



ASSUMPTION

CATHOLIC PARISH & SCHOOL

January 3, 2021



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Everyday Stewardship

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.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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*God, thank You for the
simple things in life.*

Gospel Meditation

“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!

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2021

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 [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/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/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3])/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Date	Event	Time	Location
Monday, January 4	Faith Formation (By Appointment ONLY)	1pm- 7pm	Church
Monday, January 4	Evening Mass	5:30pm	Church
Tuesday, January 5	Holy Hour & Confessions	9am- 10am	Church
Tuesday, January 5	Faith Formation (By Appointment ONLY)	1pm- 6pm	Church
Wednesday, January 6	FOOD BANK	8:30am- 11:30am	Parish Dining Room
Thursday, January 7	Faith Formation (By Appointment ONLY)	1-6pm	Church
Thursday, January 7	Evening Mass	5:30pm	Church
Thursday, January 7	Holy Hour & Confessions	6pm- 7pm	Church
Thursday, January 7	Catholic Assumptions	6pm- 7:30pm	Church
Saturday, January 9	Baptism Prep Class	10am- 12pm	Church
Saturday, January 9	Rosary in Honor of our Lady of Fatima	12pm	Prayer Garden (weather permitting)
Saturday, January 9	Holy Hour & Confessions	3:30pm- 4:30pm	Church
Sunday, January 10	Solemn Mass (Talk beforehand to discuss Liturgy for RCIA)	10:30am	Church
Sunday, January 10	RCIA Resumes	11:30am– 1:15pm	Church
Sunday, January 10	Confessions	4:30pm– 5:15pm	Church
Sunday, January 10	Latin Mass	5:30pm	Church



**Baptism
Preparation
Class**

Baptism preparation class (for parents and godparents of children under the age of 7) are Saturday, January 9th, 2021 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.

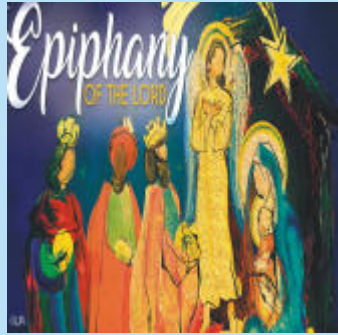
Prior registration is required.

For information or to register for the class, call Calysta Kohlrust (ext. 132) in the parish office – 303-288-2442., or you can also email her at cmk@assumptiondenver.org.

Prayer Corner

Please pray for the sick and those in need of our prayers:

Melissa Bender	Taylor Scott
Reina Bobadilla	Shannon Wood
Randy Gonzales	Jaelynn Thomas
Kristine Honomichl	Phyllis Torres
Nigel Howard	Eddie Vigil
Brian McGuire	
Jarod Medina	
Kathy Montoya	
Maria Elane Moreno	
Fr. Brian Morrow	
Terry Morrow	
Jose Perez	
Malia Sanchez Valdez	
Sarah Routzon Landry	



Happy New Year's

As a result of early bulletin submission requirements, due to the New Year's Holiday, contribution numbers for last weekend will be reported in next weekend's bulletin.

STEWARDSHIP OF TITHING

Week ending December 20th

Offertory	\$ 5,637.31
Capital Improvement, Outreach and School	\$ 250.00

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Mass Times:

Monday-Friday: 8:30am

Monday & Thursday : 5:30pm (For the Month of January)

1st Saturday of Every Month: 9:00am (Latin Mass)

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 8:30am & 10:30am

Sunday: 5:30pm (Latin Mass)

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 9am-3:30pm

Reconciliation & Adoration:

Tuesday: 9:00 - 10:00am

Thursday: 6:00 - 7:00pm

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:15pm & 4:30-5:15pm

1st Saturday of Every Month: 8:00am- 8:50am

Food Bank:

Wednesday: 8:30am-11:30am

SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Monday, January 4

Terry Morrow

Tuesday, January 5

† Bertha Boelter

Wednesday, January 6

Father Brian Morrow

Thursday, January 7

† Patrick Foster

Friday, January 8

† Dick Sauders

Saturday, January 9

† Father Gabriel Ramacciotti

Sunday, January 10

8:30am

10:30am

Pro Popollo

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