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Office Hours:

Mon. - Thurs. 8:30am - 4:30pm

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Sacraments & Liturgies

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am (Spanish), 10:30am

Holy Days of Obligation:

9:00am & 7:00pm

Daily Mass:

Tues, Wed & Fri.: 9:00am

Thurs.: 5:30pm

First Friday Mass: 12:00 p.m. at

St. John's Chapel

Confession:

Saturday: 4:30-5:15pm & by appt.

Baptism: By appointment, contact Parish Office.

Weddings: Six months notice required. Please contact the pastor to begin the preparation process.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday 9:30-10:30am & Friday 6:00-7:00pm.

The Epiphany OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem. - Mt 2:1

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January 3, 2021 • The Epiphany of the Lord

GOSPEL MEDITATION

The Epiphany of the Lord

"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 of 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!

Catechetical Corner

Religious Education Classes

Classes Resume January 10th at 9:00 a.m.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Prayers for the Sick:

Please pray for:

Juan Franco, Dale Wilson, Jean Beesley, Don & Mary Louise Boyne, Betty Conway, Don Perno, Rick Larson, Judy Diskin, Dianne Perno, Lindsey Roberts, Richard Contu, Evangelina Harly.

Happy Birthday to: Kay Taldo (4); Veronica Boyne (6).

Happy Anniversary to: Dale & Joan Wilson (3).

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Please contact the office so we can update our information.

Mass Intentions: January 2nd - 8th, 2021

Saturday Fr. John Michalicka t / Mike & Cindy Tanner
Sunday 8:00 Special Intentions
Sunday 10:30 Carolyn Hoehner t / Rick & Jennifer Rumsey
Tuesday Special Intentions of Dale & Joan Wilson
Wednesday Special Intentions of Rick Larson
Thursday Special Intentions
Friday Special Intentions of Don Perno

Readings for the week of January 3rd, 2021



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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Lectors: Saturday 1st & Second Readings

January 2nd - Karen Sontag
January 9th - Mike Tanner
January 16th - Jeff Everard
January 23rd - Karen Sontag

Lectors: Sunday 1st & Second Readings

January 3rd - C. Gebetsberger
January 10th - Josette Haskell
January 17th - Sara Beuchat
January 24th - Nancy Wise

Ushers - volunteer basis

Sacred Heart Church Collections



December 20, 2020 Collection

Envelope\$ 4,096.00
Loose\$ 521.00
Total Weekend Collection\$ 4,617.00

Capital Improvement\$ 200.00

December 27, 2020 CollectionNot Available

Honor the Lord with generosity Ecc.35:7

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

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

Make 2021 a Healthy New Year

- ◆ Engage in Self-Care: Relax and feel better about yourself.
- ◆ Make out time for prayer. Fulfill your spiritual needs through meditation/mindfulness, bible study, attend Mass.
- ◆ Find new ways to manage stress, anxiety and depression.
- ◆ Avoid negative people, but seek out people who are positive and uplifting.
- ◆ Seek help when you need it. Reach out to your Pastor for confession/therapy.

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Parish Organizations

Knights of Columbus: The Sacred Heart Council meets at 7:00 pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

Contact Grand Knight Robert Mulvihill 918-906-7170.

Prayer Network: For prayer requests, contact Sheila Ford at (918) 695-8796 or email at skfgma14x@gmail.com or contact the office.

Women's Bible Study Group: Meets Tuesday mornings 10:30-11:45am. Contact Julie Pittman 918-519-2029.

Fatima Ladies: Every 3rd Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:45 a.m. Contact Sue Johnston 918-227-1431.

Grief Support Group: 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays/8 wk sessions Contact Connie Anderson by text at 319-470-2800.



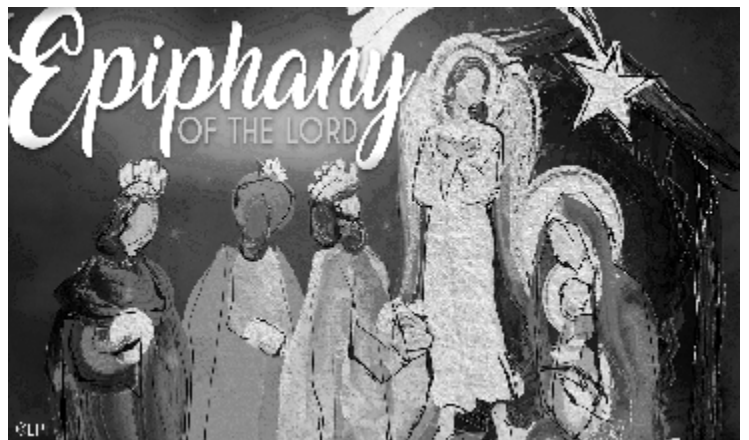
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The Coats of Compassion drive will continue until January 10th, 2021. The coats will be delivered to Catholic Charities.

Together in Holiness Marriage Conference -

presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and the Diocese of Tulsa and Eastern Oklahoma on Saturday, February 6, 2021 from 11:00 am - 6:00 pm at the Parish of Christ the King.

Featured Speakers: Kathryn Whitaker and Dcn Tim Sullivan. Registration: \$59/Couple or \$35/Individual At Home Experience: \$15. Early Bird discount available until January 6th. Scholarships available upon request. Visit togetherinholiness.org or sara@forlifeandfamily.org



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