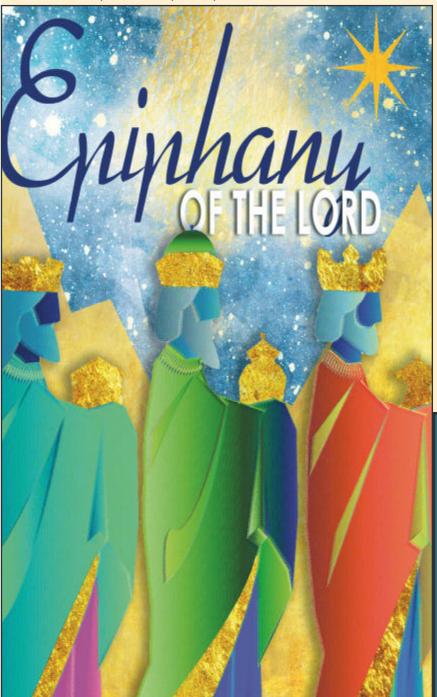


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SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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4:00 pm
8:00   10:00 am   5:00 pm
Thursday 5:30 pm
ay & Friday7:00 am

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## SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### FIRST READING:

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

#### PSALM:

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 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. (Eph 3:5-6)

#### 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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#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022**

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great

and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
Thursday: St. André Bessette, Religious
Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

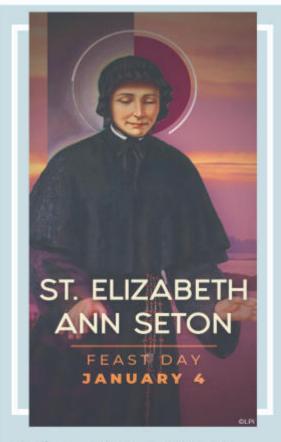
## **PLEASE PRAY WITH US!**

The U.S. Supreme Court is currently deciding a case regarding abortion. This Mississippi case is a chance to possibly overturn Roe v. Wade and end the atrocity of abortion in our country!

A Pro-life rosary will be prayed every Wednesday at noon in the St. Anthony of Padua Rosary Garden in front of St. Anthony church on Vine Street in Eunice. In the event of inclement weather, the rosary will be prayed inside St.

Anthony church.

Please join us in praying for a pro-life decision!



## Saint of the Week

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

## SUNDAY, January 2 | EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 AM: Rita Poore, Parishioners, Ray Robicheaux, Special Intention, Robicheaux/Blankenship Family (L&D), Lester & Percy Thibodeaux

10:00 AM: Jim Dodd, Shirley Fisher, Dave Fisher (L), J.P.

Laughlin & Family, Wesley Miller

5:00 PM: St. Thomas More Parishioners

## Tuesday, January 4 | St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

5:30 PM: Poor Souls in Purgatory

## Wednesday, January 5 | St. John Neumann, Bishop

7:00 AM: Poor Souls in Purgatory

## Thursday, January 6 | St. Andre' Bessette, Religious

**5:30 PM:** For the Conversion of Fallen-away Catholics and Those in mortal sin.

## Friday, January 7 | FIRST FRIDAY; St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest

7:00 AM: Poor Souls in Purgatory

## <u>Saturday, January 8 | Anticipated Mass -</u> BAPTISM OF THE LORD

4:00 PM: Shirley & Ethel (L) Lavergne & Family (L&D), Beatrice Young, Burke Young, Souls in Purgatory, Louis Langley, Louis Langley Family (L&D), Simon Soileau Family (L&D)

## SUNDAY, January 9 | BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:00 AM: Rita Poore, Parishioners, Ray Robicheaux, Special

Intention, Robicheaux/Blankenship Family (L&D),

10:00 AM: Shirley Fisher, Dave Fisher (L) 5:00 PM: St. Thomas More Parishioners

Key: (L) living; (Anniv.) death anniversary; (B) birthday (living)

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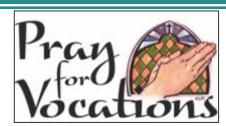
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# WHAT HAPPENS TO A CONSECRATED HOST IF IT ACCIDENTALLY FALLS TO THE GROUND?

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 minsters 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 sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).

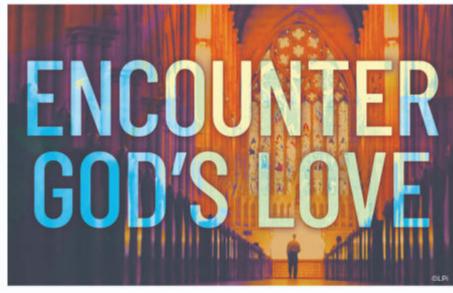


## GOSPEL MEDITATION

## **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 selfagenda 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 coing what God intended it to do. There is always temorrow 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.

"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."

- Mt 2:6

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### PRAYER

Lord, give me the power to help others, not harm them.

## MISSION FOR THE WEEK

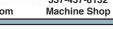
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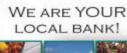


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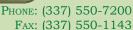
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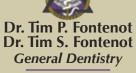


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