



SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

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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Gospel Meditation

A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

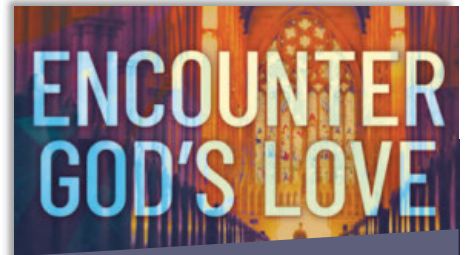
In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: “Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, “Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.”

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities.

For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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In the past it was the practice to pass the collection baskets during Mass. This practice was stopped during COVID. So many of our parish members are now giving online through FaithDirect, and we are so grateful for this as it has helped our budgeting purposes.

We have made the decision to not start the collection baskets, but instead for those who wish to give via envelope or cash, we encourage you to use the Offertory box in the Narthex either before or after the Mass. We will use the collection baskets at the Christmas and Easter Masses for our visitors.

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St. Gabriel Weekly Stewardship Report

Weekend of December 19
Sunday Collection: \$14,441.00

FaithDirect E-Giving
For November: \$35,847.00

Thank you for your ongoing support of St. Gabriel.

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New Parishioners Welcome!

Register online at stgacc.org or at the parish office.



Regular Mass Times

Mon - Sat | 8:15 am

Rosary and Divine
Chaplet prior to
Daily Mass at
7:30 am

Saturday | 4:30 pm

Sunday
7:00 am (no music)
8:30 am
10:30 am

Reconciliation
Saturdays
3:00 - 4:00 pm

Adoration in Church
Tuesdays
9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Benediction 7:45 pm

Communion to the Homebound:

Please notify the office with the name and contact information of the individual requesting communion.

Infant Baptism: Parents need to register at the parish and attend a baptismal preparation class prior to scheduling the baptism. Please contact the office.

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, January 3

Daily Mass | Chapel | 8:15 am
Child Faith Formation | ACS K-5 | 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Tuesday, January 4

Daily Mass | Chapel | 8:15 am
Adoration | Chapel | 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
American Heritage Girls | Ministry Bldg. Center |
3:30 pm

Wednesday, January 5

Daily Mass | Church | 8:15 am | ACS K-8 students
in attendance
St. Vincent de Paul | Ministry Bldg. Center | 3:30 pm
Choir Rehearsal | Church | 7:00 pm

Thursday, January 6

Daily Mass | Chapel | 8:15 am
Baptism Class | Ministry Bldg. — Classroom 3 | 7:00 pm

Friday, January 7

Daily Mass | Chapel | 8:15 am
ENCOUNTER NIGHT | Chapel | 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Saturday, January 8

Daily Mass | Chapel | 8:15 am
Men's Bible Study | Ministry Bldg. — Classroom 3 |
9:15 am
Confession | Church | 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Vigil Mass | 4:30 pm

Sunday, January 9

The Baptism of the Lord
Mass | Church | 7:00 am | 8:30 am | 10:30 am
Live Stream Mass at 8:30 am
Child Sacrament Prep Classes | ACS K-5 | 9:00 am

*Fr. Chad, Fr. David,
Deacons & Staff wish you all
a Happy and Blessed New Year!*

RENEWED
STARTING THE NEW YEAR RIGHT

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 2

7:00 am • Parishioners
8:30 am ✕ Jay Bielert by Esther Bielert
10:30 am • Anne Schue by Debbie Conway

Monday, January 3

8:15 am • Linda Larson by Renee Shamrock

Tuesday, January 4

8:15 am ✕ Mae Taylor by Larry & Kathy Hansen

Wednesday, January 5

8:15 am ✕ Amato Dragone by Stella DiPasquale

Thursday, January 6

8:15 am ✕ Maria Dragone by Stella DiPasquale

Friday, January 7

8:15 am ✕ Pam Goss by Mike Goss

Saturday, January 8

8:15 am ✕ Kim Hammond by Grandma Bea
4:30 pm ✕ Jesus Cadena by Dolores Galligan



*Daily Mass and Tuesday
Adoration is now in the
Chapel. Wednesday Daily
Masses will be in the Main
Church when Annunciation
school is in session, as the
children join in the daily
morning Mass.*

*The Chapel will be open daily
from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm
except on Sundays.*

Ministries

Adoration Sign Ups

Beginning in the New Year, to grow towards perpetual Adoration, Fr. Chad would like to add additional days of Adoration. You may sign up in our weekly emails to let us know if you are interested in being a committed adorer. As soon as every hour has 2 people signed up from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm on a particular day, we will add this day to our schedule.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

Answer:

Epiphany means “manifestation,” or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



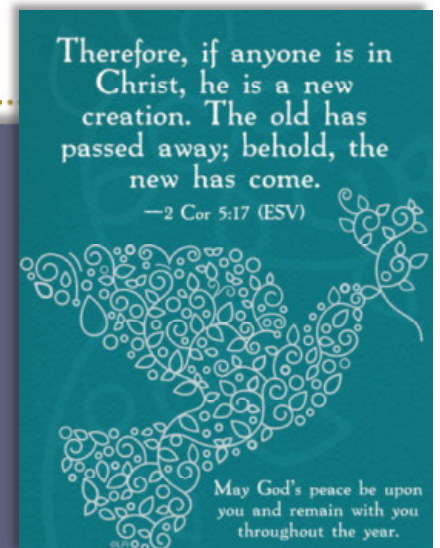
This part of Matthew’s infancy narrative differs from Luke’s account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph’s long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact? ©LPi



Attention Ladies: Please join St. Gabriel’s Bunco group to play this super fun game held on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at various members’ homes. No experience needed. The hostess can usually accommodate 16 or 20 players and provides the main dinner dish. The other players provide appetizers, side dish, dessert and wine. The cost is \$6.00 to play Bunco with the chance of winning Most Wins, Most Losses, Most Buncos, and the Bunco Bag! If you can stay for more fun, the group plays two games of Left Right Center with another chance to win more money, and enjoy lots of laughs and friendships. Please contact MaryAnn McAward at maryannmcaward@me.com



HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Children's Faith Formation will resume...

- ▶ Sunday, January 9th, and
- ▶ Monday, January 10th

Adult Faith Formation Series

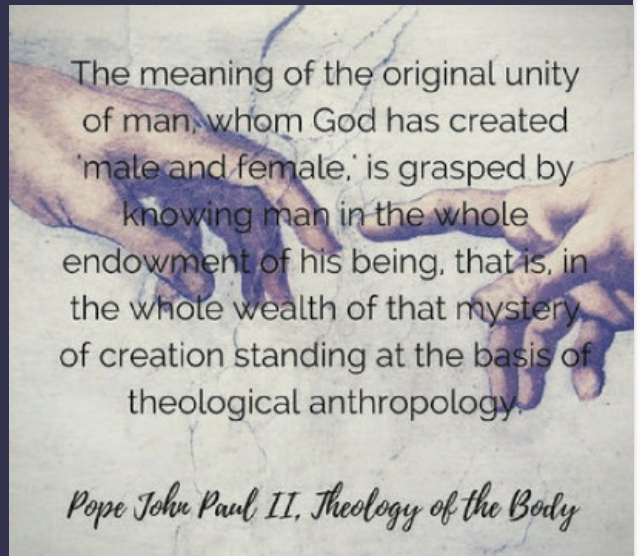
What Does It Really Mean To Be Catholic?

Session 5: What is the "Theology of the Body"?



With Michael Garibaldi,
*Exec. Director -
Discipleship & Mission*

Wednesday,
January 19
6:30 pm



The meaning of the original unity of man, whom God has created 'male and female,' is grasped by knowing man in the whole endowment of his being, that is, in the whole wealth of that mystery of creation standing at the basis of theological anthropology.

Pope John Paul II, Theology of the Body



Jon Leonetti is Back!

January 24 – 25 – 26



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JON LEONETTI, a nationally known Catholic speaker, will be back at St. Gabriel Catholic Parish to convey a message of lasting fulfillment in Jesus Christ.

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Catholic Education Arizona (CEA) is a student tuition organization that turns a dollar-for-dollar tax credit for Arizona residents into scholarships. That means at no cost to you, redirecting your state tax liability will create a scholarship for a student attending Annunciation Catholic School.

Last year, Annunciation received a total of \$236,633 from CEA. Fifty-five percent (\$116,654.34) was redirected from the St. Gabriel parishioners, creating a little over 20 scholarships for families that would otherwise not be able to afford tuition for their child. Our goal this year is to receive \$150,000 from St. Gabriel. From now until April 15, 2022, you can redirecting your state tax liability to Annunciation.

Don't stop now! You're investing into our future. Even a dollar of your AZ state tax credit can make a difference in a child's educational life; the results will show soon enough.

Thank you again, and may God richly bless all who help with this scholarship. Thank you for supporting our mission of developing children to their fullest God-given potential.

January Happenings

- 3 Welcome Back to School
- 7 Noon Dismissal/Staff Day
- 17 No School: MLK, Jr. Day
- 28 Noon Dismissal/Staff Day
- 30 Begin Catholic Schools Week
 - 10:30 ACS Mass at St. Gabriel
 - 11:30 Open House

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Parish	Amount	Percentage
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