



# St. Michael Catholic Church

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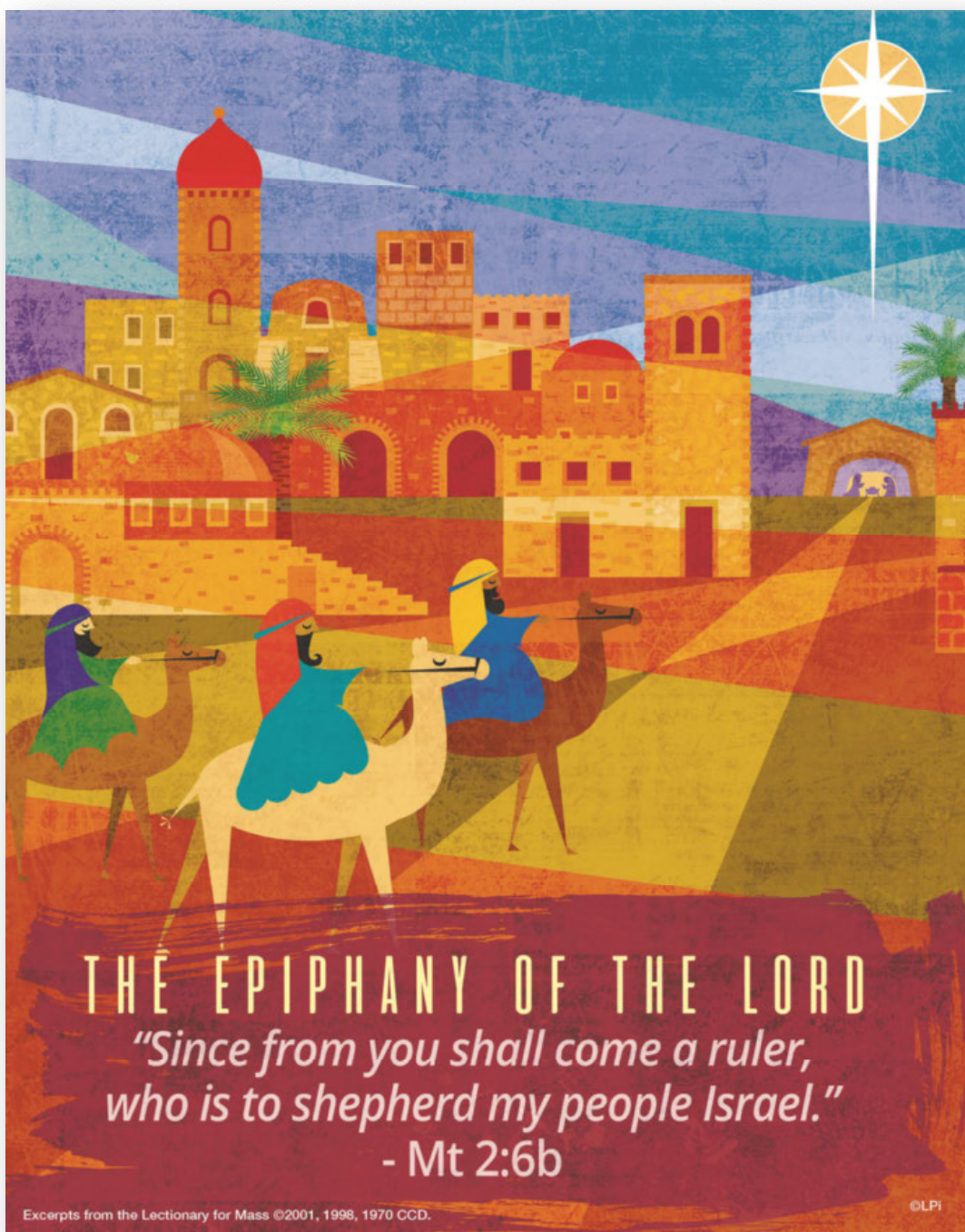
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**Weekend Mass Schedule:**  
Saturdays: 4:30 p.m.  
Sundays: 9:00 a.m.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturdays beginning at 3:00 p.m.

**Website:**  
[www.stmikescanoncity.org](http://www.stmikescanoncity.org)



**January 1 - 2, 2022**

**St. Michael Catholic Church Mission Statement:**

We, the parish family of St. Michael Catholic Church, following in the footsteps of the Lord, are a Eucharistic community of faith. Nourished by the Sacraments and the Word, we strive to reflect Christ's light to the world through worship, education and service.

# St. Michael's Catholic Church

# Cañon City, Colorado

### Adoration of the Eucharist:



Eucharistic Adoration will continue on Tuesdays in The Main Church from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays in the Main Church beginning at 12 p.m. and continuing through the night until 8 a.m. Mass Thursday morning.

Adoration will continue after Mass until approximately 10:15 a.m. concluding with Benediction. Contact Jeff Worley for more info: 269-1278.

### PARISH SUPPORT

#### December 22, 2021

General ~ \$4,840.83

Votive ~ \$145.00

Alms ~ \$170.00

1st Mass of Father Ospino ~ \$25.00

Christmas Flowers ~ \$5,218.00

Religious Retirement Fund ~ \$360.00

*Due to an early bulletin deadline during the holiday season, the Parish Support amounts for the weekend of December 25/26 were not available. This information will be printed in next week's bulletin, January 8 & 9.*

*Thank you for your continuing generosity.*



Thank you to all who donated to The Knights of Columbus Giving Tree in the Narthex. We had a great response from our parishioners again this year. We collected over 100 gifts. The gifts were donated to families from Saint Michael's, Mountain View School, Canon City High School, and McKinley Elementary.

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus, I would like to thank everyone for their amazing support of our families in Fremont County.

Sincerely, *Dominic Carochi*

### THE 2022 CALENDARS ARE HERE!

The St. Michael Parish Calendars for 2022 are available in the Narthex.

We extend our special thanks to this year's sponsors:

**DiNardo's Cider Mill & Farm Market,  
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### *Christmas Flower Fund*

*All are welcome to help contribute to our depleted Flower Fund for the holiday season. If you would like to make a contribution in your name or in memory of a loved one, flower envelopes are on the entry tables in the Narthex.*



**Emergency Prayer Chain:** (719) 275-5970  
or (719) 269-7316

### NEW LIFE PRAYER GROUP

Meets Wednesday mornings in the school meeting room.

8:45—9:45 a.m. Scripture Study

9:45 a.m. Prayer Meeting

All are welcome.



### **!!! THANK YOU PARISHIONERS !!!**

Thank you to all who have come and worked hard to make our worship space "sparkle"! **We will NOT be cleaning the church the Monday after New Years Day.** If you would like to join this group to give your time and talent to this project, come join us on **Monday, January 10, at 9:00 a.m.**

All are welcome to help clean the house of our Lord.

We will be collecting items to give out to the homeless again this winter on behalf of our community Homeless Outreach Team.



**Items in need (new, not used please):**  
**coats, hats, gloves, boots, hand warmers,**  
**heavy socks, & blankets.**

Donated items can be brought to the large tote located in the Narthex. All items donated will be passed out to individuals and families who are homeless in Fremont County.

For any questions or concerns, contact Anna Carochi at 719-371-3525.

Thank you in advance for your generosity in serving Christ's poor.

### JOIN ME

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH  
(THIS Sunday - January 2nd)  
to PRAY A ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN  
at 3:00 P.M. IN FRONT OF THE MEMORIAL  
FOR THE UNBORN  
(corner of 11th St. & College Ave.)



*Check out how easy it is to open an online giving account for making your donations to St. Michael Parish.*

Go to our website:

**[www.stmikesanoncity.org](http://www.stmikesanoncity.org)**

Click the menu item on the home page that says:

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The link will take you directly to our St. Michael on-line giving page where you can easily set up your new account!

## Welcome

### NEW PARISHIONERS

If you would like to become a registered St. Michael parishioner, we welcome you to please fill out a **Blue** registration form.

If you did not UPDATE your registration in 2020, you are also welcome to please fill out a **Yellow** registration update form.

Both forms are available in the Narthex or at the Parish Offices.

# The Epiphany of the Lord

January 1st - 2nd, 2022

## Liturgical Ministers' Schedule

Liturgical Ministers	Saturday January 8, 2022 4:30 p.m. Mass	Sunday January 9, 2022 9:00 a.m. Mass
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Broxton & Maddox Elliott	Julie & Paula Schilf
<b>Lectors</b>	1) TBD 2) TBD	1) TBD 2) TBD
<b>Sacristan</b>	Mary Manchester	Sharon Bernard
<b>Hospitality Ministers</b>	Danielle Knellinger Dave Knellinger Sr. Dave Knellinger Edie Knellinger  HM Coord - Delia Middlemiss	Mary Ann Garcia Livier Nunez Chelsey Smith Sandy Vickerman  HM Coord - Jeannie Rector

## Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions: January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 — January 9<sup>th</sup> 2022 Daily Mass in St. Michael Main Church

Tuesday, January 4 8:00 a.m.	✠Marian Simpson By: Joe & Bonnie Kahnke
Wednesday, January 5 8:00 a.m. Mass	✠For the Health & Well Being of: Paula McFarland By: Dolph & Phyllis Koroshetz
8:45 a.m. & 9:45 a.m.	Scripture Study & Prayer Meeting (in school meeting room)
Thursday, January 6 8:00 a.m. Mass	✠William DeCook By: The DeCook Family
Friday, January 7 6:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group (In the Parish Center)
1st Friday, January 7 8:00 a.m. Mass	✠Ralph Cruz By: Roger & Sharon Bernard
Saturday, January 8 4:30 p.m. Mass	✠Larry Palen & Bobby DiRito By: Lettie DiRito & Family  ✠Annie & Frank Krasovec By: Jim & Eileen Cain
Sunday, January 9 9:00 a.m. Mass	✠Kathy Arbogast By: Mr. & Mrs. Irv Lange  ✠Michael J. Telck By: The Telck Family For All Parishioners

St. Michael has several ways in which we support each other in special personal prayer. Our goal is to make everyone aware of the most immediate needs in an appropriate and respectful way.

Please remember to follow the guidelines listed on the sign-in sheet. **The intent is to make us aware of a current illness or death that has taken place within the past month.**

### PRAYER CORNER

The Abbate Family	Liz & Warren Babilot
The Baca Family	Phil Baca Sr.
Bill Booth	Karen Breidenbach
Joanna Buchanan	Patti Bullock
The Brixey Family	Jeanne Burrage
Mary Cain	Betty Chipman
Jane Cole	Don Conners
Ralph & Juanita Cruz	Louisa DeAlejandro
Jody DeCook	Bert & Bob DeFelice
The Delgado Family	Irene Delgado
Sharon Delgado	Mike Deneff
Gina Delien	Vita & Richard DiRito
Kelly Henderson	Michael Hudson
Jeff Iubatti	Joe Kahnke
Ted Kennedy	Mike Kinzer
Dolph Koroshetz	Irv & Margaret Lange
Ralph & Margaret Linscott	Orlinda Marquez
Kathy Martin	Suzanne Martinchalk
Tom McCoy	Stanna Menden
Our Country	Our Military Troops
Father Kevin Novack	Rita Parsons
Chris Renna	Clare Reynolds
Linda Roxrath	Rose Scancarello
Maria Stucker & Family	Rick Taylor
Mary Louise Thorton	

"(Therefore) Pray for one another ... The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful" James 5:16

The Prayer Corner Sign-in Sheet is located in the Gathering Space.  
**Please print legibly, thank you!**

Due to early publishing deadlines for the holidays, any names listed on the prayer list during the weekend of December 25/26, will be added to the Prayer Corner on the weekend of January 8th /9th.

... and for those who have died from the coronavirus, may they know the peace of joy of God's love through all eternity.



## Readings for the Week of January 2<sup>nd</sup>

<b>Sunday:</b> Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
<b>Monday:</b> 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
<b>Tuesday:</b> 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
<b>Wednesday:</b> 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
<b>Thursday:</b> 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
<b>Friday:</b> 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
<b>Saturday:</b> 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
<b>Next Sunday:</b> Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/ Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## **PASTOR'S PAGE**

*Reverend Jesse L. Perez*

### **GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING 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.

### **LIVE THE LITURGY**

#### ***Inspiration for the week***

*Have you ever experienced a time in your life when everything came together and became abundantly clear? You may have been confused about something, in the dark, at a point of doubt, or unclear as to how to act. You may have questioned someone's motivation and found yourself coming to the wrong conclusion. Then out of nowhere, the insight came and reality dawned. You experienced an epiphany of sorts! Today, we celebrate Christ's manifestation to all of the nations of the world. Has it dawned on you yet that Jesus Christ is the answer humanity has been seeking? Jesus is truly the beginning and end of all things and the key to understanding God's presence in every human heart. Once this real Epiphany dawns on us, we can never see God, ourselves, or one another in any other way. The Divine Light illumines everything and connects the dots.*



## FORMATION

*Forming individuals, the parish, and community to fully live as authentic disciples of Jesus Christ, and fruitful members of His Church.*

### ***Where Mercy Abounds***

**“It is a supreme injustice and arbitrariness when some make themselves the judges for who should live and who should die.”**

~ The Gospel of Life, 66



\*Please join the Where Mercy Abounds Hope and Healing after Abortion Ministry, in praying for life.

Each week we will provide you a quote or verse to reflect on and hold in your heart.

If you or anyone you know is suffering from the aftermath of abortion, please know there is hope and healing.

Fr. Matthew, the Project Rachel contact for the Diocese of Pueblo, can be reached by email at [mwertin@dioceseofpueblo.org](mailto:mwertin@dioceseofpueblo.org).

All counseling is free and confidential.

### **WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**



**Question:** Magi, Three Kings, Three Wise Men... who were they?

**Answer:**

We sing songs, give gifts, and move three mysterious men into our manger scenes. There's a rich heritage in the Catholic Church of celebrating the magi, but their origins are steeped in mystery. The original Greek calls these men magoi. The word is translated elsewhere in Scripture to mean "magician," but a similar word was used in ancient history to describe an entirely different set of people altogether. In what is now modern-day Iran, the ruling empire had a wealthy priestly caste known as the Magi. At the time of Christ, the Magi formed one of the ruling councils of the Parthian Empire. These priests interpreted dreams and read the stars to anticipate major events that could affect the fortunes of the empire.

We're not exactly sure where the magi of the Gospels traveled from. Matthew simply says "the east." History tells us that the ancient regions of Persia, Assyria, and Babylon all had a magi priesthood at the time of Christ. Whichever region they hailed from, they likely traveled over one thousand miles over the course of several months to arrive at the Holy Family. Unfortunately for the classic song, there is no concrete evidence these men were themselves kings, though they did bear gifts "from afar" at the prompting of their astronomical calculations.

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

**First Reading:**

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

**Psalm:**

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

**Second Reading:**

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

**Gospel:**

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” (Mt 2:2)

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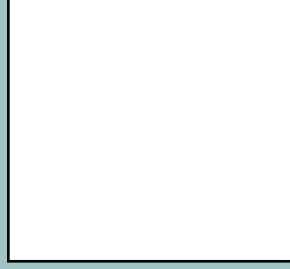
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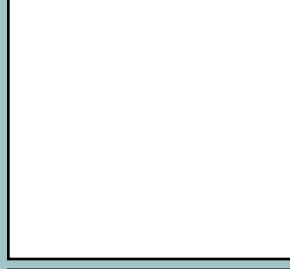
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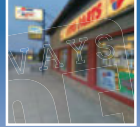


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