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# ASSUMPTION GROTTTO NEWS

## ASSUMPTION GROTTTO CHURCH

January 03, 2021



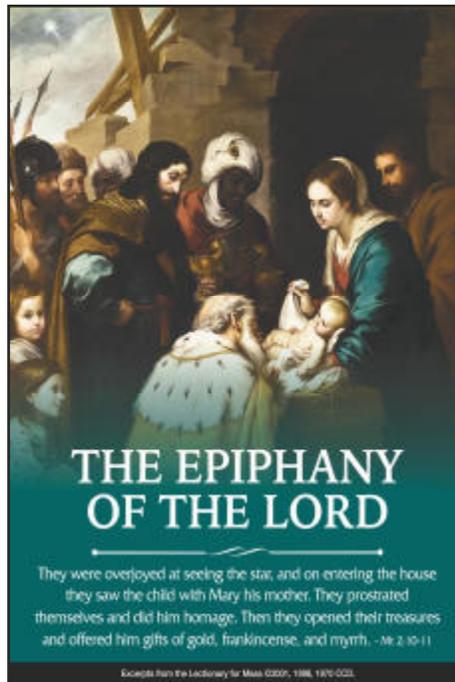
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### A Vicarious Descant

Today is Epiphany (in the New Calendar): a commemoration of Christ being made manifest to the world. It celebrates three manifestations of Our Lord: to the wise men, Jesus' baptism in the Jordan and the wedding at Cana.

Epiphany is a Greek word meaning "manifestation." In the bible, the word is sometimes used in the sense of a "sudden manifestation." The last chapter of the last book of the Old Testament, the Book of the prophet Malachi says, "and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?" (Mal 3:1). This suddenness was in the arms of Mary accompanied by St. Joseph when our Lord was presented in the Temple. It was Simeon and Anna who recognized Him. Our Savior, who had been manifested to the shepherds within a rude stable, was now first manifested to Israel in the most holy of places.

Anne Catherine Emmerich's meditations on the hidden life of Christ are fascinating to read and consider. She speaks extensively of the Magi saying most remarkably that the three Magi traced their heritage to Job. And that it was the prophesy of Balaam in the Book of Numbers which reads, "I see him, though not now; I behold him, though not near: A star shall rise out of Jacob and a scepter shall spring up from Israel" (Num 24:17). They treasured that prophesy and had searched the heavens watching for the star's rising. After centu-



ries, you can imagine their joy as they realized an ancient prophesy had been fulfilled in their lifetime.

The fact that wise men, perhaps royalty, came to worship the newborn king of the Jews shows the inclusion of the gentiles in salvation. Salvation comes from the Jews, as Jesus told the Samaritan woman at the well, but it is offered freely to all nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as the Son of God and Savior of the world (CCC 528). The Catechism beautifully states, "In Mary, the Holy Spirit manifests the Son of the Father, now become the Son of the Virgin. She is the burning bush of the definitive theophany. Filled with the Holy Spirit she makes the Word visible in the humility of his flesh. It is to the poor and the first representatives

of the gentiles that she makes him known" (CCC 724).

The three gifts of the Magi: gold, frankincense and myrrh, are meant to symbolize many things—both about the Magi and about our Lord, but they are particularly symbolic of the Kingship of Christ in the gold, the Divinity of Christ in the incense—we still use Frankincense at Mass, and the suffering of Christ, as myrrh was mixed in with the wine offered to Jesus on the cross by the soldiers, and myrrh was used in the preparation of Christ's body for burial after his Passion and death.

Scripture foretold the various events that would accompany the birth of the Messiah. That Jesus would be recognized by the gentiles, but not his own people, that a star would be seen rising from Jacob as foretold in the Book of Numbers (24:17), that the birth of the Messiah would be in Bethlehem as foretold in Micah 5:1-3 ("But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, From you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; Whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. (Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, And the rest of his brethren shall return to the children of Israel.) He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD, his God; And they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.")

Throughout the Psalms, we hear of the coming of the Messiah, but one Psalm particularly speaks of the Epiphany of the

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



**Monday, - January 04, 2021**

7:30 a.m.— Christmas Novena Mass

**Tuesday, - January 05, 2021**

7:30 a.m.— Leo Demers (D)

**Wednesday, - January 06, 2021**

7:30 a.m.— Raphael A. Peters (D)

**Thursday, - January 07, 2021**

7:30 a.m.— Leo Demers (D)

**Friday, - January 08, 2021**

7:30 a.m.— Mary Decker (D)

**Saturday, - January 09, 2021**

7:30 a.m.— Patrons of the Shrine

4:00 p.m.— Special Intention

**Sunday, - January 10, 2021**

6:30 a.m.— Special Intention

9:30 a.m. -People of the Parish

12:00 p.m.— Special Intention

*“When we leave the holy banquet of Communion, we are as happy as the wise men would have been if they could have carried away the infant Jesus.” -St. John Vianney*

*Mass Servers*

**Saturday, January 09, 2021**

4:00 p.m. D. Bastuba, J. Cline

**Sunday, January 10, 2021**

6:30 a.m. R. Jacek, M. Pomeroy.

9:30 a.m. K. Garavaglia, A. Santine, M. Grado, J. Prevo, D. Grado, C. Bueche

12:00 p.m. M. Chambers, A. & W. Remske, G. Welsing, J. & D. Berch

**Readings for the week of**

**January 03, 2021**

**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 [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/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/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1 11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3])/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

**Important Update Regarding Families of Parishes:**

Assumption Grotto has been assigned to Renaissance Vicarate Family 3 along with St. Joseph’s Shrine and Holy Family Parish. Our group is part of “Wave 2”, which will go into effect on July 1st, 2022.

**ASSUMPTION (GROTTO) PARISH**

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**SUNDAY MASSES:** Saturdays at 4:00; Sundays at 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), & Noon

**HOLY DAY MASSES:** 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), Noon & evening at 7:00 p.m.

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 2:30-3:30, Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

**BAPTISMS:** Every Saturday after the 4:00 p.m. Mass or Sunday after the Noon Mass. Arrange at the Rectory Office.

**BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** After the Noon Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

**REGISTRATION:** Visit the Rectory or call for a form to be sent out to you.

*Banns of Marriage*

III Thomas Addis

&

Kathleen Koluch,

January 09, 2021

I will go ANYWHERE and do ANYTHING in order to communicate the love of Jesus to those who do not know Him or have forgotten Him.

—St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

A Vicarious Descant (continued)

Messiah. It is Psalm 95 and that may be the reason it is the first Psalm that, for centuries, has begun each day in the Office of Readings. If you read it and place that Psalm on the lips of the Magi, you will be surprised at how the Psalm describes their journey following the star, then approaching the Holy Family, and finally, their returning to their own country by a route that would not cause them to encounter the hardened heart of Herod.

The words speak of the Lord as God over all. From the deepest places of the earth to the summits of the mountains—the sea and dry land—places that the Magi likely passed and considered as they followed the star. “O Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Even in the allusion to the sin of God’s people in the desert at Meribah and Massah, it is as if the Gentiles admonish those whose fathers hardened their hearts and tempted God. Or, the words speak of the hardened heart of Herod who would not enter into God’s rest. Asking the government for directions on matters that have to do with Christianity is usually a bad idea.

Each generation since the time of the Magi is given a choice. And that choice is no less real than the choice of the shepherds to hear what was told to them and believe. We desire to believe what has been told to us and we desire to make our journey to God through our lives and one day enter into God’s rest—a place of light, happiness and peace. Let us not choose pride and hardness of heart, but, rather, choose life.

Jesus is acknowledged by the angels—the choirs of heaven, then by the shepherds—the poorest of the poor, then by the Magi, the greatest of the Gentiles. Greatest because they were first to acknowledge the salvation offered to the Gentiles.

What should Epiphany be for us today? A particular time to pause and acknowledge Christ as Lord and Savior of all peoples. A particular time to renew our desire and free choice to offer true and perfect worship of the one God living and true. A particular time to renew our hope in God and our trust in His mercy.

Let us celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord in a solemn way today, but each time we consider that God has revealed Himself in His only begotten Son who has saved us and restored us. May this Manifestation bring each of us one day to the joys of heaven.

Ushers Needed

We are in need of additional men to serve as ushers at the 4:00 PM Saturday Mass and 6:30 and Noon Sunday Masses. Please contact Marty at 586-873-3905 or the rectory office if you are able to help.

Assumption Grotto Secular Carmelites.

If you would like to be a part of a Fraternal Community, be inspired by Carmelite Saints, seek the face of God through contemplative prayer, and have a special devotion to our Blessed Mother, call *Paula Zurawski* at 586.463.1770 and leave a message **to schedule a visit with the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Discalced Carmelite Seculars**, at Assumption Grotto, in Detroit. We meet on the First Saturday of each month, beginning with a Communion Service at 8:30 am. The richness of Carmelite teachings and spirituality will still the restlessness of your heart as you learn to rest in the Lord.

Fr. John A Hardon 36 Week Advanced Marian Catechism Course

The course will begin on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. in the Shrine Lounge. You must have a certificate that

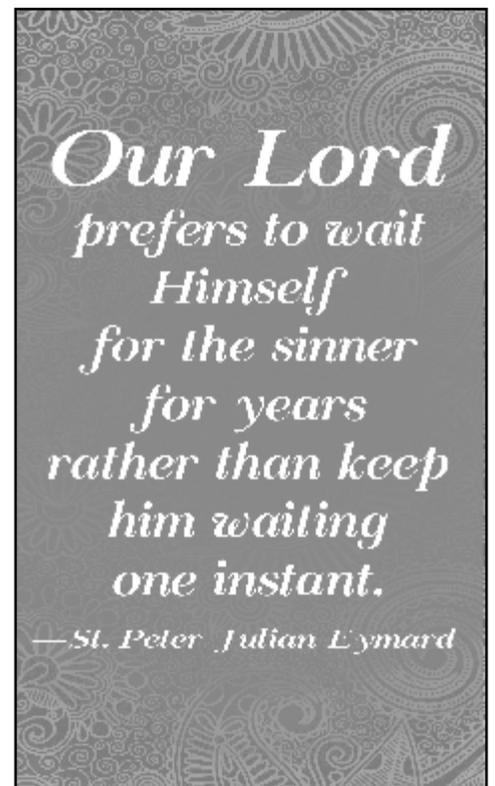
you completed the Basic 16 Week course in order to participate. All class course materials must be purchased in advance. The class will meet every other Saturday completing one chapter every two weeks. This gives a sufficient time for busy Catholics to reflect and study. For more information on the Advanced or Basic Courses, leave your name at rectory and someone will contact you.

Assumption Grotto St. Vincent de Paul Helpers

Parishioners who are in need of help may contact Jeff Cline at 586-242-1959.

Seven Sisters Apostolate

See the flyer on the side tables of the church for more information on our three parish Seven Sisters Groups. The groups are organized to pray for Archbishop Vigneron, Fr. John Bustamante and Fr. Perrone. We are in need of more women willing to commit an hour a week for one of our priests as a substitute or alternate. Please call and leave your name at the rectory if God is calling you to assist our priests in this Apostolate.





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**DIANE M. KORZENIEWSKI**  
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