



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Monday—Thursday 9:00am\_\_\_\_3:00pm



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#### MASS SCHEDULE

#### **DAILY MASS**

Monday-Saturday | 8:00am

#### WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm Sunday | 7:00am, 8:30am\*, 10:00am, 11:30am \*Masks are required

#### CONFESSION

Saturday after 4pm Mass Sunday after 8:30am Mass

#### **ADORATION**

Tuesday 6:30pm, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion Thursday after 8:00am Daily Mass

#### OUR MISSION

We are a Roman Catholic Parish nourished by the Word of God and the Eucharist. As a community, we advance spiritual growth through lifelong

learning.

Connecting people with God, through authentic relationships to serve the community.



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## **PRAYER & WORSHIP**

#### Mage Intentions

Saturday 1/1 Edward Kraft †, The DeLuna Family

Sunday 1/2 The deArrieta & Gallagher Families †, Alicja & Alojzy Skocz†

Monday 1/3 William Galis †, Gene Riser †

Tuesday 1/4 Peter Kessler †

Wednesday 1/5 Glen Singer †, Fr. Theodor Lobo †

Thursday 1/6 Maggie Wirth, David & Cynthia Chemler †

Friday 1/7 Walter & Monica Castaño, Rita Levesque †, Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas

#### Saturday 1/8

Clalien & Bert Thurmond †, Rhema & Bernard Prochazka †, Edith & Stephen Wierzbinski †, Bernie Hahn †

#### Sunday 1/9

Rudy Villalobos †, Betty Quiroz †, Jason McCutcheon +, Rito Eldo & Isolde Giolli +, Wedding Anniversary of Stan & Elena Wisniewski, Thomas Henry Vreeland †

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#### Finding Out Where Jesus Is!

By Rev. Rudolf Ofori Matthew tells the story of how some wise men arrive in Jerusalem asking where they can find the newborn king whose star they followed from the east. The old-born king, Herod, is not exactly delighted at the news-perhaps because he fears his own star may lose its place in the firmament in the light of the new competition. He calls together the wise men from Jerusalem, who consult the scriptures to find that a leader will emerge from Bethlehem in the land of Judah.

The wise men from the east continue their quest and come to journey's end in Bethlehem where the star halts over a house. They enter it and see the child with his mother Mary. They pay homage to the child, leave their unusual gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, and then guietly return to their own country without reporting to Herod.

Matthew's is the only Gospel to tell the story, and the question arises: what does it mean? We sense that Matthew is telling us a wonderful truth, is revealing to us some hidden event, is trying to engage us in good news. And in the second reading today Paul tells us the meaning of the story when he writes: "God's secret plan was reveal to me and was unknown in past generations; " it means that pagans now share the same inheritance as the Jews, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel."

That is the meaning of the story of the magi! Matthew describes beautifully in a story the same truth that Paul affirms in his letter: the truth that Jesus is for all peoples. The wise men are the pagans, the through us to all peoples.

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Gentiles, the non-Jews, like ourselves. We come from all over the world, and we can find Jesus and do him homage. He is the infant king of the Jews, but he is not the exclusive property of any tribe or nation: he belongs to us all, as we can all belong to him. He is journey's end for all who seek the face of God, for all who seek for meaning and purpose in their lives. He came not only for the chosen race, but for the human race. He is for all of us.

In a sense the wise men are the ancestors of all of us who seek. We are all seekers: we seek for love, for acceptance and for understanding. And we know that the journey towards wholeness and holiness is a journey without end. We do not have stars in the sky to guide us; but even the wise men had to stop being stargazers and consult the scriptures to find out where Jesus was. We don't have stars to guide us, but we do have the scriptures and each other in our journey to God

The scriptures and the star led the wise men from the east to Bethlehem which literally means "House of Bread" There is where our journey has taken us today, here in the house of bread.

We come here to this place as seekers hoping to find Jesus again in the word of the scriptures and in the breaking of the bread. We believe that the scriptures will lead us to him again, and that we can commune with him in the breaking of the bread. In the word and in the sacrament, we meet Jesus again. And we meet him in each other, in our frailty and brokenness. The Lord is present in each of us here.

We are all the hiding place of God. Let us pray that the Lord will show himself

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS THE LIGHT OF THE MOON

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

#### Heavenly Father, we pray for ....

Mary Ann Sena, Karen Gonzales, David Schultz, Jack Daily, Ivette Camino †, Wayne Elias, Ruth Kieffer , Maggie Wirth, Maria Ruiz, Don Green, Dottie Chemler, Troy Iturralde and Family, Tina and Sam Calello, JO

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#### This Week in Readings & Observances

#### Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

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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			

#### Observances for the week of January 02, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops Sunday: and Doctors of the Church Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop Thursday: St. André Bessette, Religious St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest Friday: Saturday: The Baptism of the Lord Next Sunday:



#### Reflection & Respond

#### First Reading

The prophet Isaiah foresaw a time of great joy for Israel when nations and kings would come to Israel praising the Lord. How do you show gratitude to the Lord for the great joys of your life?

#### Second Reading:

It was revealed to Paul that God intended to save all people (Jews *and* Gentiles) through his Son, Jesus Christ. Paul tried to convey the significance of this revelation to the Ephesians by using the language of "coheirs" and "copartners." What does this language signal to you?

#### Gospel

The visit of the magi is one of the most well-known stories from the Gospel infancy narratives. It was an event that manifested God's revelation of His newborn Son to the world. It also foreshadowed the threat that some would experience because of Jesus. How does Jesus challenge the status quo even today?

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#### Stewardship

	Regular	Building Fund	
12/19/2021	\$46,743.30	\$896.00	
12/20/2020	\$21,686.42	\$1,410.00	



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## Calendar of Events



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		Charismatic Prayer Group. 9AM. Chapel	Spanish Bible Study. 9:30AM. Family Rm		Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:45AM. Church	Funeral— Alfonse Dorazio, 10AM, Church	Confession, 9:15AM, Music/Worship Rm
		K-5 Religious ED. 4:30PM, Parish Hall			Cactus Comfort. 10AM. Parish Hall		CLOW & Childcare Resume at IOAM Mass
		Moms Group. 4:30PM. Chapel				Rosary. 3.30PM. Church	Mass. 10AM. Church
		Adoration & OMPH Devotion. 6:30PM. Church		Rosary by Welcome Women. 6pm. Church		Vigil Mass. 4PM. Church	Mass. 11:30AM. Church
rcia, gpm, Hall			Adult Choir Practice, 7PM, Church			Confession, 4:45PM, Music/Worship Rm	Teen Confirmation @4:30PM. Life Teen@6PM. Parish Hall





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# Thank you for your generosity!



Knights of Columbus Council 13272 is so humbled and extremely grateful for your donations to the Socks in a Box for Veterans Campaign. Within a four week period, 907 pairs of men's and women's socks, 20 men's t-shirts, 18 men's and 10 women's briefs were collected. On December 15, the collected items were delivered to the VA Out Reach Homeless Program for distribution. Many homeless veterans thank you for your thoughtful and considerate actions. Knights of Columbus Council 13272 would like to thank the parishioners who donated 425 pounds of food and \$83 to the Impact of Southern AZ Food Bank.

Further, Santa's visit was a huge success with approximately 50 children of all ages, and some adults too, sharing their Christmas wishes with Santa, promising to help their parents with chores, and saying their prayers every day!

Thank you very much for participating in both activities; in the spirit of the season, it is in GIVING that we RECEIVE.

#### Santa Visit Update













#### AVAILABLE AT VIGIL MASS ON JANUARY 1ST, AND ALL MASSES ON JANUARY 2ND

On Epiphany, it is traditional for families to bless their homes, remembering the hospitality of the Holy Family to the Wise Men and asking for protection and blessing on the home and all who enter. We will be blessing and providing our parishioners with a piece of chalk to take home.

The home blessing is done by writing on the door or door frame with chalk the symbols 20+C+M+B+22. The 20 and 22 represent the current year. The + reminds us of the cross on which our Savior died. The C, M, and B stand for the traditional names of the Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, as well as an abbreviation for the Latin phrase "*Christus mansionem benedicat*" which means "Christ bless this house." Writing on the door also brings to mind the Passover of the Jews during the final plague in Exodus, when the blood of the lamb protected the inhabitants within.

To join in this tradition visit our website by scanning the QR Code to right to access the **Epiphany Home Blessing Kit** which includes suggested scripture passages, songs, prayer, and how to bless your door.



-Isaiah 60:3

## **4** WAYS TO GIVE



#### HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

- 1. Call 911 to make a police report
- 2. If the abuse happened in any other state, call the Police or Sheriffs Office in the specific area of that state.
- Call the Victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson 1.800.234.0344 and/or the Office of Child, Adolescent and Adult Protection at 520.838.2513



Share the warmth with those in need.



Poverello House is a Franciscan based day shelter, providing comfort, meals, laundry facilities and clothing to homeless men. They sent us an urgent request for items to assist those "living on the streets" as our weather has turned cold.

Please consider sharing the warmth this winter season by donating: Thermal underwear, warm jackets, gloves and heavy socks. Sizes: M, L, XL new or used. We will be collecting items in our Narthex through January 23rd, and will deliver to **Poverello House of Tucson**—

www.tucsonpoverello.com 221 E Lee St., Tucson, AZ 85705

Thank You, Works of Mercy Council

#### monthly meetings



MEMBER MEETING EVERY 4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6PM IN THE PARISH HALL.



COUNCIL MEETING EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7PM IN THE PARISH HALL.

#### Eternal Rest

In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest. The old order has passed away: welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain. but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.



To view our recent obituaries, scan the QR Code with your phone app to be directed to our webpage.

We just want to remind everyone that you can listen to Mass from your car in our parking lot!

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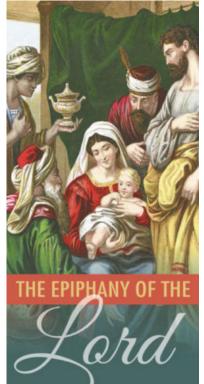
Pope's Prayer Intention January 2022

For True Human Fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

#### Live the Liturgy - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.



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WITH THE COSPEL	Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:			
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My Mass Checklist Check here if you blessed yourself with holy water you entered church.				
Check here if you joined in the Our Father Prayer today.	CLOW and Childcare will resume next week!			
How many people were in the choir today at Mass? What was your favorite songs in Mass today?	- C.L.O.V.			
What were your special prayer intentions?				

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## 2022 Anniversary Mass Celebration

**Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger** cordially invites you to a special Mass celebrating **Marriage Anniversaries** for couples that have received the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony and will celebrate their

1st, 10th, 25th, 50th, 60th (or longer) Wedding Anniversary in 2022

on Sunday, February 13, 2022, at 2:30 PM

at St. Augustine Cathedral.

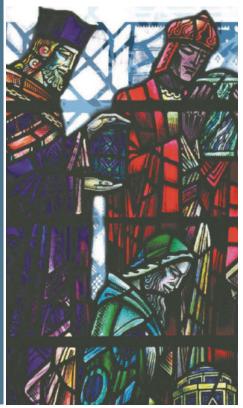
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