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MASSES:

Sundays 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00 Noon
Saturdays 7:00AM, 8AM 5:30 PM
Monday 7:00AM, 8AM - 7:00 PM
Tuesday-Friday 7:00AM, 8AM

CONFESSIONS:

Monday 7:30 PM
Saturday 1:00 PM until all are heard

MARRIAGES:

Should be arranged one year in advance, or at engagement, whichever comes first.

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

May be received by anyone who is ill. Don't delay the sacrament until the person is dying. The strengthening and healing is important to experience when a person can encounter the Lord with conscious faith, and often with the support of family around the bedside. Far from being "scared" by the visit of the priest, the sick person is usually greatly consoled and grateful for your thoughtfulness in calling us. Please don't take it for granted that we know about people who are ill.

BAPTISMS should be arranged before baby is born (preferably 7th Month). Call Rectory for information.



The Epiphany of the Lord

“Where is that thing?” mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. “I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!” Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, “Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear.” The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

“And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.” The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God’s tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God’s salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God’s healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR ANY
UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION:
www.stgensrcc.com.

DAILY MASS IS ON LINE

PROTECTION OF THE FAITHFUL

The CDC has recently published new data regarding the impact that the pandemic has had on the mental health of young people. According to the CDC, emergency rooms have seen a 24% increase in mental health visits (since the beginning of the pandemic) in children aged 5-11 and a 31% increase in children aged 12-17. Isolation, fear of the virus, and food insecurity are just a few of the things leading to increased anxiety and depression among our young people. If you know someone who may need help, there are resources available.

The Jed Foundation empowers teens and young adults with the skills to grow into healthy, thriving adults.
www.thejedfoundation.org
1-800-273 TALK or Text START to 741741

2nd Floor Youth Helpline is a confidential helpline for NJ teens and young adults
www.2ndfloor.org
Call 888-222-2228

State of NJ Department of Children and Families is devoted to serving at risk children and families.
www.nj.gov/dcf

National Institute of Mental Health is a national agency dedicated to research of mental health.
www.nimh.nih.gov

NJ Mental Health Cares, the state’s behavioral health information and referral service, is offering help to people dealing with anxiety and worry related to COVID-19. Call 1-866-202HELP (4357)

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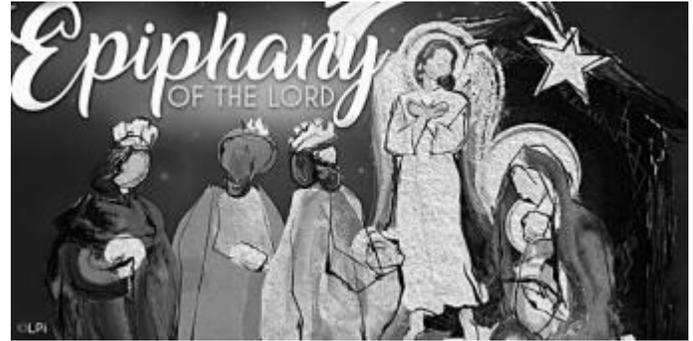


Catholic Charities received a payment of \$3,314 as a result of your donations from June 1, 2020 to November 30, 2020. These funds combined with monies from parishes throughout the Archdiocese enabled Catholic Charities to provide 72,685 nights of shelter to 1,342 homeless individuals and families (FY 19/20). Thank you for being our partner and enabling us to bring Christ’s love to the most vulnerable in our society.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM REMINDER

The following is due on January 15th, 2021 (no later / no exceptions)

1. Assignment from book
2. Letter to Bishop
3. Paper on the Community Service Project you would have done. Why and what you feel you would have gotten out of it.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which. After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization for Catholic men. All men of the parish are invited to join. For information please contact : Council 253 at (908)355-2253 or Chris at (908)351-4444.

SPECIAL DONATION FOR HOSTS

IN LOVING MEMORY OF: KATHLEEN REMIAS AND RICHARD SULLIVAN

FROM: MR. & MRS. RICHARD GRIFFITH

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: What is the difference between a chastisement and a punishment?

Answer:

The distinction between chastisement and punishment is, in many ways, a subtle one, but which is still relevant in our Catholic tradition.

First, chastisement is a concept that is grounded in Sacred Scripture. Here, we see chastisement as a response by God to people's actions that is intended to teach a lesson. As St. John Paul II observed, "chastisement appears to be ... a kind of divine pedagogy, in which the last word is reserved to mercy: He scourges and then shows mercy, casts down to the depths of the nether world, and he brings up from the great abyss" (Tobit 13:2). The idea here is that in order to capture our attention or to highlight how we have not lived out our covenant-relationship with God as we should, there are times when God uses events in life to draw us back to the quality of relationship or faith that we should have.

The concept of punishment, however, has a different sense. The Catechism of the Church observes that punishment is the consequence of a damaging action that "has the primary aim of redressing the disorder" and to protect the community and the common good from further damage or harm (see no. 2266). Although we always hope that someone who is being punished for a crime or some other harmful action will learn from their actions, punishment isn't necessarily intended to teach a lesson in the same way that a chastisement is.

Ultimately, how we make the distinction between chastisement and punishment is a matter of discernment. As with almost everything in life, our experiences can be an opportunity for grace — or for something less — depending on how open we are to recognizing the movement of God's Spirit within them.

Mass Intentions for the Week

SPECIAL DONATION

If you wish to make a special donation for the following items please fill out form and return to the Rectory.

WINE ___ or HOSTS ___ FOR COMMUNION

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Even the slightest flicker of a light helps to properly orient us when we find ourselves in total darkness. Being in darkness can be unsettling and even a bit unnerving. We lose our focus and struggle to find our bearings and achieve balance. On life's journey we may think we are walking in the light but are really lingering in darkness. We do not see the full picture, either because we are distracted, disinterested, or even apprehensive. Sometimes, we even choose to close our eyes when the light is readily available to illuminate our path. Do we really desire to know the truth of who we are? In Jesus Christ, a light has been given to those who dwell in darkness. God's revelation gives us the light to see where we come from, who we are and where we are going. It also tells us that this Good News is not meant for just a privileged few but is intended to go out to all the world. Is this something we want to see?



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS WORLD PEACE AND AN END TO TERRORISM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 2021

5:30pm Marie McLaughlin req. Pender Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021

7:30 Pedro Alibudbud req. Miranda Family

9:00 Margo Aguirre req. Sister

10:30 Lito Nombre req. Peggi Tango

12:00 Jim Byrne req. Mary, Michael & Martin Joseph Homem req. Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021

7:00 Margaret Kelly req. Audrey & Carmine Cicalese

8:00 Souls in Purgatory req. Homem Family

7pm Michael & Ann O'Connor req. Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021

7:00 Marie & Floyd, Jerry, Dr. Jack & Pick Donahue, Dr. Bob & Jane Messier

8:00 Joe Leonard 1st Anniv. req. Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021

7:00 Benny DeSiderio req. Audrey & Carmine Cicalese

8:00 Lito Nombre req. Ruth & Jordan Smith

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021

7:00 Rosemary Merced req. Helping Hands

8:00 Bill Cox 13th Anniv. req. Jackie Kelleher

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2021

7:00 Gilda Booth req. Mr. & Mrs. Francisco Feito

8:00 Frank Williamson req. Theresa Bockskoph

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2021

7:00 People of the Parish

8:00 Jean Banchi req. Marion

5:30pm Camille Madorma req. John & Jo Ann Malone

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

7:30 Rose Marie Ward req. Mr. & Mrs. M. Parenti

9:00 Carol Cascio req. John Cascio

10:30 Salvatore Guida req. John & Mary Ann Trotter

12:00 Margaret Byrne req. Mary, Michael & Martin Gertruda Musial req. Family



Our prayers are with you as you recover ~
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Their caregivers and all others in need of our prayers.



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