

# SS. FRANCIS & JOHN CATHOLIC PARISH

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January 2, 2022  
**THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**



*Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

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## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY:

4:00pm @ St. John Church

### SUNDAY:

8:30am @ St. John Church  
10:00am Online Broadcast on SSFJ Facebook Page  
10:30am Outdoors @ Cardome  
12:30pm (Spanish) @ St. John Church  
4:00pm @ St. Francis Church

### MONDAY:

5:30pm @ St. John Church

### TUESDAY:

8:30am Livestreamed on SSFJ Facebook Page

### WEDNESDAY:

12:00pm @ St. John Church

### THURSDAY:

7:00am @ St. John Church

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Every Thursday @ St. John Church  
Beginning after 7:00am Mass & ending at 8:00pm

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Thursday @ St. John Church from 6:00pm-7:00pm

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*The Epiphany of the Lord*  
*January 2, 2021*

HYMN

WE THREE KINGS

KINGS OF ORIENT

Verses



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing gifts we  
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold I bring to  
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: In - cense owns a  
4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a life of  
5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and



1. tra - verse a - far Field and foun - tain, Moor and moun - tain,  
2. crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er, Ceas - ing nev - er  
3. De - i - ty nigh; Prayer and prais - ing Glad - ly rais - ing,  
4. gath - er - ing gloom; Sor - rowing, sigh - ing, Bleed - ing, dy - ing,  
5. Sac - ri - fice; "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!"

Refrain



1. Fol - low - ing yon - der star. O star of won - der,  
2. O - ver us all to reign.  
3. Wor - ship him, God on high.  
4. Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
5. Sounds through the earth and skies.



star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright; West - ward



lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect light.

Text: 88 44 6 with refrain; based on Matthew 2:1-11.  
Text and music: *Carols, Hymns and Songs*, 1863; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891, alt.

GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.**

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Lectionary: 20

**Reading I** Is 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.  
See, darkness covers the earth,  
and thick clouds cover the peoples;  
but upon you the LORD shines,  
and over you appears his glory.  
Nations shall walk by your light,  
and kings by your shining radiance.  
Raise your eyes and look about;  
they all gather and come to you:  
your sons come from afar,  
and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.  
Then you shall be radiant at what you see,  
your heart shall throb and overflow,  
for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you,  
the wealth of nations shall be brought to you.  
Caravans of camels shall fill you,  
dromedaries from Midian and Ephah;  
all from Sheba shall come  
bearing gold and frankincense,  
and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.

R. (cf. 11) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.  
O God, with your judgment endow the king,  
and with your justice, the king's son;  
He shall govern your people with justice  
and your afflicted ones with judgment.  
R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.  
Justice shall flower in his days,  
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.  
May he rule from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.  
R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.  
The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;  
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.  
All kings shall pay him homage,  
all nations shall serve him.  
R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.  
For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,  
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.  
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;  
the lives of the poor he shall save.  
R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**Reading II** Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters:  
You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace  
that was given to me for your benefit,  
namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation.

It was not made known to people in other generations  
as it has now been revealed  
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.

**Alleluia** Mt 2:2

R. Alleluia, alleluia.  
We saw his star at its rising  
and have come to do him homage.  
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Gospel** Mt 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,  
in the days of King Herod,  
behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,  
"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?  
We saw his star at its rising  
and have come to do him homage."  
When King Herod heard this,  
he was greatly troubled,  
and all Jerusalem with him.  
Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people,  
He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.  
They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea,  
for thus it has been written through the prophet:  
And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
since from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."  
Then Herod called the magi secretly  
and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance.  
He sent them to Bethlehem and said,  
"Go and search diligently for the child.  
When you have found him, bring me word,  
that I too may go and do him homage."  
After their audience with the king they set out.  
And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded  
them,  
until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.  
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.  
And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod,  
they departed for their country by another way.

CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

DIOCESAN

Creator God, life is your gift to us. Through Baptism, you invite us to share in the gifts of our lives in service to others. Be with us each day as we choose to show Your presence in the world. Give us the courage and generosity to respond to Your love, to Your call. We pray especially for those who serve you as priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, and lay ministers. We pray for holy matrimonies. Keep them close to You. Open the minds and hearts of other men and women that they may accept Your challenge to build the Kingdom. *Amen.*

PRAYER

FOR

VOCATIONS

OFFERTORY

OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

1. Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten, Ere the worlds be -  
 2. Bless - ed was the day for ev - er When the Vir - gin,  
 3. This is he whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with  
 4. O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore him; An - gel hosts, his  
 5. Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to

1. gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 2. full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 3. one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
 4. prais - es sing; All do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,  
 5. God the Son, Glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it,

1. He the source, the end - ing he, Of the things that  
 2. Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the child, the  
 3. Prom - ised in their faith - ful word; Now he shines, the  
 4. And ex - tol our God and King; Let no tongue on  
 5. Per - sons three, yet God - head one. Glo - ry be from

1. are, that have been, And that fu - ture years shall see,  
 2. world's Re - deem - er, First re - vealed his sa - cred face,  
 3. long - ex - pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise the Lord,  
 4. earth be si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring,  
 5. all cre - a - tion While e - ter - nal a - ges run,

Final  
 1-5. Ev - er - more and ev - er - more. 5. A - men.

Text: 87 87 87 7; verses 1-4, *Corde natus ex parentis*; Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, and Henry W. Baker, 1827-1877, alt.; verse 5, Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889. Music: *Sanctus* trope, 11th cent.; Chant, Mode V; adapt. fr. *Piae Cantiones*, 1582.

COMMUNION

THE SUPPER OF THE LORD

Laurence Rosania

HYMN(S)

Refrain

Pre-cious bod - y, pre-cious blood, seen as bread and wine;  
 here the Lord pre - pares the feast di - vine.  
 Bread of love is bro - ken now, cup of life is poured:  
 come, share the sup - per of the Lord.

Verses

1. This is the bread of God com - ing down from heav'n,  
 2. "I am the liv - ing spring of e - ter - nal life;  
 3. "I am the bread of heav'n giv - ing life to you;  
 4. "All those who feed on me have their life in me,  
 5. All praise to you, O Christ, pres - ent in this feast;

to Refrain

1. giv - ing life to us, to all the world.  
 2. you that drink from me shall not thirst a - gain."  
 3. you that eat this bread shall nev - er die."  
 4. as I have my life in the liv - ing God."  
 5. in this bread, we share in one life, one Lord.

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Take and Eat

Refrain

Take and eat: take and eat: this is my bod - y  
 giv - en up for you. Take and drink: take and drink:  
 this is my blood giv - en up for you.

Verses

1. I am the Word that spoke and light was made;  
 2. I am the way that leads the ex - ile home;  
 3. I am the Lamb that takes a - way your sin;  
 4. I am the cor - ner - stone that God has laid;  
 5. I am the light that came in - to the world;  
 6. I am the first and last, the Liv - ing One;

I am the seed that died to be re - born;  
 I am the truth that sets the cap - tive free;  
 I am the gate that guards you night and day;  
 A cho - sen stone and pre - cious in his eyes;  
 I am the light that dark - ness can - not hide;  
 I am the Lord who died that you might live;

I am the bread that comes from heav'n a - bove;  
 I am the life that rais - es up the dead;  
 You are my flock; you know the shep - herd's voice;  
 You are God's dwell - ing place, on me you rest;  
 I am the morn - ing star that nev - er sets;  
 I am the bride - groom, this my wed - ding song;

D.C.

I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.  
 I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.  
 You are my own; your ran - som is my blood.  
 Like liv - ing stones, a tem - ple for God's praise.  
 Lift up your face, in you my light will shine.  
 You are my bride, come to the mar - riage feast.

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PRAYER TO  
ST. JOSEPH

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, so that having experienced here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

O Saint Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head from me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. *Amen.*

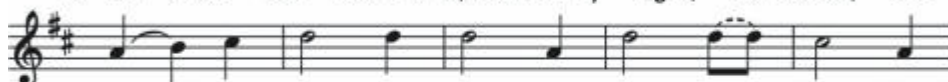
CLOSING  
HYMN

WHAT STAR IS THIS

PUER NOBIS



1. What star is this, with beams so bright, More love - ly
2. 'Tis now ful - filled what God de - creed, "From Ja - cob
3. O Je - sus, while the star of grace Im - pels us
4. To God the Fa - ther, heav'n - ly Light, To Christ, re -



1. than the noon - day light? 'Tis sent to an - nounce a
2. shall a star pro - ceed"; And lo! the \_ east - ern
3. on to seek thy face, Let not our \_ sloth - ful
4. vealed in earth - ly night, To God the \_ Ho - ly



1. new - born king, Glad tid - ings of our God to bring.
2. sag - es stand To read in heav'n the Lord's com - mand.
3. hearts re - fuse The guid - ance of thy light to use.
4. Spir - it raise An end - less song of thank - ful praise!

Text: LM; Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. by John Chandler, 1806-1876, alt.  
Music: adapt. by Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621.

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## Keep in your Thoughts & Prayers

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Pray for Those in the Military:

Matthew Silver; Elizabeth Schilder; Brad Nelson; William K. North; Mary Katherine Mulholland; Marckia Wilson; Matthew Brown; Stephen Carter; James Parker; Chelsea Carter; Alexandra & Anthony Walters; Matt Woods

## This Week's Mass Intentions:

MONDAY, JANUARY 3:  
5:30p (SJC) (MI) *Pat Mudd*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4:  
8:30a (ONLINE ONLY) (MI) *Pat Ewing*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5:  
12:00p (SJC) (MI) *Sam, Iva, & Mary Hughes*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6:  
7:00a (SJC) (MI) *Aaron Lynn Blalok*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8:  
4:00p (SJC) (MI) *Alex Rabe*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9:  
8:30a (SJC) (MI) *Elizabeth Mitchell*  
10:30a (Cardome) (MI) *The Frank Grant Family*  
12:30p (SJC) (MI) (Spanish) *For the Intentions of SSFJ*  
4:00p (SFC) (MI) *Aaron Bishop*

## Giving

**Did you know you can tithe online?  
It's safe, easy & only takes a minute.  
Go to the homepage of the SSFJ website  
([ssfrancisjohn.org](http://ssfrancisjohn.org)) and give!**

### OTHER METHODS OF TITHING:

You can drop off your offertory through the slot in the Parish Office door if needed. Someone will be collecting them daily.

You may also mail contributions to the Parish Office: Ss. Francis & John Parish, 604 E. Main St., Georgetown, KY 40324

*If you need help or have questions, please contact the Parish Office by email: [parishoffice@ssfrcisjohn.org](mailto:parishoffice@ssfrcisjohn.org)*

## New Mass Schedule at SSFJ

SATURDAYS:  
4:00pm Vigil Mass @ St. John Church

SUNDAYS:  
8:30am Mass @ St. John Church  
10:00am Mass Streamed on SSFJ Facebook  
10:30am Outdoor Mass @ Cardome Grotto  
12:30pm Spanish Mass @ St. John Church  
4:00pm Mass @ St. Francis Church

MONDAYS:  
5:30pm Mass @ St. John Church

TUESDAYS:  
8:30am Livestreamed on SSFJ Facebook Page

WEDNESDAYS:  
12:00pm Mass @ St. John Church

THURSDAYS:  
7:00am Mass @ St. John Church  
7:30am to 8:00pm Eucharistic Adoration at St. John Church  
8:00pm-7:00pm Confession @ St. John Church



### BE SURE TO STAY INFORMED!

**SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS & EMAIL UPDATES ON THE SSFJ**

**WEBSITE HOMEPAGE: [www.ssfrcisjohn.org](http://www.ssfrcisjohn.org)**

**BE SURE TO SAVE SSFRANCISJOHN.ORG AS A CONTACT SO THE EMAILS WILL NOT END UP IN SPAM!**

*If you need to update your email address or are having trouble receiving Parish Emails, please contact us at [gstewart@ssfrcisjohn.org](mailto:gstewart@ssfrcisjohn.org)*

**IF YOU HAVE PARISH NEWS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO PUBLISH IN UPCOMING BULLETINS OR NEWSLETTERS, PLEASE SUBMIT ENTRIES TO GINA BY EMAILING: [gstewart@ssfrcisjohn.org](mailto:gstewart@ssfrcisjohn.org)**



***Have you made any New Year's resolutions? If not, there's still time, and Pope Francis has some ideas for you.***

1. "Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are."
2. "Take care of your family life, giving your children and loved ones not just money, but most of all your time, attention and love."
3. "Take care of your relationships with others, transforming your faith into life and your words into good works, especially on behalf of the needy."
4. "Be careful how you speak, purify your tongue of offensive words, vulgarity and worldly decadence."
5. "Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness, forgiving those who have hurt us and medicating the wounds we have caused others."
6. "Look after your work, doing it with enthusiasm, humility, competence, passion and with a spirit that knows how to thank the Lord."
7. "Be careful of envy, lust, hatred and negative feelings that devour our interior peace and transform us into destroyed and destructive people."
8. "Watch out for anger that can lead to vengeance; for laziness that leads to existential euthanasia; for pointing the finger at others, which leads to pride; and for complaining continually, which leads to desperation."
9. "Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker ... the elderly, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and strangers, because we will be judged on this."

—Word on Fire Blog

### **Calvary Cemetery Upcoming Events:**

Prayer Service and Burial – On January 5, 2022, a Prayer Service and Burial for Life Lost through Miscarriage (Corporal Work of Mercy) with St. Joseph Hospital will be held at 1:00 P.M. at the Via Dolorosa Mausoleum, Calvary (Diocesan) Cemetery, 874 West Main Street, Lexington. All are welcome to attend. Please wear a mask.

Happy 148th Anniversary to your Diocesan Catholic Cemetery - On January 14, 2022, Calvary Cemetery will mark its 148th Anniversary. Canon Law acknowledges only two sacred places: a blessed Altar and a blessed Cemetery. Those buried here have made their final and public Profession of Faith for all to see. "May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen." Please keep Calvary and all of its families, those buried and living, in your prayers

OH COME  
LET US  
*Adore*  
HIM

Did you know that we have Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday at St. John Church beginning after the 7a Mass and ending at 8p? We would love to have at least two adorers each hour to ensure that all hours are covered. We send out weekly sign ups via the Parish email on Tuesday mornings, so check your inbox and sign up! You can also find the sign up link on the homepage of our website: [ssfrancisjohn.org](http://ssfrancisjohn.org)

ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED AT 12:00pm  
& THE DIVINE CHAPLET  
WILL BE PRAYED AT 3:00pm.







There is a real critical need for blood donors at the Kentucky Blood Center in Lexington. Blood supplies are running low at this time. Due to the pandemic, many blood drives have been cancelled.

If you are eligible to donate this month, please consider doing so. Donations are being accepted at their Lexington locations.

For an appointment, please call 800-775-2522 or kybloodcenter.org

**SERVE ONE ANOTHER.....**

The Confirmation Class & Youth Group at SSFJ have been encouraged to get their service hours in by playing "Service Bingo"! We invite all youth and their families to participate in this fun way to instill acts of service in our daily lives. See below ways to participate. If you have questions, please reach out to Katharine Coleman at [kcoleman@cdlex.org](mailto:kcoleman@cdlex.org)

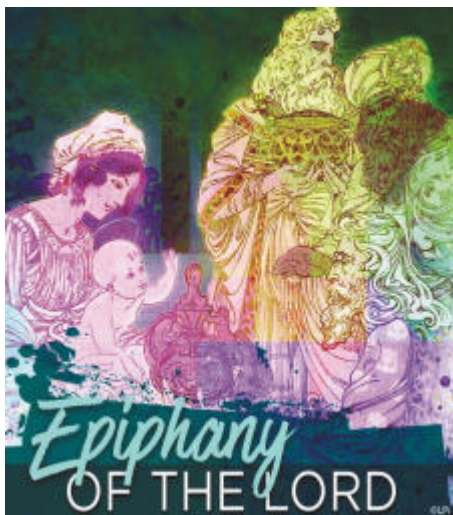
SERVICE BINGO

Donate items to and/or volunteer at The Amen House	Do the dishes at your house	Help with MASS <sup>1</sup>	Introduce yourself to a neighbor and ask if you can do something for them.	Write and send a letter to a family member or a seminarian.
Call a friend or relative you haven't seen in a while	Help a teacher at school	Fill up a grocery bag with garbage found outside and throw it away	Clean a room in your house	Volunteer at the parish <sup>2</sup>
Volunteer at CCD <sup>3</sup>	Volunteer to walk a neighbor's dog	Service of Choice <sup>4</sup>	Tutor a friend or classmate	Help a family member with a chore or project
Volunteer at a local animal shelter	Sing with the choir or cantor for mass <sup>5</sup>	Plan and participate in a family game night	Make cards for residents at an assisted living facility	Say the Rosary or Divine Mercy for someone who is ill or struggling
Plan and cook a meal for your family	Attend an hour of Adoration	Take a meal to a local fire station, police station or other first responders	Help organize a youth activity for our parish <sup>6</sup>	Volunteer to take care of someone's pets or plants while they are out of town

To participate in Service Bingo, complete anything on the bingo board, have a picture or video taken of you and whoever you are helping, and/or what you are doing. Mark your Bingo Board. Send the photo and/or video and a short write up about what you did and who you helped to Katharine Coleman at [kcoleman@cdlex.org](mailto:kcoleman@cdlex.org). We will maintain a master board and mark each time service is completed. Once you complete a row or column, send it to Katharine.

We will highlight youth and families who complete service on our Facebook page and our website.

- Helping at mass** - there are many ways to help at mass, some require training, some do not. There is a weekly email that is sent from the parish detailing what is needed each week. If you are interested in extra training, please let us know. Only Confirmed Catholics may train to be Eucharistic Ministers.
- Volunteer at the Parish** - Contact Teri Ward at the parish office at 502-863-3404 or [parishoffice@ssfjcdlex.org](mailto:parishoffice@ssfjcdlex.org)
- Volunteer at CCD** - Contact Katharine Coleman at [kcoleman@cdlex.org](mailto:kcoleman@cdlex.org)
- Service of Choice** - Any service to the parish, the community, or your family. This can not be something you normally do as a chore or anything you get paid to do.
- Sing with the choir or Cantor for Mass** - Contact Denise Whittington at [dwhittington@cdlex.org](mailto:dwhittington@cdlex.org)
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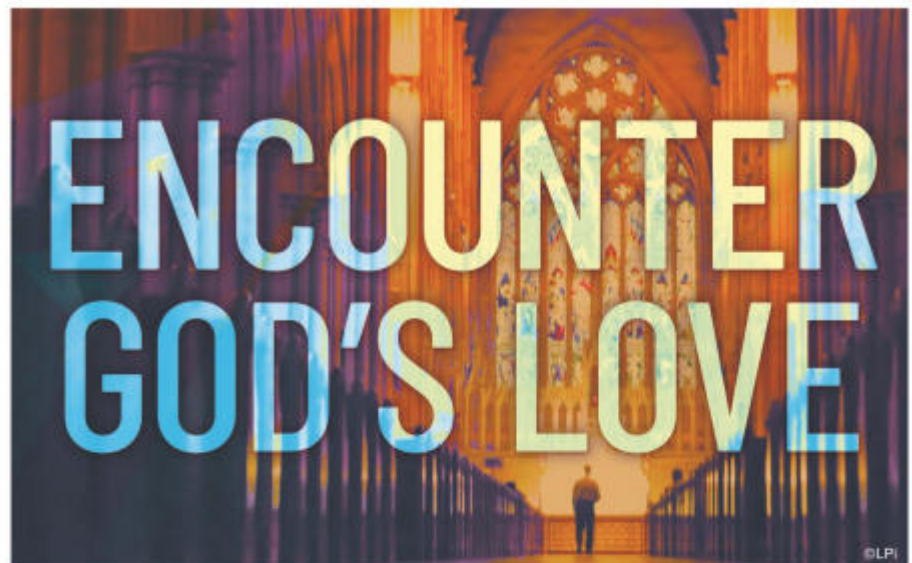
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# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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.



Life is truly a journey...and sometimes the way is rough. Whether it's a loss of employment, kids worrying the heck out of you, a spouse who is sick, or any other challenge or loss, sometimes it's helpful to have a companion. We naturally turn to trusted friends, but sometimes we worry about burdening a friend or feel that we might have to put life together in their way or time. Wouldn't it be nice to have an "ear" that doesn't judge – that has no agenda or timetable, someone who can keep a confidence – just to not be so lonely while working things out? Someone who trusts God – but also trusts you-- to work your situation out in your own time? That's what Stephen Ministers do – they respectfully join you in your journey, listening and offering confidential support and encouragement. Need a companion for your journey?

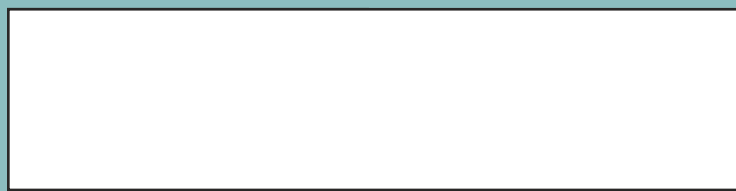
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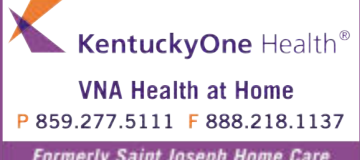
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