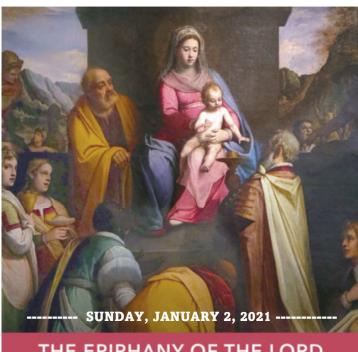


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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

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Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses Tuesday-Friday 7:00am.

Saturday Morning

Confessions 7:30am-8:00am Low Mass of the Extraordinary Form 8:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:45am Confessions 8:45am-9:30am Benediction 9:30am

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil at 5:00pm Sunday at 8:00am and 10:30am

Second Thursday Vespers

6:00pm Adoration and Confessions 6:30pm Vespers 6:50pm Benediction

Confessions

Saturday 7:15-8:00am, 8:45am-9:30am, 4:00pm, and 40 minutes before every Sunday Mass.

Anointing of the Sick

If you are ill and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please call the Pastoral Center at (719) 495-1426 to inform our priest of this need.

Adoration

Saturday 8:45am-9:30am Thursday 7:30am-7:00pm

Baptism

Baptismal classes are held on the third Sunday of the month, after the 8:00am Mass. To register, contact the Pastoral Center at (719) 495-1426.

Rosary recited 25 minutes prior to Mass on the first Sunday of each month, led by the Knights of Columbus.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy recited 25 minutes prior to Masses on the last Saturday and Sunday of the month.

Pastoral Center Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00am-3:00pm

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

IS IT STILL CHRISTMAS?

If we were to follow secular culture, we would be at a loss as to when Christmas begins, though we might deduce that it's over on December 26. That's when the Christmas trees begin appearing on the curb or are burned on the beach. As Catholics, though, we are blessed with very meaningful dates and celebrations marking the life of Jesus Christ. As the USCCB points out, "The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and **concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.** During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts, and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him... including the fact that he was born to die for us."

However, the historical Christmas cycle extends even past the Baptism of the Lord. Traditionally, the feast of **Candlemas** (the Presentation of the Lord) occurs on **February 2** and marks the final conclusion of the "Christmas cycle." Candlemas celebrates the event that occurred 40 days after Jesus' birth and was his first introduction to the Temple. In other words, it is the final "**baby Jesus**" feast day on the Church's liturgical calendar. We will be celebrating Candlemas and the special rite of the blessing of candles once again this year at the 7:00am Mass on Wednesday, February 2.

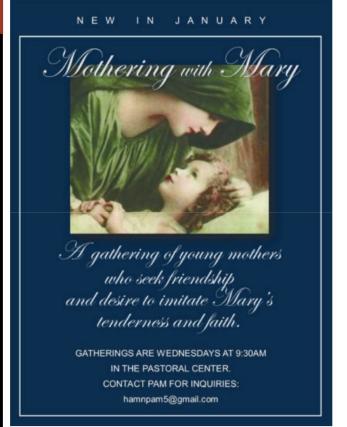
CHRISTMAS GRATITUDE

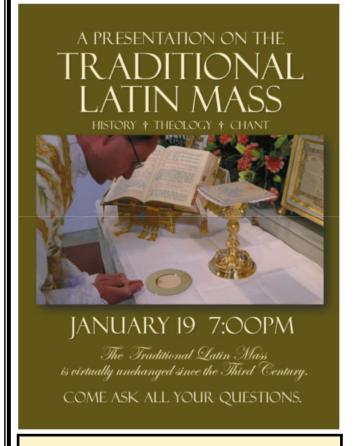
As many of you know, I recently was a little under the weather and took a fall waking up on the floor of the hallway in the rectory. I don't remember it, but the evidence tells me that I crashed to my knees and then continued to take a faceplant into the carpet - a blessing given many other possibilities! All of this has put me way behind schedule with preparations for Christmas, and yes, my Christmas cards are still in their beautiful boxes. The Lord is teaching me once again that without Him, I can do nothing. Thank you for your patience, thank you for the many gestures of your love at this time of year (and the rum balls!). Let us continue to journey through the Christmas Season thankful that the One who has found us lovable has come to us and said, "Arise, my beloved, my dove, my beautiful one, and come!" (Song of Songs 2)

LIFESITE NEWS

Where we look to find news is very important for us and for our families. I would like to suggest a news service that I have found to be wholeheartedly Christian and accurate. If you are not already familiar with LifeSite News (LifeSiteNews.com) you may want to have a look. Here is their mission statement:

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Youth Ministry Schedule

Our next meeting for <u>Middle schoolers</u> will be on Wednesday, **January 5** at 5:30pm.

Our next meeting for <u>High schoolers</u> will be on Thursday, **January 6** at 5:30pm.

DIVINE MERCY CORNER

330 ...I saw the Mother of God with the Infant Jesus in Her arms, and I also saw my confessor kneeling at Her feet and talking with her. I did not understand what he was saying to Her, because I was busy talking with the Infant Jesus, who came down from His Mother's arms and approached me. I could not stop wondering at His beauty. I heard a few of the words that the Mother of God spoke to him [i.e., my confessor] but not everything. The words were: *I am not only the Queen of Heaven, but also the Mother of Mercy and your Mother*. And at that moment She stretched out her right hand, in which She was clasping her mantle, and She covered the priest with it.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE for K-Confirmation is Sundays 9:15am-10:15am

Jan 2 - NO CLASSES (Christmas break)

Jan 9 - RE for K - Confirmation and Opt
Adult Catechism class

Jan 16 - RE for K - Confirmation











AFTER 5PM MASS

Ends ~7:45pm Dinner will be provided Sponsored by Youth Ministry

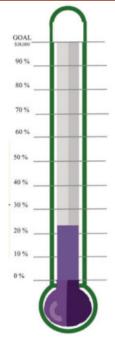


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MARIAN GROTTO

Marian Grotto Fund

Look for our Marian Grotto fund-raising thermometer in the narthex. We have \$9,025 of the needed \$38,000. The design plans for the grotto are also in the narthex. If you would like to make a donation toward the grotto you may do so on "We Share" by writing in "Grotto" or by check with the memo line "Grotto" or by cash in an envelope marked "Grotto." If we reach our goal, construction will start in the Spring.



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