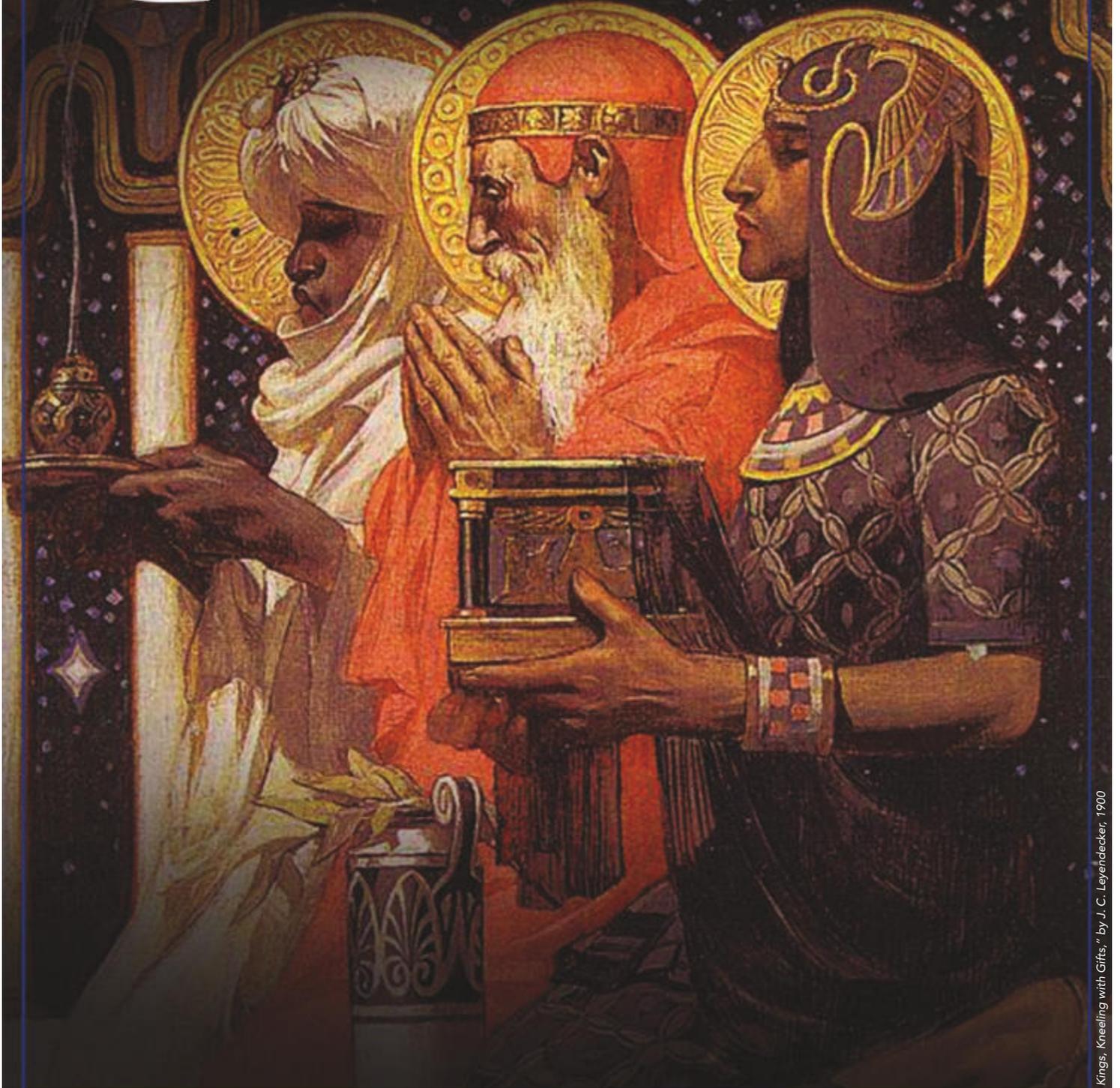


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# Evangelion

(Evan-JEL-yon, Greek, "the good news")



HE is HERE! | January 3, 2021 | The Epiphany of the Lord

"The Three Kings, Kneeling with Gifts," by J. C. Leyendecker, 1900

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD + JANUARY 3, 2021

## **PROCESSIONAL—"We Three Kings"**

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts, we traverse afar field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to the perfect Light.

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## **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.

## **FIRST READING—Isaiah 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 72**

**Response: Ev'ry nation on earth will adore you, Lord; ev'ry nation on earth will adore you, Lord.**

O God, with your judgment endow the king; with your justice endow the king's son. With justice he will govern your people, your afflicted ones with right judgment. (R.)

Justice shall flow'r in his days, lasting peace 'til the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, from the river to the ends of the earth. (R.)

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles offer gifts, those from Seba and Arabia bring tribute. All kings shall pay him their homage, all nations shall serve him. (R.)

He rescues the poor when they cry out, the afflicted with no one to help. The lowly and poor he shall pity, the lives of the poor he will save. (R.)

## **SECOND READING—Ephesians 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.

## **GOSPEL—Matthew 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.

## **THE NICENE 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.

## **PRESENTATION—"What Star Is This"**

What star is this with beams so bright, more lovely than the noonday light? 'Tis sent to announce a newborn king, glad tidings of our God to bring.

'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed: "From Jacob shall a star proceed." And lo! The eastern sages stand to read in heav'n the Lord's command.

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## **RECESSIONAL—"Songs of Thankfulness & Praise"**

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to you we raise, manifested by the star to the sages from afar; Branch of royal David's stem in your birth at Bethlehem; anthems be to you addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

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# MATTER MATTERS!

**H**ow glad I am that the three Kings worshipped Jesus in person despite all the obstacles! No elected official has authority over God's preferred way of worship—not Herod in Jesus' time, nor state governors in our time.

"In March [2020], Virginia Governor Ralph Northam's public health restrictions made it a criminal offense to be at a non-essential gathering of more than 10 people—including inside a church. Local police stopped a Palm Sunday service at a Chincoteague Christian church that was attended by 16 people."

More recently Northam could not help himself as he used his political position to profess theological teaching on worship: "But this year, we need to think about what is truly the most important thing. Is it the worship, or the building? To me, God is wherever you are. You don't have to sit in the church pew for God to hear your prayers," he said.

Northam, who has no formal theological education or training, added that "worship online is still worship."

The Catholic leader for worship is Cardinal Robert Sarah. He said in his letter on televised or live-streamed services that "no broadcast is comparable to personal communication or can replace it. On the contrary, these broadcasts alone risk distancing us from a personal and intimate encounter with the incarnate God who gave himself to us not in a virtual way."

Dr. Timothy O'Malley, director of education at the McGrath Institute for Church Life and academic director of the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy, said that for Catholics to stay home out of caution during the pandemic might be laudable or necessary, but it is incorrect to say personal prayer, or even watching Mass online, can like-for-like replace attending a Mass in-person.

"You can't just watch Mass and get the same thing out of attending the Mass," he said. "The Eucharist alone makes that impossible, to receive the Body and Blood of Christ on Christmas is a gift. It requires presence."

"For Catholics, matter matters," he explained. "And that means the Church building is not just a container for human activity. It is a sacramental sign of the mystery being celebrated, the union of heaven and earth, the embodied memory of what Christ has accomplished on the cross."

The Kings could have sent delegates or a letter, but they came personally and entered the Holy Family's home because matter matters... because Communion is key to getting to heaven. Our worship is because Jesus lifts our hearts to our Father God; it means Adoring him at the manger and welcoming him at Communion.

*This article paraphrases and quotes a Catholic News Agency article by Matt Hadro titled, "Why In-Person Worship Matters," which can be found at <https://bit.ly/34BZ65v>*

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# THE OUTSIDERS

## THE CATECHIST COLUMN

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Just a few weeks ago, on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we heard St. Paul speak of “the mystery kept secret for long ages” (*Romans 16:25*). That mystery was the fact that the Lord wants each of us to carry him in our souls, to be God-bearers. Today, the Spirit returns to this theme of the mystery made manifest, only this time in the context of Jesus’ manifestation to gentiles, to non-Jewish outsiders.

The first group of people the Gospels record visiting the newborn King were shepherds, who were despised outsiders, considered to be liars and lunatics even if they were Jewish. The second group of people we hear of are the mysterious magi. Magi were eastern astrologers from near Babylon (see *Daniel 4:48*). The gentile magi likely practiced the dark arts forbidden by the Torah (see *Deuteronomy 18:9-14*, the verses immediately preceding the prophecy of a coming prophet like Moses in *verse 15*). It seems likely that when the Prophet Daniel was made Chief of the Magi, he began instructing them about the star that would signal a new king in Israel (see *Numbers 24:17*) and the precise timing of the new king’s appearance (see *Daniel 9:20-27*). Ironically, today’s Gospel shows that the insider Jewish leaders were unaware of this while the gentile magi were so convinced of its truth that they made the 900-mile trip from Babylon to Jerusalem.

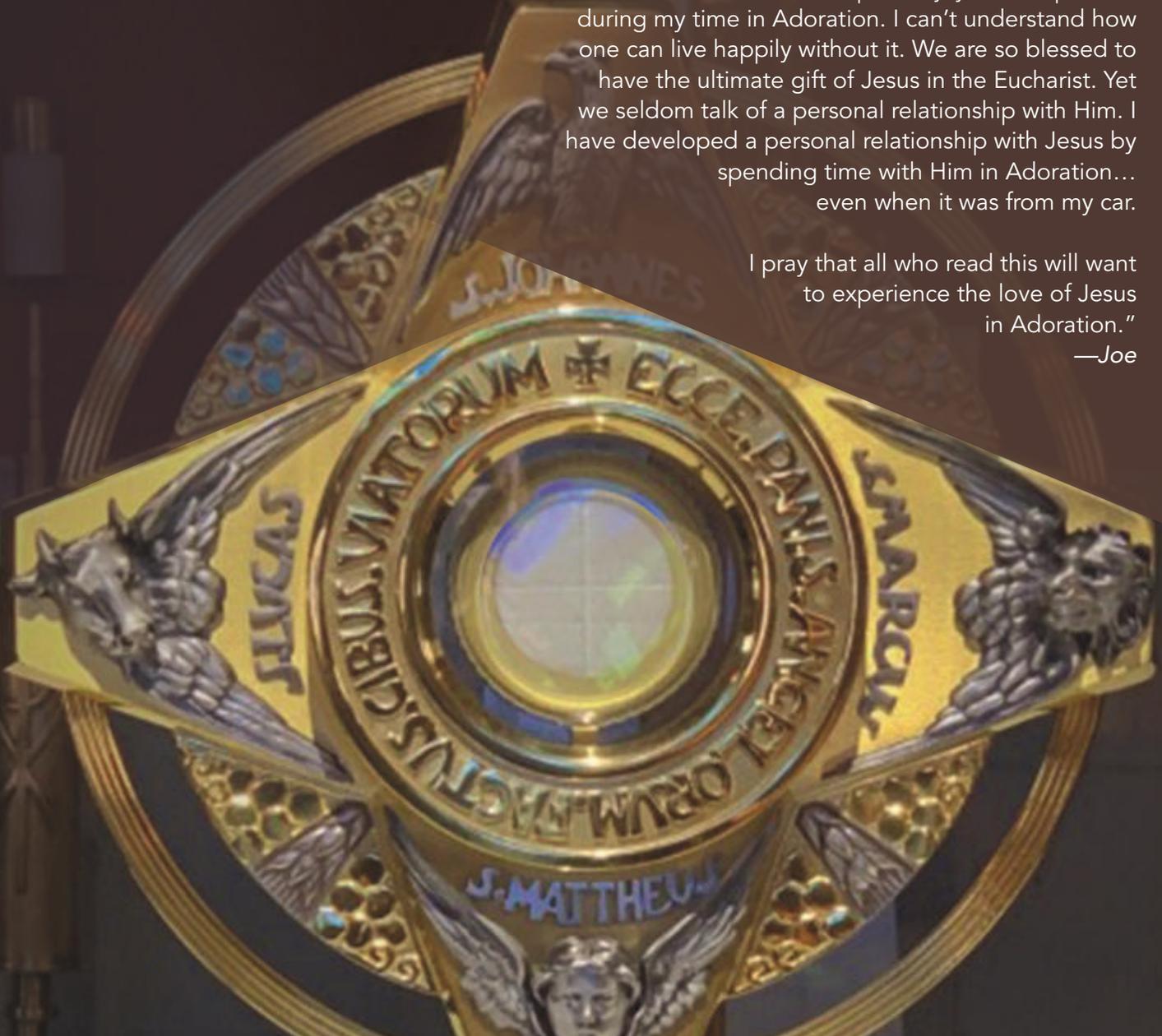
This episode illustrates the mystery that St. Paul shares with us today, “that the gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel” (*Ephesians 3:6*). The Spirit is reminding us that it does not matter if you grew up in the faith or out of it, whether you know the faith well or not, whether you follow all the rules or mess up often. What matters is that Jesus Christ came to be manifest in each and every one of us. All we have to do is begin to seek him like the gentile magi.

Today, we no longer refer to people as gentiles, but a gentile simply is an outsider. On this Epiphany, perhaps the Spirit is asking us to think of the gentiles in our own lives. Who are the people we keep at arm’s length? Who are the ones who do not behave the way we would like? And how can we share with them the mystery that Jesus wants them?

**MONDAY-THURSDAY • 8AM-8PM • OUR LADY OF PEACE**

"I have received such peace, joy, and inspiration during my time in Adoration. I can't understand how one can live happily without it. We are so blessed to have the ultimate gift of Jesus in the Eucharist. Yet we seldom talk of a personal relationship with Him. I have developed a personal relationship with Jesus by spending time with Him in Adoration... even when it was from my car.

I pray that all who read this will want to experience the love of Jesus in Adoration."  
—Joe



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# LUMINARIES *for* LIFE

LIGHTING UP  
OUR COMMUNITIES  
FOR LIFE!

Due to the restrictions surrounding the Coronavirus pandemic, our parish grouping will not be traveling to Washington D.C. for the Annual *March for Life* on January 29, 2021.

In an effort to show our solidarity and support for the unborn—and those who will be marching—we are having two events to commemorate the 48th Anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*, legalizing abortion in our country.

The first event will be one that everyone can participate in at home—***Luminaries for Life!***

The *Respect Life Committee* of our Great Grouping will be making luminary kits available for parishioners to display at home on the evening of Thursday, January 21, 2021—the eve of the *Roe v. Wade* decision. You can display your luminaries at your front door, sidewalk or driveway—to show your support. Let's light up our communities for life!

—Marie Pfau

## SUGGESTED DONATION FOR THE LUMINARY KITS

- 2 luminaries for \$1.00
- 10 luminaries for \$5.00

You can purchase as many as you would like. Please visit [greatgrouping.org/luminary](https://greatgrouping.org/luminary) to place your order before January 6. Pick-up of the luminary kits will be the week of January 16-20 in the foyer of the Upper CDC at Saints John & Paul.

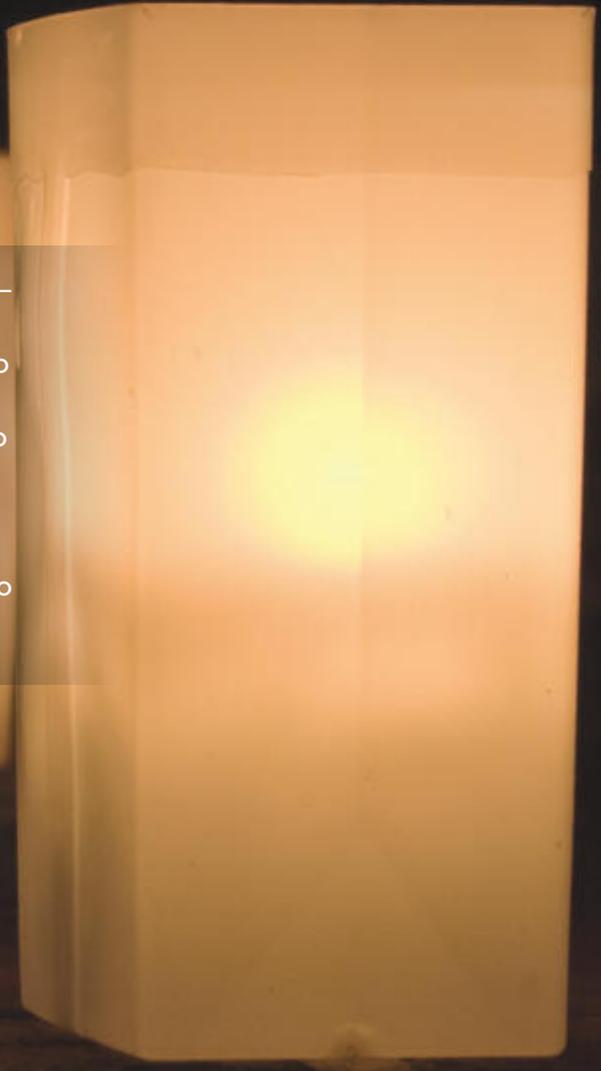
## SAVE THE DATE

The second event will be on **Friday, January 29, 2021**—the day of the annual *March for Life* in Washington D.C. We will be holding a prayer vigil at Saints John & Paul to commemorate the over 60 million lives that have been lost to abortion in the United States since 1973. We also remember the mothers, fathers, siblings, grandparents and countless others who have been impacted by abortion during this time. Details on the prayer vigil will be forthcoming but we invite you to **SAVE THE DATE** to participate in this important event.

### QUESTIONS?

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## MASS INTENTIONS

We have opened our 2021 Mass Book. Forms are available online at [greatgrouping.org/online-forms](http://greatgrouping.org/online-forms), on the Welcome tables at the entries of Quigley or by calling the office (no walk-ins) at (724) 266-6565.

## HOLY WATER AVAILABLE

Holy Water is available at Quigley for people to take home. This is the first time since March that Holy Water is available for parishioners.

## DIVORCED AND SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP

The Divorced and Separated support group will offer a virtual cycle of meetings starting on **Monday, January 11 and ending on Monday, April 5**. Meetings are on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM and will be conducted via Zoom. This peer led group provides caring support to anyone who is experiencing the pain of separation or divorce. For more information contact Ralph Joy (412) 741-5456 or [ralph.r.joy@gmail.com](mailto:ralph.r.joy@gmail.com) If you wish to attend the meetings, you must register in advance at the following website: [divorcecare.org/groups/128566](http://divorcecare.org/groups/128566)

## CHRISTIAN MOTHERS & LADIES GUILD

The Good Samaritan Christian Mothers & Ladies Guild must postpone the January 17 Christian Mothers Anniversary celebration. We will reschedule at a later date.

## SINGLE ADULT MINISTRY

The Great Grouping Single Adult Ministry serves adults 21 years of age and older who are single or single again. Our Mission is to grow in love serving one another joyfully, supporting one another in our needs, creating a family-like atmosphere with space to develop virtuous friendships, while deepening our Faith. We gather together, taking the opportunity to embrace with gratitude this stage of our lives in which the Lord desires a uniquely, deep connection with each one of us as individuals. Please join us January 16 at 6:00 PM in the upper CDC for our first evening talk with Father Mike Roche. His talk will focus on our need to grow in community, and to become a beacon that draws others to the light of Christ. For more information contact [singlesadultministries.pgh@gmail.com](mailto:singlesadultministries.pgh@gmail.com)

## HAS YOUR PHONE NUMBER CHANGED?

Many of us have dropped our landlines in favor of our cell numbers. There are times when we need to reach you and if you no longer use the only phone number which we have in our database, that is not possible. If your number has changed, please call the parish office to update: (724) 266-6565.

## ARE YOU RECEIVING OUR EMAILS?

We issue a monthly email to all of our registered parishioners at the beginning of each month. We also email important COVID-19 related updates. If you are not receiving these emails please sign up online at [greatgrouping.org/welcome](http://greatgrouping.org/welcome).

## XLT

Ring in the New Year with XLT on Wednesday, January 13, 7:00-8:30 PM, at Saints John & Paul in the church. XLT is an evening of worship music led by our band Anchor1, an uplifting message from a guest speaker, and Eucharistic Adoration. All ages are welcome.

## MEAL MAKING

Come and make meals for the homeless and those in need as a family at Saints John & Paul in the Upper CDC on Saturday, January 16 from 9:00am to Noon. All children under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult. To register visit [greatgrouping.org/meal-making](http://greatgrouping.org/meal-making)

## JOIN US AT SAMARITAN'S KITCHEN

Would you like to join us for preparation of hot meals on Tuesdays at Samaritan's Kitchen? Volunteers are needed. Please email: [cdeschaine@greatgrouping.org](mailto:cdeschaine@greatgrouping.org).

## FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED

Many families are still food insecure. We are accepting food and monetary donations to be able to continue offering Tuesday hot meals and distribution of food boxes at Good Samaritan (3:45 PM-5:00 PM). Food donations may be dropped off at any of the Valley parishes and at Quigley on weekends. Donation checks may be made payable to "Good Samaritan Parish"—please note "Food Pantry" on the memo line. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at (724) 266-6565. Your continued support is so appreciated by local families.

## MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

**MONDAY, JANUARY 4** (1 JN 3:22–4:6/MT 4:12-17, 23-25)

8:00 AM Good Samaritan • Mary Louise McMahan (Louise Ostrowski)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 5** (1 JN 4:7-10/MK 6:34-44)

6:30 PM Good Samaritan • Edward Bartosh (Friends for Seniors)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6** (1 JN 4:11-18/MK 6:45-52)

8:00 AM St. John the Baptist • Fr. Marko Barbaric, OFM (George Rozman)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 7** (1 JN 4:19–5:4/LK 4:14-22)

8:00 AM Our Lady of Peace • John Misik (Fred & Eileen Kaminski)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 8** (1 JN 5:5-13/LK 5:12-16)

8:00 AM St. John the Baptist • Deceased of DeLuca Family (Ralph & Nina DeLuca)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 9** (1 JN 5:14-21/JN 3:22-30)

4:00 PM Quigley • Virginia Raven (Melanie, Jean, Grant, Carl & Carol)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10** (IS 55:1-11/1 JN 5:1-9/MK 1:7-11)

8:00 AM Quigley • Jennie Lindsey (Family)

9:30 AM Quigley • Sandra Miller (Teresa Surgeon)

11:00 AM Quigley • Andrew & Lucy Grago (Ed & Linda Stojan)

4:00 PM Quigley • Spanish Mass

### OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

#### Lynn Berckmiller

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Parish Share to Date—  
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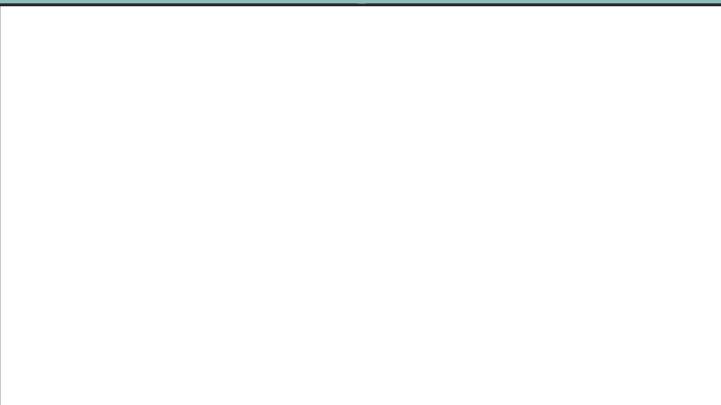

  
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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday, January 4

4:00 PM Catechsis of Good Shepherd (OLOP)  
6:00 PM Catechsis of Good Shepherd (OLOP)  
6:30 PM Grief Share (Virtual)

### Tuesday, January 5

1:00 PM Catechsis of Good Shepherd (OLOP)  
4:00 PM Outreach Samaritan Kitchen (GS)  
5:30 PM Confessions (GS)

### Wednesday, January 6

10:00 AM Catechsis of Good Shepherd (OLOP)  
6:30 PM Choir Practice (GS)

### Thursday, January 7

10:00 AM Catechsis of Good Shepherd (OLOP)

### Friday, January 8

6:30 PM Marian Prayer Group (GS)

### Saturday, January 9

3:00 PM Confessions (Quigley)

### Sunday, January 10

11:30 AM Maronite Mass  
2:00 PM Mass & Holy Hour Padre Pio (Quigley)

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## REGULAR MASS & CONFESSION TIMES



**8:00 AM Good Samaritan**  
**9:00 AM Saints John & Paul**



**7:00 AM Saints John & Paul**  
**9:00 AM Saints John & Paul**  
**5:30 PM CONFESSION at Good Samaritan**  
**6:30 PM Good Samaritan**



**8:00 AM Saint John the Baptist**  
**9:00 AM Saints John & Paul**



**7:00 AM Saints John & Paul**  
**8:00 AM Our Lady of Peace**  
**9:00 AM Saints John & Paul**  
**6:00 PM CONFESSION at Saints John & Paul**



**8:00 AM St. John the Baptist**  
**9:00 AM Saints John & Paul**  
**1st Friday 7:00 PM Saints John & Paul**



**9:00 AM Saints John & Paul**  
**3:00 PM CONFESSION at Quigley**  
**4:00 PM Beaver Valley Vigil Mass at Quigley**  
**4:00 PM CONFESSION at Saints John & Paul**  
**5:00 PM Vigil Mass at Saints John & Paul**



**7:30 AM Saints John & Paul**  
**8:00 AM Beaver Valley Mass at Quigley**  
**9:00 AM Saints John & Paul**  
**9:30 AM Beaver Valley Mass at Quigley**  
**11:00 AM Beaver Valley Mass at Quigley**  
**11:00 AM Saints John & Paul**  
**7:00 PM Saints John & Paul**  
**4:00 PM Spanish Mass at Quigley**

*For Holy Day & Holiday times, please see Week Ahead*

## HELP LINES

**24 Hour Child Abuse Hotline**  
**1-800-932-0313**

**Crisis Pregnancy Option Line**  
**1-800-395-4357**

**Post-Abortion Healing/Project Rachel**  
**(412) 456-3167**

**Pittsburgh Diocese Victim Assistance**  
**1-888-808-1235**

**Crisis Management Services**  
**1-888-796-8226**

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

As Catholics, we believe that Christ becomes truly present within the Blessed Sacrament. As promised by Him, His Presence is abiding, not something that vanishes at the conclusion of Mass. During Eucharistic Adoration, we can sit silently in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces.

