



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 2, 2022

RISEN CHRIST Catholic Parish

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DAILY MASSES

Daily: 6:30am, 8:00am and 12:15pm
Saturday: 8:30am and
4:00pm (LIVESTREAMED)
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am and
5:30pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 9:00am & 2:30pm
Sunday: 4:45pm
Wednesday: 11:15am
First Friday of the month: 11:15am

OFFICE OPEN

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY
Tuesday and Thursday By Appt. Only!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 8:30am—5:00pm
Friday: 8:30am—3:00pm
Closed for lunch: Monday-Friday
12:15pm-12:45pm

DO YOU EVER ASK “WHY DO WE EXIST”?

RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC PARISH EXISTS TO
HELP PEOPLE EXPERIENCE THE RISEN JESUS!

Welcome to Risen Christ
Catholic Parish

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Risen Christ Catholic Parish exists to help people experience the Risen Jesus, who offers us joy and new life! We do this through dynamic faith formation, through frequent and accessible liturgies, by putting people first, and by meeting people where they are. We strive to live joyfully, with a servant's heart, and with the trusting "fiat" of Mary. Fr. Scott Bailey and the staff invite everyone to participate in our ministries, activities, and liturgies; these are opportunities for spiritual growth and to share the Risen Jesus with others. Risen Christ Catholic Parish welcomes all visitors and is happy to have you pray with us!

Week at a Glance

Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

Sunday: 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
 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: 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 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



Join us Sunday, January 9th @ 6:30pm in the Parish Hall for fun and fellowship!
 Friends are welcome!

THEOLOGICAL TIDBITS

St. Thérèse of Lisieux once wrote in a letter to her sister, “Oh, Céline how easy it is to please Jesus, to delight His Heart, one has only to love Him, without looking at one's self, without examining one's faults too much” (LT 142). Here, Thérèse encourages her sister to love Jesus and to resist distractions to that love, including personal failures. This is refreshing considering Christianity is often oversimplified as moral perfection. For Thérèse, the whole goal is union with God in love. Everything else is secondary. She continues, “Your Thérèse is not in the heights at this moment, but Jesus is teaching her to learn to draw profit from everything, from the good and the bad she finds in herself.” According to Thérèse, Jesus teaches her to “profit” from the “bad she finds in herself.” Even one’s “bad” can be beneficial insofar as it exposes how helpless one is without God’s grace.

WOMEN OF RISEN CHRIST

January 5th @ 6:30pm in the Senior Room

If Saturday morning meetings aren't for you, please come to an informational meeting of the Women of Risen Christ on the first Wednesday of the month during the school year [through April]. Learn about the exciting events and service opportunities that are coming up.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL
MONDAY—FRIDAY
8:30AM-12:00PM

INTRO TO CATHOLICISM
 Tuesday, January 4th @ 6:00pm in the Parish Hall

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
 Wednesday, January 5th @ 6:30pm—Parish Hall

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
 Wednesday, January 5th @ 6:30pm—2nd Floor Classrooms

WOMEN OF RISEN CHRIST
INFORMATIONAL MEETING
 Wednesday, January 5th @ 6:30pm in the Sr. Room

PRAYER IN THE SQUARE
 Saturday, January 8th @ 10:30am at the Statue

BABY LAYETTE DRIVE
 January 8th and 9th **ONLY**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST
 Sunday, January 9th after all morning Masses in the Parish Hall

“THE SEARCH”
BEGINS
 Monday, January 10th at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall



Intro to Catholicism
The Gospel Message: The Christian Moral Life
Instructor: Jason Cox, M.T.S.
Tuesday, January 4th from 6:30pm—7:15pm
2nd Floor—Seminar Room

AMAZON SMILES

Risen Christ is now a charity for the Amazon Smile program. Amazon will donate 0.5% on eligible purchases to our parish, as long as you select Risen Christ Denver as the charity! To sign up, use our unique link, <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/84-0579057>. If you use the Amazon app on your smartphone, instructions can be found here. <https://www.amazon.com/b?ie=UTF8&node=15576745011>

Grow in Faith

Please Pray for the Sick:

Lenora Brendlinger, Ann Carroll, Vanessa Dowd, Daniel Foxhoven, Richard Lamb, Kim LeHew, Bob O’Haire, Cooper Reh and Baby “Cullen”



Please Pray for the Deceased:

John Dix, Peter Gunder and Anna Liuzzi

CALL THE OFFICE FOR ANY PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR RECENTLY SICK/DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers all expectant mothers and the children in their wombs, especially those from Risen Christ.

Laura B. —December; Pricila G.—February; Heidi S.—March; Natalie S.—June; Ashley B.—June

All Expectant Mothers!

If you are a member of our parish and you are pregnant, please contact the office with your first name and due date so that we can keep a rose in the vase in the Holy Family Chapel during your pregnancy and we can pray for the healthy development of your child.



NEW CLASS STARTING JANUARY 10TH

Do you know a life-long searcher, someone who has left the Faith or an agnostic waiting for the evidence about God? Invite them to participate in “The Search” on Monday night January 10th @ 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. It is free and dinner is served. Sign up today on our website www.risenchristchurch.org.

Babysitting will be provided!

ATTENTION YOUNG FAMILIES

We are in the process of trying to build an active Family Group at the parish. We’d love for you to participate. Currently we are trying to meet once a month on the first Sunday of the month. Visit the parish website for a link to our Young Families Facebook page. We use the Facebook page to share details about our meetings and communicate with each other!

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.

Thank you!

Thank you to all our generous parishioners, who made the Angel Tree such a success. We provided over 406 gifts to St. Rose of Lima, Annunciation, Holly Heights, Rowen Community, Marisol Homes, and Marisol Homes Alumni. We also donated approximately 1200 items to Catholic Charities homeless shelters to be used throughout the Denver Metro area. Additionally, we used cash donations to provide \$600 to these agencies.

A special thank you to Deb Stevens and the volunteers who spent numerous hours organizing, wrapping and delivering the gifts to all.

Parish Information

Mass Intentions

Baptism

Call the parish office to register for a Baptism class. Baptisms are scheduled after the 11:00am Sunday Mass only.

Marriage

Couples wanting to get married at Risen Christ need to contact us at least 8 months prior to their wedding to discuss marriage preparation. An initial meeting will be scheduled to discuss the marriage preparation process in more detail.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process for bringing adults into the church (converts) and for Catholic adults who need to complete the initiation sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Call the parish office for more information.

Religious Education for Children

Please call the parish office for registration information and for class information.

Sacrament of the Sick

In the case of serious illness in the family, contact the parish office immediately. Please do not wait until death is imminent.

Adoration Chapel

Parishioners may contact the office to receive the code for the door to the chapel.

Lost & Found Items

Any item lost in the church or in the office building will be held in the parish office for one month before being discarded.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN FUTURE MASSES,
PLEASE CALL OR STOP BY THE OFFICE TO SCHEDULE.**

Sunday, January 2

7:30am—Parishioners
9:00am—Rob Tamblyn+
11:00am—Evelyn Marczuk+
5:30pm—Special Intention

Monday, January 3

6:30am—Int. of Bridget Kelly
8:00am—Int. of Gavin Kelly
12:15pm—Pat Peddecord+

Tuesday, January 4

6:30am—Peg and Tim Nelson+
8:00am—Mary McNally+
12:15pm—Kevin Betz+

Wednesday, January 5

6:30am—Bill & Margo Bona+
8:00am—Joseph O’Connor+
12:15pm—Int. of Lorissa Pfeifer+

Thursday, January 6


6:30am—Dr. Bill Nelson+
8:00am—Lena Lee Pollard+
12:15pm—Int. of Scott Creviston

Friday, January 7

6:30am—Aubrey & Evelyn Barton+
8:00am—Favian Duvalos+
12:15pm—Genevieve McManus Tirpak+

Saturday, January 8

8:30am—Int. of Msgr. J. Anthony McDaid
4:00pm—Kevin Howley+



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, January 9th after all of the morning Masses. Cost is \$5 (children under the age of 6 eat free), and is all you can eat. Gluten free pancakes will also be available!



BABY LAYETTE DRIVE
The weekend of January 8th & 9th Only

The Respect Life Ministry and the Women of Risen Christ are collecting baby layette items for Marisol Family (formerly known as Gabriel House). We will be putting together gift baskets for moms and newborns. A list of suggested items is on our parish website. Put donations in the cardboard collection boxes in the vestibules.

VENMO
A convenient new way to donate to Risen Christ Catholic Parish. Take a card from the back table and scan the QR code or scan the QR code on the pews.

REMINDER!

**AA MEETS WEEKLY ON THURSDAY EVENINGS
AT 8:00PM IN THE SENIOR ROOM.
ALL ARE WELCOME AND
NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED!**

Other News

Summer Camp at Annunciation Heights!

In a few short months, the youth and families of the archdiocese will be heading into the beautiful Rocky Mountains for a week of adventure and friendship in a dynamic faith-filled environment. With our summer camp schedule beginning in June, we will host **six one-week youth sessions** and **three family camps**. Youth camp sessions are offered for boys and girls from grades 4 through 12. Programming will include climbing, hiking, small group formation, Mass outdoors, and so much more. For more information about dates, pricing, and to register, visit: <https://annunciationheights.org>

Spots are limited - sign up today!

Discount Info:

There are three discounts available to camp families:

Early Bird Discount: Register BEFORE January 31 to receive \$50 off each child's registration.

Referral Discount: To celebrate our second year, any returning campers will be eligible for a \$50 reduction of camp fees for each new camper whom you refer to come to camp (maximum of two referrals per family).

Multiple Child Discount: Available for immediate families with multiple children a discount of \$50 can be given off the full price of a second camper; additional children determined on a case by case basis.



Please remember in prayer these men & women who are in our military:

LT Andrew Faciszewski (Air Force); ILT John Paul Caldwell (Army); LTC Tyler Canter (Army); MAJ Garrett Nakazono (Army); PFC Matthew Nelson (Army); MAJ Gregory O'Malley (Army); CPT Mary O'Malley (Army); PVT Jakob Skinner (Army); CPT Bret Bartlett (Marines); CPL Anthony Edwards (Marines); LCPL Robinson Goldman (Marines); CPL Danny Summer (Marines); PO Jessica Quaile (Navy); LT Alec Rynaski (Navy); 2LT Patrick Neff (Air Force); SN Brady Fossett (Navy); TSGT Connor Smith (Air Force); TSGT Peter C. Wirth (Air Force); W-1 Gabriel Varela (Army); TSGT Jesse R. Albin (Air Force); MSTG Tony Mercado, Jr. (Air Force); Samuel Kenny (Army); LTJG Angela Naple (Navy Nurse Corps); SSGT Damon Daniels (Air Force); PO Christian Farris (Navy).

If you have an immediate family member who is on active duty in the military, call the office with name, rank and the branch of service the person is serving in.

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