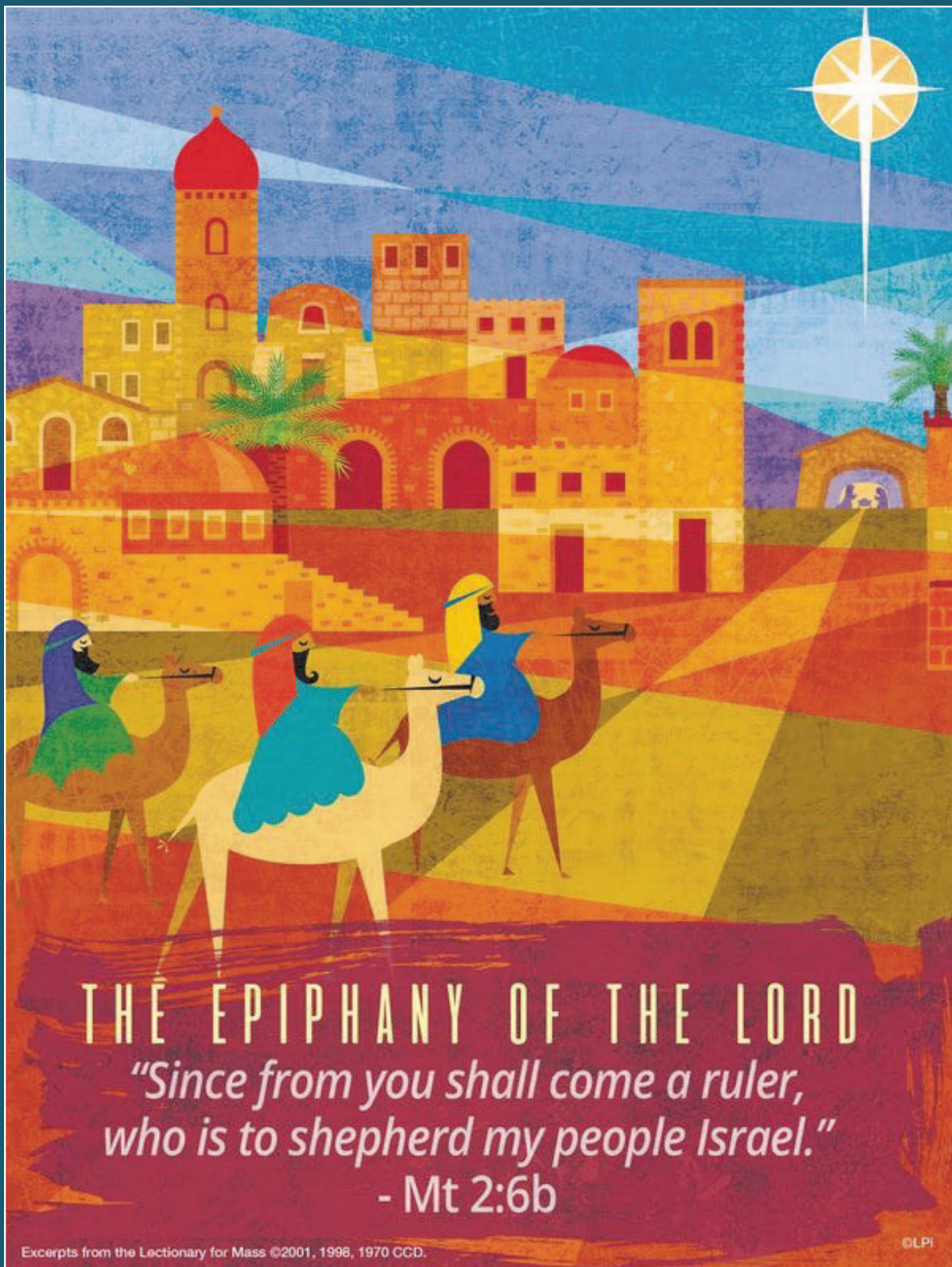


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JANUARY 2, 2022

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The Journey of Faith with Father Matthew Oakland



Begin with the End in Mind

As I pull out my new 2022 calendar and fill in the various birthdays for the year and start to sketch out some possible vacation time, its amazing how quickly our plans take shape and fill up the space of our lives. As time marches on, a question we should often ask ourselves is, 'How is Jesus disrupting my life?'

God calls us to Heaven. He wants us to be with Him so much that He came to earth and took on our humanity to not only lead us home but to also give us the grace necessary to get there. Jesus bridged the gap between earth and Heaven, created by sin, by the offering of His own life.

So if He has done all of that, how does His entry into the world change my life as we are constantly called to a deeper conversion and life in Christ? How do I make more room for His plans in my life; His way of life and not just my own habits and patterns? Time is a great gift, but only if we use it to delight in the blessings of God, constantly on our way to Heaven.

This weekend, the Magi arrive to pay homage to the newborn King. They disrupted their lives, taking months to make this trek, with its hardships and dangers because it was worth it; because He was worth it. To worship and adore. Because there is nothing better than being with the King here and now in this world that we might reign with Him forever.

On the next page of this bulletin, there is a blessing for homes that is traditionally done on this day. I will bless chalk at Mass for you to use. Chalking the lintel of the home is a great way to ask for God's blessing, and serve to us as a reminder as well. Each time we go into the home through that door, or out into the world, we are called to always be in search of Jesus Christ, and bringing His light and love to those we encounter.

Its also good to find a good model and patron to guide us. In that regard, consider another tradition found adjacent on this page.

What else, though? If we have Heaven as our true and ultimate goal, how will you live this year differently to continue on that path towards our Father's House? When will you spend more time in prayer? What virtue will you strive to grow in, what sin or addiction will you leave behind in victory? How will you spend your time a little differently than last year? What ways will you draw nearer in communion with your family, our parish, and wider community? One of the things I am going to do is listen to Fr. Mike Schmitz's podcast of [The Bible in a Year](#). Spending more time in God's Word is never wasted. Nor is coming to Mass more often, besides Sundays. Daily Masses are:

Tuesdays at 6PM (*with Confessions 5:30-5:50*)

Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays at 8:45AM

God has come to earth. As the Christmastide soon passes, may Jesus always disrupt our lives.

Looking for Some Guidance?

There is a practice in many monasteries to select a patron saint for the year on the Feast of Epiphany. Often the Superior would use a book of the Lives of the Saints to randomly select each person's new patron. Of course, there were always prayers to the Holy Spirit as well. The individual would call upon them as an added patron for the year (on top of their Guardian Angel and their regular patrons), but also look to them for inspiration as they came to know the story of their life (as far as able), as well as their writings (if there were any). If you don't have a book of the Lives of the Saints, with the age of technology, not surprisingly there is a website for this! <http://saintsnamegenerator.com/>

As we look for guidance, it is important to look to good guides. May your year be a blessed one, and may you know always and every the protection and help of the saints and angels.

The Journey of Faith with Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar (aka The Magi)

EPIPHANY HOME BLESSING

One of the ancient practices of the Church is the blessing of homes on Epiphany. This includes as the 'chalking' of the door lintel—that all who pass under it might know God's blessing as we journey, like the Magi, ever toward Christ. Chalk will be blessed at Mass. If you need holy water, bring a bottle of water and ask Fr. Oakland to bless it. Gather at the main entry to the home:

Leader: God's peace be in this home.

All: And on all who live here.

All: Antiphon—Magi from the East came to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasure chests they presented Him with precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial. Alleluia.

All: Pray the Magnificat.

During which holy water can be sprinkled in the home.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.

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Leader: Our Father, who art in heaven...
and lead us not into temptation.

All: But deliver us from evil.

Leader: Many shall come from Saba.

All: Bearing gold and incense.

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All: Bearing gold and incense.

Leader: Lord, heed my prayer.

All: And let my cry be heard by You.

Leader: Let us pray. God, who on this day revealed your only begotten Son to all nations by the guidance of a star, grant that we who now know you by faith may finally behold you in your heavenly majesty, through Christ our Lord. **All:** Amen.

Leader: Be enlightened and shine forth, O Jerusalem, for your light is come; and upon you is risen the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary. Nations shall walk in your light, and kings in the splendor of your birth.

All: And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.

Leader: Let us pray. Lord God almighty, bless this home, and under its shelter let there be health, chastity, self-conquest, humility, goodness, mildness, obedience to your commandments, and thanksgiving to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May your blessing remain always in this home and on those who live here. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

After the prayers of the blessing are recited, the initials of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar) are inscribed upon the lintel of the main door with the blessed chalk, and then the year, and then crosses in between each, as shown below. It can be done on the frame/lintel above the door, or on the wall above it, either outside or inside of the home. It is a blessing, but also a reminder as we come and go forth to seek Jesus like the Magi. The initials, C-M-B, can also be taken as the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat" which means "Christ bless this house".

20 + C + M + B + 22



SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

PSALM:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

SECOND READING:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

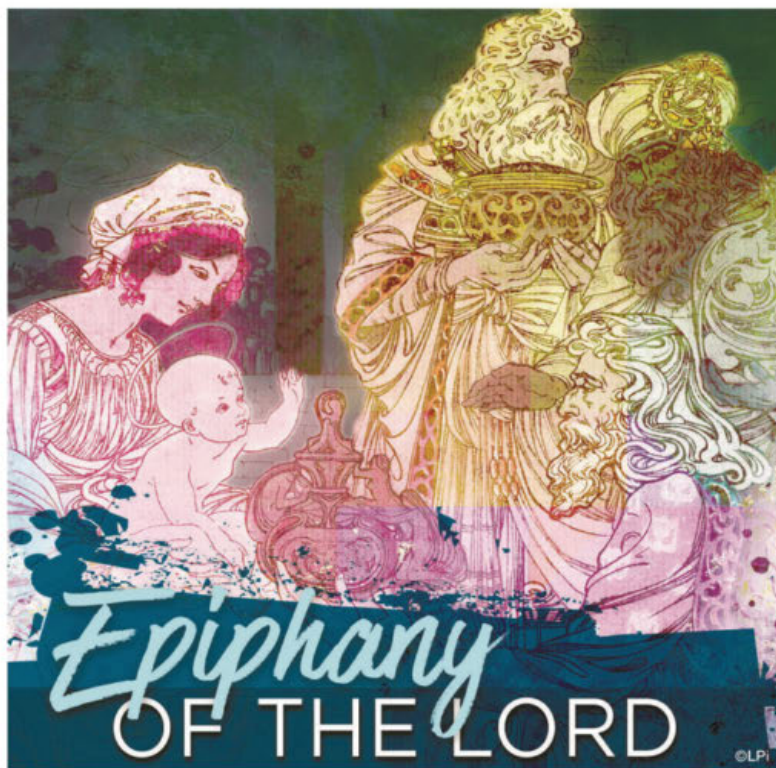
GOSPEL:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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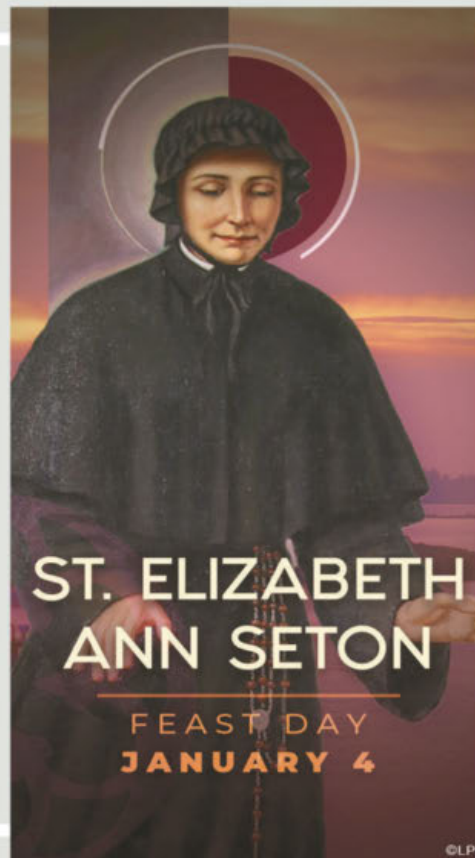
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

- Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
Thursday: St. André Bessette, Religious
Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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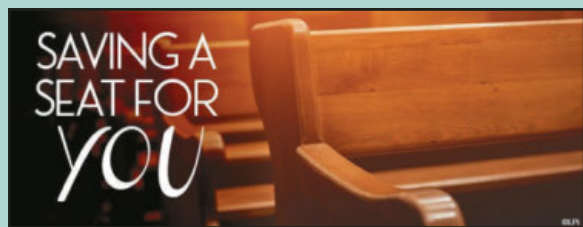
Saint of the Week

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

LITURGY SCHEDULE



Archbishop Etienne has reinstated the general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of as of December 8, 2021, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. If you've been away from Mass during the pandemic, we invite you to come back to receive the Eucharist, rebuild community life and renew your commitment to Sunday Mass. More information can be found at archseattle.org.

If are unable to join us at Mass, there are exceptions to this such as:

- Having underlying conditions, pregnancy, or considered to be in a high-risk category.
- Exhibiting flu-like symptoms.
- Possibly being asymptomatic of a contagious illness (being in close contact with someone who tested positive for a contagious illness such as COVID or influenza, for example).
- Caring for the sick, homebound or infirmed.
- Being 65 years of age or older (per the Centers for Disease Control's recommendation for high-risk individuals).
- Being unable to attend Mass through no fault of your own (i.e. no Mass is offered; you are infirm; or, while wanting to go, you are prevented for some reason you cannot control, such as your ride did not show up).
- Receiving a dispensation from the pastor directly.



January 1, Saturday - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass at 9am

(No Saturday Vigil Mass for Epiphany on New Year's Day. No Saturday confessions.)

January 2, Sunday, - Feast of Epiphany

Masses at 8:30, 10:30am

MASS TIMES

Sunday Masses

Saturday | 5:00 pm

Sunday | 8:30 am
10:30 am

Daily Masses

Tuesdays | 6:00 pm
Wed.* -Sat. | 8:45 am

*Daily Mass on Wednesday AMs is for students/faculty only at this time in order to comply with covid protocols unless noted.

CHURCH HOURS

Monday-Friday*

8:30 am-5:00pm

*The church is occupied by the school band on Mondays from 10a-11:30a and Wednesdays from 1:45p-3:15p.

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3:30 pm-4:30 pm

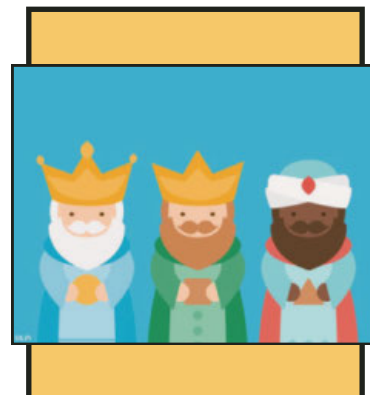
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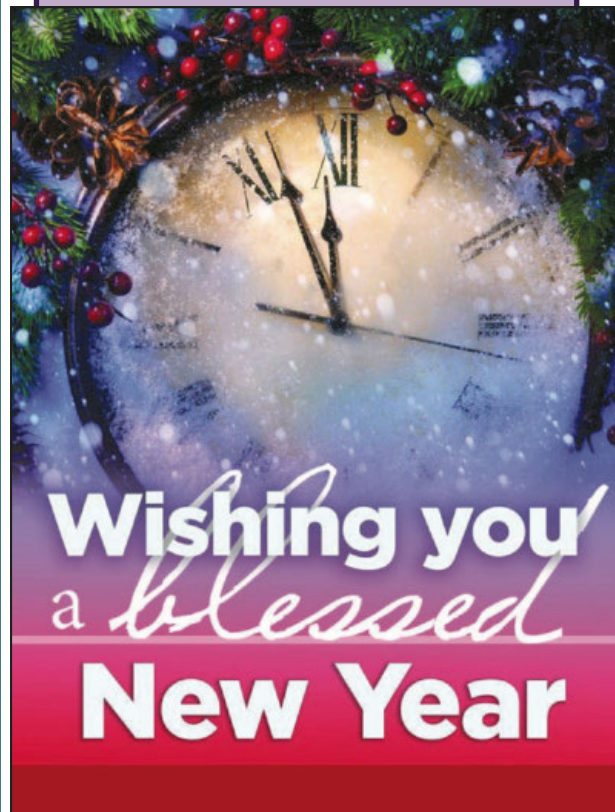
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The Epiphany of the Lord

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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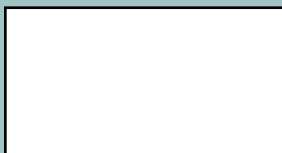
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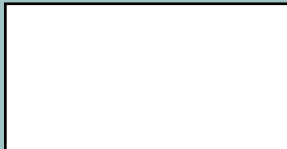
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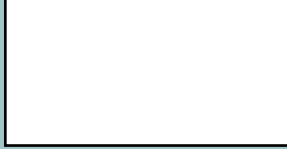
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