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January 5, 2025



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star.
- Mt 2:10



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Prayer for the Prince of Peace for the Family

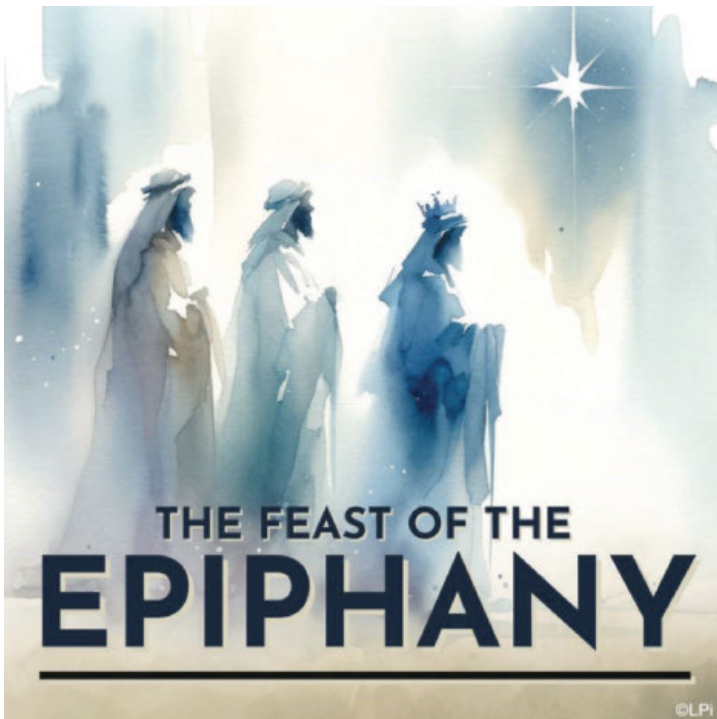
O Jesus, King of the world:
You entered our lives hidden and humble in a Bethlehem cave.
Now, hidden in the Host, you come.

O Jesus in the Eucharist:
Let the rays of your love flood my soul, and the soul of every person in my family. With your saving power, Jesus, cast out all anxiety, unforgiveness, addiction, pride, impurity, confusion, hatred and despair. Pierce the darkness with your light and fill us with your presence.

O Jesus in the Eucharist, King filled with compassion:
Come, reign in my family.
O Jesus in the Eucharist, King of infinite mercy:
Come, reign in my family.
O Jesus in the Eucharist, King who is all truth and beauty:
Come, reign in my family.

Mary, Mother of God,
Saint Joseph, protector of the Holy Family:
Help us to love Jesus and to entrust ourselves completely in him.

O Jesus in the Eucharist, Prince of Peace:
Come, reign in us!
Amen.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 3 Pantry Donation Wkend	6 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store 10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM	7 9:30-noon SMFP 1-3 Rosary Makers 6:30pm SFAPC Choir Practice SMA & SF	8 6:30 Men's Grp	9 9:30-noon SMFP 2-4 Craft Club 6-8 Women's Group 7pm BINGO	10	11
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JANUARY

OUR STAINED GLASS WINDOWS ~

Saint Theresa

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Therese of Lisieux - born Marie Françoise-Thérèse Martin; 2 January 1873 – 30 September 1897), in religion Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face (*Thérèse de l'Enfant Jésus et de la Sainte Face*), was a French Discalced Carmelite who is widely venerated in modern times. She is popularly known in English as the Little Flower of Jesus, or simply the Little Flower.

Therese has been a highly influential model of sanctity for Catholics and for others because of the simplicity and practicality of her approach to the spiritual life. She is one of the most popular saints in the history of the church, although she was obscure during her lifetime. Pope Pius X called her "the greatest saint of modern times".

Therese felt an early call to religious life and, after overcoming various obstacles, in 1888, at the early age of 15, she became a nun and joined two of her elder sisters in the cloistered Carmelite community of Lisieux, Normandy (another sister, Céline, also later joined the order). After nine years as a Carmelite nun, having fulfilled various offices such as sacristan and assistant to the novice mistress, in her last eighteen months in Carmel she fell into a night of faith, in which she is said to have felt Jesus was absent and been tormented by doubts that God existed. Therese died at the age of 24 from tuberculosis.

After her death, Therese became known globally through her spiritual memoir, *The Story of a Soul*, which explains her theology of the "Little Way". As a result of her immense popularity and reputation for holiness, she was quickly beatified and canonized by Pope Pius XI, who completed the process just 28 years after her death. In 1997, Pope John Paul II declared her a Doctor of the Church. Her feast day in the General Roman Calendar was 3 October from 1927 until it was moved in 1969 to 1 October. She is well known throughout the world, with the Basilica of Lisieux being the second most popular place of pilgrimage in France after Lourdes.

Although little is known about the Three Wise Men, tradition provides us with their names: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The Epiphany celebrates the moment Christ, the ultimate gift, was made known to the Three Wise Men and thus the Gentiles. Their journey is central to the Feast of the Three Kings 2024, highlighting the global acknowledgment of Jesus as the Messiah.



Tradition venerates the Three Wise Men as saints, including because they not only recognized Christ but also revealed him to the world. Their visit symbolizes the Gentiles finding Jesus (Isa. 11:10; Matt. 28:18-20) and expressing, through their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, who he is: King, God, and Savior (Isa. 60:6; Matt. 2:11). In doing so, they show that Christ himself is the greatest gift to all humanity.

The term "Epiphany," based on the Greek word meaning "manifestation" or "revelation," commemorates key events in the life of Christ: the visitation of the Three Wise Men, the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, and Christ's first public miracle at Cana. Each reflects a moment of divine revelation.

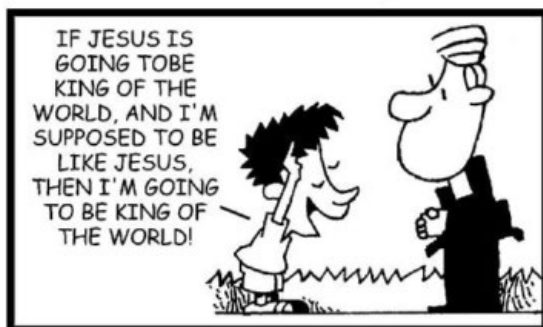
Traditional Epiphany celebrations commence and overlap with the continued Christmas season, with both culminating on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Christmas decorations often remain until Epiphany or the Baptism of the Lord, emphasizing the enduring joy of Christ's birth. The following day we transition into ordinary time.



Thank you for those who cooked, served, cleaned.....For the Breakfast with Santa. We will be donating \$1,900 to the BUILD A BED organization who makes beds for those without.

We would also like to thank those who decorated our 3 altars for the Christmas season. They were utterly beautiful. You never cease to amaze.

EPIPHANY



Saint WHO ??

SAINT Lawrence Justinian Feast Day: January 8

This saint's mother committed herself to her children's education and growth in virtue. Little Lawrence was so focused on serious things however, that his good mother became concerned that he might be prideful. He told her humbly that he just wanted to be a saint and live with God for eternity, and so he kept that thought in mind all the time. Wisdom remained the hallmark of his life.

At nineteen, a vision of divine wisdom inspired him to embrace wisdom as his "spouse." Drawn to religious life, he tested his vocation by practicing its mortifications at home.

Though his family sought to arrange a marriage for him, he joined an Augustinian community, where he was eventually ordained a priest. His most famous spiritual work is titled *The Chaste and Spiritual Marriage of the Word and the Soul*.

After becoming archbishop of Venice, he remained humble and committed to the practices of religious life. "He drew from his prayer life the light, vigor and courage to direct the diocese as easily as if it had been a single, well-regulated monastery ." He generously gave practical necessities to the poor, and specially sought out those to proud or shy to ask for help. His main care was for spiritual needs, however and he was considered an expert peacemaker. Lawrence died, by request, on a bed of straw.



Please pray for the souls of the people for whom
Mass will be offered this coming week

Monday, January 6 @ St Francis
9am Marie Haircut ~ Sherri Cheline & Mary Meier

Wednesday, January 8 @ St Mary
11am Richard & Jennie Theoret ~ Children

Friday, January 10 @ St Matthew's
9am Mike Russell ~ Tom Russell

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday January 11 @ St Matthew's
4:30pm Joseph Civilette ~ Anne & Mike Civilette
Sallie Thornton ~ Mimma Cambareri
Val Gagnon ~ Flo & Gloria Palmieri

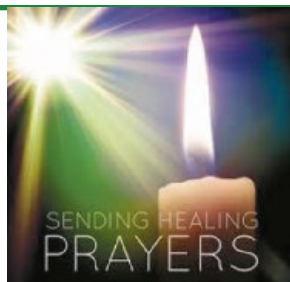
Sunday, January 12 @ St. Matthew's
8am Norena Higgins ~ Friends of Tim
Mike Volcko ~ Ed & MaryLou Ryfun
Mike Russell ~ Bennett Family

Sunday, January 12 @ St Francis
9:30am Carolyn Cristantelli ~ Randy Calamari

Sunday, January 12 @ St Mary
11am Mike Sanson ~ Family
Bob Kelty ~ Cardinals Fan

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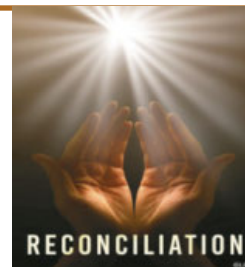
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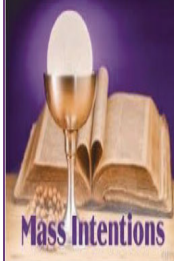
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Paulus, MaryJo Russell, Pat & Chuck Samora,
Al Smith, Richard Spagnolo, Helen Timmins,
Sandy & Dennis Van Auken, Chet Waskiewicz

Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

Saturdays @ St Matthew's
3:30-4:15pm
Sundays @ St Mary
after 11am mass



A candle has been lit at
St. Matthew's for
Mike Russell
(Rodgers Family)



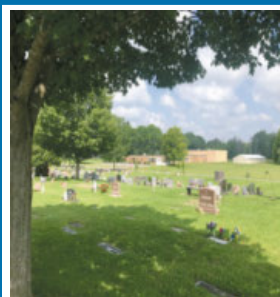
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anniversary, birthday), please call
or send your request at least
3-5 months in advance. If preferred
Mass dates and times are
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COMMUNION: to sick/shut-in at anytime.
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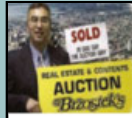
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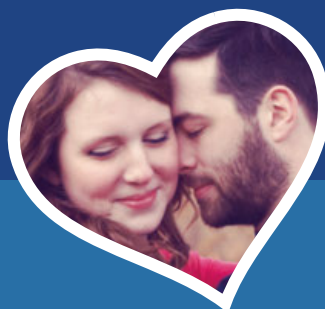
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