

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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"Where the Lady of the house welcomes you to talk to her Son"
The Epiphany of the Lord

Roman Catholic Church
January 2, 2022



**O COME, O COME,
EMMANUEL AND RANSOM
CAPTIVE ISRAEL.**



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD: NEW YEARS DAY

9:00 INTENTION OF CELEBRANT

E-Dean Mason

L-Linda Dybo

S-Maria Bak, Lowman Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:30 † NATIVITY PARISHIONERS

E-Marilyn Muskiewicz

L-Carl Snezek

S-Mike Davis, Mary Ann Pogorzelski

10:30 † EDWARD OLEKSY (Mordarski Family)

E-Maureen Flynn

L-Michele Arredondo

S-Zoey Pol, Sydney & Conor Nowak

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

8:15 † KATHLEEN HOLIDAY (Family)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, ST. JOHN NEUMANN

6:30 † JERRY KATIBA (Family)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE

8:15 † GARY, DOLORES, PETE MALINOWSKI (Family)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, ST. RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT

8:15 † MARK DRAG (Mom)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 † FRANK DAVOLI (Rita & Family)

E-Karen Slavik

L-Don DiLuciano

S-Theresa McIntire

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:30 † INTENTION OF CELEBRANT

E-Carl Snezek

L-Bob Pastor

S-Lenore Hales, Anakin & Cortana Davis

10:30 † NATIVITY PARISHIONERS

E-Maureen Flynn

L-Dean Mason

S-Bob Clotz

Offertory Gifts: If the weekend Mass intention is for your family member (s), please inform one of our ushers before Mass if you would like to take up the gifts.

We remember in our prayers the family of Deacon Thomas J. Grasson whose funeral was celebrated December 21, 2021. May his soul rest in the peace of Christ.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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January 1	Mary Mother of God 9:00am Mass No 4:00 Mass
January 2	Epiphany Sunday
January 3	Office closed
January 6	Worship 7pm
January 9	Take down Christmas decorations

Generous God, help us to remember that You provide for us in all seasons. You promise to take care of us even when our faith is small. Bless us as we examine the use of Your gifts and seek to use them fairly, honestly, and prudently for those you place in our lives. During this Christmas season help us to also remember that we are doing your work and the work of your Son, our savior, and not our own. May all that we do give you praise and be for your honor and glory.
Amen

***Altar & Rosary Society** sends a big thank you to all who supported them and baked. Their profit was \$1,071.00. The goodies sold out after the 8:30 Mass!
May God bless you!

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Due to the Holidays, the weekly offering will be posted at a future date.



If you are able, please continue to give your weekly offerings and put the amount on the envelope. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

First Reading:

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

Psalms:

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 reveal 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)

TODAY'S 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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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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Please continue to pray for Fr. Bob. He thanks you from the bottom of his heart for all the prayers, gifts, and cards.

A Thought from the Education Commission

As the faithful protector of both Jesus and Mary, we find in St. Joseph a profound reminder of our own call to welcome, safeguard, and defend God's precious gift of human life. May we imitate St. Joseph's faithful trust and courage as we work to uphold the dignity of every human life. St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us!

Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann, Chairman U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, September 27, 2021

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: What happens to a consecrated host if it accidentally falls to the ground?

Answer: This a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled. Another question we might ask is: *How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled?* If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.). ©LPi

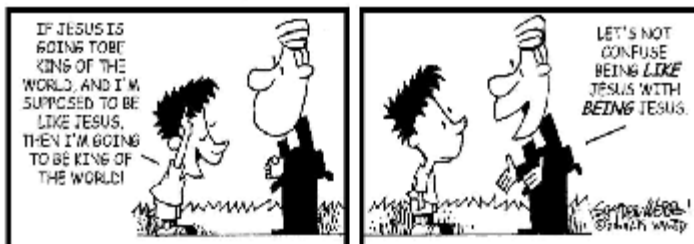
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