

# Pagosa Catholic Community

Immaculate Heart of Mary / Pope John Paul II Catholic Church and Missions

**The Epiphany of the Lord ✨ 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

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2021

<b>SUN 1/03</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>MON 1/04</b>	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
<b>TUE 1/05</b>	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
<b>WED 1/06</b>	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
<b>THR 1/07</b>	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
<b>FRI 1/08</b>	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
<b>SAT 1/09</b>	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
<b>SUN 1/10</b>	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

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2021

<b>Sunday:</b>	The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week
<b>Monday:</b>	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. John Neumann, Bishop
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. André Bessette, Religious
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
<b>Sunday:</b>	The Baptism of the Lord

## JP II RADIO STATION

Our JP 2 Radio Station, **101.1 FM** is now on the Air! Every Mass celebrated in the JP II sanctuary is now being broadcast LIVE on your radio dial at **101.1 FM**. This INCLUDES the daily Masses, too!

JP II Radio **101.1 FM** is just one more way your parish A/V Ministry continues to provide resources to enable as many parishioners as possible to still be part of the Eucharistic celebration during these difficult times.



**Join us** and attend RCIA every Monday evening 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the JP II meeting room. All are welcome to drop in on a class. Call the Parish Office, 731-5744, for more info.

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Pastor To Be Determined

## MASS SCHEDULE

### DAILY MASS

**Monday:** No Mass

**Tuesday:** 5:15 p.m. JP II

**Wednesday:** 7:30 a.m. JP II

**Thursday:** 7:30 a.m. JP II

**Friday:** 7:30 a.m. JP II

### WEEKEND MASSES

#### SATURDAY

No Streaming

5:00 p.m. JP II

#### SUNDAY

Mass Streaming available

9:00 a.m. JP II

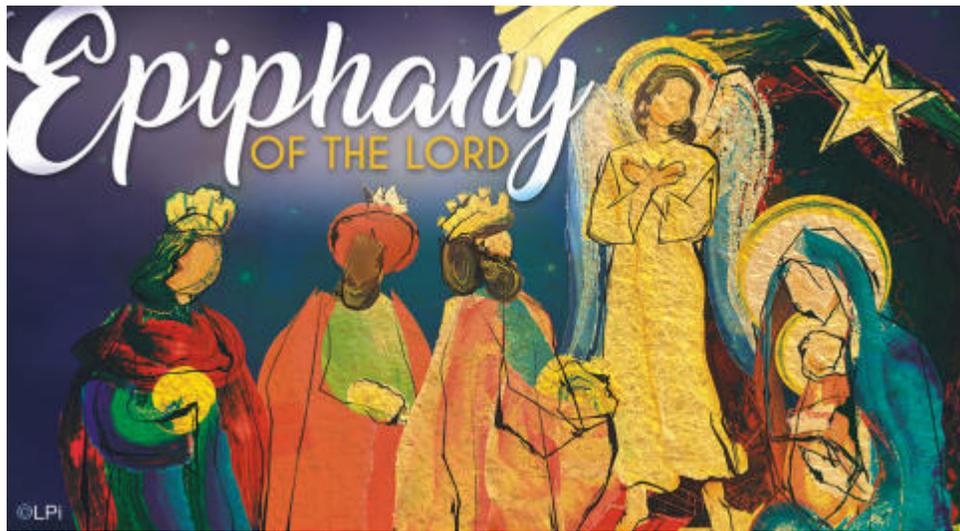
11:00 a.m. IHM

5:00 p.m. JP II – CANCELLED

### HOLY EUCHARIST IN YOUR CAR

During the winter months Holy Eucharist will be distributed curbside to those listening to JP II Radio Mass on 101.1 FM in their vehicles.

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20+C+M+B+21:  
An Epiphany Blessing

What does this strange equation mean? Simply that the three wise men—Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar—followed a special star to Jesus, the Son who became man 2,021 years ago. The C+M+B conveniently also stands for the Latin prayer *Christus mansionem benedicat, May Christ bless this house.*

On Epiphany (or New Year) you can bless your house. You can make this as simple or as intricate as you like; include (liturgical) greeting (eg. “The Lord be with you...”), song or carol, holy water (sprinkling each door and each room), reading (eg. Epiphany Gospel, start of John’s Gospel), more prayers, Lord’s Prayer, incense, assigning parts to different members of the household, collect for Epiphany. Many homes are the dwelling for one person—the blessing of a home is equally appropriate.

Take chalk (of any color) and mark on the lintel of your front door 20 + C + M + B + 21 saying: The three Wise Men, C–Caspar, M–Melchior, B–Balthasar followed the star of God’s Son who became human 20 (two thousand) and 21 (twenty-one) years ago. *May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the New Year. Amen.*

**Just a Second**

**Adam:** What is a million years like to you?

**God:** Like one second.

**Adam:** What is a million dollars like to you?

**God:** Like one penny.

**Adam:** Can I have a penny?

**IHM/JP II Catholic Church Rentals**

Rentals available: IHM Parish Hall & Kitchen, JP II Meeting Rooms, Narthex, Pavilion and Kitchen. If interested, please contact Parish Office 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. 970-731-5744 or email: [jp2ioffice@gmail.com](mailto:jp2ioffice@gmail.com)

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## ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST



### Devotions and Eucharistic Adoration

**May the Stations of the Cross be prayed during Eucharistic Adoration? I thought that the focus was on Jesus present on the altar and not on his passion. Please clarify this for me?**

The Stations of the Cross is an ancient and venerable devotion which is designed to foster a devotion to and meditation on the mystery of the Passion of Christ. As commendable as such a devotion may be, it can never fulfill the purpose of Eucharistic Adoration, that is to draw us more deeply into the mystery of Christ's presence in the Holy Eucharist. Therefore, neither the Stations of the Cross nor any other devotion should be prayed during exposition of the Eucharist.

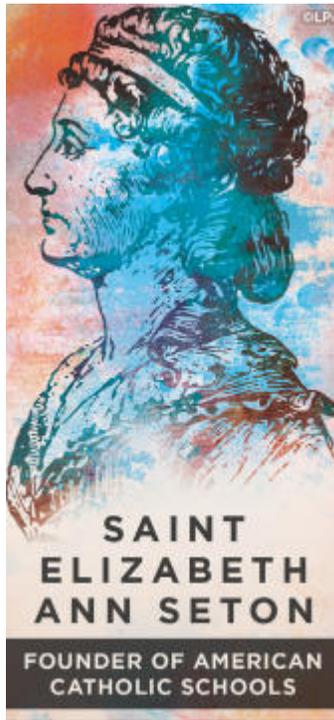
I would strongly encourage anyone involved in the planning of Eucharistic Devotions to bear in mind that the purpose of all exposition is adoration of Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament.  
~USCCB

#### St. Patrick's

##### Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Please bring a chair and sanitizer. We're following recommendations of the Diocese to keep our community healthy.

The Chapel is open, with an access code, 24 hours, 7 days a week.



### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, S.C. Feast Day January 4

*Founder of the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph. Considered founder of the Catholic School system in the US.*

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was the charming "belle of the ball" as a young woman in New York City, linked to all the first families. At the age of 19, she fell in love and married the wealthy, handsome William Magee Seton. The two had a very happy marriage, raising five children. Ten years after they were married, William's business and health both failed, and Elizabeth was left a poor widow with five children to raise alone. Her love for the Eucharist led her to convert to Catholicism and founded the first order of religious women in America, the Sisters of Charity

of St. Joseph, a religious community based on the Rule of St. Vincent De Paul. She was able to still raise her children, live the life of a sister and found several schools. She became the co-founder of the first free Catholic School in America.

A Relic of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton may be found to the left of the Tabernacle of Pope John Paul II.



Please pray for  
Jimmy McCabe, Chris Gallegos,  
Chris Douglass, Michelle Williams,  
Lou Fay, Marie Johnson,  
Freddie Martinez, John Byrne,  
Esteban Saucedo, Anna (no last name),  
Patricia Mestas, Gregg Lucero, Jr.,  
Gloria Adams, Lauren Trujillo  
**All prayer requests on the Prayer Line  
An end to the pandemic and  
safe travels for all.**

Please call the parish office to have a name added to our Prayer List. Names will remain on the list for 1 month.

### INVEST IN THE FUTURE

Adopt a Child's Religious Education for the School Year:  
The average cost for one RE student is \$340 per child per year.

### WELCOME TO OUR FOOD PANTRY We currently need Mac & Cheese and soup.

Please leave your donation in the Pantry Box of the JP II Entry. The Food Pantry is on the north side of the church. Hours: Wed. 10-12

*Thank you for your generosity!*

# Bishops of Colorado Joint Letter Regarding the vaccine

December 14, 2020  
Colorado Catholic Conference



## A Letter to the Faithful from the Bishops of Colorado

The bishops of Colorado affirm that the use of some COVID-19 vaccines is morally acceptable under certain circumstances. The development and utilization of vaccines to eradicate certain infectious diseases is a remarkable advancement in medical technology. The Catholic Church supports the morally legitimate development of vaccines to eliminate suffering and to promote human dignity and the common good. Considering the worldwide impact of COVID-19, vaccines for this virus seem to be especially necessary and urgent.

At the same time, we must remember that a good end cannot justify evil means. Vaccines need to be developed according to ethical criteria. Human cell lines that come from aborted fetuses should not be used in the design, development, production, or lab testing of vaccines. The development of vaccines and other medicines using aborted fetal cells is ethically unacceptable. It offends the dignity of the preborn aborted baby and his or her family, as well as the dignity of the medical vocations of doctors and scientists. We affirm the Church's teaching that "the corpses of human embryos and fetuses, whether they have been deliberately aborted or not, must be respected just as the remains of other human beings."<sup>1</sup> The ethical problems with regard to "cooperation in evil" are important to consider in accepting or promoting any vaccine.<sup>2</sup>

The Catholic Church teaches that it is morally permissible to seek and receive a vaccine that has not been ethically developed, when there are no other alternatives and there is a serious risk to one's health, and provided that any immoral cooperation with evil is excluded.<sup>3</sup> The Pontifical Academy for Life states that "all clinically recommended vaccinations can be used with a clear conscience and... the use of such vaccines does not signify some sort of cooperation with voluntary abortion."<sup>4</sup> In the case of a global pandemic, the Catholic commitment to promoting the common good includes considering the health and safety of others. However, if individuals have serious moral objections or health concerns about vaccines, those concerns should be respected by society and government, and those individuals should not be forced into vaccination, contrary to their conscience. The government should not impose the COVID-19 vaccines on its citizens.

The rapid spread of the COVID-19 pandemic has caused many countries to expedite the development of a vaccine. Several different vaccines have been created in an ethical manner, while others have unethically used aborted fetal cells in their design, development, production and confirmatory lab tests. The Charlotte Lozier Institute, a national pro-life research nonprofit, has provided a helpful list of all vaccines being developed, indicating which are morally compromised. We encourage our community to review that list.<sup>5</sup>

Because of medical advancements, the development of vaccines no longer requires the use of human cells. Many vaccines are now created using no cells, or cells from animals, insects, chicken eggs, or yeast. In the case of COVID-19, eight vaccines were developed by the United States' "Operation Warp Speed" and six of those vaccines do not use aborted fetal cells, including vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna that will soon be available.

In the case of the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines, their use is morally acceptable since neither company used fetal cell lines from an aborted baby at any level of design, development, or production. However, we must also acknowledge that these two vaccine options are not untouched by abortion, as both relied on fetal cells from an aborted baby for one of the confirmatory lab tests. In our current circumstances, when better options are not available, the use of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines remains a morally valid option. On the other hand, vaccines such as AstraZeneca-Oxford use aborted fetal lines in design, development, production, and testing, and therefore are not a morally valid option because better options are available.

Catholics have the duty to use vaccines that respect human life, when they are available. We are thankful that many of the companies and countries working to protect human life and health from COVID-19 are also considering the ethical development and trials of their vaccines.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Samuel J. Aquila, Archbishop of Denver  
Most Reverend Stephen J. Berg, Bishop of Pueblo  
Most Reverend Michael J. Sheridan, Bishop of Colorado Springs  
Most Reverend Jorge Rodriguez, Auxiliary Bishop of Denver



“Young people are the face of the Church’s future.”  
– Pope Francis

**RE DATES TO REMEMBER**  
**NO RE CLASSES**  
**CHRISTMAS BREAK**  
**12-27 to 01-03-2021**

Classes will resume Jan. 10, 2021  
Pre-K through 9th grade after  
9:00 a.m. Mass in the JP II  
meeting rooms.

**JANUARY YOUTH AND  
FAMILY LIVESTREAM  
MOVIE NIGHT TBA**

**AT HOME WITH YOUR KIDS**  
**January 4 Feast Day**  
St Elizabeth Ann Seton Patron:  
Saint of Catholic Schools

It’s the new year and back to schoolwork. Take time as a family and research the faithful and fascinating life of St Elizabeth Ann Seton. Make a sacrifice as a family and donate the cost of “night out to eat” to our parish’s St Elizabeth Ann Seton Scholarship fund. This local scholarship awards Catholic Pagosa Springs HS Seniors scholarships to college or technological career schooling. Look for donation envelopes in the JP II narthex.

## Kids' Connection!

This Month We Learn About  
**saint elizabeth ann seton**

### Who was she?

Elizabeth was born in 1774 to some of the earliest American settlers in New York. She was raised in the Episcopal faith, doing charitable work for the sick and dying her entire life. When her husband, William, became sick, Elizabeth and her daughter traveled to Italy with him. William died shortly after, but while in Italy, Elizabeth was introduced to Roman Catholicism, which she converted to. Although Catholicism was not widely accepted or practiced in America at the time, Elizabeth moved to Maryland and established a school for educating Catholic girls. She also established a religious community to care for children and the poor.

### interesting facts

- St. Elizabeth was the first person born in the United States to be canonized as a saint!
- In addition to her own five children, she and her husband William took in his six younger siblings upon their father's death.
- Elizabeth founded the first congregation of religious sisters in the United States.
- Her creation of a Catholic school was the start of creating a Catholic school system in the U.S.

**Word Find**

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	EMMETTSBURG	SETON
CHARITABLE	FOUNDER	SISTERS
CONVERT	MARYLAND	WIDOW

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*Colony 1791*

Thank you to the teens who helped decorate and put away the Christmas decorations in the JP II Narthex. Any teens needing service hours see Mrs. Happ, DRE.



**VISIT Pagosa Catholic Community Youth on Facebook!**



# Winter Sudoku



Every row, column and mini-grid must contain the letters S N O W F L A K E. Don't guess - use logic



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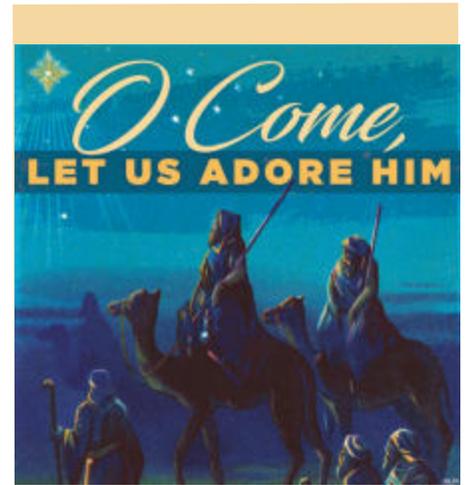
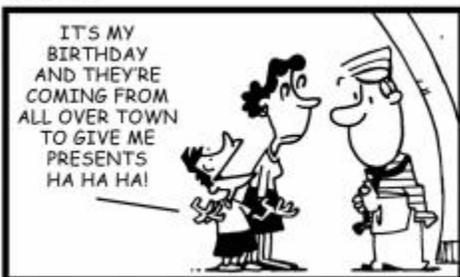
www.ActivityVillage.co.uk - Keeping Kids Busy

## HEY KIDS!

### WATCH FOR THE NEW

### RE YOUTH FACEBOOK PAGE - JUST FOR YOU!!

EPIPHANY



Startup Date TBD

### MEETING UPDATES

**Men's Fellowship † "The Search"!**  
 We will meet again January 4.  
 Mondays • 5:30 p.m. JP II  
 Call Deacon Pat 946-7446

**Women's Fellowship**  
 We will meet again January 4.  
 "The Bible Timeline"  
 Mondays • 9:00-11:00 a.m. JP II  
 Call Susan at 731-9157

**Cenacle** 5:00 p.m. Sundays in the Chapel

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