



ST. PATRICK
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, January 3 and January 10, 2021

The Feast of the Epiphany and the Baptism of Our Lord

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The Shamrock



"...after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'" Mt. 2:1-2, NRS

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Mass Times and Devotions

Weekends

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.

Weekdays

Tuesday: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Adoration

Wednesday and Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Rosary

Saturday: 3:15 p.m. Prayed in Church before Mass.

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Sacraments

Baptism

Call to register parents and godparents for the required seminar and to schedule date and time. For more information, visit www.stpatrickbr.org/Baptism

Reconciliation

Saturday: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. and by appointment.

Marriage

Couples should contact the parish office at least six months prior to their desired wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office.

Funeral Planning

Please call the parish office prior to scheduling with the funeral home.

Call the parish office to place individuals on the prayer list in the bulletin or the parish prayer line. Names will remain listed in the bulletin for approximately 2-3 months unless otherwise notified.

Stewardship of Finance

December 13, 2020

Identified:	\$11,404.30
Unidentified:	\$632.00
Building Fund:	765.00
Other:	517.00
TOTAL:	\$13,318.30
Immaculate Conception	\$1,115.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$3,061.00

*Thank you for your continued
generous support!*

The Mission of St. Patrick Church

Conscious of God's presence, the family of St. Patrick Parish
strives to create a community of oneness in God's love.

Called, we follow Jesus,

Empowered by the Spirit, we dedicate ourselves to living Christ's Message:
Love of God, shown forth in love of neighbor.

Stewardship of Treasure Sign-Up Weekend January 23 and 24

You will soon receive materials in the mail inviting you to participate in the Stewardship of Treasure phase of this year's Total Stewardship Program. Included in the packet will be a statement of your 2020 financial contributions to St. Patrick Church, as well as a stewardship commitment form for the 2021 calendar year.

We know this past year has been very different and difficult for so many in so many ways. St. Patrick Church has been affected as well. We have experienced a decline in contributions over the past several months. We know that you are a giving community and you have always stepped up when the need arises. We ask that you prayerfully and willingly ask the Lord for direction in making a decision to financially support our parish and its ministries. Your giving is a reflection of sincere gratitude for all God has done and continues to do through us. Your part in His work is essential.

If you are unable to give at this time, we certainly understand. Know that we are praying that your circumstances will change and we ask that you remember St. Patrick Church in your prayers.

Don't forget that we offer the **automatic draft program** and **online giving**, which are easy options, especially if you are not able to attend Mass. Information on these options will also be included in the packet mailed to you.

Once you've made your planned commitment, please bring your completed commitment card with you to Mass the weekend of **January 23 and 24**. If you are not attending Mass at this time, please simply drop the form in the mail or bring it to the parish office. There is a mail slot located to the left of the front door for your convenience.

Thank you for your continued generosity to St. Patrick Church. We pray that this new year brings much joy and peace to all of you.

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

Praise the Lord! Psalm 116



Your own epiphany awaits you at the manger

by Pamela Folse

I've traveled to several places which have impacted my life. I spent hours in the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. listening to the recorded stories of many survivors. I traveled the Civil Rights Trail from Birmingham to Selma, across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, and on to Montgomery. I talked to men, women and a Catholic nun who walked with Martin Luther King on Bloody Sunday. Visits to historic cemeteries in Selma and Memphis and a house on the Underground Railroad on the outskirts of Memphis left indelible images in my mind. I traveled there with an open heart and an open mind to receive and experience whatever God intended for me in my travels. I was not at all disappointed.

I thought of these times as I read the account of the Epiphany of the Three Wise Men. The scriptures tell us little about these men, except that they were men of wisdom and means. Unlike most people of the time, especially those who were going on a journey, rode on the backs of camels. Can you imagine taking a long ride on those beasts? They weren't going anywhere very fast! Yet they followed the phenomenon in the sky to the place where Jesus lay in an animal's trough. They offered three very interesting gifts to the baby Christ—gold fit for a king, incense for a God, and myrrh used to anoint a body before burial. Their gift was likely the very best they had.

The travelers had no plans. Their only desire was to follow the Eastern Star to see what was there. They had hearts and minds open to whatever would come their way. They were not disappointed by their journey. Upon their arrival they paid homage to the infant Jesus, offered him gifts and then traveled on by another route.

Each of us has been to the manger by way of our Christmas celebrations. We went there with caution and concern during this period of uncertainty due to the virus. Yet we trusted that we would be safe as we joined with family, friends and fellow parishioners when we gathered to sing, pray and give thanks together. We, too, approached the infant in the manger with open minds and open hearts—the minds and the hearts of true servants of the Lord.

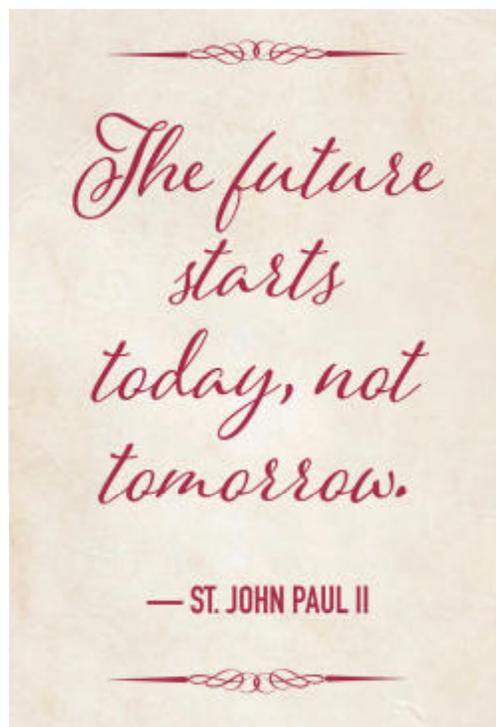
What gifts do we give to Jesus? Do we offer to him our best or whatever is left over after we've done all that we wanted to do and our reserve is running low.

Most of all, are we different for having seen the Christ-child this Christmas? What word did He speak to our hearts? Were we moved to the point that we will never again be the same? No one who comes close to Jesus can ever stay in His comfort. Jesus does not call us to comfort. He calls us to action, to ministry, to be for one another.

The scriptures never tell us the end of the story of the Magi—where they went and what they did as a result of their experience of meeting the Holy Family. We only know that they left by another way.

As this Christmas season draws to a close what has been our epiphany? Has this just been another Christmas to add as another chapter of your family story or have you allowed the experiences of this season to change your heart?

It's not too late to surrender your will to Christ and try to live out his desires for you. Take the time while you're at Mass this weekend to visit the manger. You will find the Holy Family waiting for you there. We pray that you will leave by another way.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

resumes this Wednesday and
Thursday, January 6 and 7, 2021
from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2021

- SUN 1/03** 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
- MON 1/04** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- TUE 1/05** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
- WED 1/06** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
- THR 1/07** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
- FRI 1/08** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
- SAT 1/09** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
- SUN 1/10** 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

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2021

- SUN 1/10** 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
- MON 1/11** Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20
- TUE 1/12** Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28
- WED 1/13** Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39
- THR 1/14** Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45
- FRI 1/15** Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12
- SAT 1/16** Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17
- SUN 1/17** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a,
17-20/Jn 1:35-42

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

S. Medica, A. Pichon, Jr., J. Root, K. Johnson,
A. Roy, G. Mackey, L. Polite, L. Barbarin,
B. Coghlan, J. Wray, M. Tichota, C. Prendergast,
M.B. Langlois, O. Godeaux, S. Rikhoff, M. Varner,
T. Joiner, T. Smith, Sr., C. Mokry, R. Geissler,
G. Auzenne, S. Collins, V. Mayeux,
P. Romano, T. Shiver

To submit prayer requests, call the parish office.



Thank
YOU

*Thanks to all of you who remembered us
at Christmastime.*

*We appreciate your outpouring of gifts,
cards, and delicious candy, cakes,
seasonal vegetables and citrus.*

*You've warmed our hearts and
overfilled our tummies.*

*We'll all have to increase our exercise
in the new year.*

*We continue to thank God for you and offer
prayers on your behalf.*

Father Michael and the Staff



MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, January 2, 2021**

4:00 p.m.: Wilma T. Cronan, James Michael Cronan, Larry Joseph Cronan, Margaret Ray, George Tanoos, Stephanie Simoneaux and Karen Rocker

Sunday, January 3, 2021

7:30 a.m.: Hung Le, Mary Guarino and in thanksgiving

9:30 a.m.: Terry Edwards, Domingo and Maria Vara, Joaquin and Isolina Hernandez and the intention of Gerard Rodriguez

11:30 a.m.: For the people of St. Patrick

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

6:00 p.m.: Margaret Ray, Simonette Grisaro and Teddy Peno

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

8:00 a.m.: Cong Hoang and Joseph J. Rohal

Thursday, January 7, 2021

8:00 a.m. - L. Debusschere, Jerick Peck and the intention of the Peck family

Friday, January 8, 2021

8:00 a.m. - Intentions of Edis Castillo and Amber Van Vickle

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, January 9, 2021**

4:00 p.m.: Wilma T. Cronan, James Michael Cronan, Larry Joseph Cronan, Stephanie Simoneaux, Karen Rocker, Rogers Prevot, Rose Ann Callegari and the intention of Sherri Hayes

Sunday, January 10, 2021

7:30 a.m.: For the people of St. Patrick

9:30 a.m.: Simonette Grisaro, Oscar, Edith and Wayne Boudreaux and Margaret Hirezi

11:30 a.m.: Glenn Gaudet, Dale Gaudet, Terry Edwards, Randall Sonnier, Margaret Whittington and Crucifix and Anthony Luksa

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

6:00 p.m.: Margaret Ray and Simonette Grisaro

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

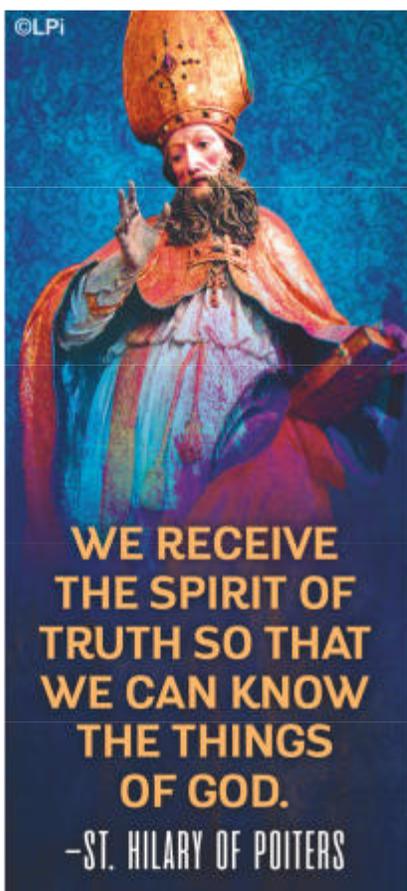
8:00 a.m.: Joan Walsh, Nghiem Le and Joseph J. Rohal

Thursday, January 14, 2021

8:00 a.m. - Liz Ricca and Susan Schillage

Friday, January 15, 2021

8:00 a.m. - Lucille Jones and the intention of Amber Van Vickle

**HEARTFELT SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS**

We extend heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the families of Donald Romaine, Sr. on the death of his wife Betty; to the family of Exie Wilkes; to Dawn Swanson on the death of her brother Anthony Scaramuzza, II; to Dirk and Judy Klobucar on the death of his mother Genevieve Klobuchar; and to Myra Young and Penny Johnson on the death of their husband and father Wallace. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...

MEMORIAL GIFTS TO YOUR CHURCH

Please consider remembering St. Patrick Church with a planned gift in your last will and testament. You might also encourage your family to ask friends and family to make a donation to St. Patrick in lieu of flowers at the time of your death. A memorial gift to St. Patrick Church is a wonderful way to acknowledge the lives of those who considered this parish their beloved spiritual home. Call the parish office for more information.

Thanks for supporting the Advent Giving Tree

Your overwhelming generosity to the Advent Giving Tree resulted in many happy people the week before Christmas. Because we weren't able to do individual gifts this year, we asked various agencies for the items on their Santa wish list.

The St. Patrick/Sanctuary House received bed linens, towels, sheets, shower curtains and rugs. Each of the five residents received gift cards.

To the Stop the Violence Center we took linens, towels, sheets, shower curtains and rugs. We left them gift cards to purchase paper and bathroom products. Each person in the twelve resident families also received gift cards.

The Sisters at St. Agnes received gift cards to purchase necessary items for themselves.

The twelve residents of St. Anthony Home shared a nice meal on Christmas Eve purchased with your Hi-Nabor grocery cards. Each of the twelve residents received gift cards and a few extra gifts cards were left in case new admissions need anything when they arrive.

The residents at Nottingham Nursing Home have a brand new shiny red popcorn popper and rolling cart and all the fixings for the movie matinees.

Gift cards were given to every member of every family that was assisted through St. Vincent de Paul this year.

The staff delivered candy and popcorn to most of the homebound and those who have been in isolation. There were many happy faces, thanks to all of you!



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