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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

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 2nd, 2022



Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words, the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season. — *Pius Parsch*

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated either on January 6 or, according to the decision of the episcopal conference, on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. The young Messiah is revealed as the light of the nations. Yet, as the antiphon for the *Magnificat* at Second Vespers reminds us, three mysteries are encompassed in this solemnity: the adoration of the Christ Child by the Magi, the Baptism of Christ and the wedding feast at Cana. Extra candles and/or lamps may be placed around the sanctuary and in other parts of the church to honor Christ revealed as the Light of the Gentiles. It is customary to replace the images of the shepherds at the crib with the three Magi and their gifts. — *Ceremonies of the Liturgical Year*, Msgr. Peter J. Elliott, Ignatius Press.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Savior.

That is the meaning, too, of the wonderful prophecy from Isaias which the liturgy appoints to be read in the first nocturn at Matins and at the Epistle of the Mass.

This same thought of universal redemption the Church returns to as she sings, in the antiphon to the *Magnificat* at 2nd Vespers, applying the words to herself, of the union with Christ typified by the wedding feast at Cana, by the baptism of her children foreshadowed by that of Christ in the waters of the Jordan. Formerly the Epiphany was an additional day for solemn baptisms.

Source: Catholic Culture



MASS INTENTIONS

WEEKEND MASSES JAN 1– JAN 2

Saturday

9:00am.....Healing Intention for John Lazo

Sunday

8:30am.....George Archer

10:00am.....Patricia Masuga

11:30amDolores Menear

No 5pm Life Teen Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES JAN 3– JAN 7

Monday

9:00am.....Increase in Religious Vocation

Tuesday

9:00am.....Daniel DiLorenzo

Wednesday

9:00amRebecca Kirschnick

Thursday

9:00am.....Mary Jane Lisowski

Friday

9:00am.....Anniversary of Kathryn & Mark DeCapete

WEEKEND MASSES JAN 8– JAN 9

Saturday

4:00pm.....Dominic Rutti

Sunday

8:30amLina Valencia-Castro

10:00am.....Wanda Eland

11:30amBrycen Gray

5:00pm.....Arthur Scislo



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LITURGY SCHEDULE

MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00AM

WEEKEND

SATURDAY

4:00PM VIGIL MASS

SUNDAY

8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM, AND 5:00PM (LIFETEEN)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 5:15PM– 6:00PM

SATURDAY 9:00AM– 10:00AM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 9:00am –5:00pm

Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm



Offertory Collection

December 19th,

Dec. 26th & Christmas Collection

will be posted at a later date.

COMMUNITY



St John Neumann held a Rorate Caeli Mass on the evening of December 16th. Father Barry was the celebrant and he was joined by Deacon Ken and Deacon Keith. A Rorate Caeli Mass is a traditional Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, lit only by candlelight. Light and darkness speak to the meaning of Advent and the coming of the Light of the World. Music for the liturgy was provided by the *Amici Cantare* Choir.



HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION FOR 2022

January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (not a Holy Day of obligation this year)

May 26 , Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter, the Solemnity of the Ascension

August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (not a Holy Day of obligation this year)

November 1, the Solemnity of All Saints

December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

December 25, the Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

*Whenever January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, or August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption, or November 1, the Solemnity of All Saints, falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is abrogated.



St John Neumann Church is now accepting non-perishable food donations on behalf of the Strongsville Food Bank. You are

welcome to leave your items in the main vestibule of the church in the wooden box. Please only leave non-perishable food items. No items will be accepted at the parish office. Volunteers from the parish will deliver items to the Food Bank every few weeks or as needed.



It's 2022 and a year that is new. Making a resolution that's way too steep? Enrich your mind, body, spirit with

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Contribution Statements for 2021.

If you would like a copy of your contribution statement for the 2021 tax year please fill out the form below and return via collection basket or mail to the parish office c/o Kristen. Please indicate if you would like your statement mailed or emailed. Completed requests will be mailed or emailed to you no later than January 31, 2022

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Sts. Joseph and John Preschool is accepting enrollment applications for the 2022-2023 school year. At this time, there are openings in both the 3 and 4-year-old programs. The 3-year-old program meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 am-10:30 am (morning session) and 11:15am-1:45 pm (afternoon session). The 3-year-old children must be age three by August 31, 2022, as well as potty trained. The 4-year-old children must be age four by August 31, 2022, as well as potty trained. The 4-year-old program meets on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:00 am-10:30 am (morning session) and 11:15 am-1:45 pm (afternoon session).

Please go to our website sjschool.org to submit an application. Go to the Admissions tab and choose Register Now to create your account. Please contact Leah Armstrong atlarmstrong@sjschool.org or at 440-238-4877 ext. 14 with any questions.

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