:
Glory in heaven and peace on earth,
now and for ever. Amen.*

THANK YOU THANK YOU

Just as we welcomed the coming of our Savior into our hearts this Christmas we in St Mary’s Outreach want to thank you for all that you do to help us welcome Jesus in the people we meet each day in your Food Pantry, A special thank you is in order for our volunteers - those who staff the pantry each day, and those who respond to our emergency calls for help. Thank you for your donations. Remember – every dollar you donate to the Regional Food Bank on behalf of St Mary’s purchases seven times the amount food we could purchase otherwise. (You can either mail a check directly to the Food Bank or drop a check made out to the Food Bank in our collection and it will be sent directly to the Food Bank.) Thank you and may you have a blessed New Year.



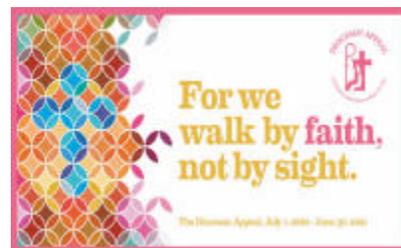
St. Mary’s Senior Program

Please call our Parish Office if you know of a Parishioner who is sick, hospitalized or has moved to an assisted living facility or nursing home. Our Senior Program seeks to bring communion to the homebound or in health care facilities. They also have a telephone committee that checks in on the homebound as well as a committee that sends cards to these parishioners.

PARISH FINANCES

Thank you to all who continue to make their donations. It is a HUGE help. Please do what you can to assist the parish financially during this pandemic crisis. Over the past 6 months our collections are down significantly. Please do whatever you can to assist. Even though some cannot meet on a weekly basis at church, the bills must be paid and payroll must be met. Your contributions may be sent to the parish office or you may participate by using our “on-line” giving program (located on our parish website: www.histmarys.org). Your help is greatly appreciated!

THIS YEAR’S BISHOP’S APPEAL IS DIFFERENT



What stays the same is our participation. Every parish continues to have a target goal (an assessment). Therefore we count on your generous participation to help us meet our goal. Every bit of your donation will

help St. Mary’s since we must make up the difference at the end of the campaign. Please do your best to give what you did in past years. If you can do more— please do so, since a number of our parishioners have suffered financial loss and difficulties because of the pandemic. Parishioners should have received an appeal request. **We need your help—our goal is over \$143,000 and so far our donations total \$44,460.**

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

Due to the CoVid Pandemic and the precautions we must take until the pandemic is over PLEASE do not come to the rectory to schedule mass intentions. Instead—please call the parish office or email Holly at holly.hayes@rcda.org to schedule your intentions. If you are in need of a mass card immediately, please call the office so that Holly can have the card ready for you to pick

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