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## The Epiphany of the Lord



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### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon
Mondays - Saturdays	8:30 a.m.

### Reconciliation

Wednesdays	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Saturdays	4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Monday - Saturday	7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

### Lectio Divina

Saturday	9:00 a.m.
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Assistive Listening Devices & Large Print Bulletins are available, just ask a Minister of Hospitality. To request a Sign Language Interpreter, please contact the Parish Office.

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Baptisms are typically held the fourth Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Please call the parish office for information and to schedule Baptism Preparation Formation and a Baptism date.

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Fealy Hall, our original church, is now a beautiful reception hall and is available to registered parishioners to rent for family celebrations. Contact the Parish Office for more details.

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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.

## The Youth Rally and Mass for Life

January 21, 2022

This year’s event will be virtual, live-streamed on the Archdiocese of Washington’s YouTube channel from the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in downtown Washington: **Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington**

The Youth Rally and Mass for Life occurs each year in conjunction with the annual National March for Life held on (or near) the anniversary of the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* court decision making abortion legal in this country.

The Rally strives to encourage the youth participating in the national March for Life in their witness as disciples of Christ and promoters of the Gospel of Life. It is the largest annual archdiocesan event, which in many ways has grown to become a national (even international) event with pilgrims traveling from as far away as the US Virgin Islands and Australia.

Join us in prayer that as a nation, we may stop wandering in the wilderness of the culture of death and may enter into ***“life in abundance”*** (Jn 10:10) through our faith in Jesus Christ and our proclamation of the Gospel of Life!

## **Holy Redeemer Parish Christmas Concert**

**NEXT Sunday, January 9, 2022**

***The Baptism of the Lord***

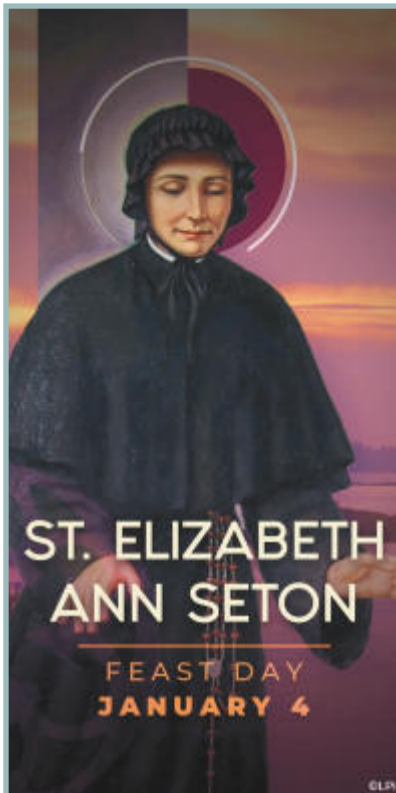
**4:00 p.m.**

**Holy Redeemer Church**

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**All are invited to join us  
as we close the Christmas Season!**



### **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton | January 4**

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

***St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us!***



## 10 Simple Spiritual Resolutions for the New Year

By Fr. Edward Looney

Losing weight, eating healthier, exercising more regularly, getting more sleep, or quitting a bad habit probably top your New Year's resolution list. Have you thought about making a spiritual resolution for the New Year? It's great to focus on physical health, but what about your spiritual health? What might a spiritual resolution look like? Allow me to share a few examples:

### 1. Begin your day with the Morning Offering

What is the first thing you do when you wake up in the morning? Hit the snooze button? Roll over? Complain that you need more sleep? St. Josemaría Escrivá wrote about the **Heroic Minute**, meaning that once the alarm rings, get up, and say a prayer. There is a traditional prayer you could learn called the **Morning Offering**. It's a beautiful prayer which helps us give to God everything we will do during the day.

*O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins, the reunion of all Christians, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father this month. Amen.*

### 2. Daily or Weekly Rosary

Many Catholics learned the **Rosary** as a child. Some pray it every day. Others occasionally. And the rest, rarely. The Rosary is a great way for us to reflect on the life of Jesus and Mary, and to pray with the Scriptures. Not only that, at Fatima, Mary asked us to pray the Rosary daily for peace in the world. If you are a new to the Rosary, begin with a decade each day, and move your way up. Pray it once a week. Or strive to pray it daily. Give the Rosary a chance.

### 3. Meatless Fridays

Canon law 1250 says: "**The penitential days and times in the universal Church are every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent.**" We typically think meatless Fridays pertains only to Lent, but it is encouraged year-round. Some conferences of Catholic bishops have re-instituted the practice for every Friday. Consider being a bit more conscious about your Friday meals, and perhaps plan to abstain from meat.

### 4. Weekly Stations

Not able to abstain from meat on Fridays? Canon law also suggests some other suitable form of penance in place of abstinence. For me, if I don't do meatless Fridays, I choose to pray the Stations of the Cross as my "**suitable form of penance.**" It allows me to recall Christ's passion and death, and most importantly the reason why we abstain from meat on Fridays. The Stations aren't just meant for Lent, you can pray them anytime of the year.

### 5. Pray through a Devotional Book

There are many devotional books, filled with meditations that will help us deepen our relationship with God.

### 6. Read a Spiritual Book

There are many books written by Catholic authors available for you to deepen your knowledge of Jesus, Mary, the Church, the saints, and other topics relevant to Christian living. Check out the catalogues for the prominent Catholic publishers such as Twenty-Third Publications, Ave Maria Press, Our Sunday Visitor, Sophia Institute Press, Tan Books, and Ignatius Press. Decide to read one book this year that will benefit your spiritual life.

### 7. Read or Pray with the Bible

There are different apps and books that could help you read the entire Bible. Or maybe choose to read a certain section of the Bible and expand your selection once you completed your goal. Read the Gospels, or the letters of St. Paul, or the prophetic writings. Come to a greater knowledge of the Word of God. And while you are at it, you can pray with the Bible, through a process called *Lectio Divina*, in which one reads a passage and spends a few moments meditating on a word or phrase, or engaging one's imagination with the Scripture passage. Through this prayer, God speaks in a deeper way to our souls about the Scripture contemplated.

### 8. Go on a Pilgrimage

We are all on a pilgrimage in this life as we journey toward the kingdom of heaven. For Christians throughout time, one of the most coveted places to go on a pilgrimage was to the Holy Land. But there has always been a custom to make pilgrimages to shrines of the Blessed Mother (such as Marian apparition sites, or shrines erected out of the people's devotion), or the saints. There are many shrines in the United States, and even more in other countries throughout the world! If you are able, decide to go and pray at a shrine, either locally or internationally.

### 9. Choose a Sainly Intercessor

Choose a patron saint for the new year. It's a custom that even St. Faustina did. Choose a saint, whose intercession you wish to implore throughout the year. Maybe even read a book about them.

### 10. End Your Day with an Examen

We often do an examination of conscience before we celebrate the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. But what if every day you did an Examen? It's not just identifying our faults, but also calling to mind how God was with you throughout the day, where you received his grace, and how you could respond to grace better tomorrow. Just as we begin our day offering it to God, it's just as good to end our day asking, "**How did I live for God today?**"

*The Epiphany*  
OF THE LORD



*"And you, Bethlehem,  
land of Judah,  
are by no means least among  
the rulers of Judah;  
since from you shall  
come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd  
my people Israel."*

*- Mt 2:6*



## Mass Intentions

### For the Week of January 2, 2022 The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 1, 2022 (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

10:00 a.m. Special Intentions of the Family & Friends of Joan Laskey  
Requested by Joan Laskey

Saturday, January 1, 2022 (Vigil of Epiphany of the Lord)

5:00 p.m. Tom MacGregor, RIP  
Requested by Roman & Judy Popadiuk

Sunday, January 2, 2022 (Epiphany of the Lord)

8:00 a.m. Marie Burburan, RIP  
Requested by the Muscardin Family

10:00 a.m. DeLores McAllister, RIP  
Requested by Roman & Judy Popadiuk

12:00 noon ALL PARISHIONERS

Monday, January 3, 2022

8:30 a.m. Natalie Theis, RIP  
Requested by Carole Wilkinson

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

8:30 a.m. Bob Angell, RIP  
Requested by Joe Kelly

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

8:30 a.m. Natalie Theis, RIP  
Requested by Martha Galvin

Thursday, January 6, 2022

8:30 a.m. Elizabeth A. Russo, RIP  
Requested by Rick & Carol Boettinger

Friday, January 7, 2022

8:30 a.m. Lucy Krug, RIP  
Requested by Rick & Carol Boettinger

Saturday, January 8, 2022

8:30 a.m. Kent Winterson, RIP  
Requested by the Winterson Family

5:00 p.m. Natalie Theis, RIP  
Requested by Rick & Carol Boettinger

Sunday, January 9, 2022 (Baptism of the Lord)

8:00 a.m. Patricia Charter, RIP  
Requested by Martha Galvin

10:00 a.m. Owen J. Chin, RIP  
Requested by Jennee Chin

12:00 noon ALL PARISHIONERS

## In Your Prayers

**FOR THE ILL & INFIRM:** Earl Armstrong, Nancy Baker, Mike Bovich, husband of Maria Bovich, Rollins O'Brien Bradford, grandson of Sharon O'Brien, Clarice Briscoe, Mark Burchik, son-in-law of Paul & Dorothy Wathen, Edwin Dabila, Mary Anne Denevan, Emil Girczyc, brother of Carole Wilkinson, Alan Hilderbrand, brother of Jennee Chin, Leslie Hilliard, Morgen Doty Hool, wife of Kevin Hool and daughter-in-law of Peggy Hool, Francis Hunter, Richard James, son of Del & Emily Fanning & father of Daniel James, Adele Kasinskas, sister of Carol Macknis, Pat Krug, Agnes Longanecker, aunt of Pat Krug & Sharon O'Brien, Marcela Maes, aunt of Marie Winterson, Rose Mary McAleer, mother of Janet Bradford, Mike McGinnis, brother of Jim McGinnis, Mary Lou Milstead, Maureen Murphy, Dorothy Myrtle, Roy & Anne Nelson, Ferenc Payerle, father of Tom Payerle, Dolores Reese, Stacey Rehsenberg, niece of Pat Krug & Sharon O'Brien, Alan Richwald, Richard Roelofs, brother-in-law of Beth Scribner, Mia Rojas, Nancy Schultz, Nicholas Scribner, son of Lee & Beth Scribner, Michael Urban, husband of Rachel Urban & father of Evan Urban, Sharon Wathen, niece of Paul & Dottie Wathen, Helen White, sister of Anne Nelson, Marion Wilkinson, aunt of Carole Wilkinson, Wayne Williams, All who are ill this week throughout the world

**FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD:** Esther Anderson, mother of Tracey Batacan and grandmother of Jasmine & Jada Batacan, Ana Andura, William "Bill" Beck, brother of Mary Armstrong, Joseph "Scotty" Bowles, cousin of Pat Krug and Sharon O'Brien, Russell Bradford, father of Alan Bradford, Michael Chismar, husband of Carmen Chismar and stepfather of Marlyne & Sofia Anaya, Eugene Corrado, Sr., Jeffrey Steven Cruz, son of Lucy Cruz and brother of Rick Cruz, Bernard Downey, cousin of Patrick Renzi, Fran Egeanlian, Michael Grimley, son of Mike & Mary Grimley, Richard A. Keller, Donna Thompson Lewis, sister of Terri Thompson Brady, Delores "Dee" McAllister, Rachel Mecholsky, grandmother of Nicholas Mecholsky, William James O'Brien, father of Bob O'Brien and grandfather of Kate, Billy, & Maggie O'Brien, Joseph Prikockis, father of Larry Prikockis and grandfather of Abigail & Liam Prikockis, Elizabeth A. Russo, mother of Mark Russo and grandmother of Anthony & Peter Russo, Fr. Charles Smarsh, Anthony Sorge, son of Joe & Rita (RIP) Sorge, Andrew Staley, cousin of Katie White, Margaret Strahorn, Natalie Theis, mother of Joe Theis & grandmother of Hilary Beall, Renee Cunningham Underwood, All who have died this week throughout the world

## Stewardship

### Offertory Collections

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