

Holy Rosary Edmonds

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

JANUARY 3, 2021

Mass

Mon-Thurs 8am
Tues 5:30pm
Fri 8:30am (School)
Vigil Sat 5pm
Sunday:
8am (indoor)
9:30am (indoor)
11:15am (indoor)

Mass Livestream

(See website)
Sunday Vigil, Sat 5pm
Recording may be
watched at any time.

Confession

Mon-Sat 7:30-5am
Sat 4:15-4:50pm

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A Letter from Fr. Vincent

Dear Parishioners,

What keeps coming to my mind as we start the new year of 2021 is what was told to both Mary and Joseph when confronted with a new situation that required acceptance and change: "Do not be afraid." Jesus also uses this exhortation, "Do not be afraid," many times with His disciples.

"Do not be afraid" means we can step out into the unknown and unusual with confidence, because God's grace is with us. God gave St. Paul the assurance that "My grace is sufficient for you." And what is grace? Participation in the divine life. That participation means light and understanding and conviction -- just enough to carry us along, to lift us up out of depression, discouragement, uncertainty, doubt...

You will notice in the new Adoration chapel that just to the right of the altar there is an image of Divine Mercy. There, under the image of Jesus's Mercy are the words: "Jesus, I trust in you." This is why we do not need to be afraid, because Jesus will give us the grace to persevere through whatever may come.

We access this necessary grace and mercy through prayer. With prayer, one can go on cheerfully and even happily. Without prayer, how grim is the journey. Prayer gives purpose and hope to the journey. Prayer is as necessary to life as breathing; it is food and drink for the soul...

2020 was certainly the year of the unexpected. It exposed our vulnerabilities and fears. Perhaps the events of 2020 have given us the impetus to reorient our lives more towards God and less to the voices that cause fear and division. Prayer is orienting our lives to God's voice, a voice that is discovered in Word (Scripture) and Sacrament.

I encourage everyone to make a New Year's resolution that will include goals surrounding growth in prayer. Make prayer daily and doable. Here are some suggestions:

- ◆ Make a resolution to pray the Rosary each day.
- ◆ Become an adorer of the Blessed Sacrament in our new adoration chapel that was just dedicated Jan. 1. The new Adoration Chapel is a quiet place of prayer with the Lord.
- ◆ Dedicate 20 minutes a day to silence. Fill the time with gratitude and Scripture reading.
- ◆ Read the Gospel each day that is used at Mass and reflect upon it.

Mary was able to do what God asked of her, because she prayed; she pondered things in her heart.

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Fr.'s letter continued

Joseph was able to fulfill his vocation as husband and father, because he prayed for the grace to do so.

We can face 2021 with confidence and hope if we ponder things in our heart and pray for the grace to fulfill our vocation, whatever necessary task God has given us to do. Prayer is discovery and execution of the task God has given each of us in His loving plan.

My message for 2021 is "Do not be afraid," "My grace is sufficient for you", and "Jesus I trust in you!"

In Christ,



Upcoming Events

Jan 6th: Online Prayer Study Begins

See website for details.

Jan 20th: Adoration Orientation

10am and 6:30pm (Church)

Jan 22: Holy Hour for Life
7pm (Church)



Adoration and Security System Orientation

January 20th 10am and 6:30pm

Those wishing to become regular adorers will need to attend an orientation. We will offer more orientations in the future .



Holy Hour for the Sanctity of Human Life

Join us in prayer for the protection of vulnerable human life in all its stages from conception until natural death.

Exposition, reflections, and music.

Friday January 22, 7pm
In the Church



A Huge Thank You
to all those who decorated
our sanctuary for Christmas and
helped to make the joy and light
of Christ visible!

Saint Spotlight: Sts. Balthasar, Melchior, and Caspar

As in this painting, the three wise men are traditionally portrayed as kings of various races. While it is artistically beautiful to have kings worshiping the King of kings, the Bible does not give the wise men royal backgrounds. Rather, they are called “magi.” This title is heavy with significance in the Biblical world.



In the most limited and proper sense, a *magos* was a member of a sacred Median caste (remember the Medes from Ancient history class?) which after the Persian conquest adapted and conformed to the Persian religion while retaining some of their old beliefs. Over time the term came generally to apply to wise men, teachers, priests, physicians, astrologers, seers, interpreters of dreams, augurs, soothsayers, sorcerers.

These men, then, were not the sort of men that would have been welcomed by or revered by pious Jews. Yet, Matthew — the only evangelist to record the coming of the magi — wrote his gospel for a Jewish audience. In these magi, Matthew saw the beginning of the fulfillment of the prophecies of Isaiah and Malachi, that “all nations” would come to worship the God of Israel, not only the upright and righteous gentiles, but the sinners and scum.

In the adoration of the Magi, we see hope for the conversion of those most alienated from God — hope for our own salvation. Come let us adore Him!

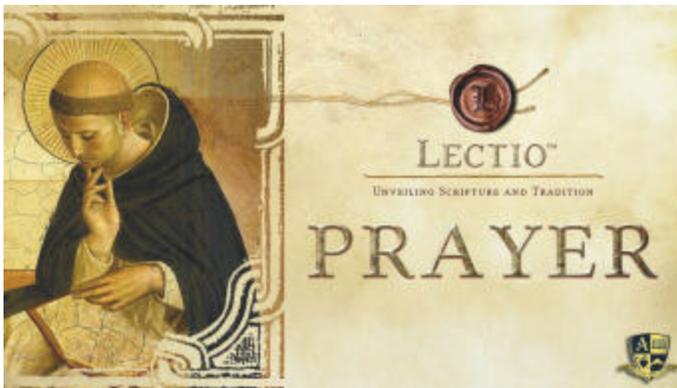
Mass Intentions

Mon 1/4 Harry Purpur †
 Tues 1/5 Jim Russell †
 5:30pm Dean Allard †
 Weds 1/6 Sig Weiss †
 Thurs 1/7 Debi Russell Int.
 Fri 1/8 Sig Weiss †
 Sat 1/9 Debi Russell Int.

Faithful Departed

Prayer Intentions

Contact the Parish Office
 to have special
 intentions printed here.



Join parishioner John Peters for an **online video and discussion series** on how to pray with scripture!

Wednesdays 2-3pm
 January 6th-Feb 10th
 Register on the parish website!

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry:

- spaghetti sauce and noodles
- instant cocoa packets
- canned soups
- dish detergent (dawn)

Monetary donations are always appreciated to help those in need of rental or bill assistance.

Days are getting longer and brighter, but if you are struggling with depression, anxiety, grief, or family concerns psychologist, Dr. Jeff Baird, is available to treat concerns.

Leave a confidential message on his parish number and he will get back to you promptly.

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