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WEEKLY READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

SUNDAY 1/2

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

MONDAY 1/3

1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

TUESDAY 1/4

1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

WEDNESDAY 1/5

1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

THURSDAY 1/6

1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

FRIDAY 1/7

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

SATURDAY 1/8

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

NEXT SUNDAY 1/9

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 /Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

The Feast of the Epiphany

The wait is over. The time has come. God is true to his Word and that Word has become one with us. Jesus is born and will grow strong, loving and wise, to become our Savior and Redeemer. It is a great story. Only God the Father could have thought up such a scenario: a virgin, a man plotting divorce at first, a journey, no room at the inn, shepherds and animals, a manger and angels – all to announce Emmanuel – God With Us! And now, the three Wise Men appear and offer great gifts to the newborn King. What wonder it is to behold.

Our Father did not want to frighten anyone or have us turn away from him. He wanted us to be drawn to him. And a little baby draws many to its side. Instead of great power and glory, he allows his Son to be a little infant. He cannot exist without human intervention and he cannot learn about human nature without a mother and father and family to teach him. He cannot make it in the world unless we care for him. And care we do. As Jesus was born into a loving family, so too, throughout the ages, he has gathered his new family to himself and we carry on the tradition and life of passing on the Good News to one another and each new generation.

Epiphany remind us that God loves one and all. He loves his people with all of our warts, sins, deficiencies in order that we might choose to love him back. In this loving exchange, God gives us his best gift ever his Son and we give back to God the best of who we are to others. Epiphany reminds us that as the Wise men change their direction, this child will change the world by altering its direction: the world is oriented now to God, the Center of all things, and his Son. It is with faith that we see Good News in action. It is with hope that we work for the sake of Good News and it is with charity that we make concrete the words we speak. Knowing the gift, the Father has bestowed upon us, we possess the words to share his story of redemption with others. We lead by example and by our actions they know we are endowed with his Spirit.

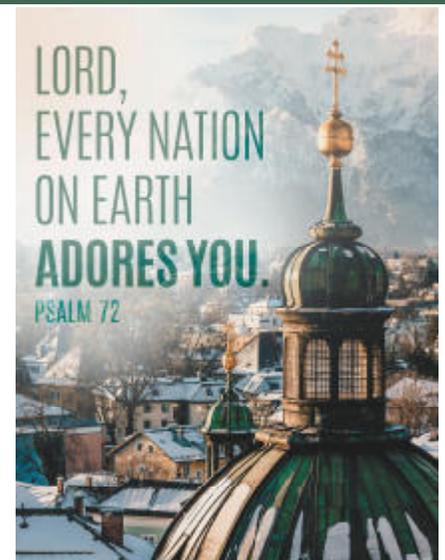
Epiphany allows us to ponder God's great love for us. The Lord come as a little child but will grow up to be Wonder-Counselor, God-hero, Prince of Peace. As his star led the Wise Ones to the child, we are the ones who lead others to Christ. We are now his hands and heart and voice and spirit. He lives in us but we now live for the common good. As Epiphany shows us there are no borders or boundaries to

God's gracious and merciful love, so too, we are called to reveal to the world there are no borders or boundaries to God – everyone is welcome, everyone is loved, everyone can be forgiven and set right before the Lord. All we have to do is seek the Lord and Jesus will be there.

As we continue on with the real celebration of Christmas with our worship, let our lives come to reflect the goodness of his love, the power of his mercy and the grace of his charity. God is good. Only our God would come to us to show us how to be good to one another. With Jesus, we learn and continue to learn there is no limit to his love for you and me. As he has given all for us, may we learn to give our best to him and one another. A blessed Epiphany to one and all.

REV. RON JOZWIAK

Pastor



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

4:00 pm Martha Shaw

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

8:00 am George Rotter

10:00 am Bill Grawbarger

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

8:30 am Arlene O'Connell

8:30 am Rita Vigneau

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

8:30 am Families of Prince of Peace

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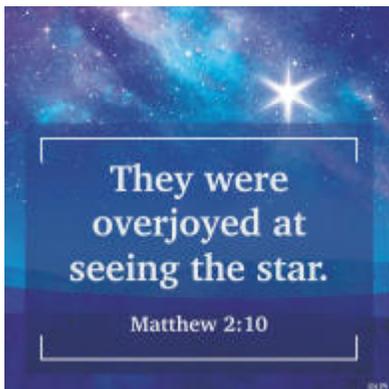
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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.

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P.S. You will still receive envelopes but can simply mark the "EFT" box. It seems that in our catholic culture, people need to see other people putting something in the basket. If you don't put in your envelope in the collection basket, somebody else will think they don't have to either. Until all are signed up for EFT, envelopes will be used as your public witness remains an essential part of our catholic life.

MASS INTENTIONS

Offering a Mass is a great way to honor a loved one. You can schedule a Mass Intention in a few different ways

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3. Mail in your request

Along with the intention be sure to include your name and phone number.

Please remember we can not take intentions before Mass.

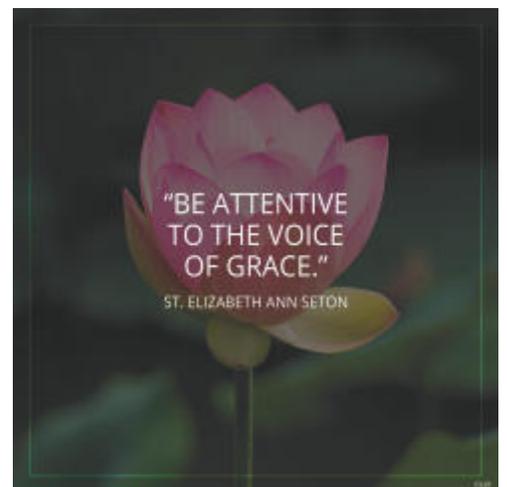
COVID-19 UPDATES

We continue to follow the guidelines to do our part to keep everyone safe. Masks are required at this time. Please be sure to take everything with you when you leave the church including, masks, gloves, tissues and any other items you may have brought with you.

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Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton | January 4

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."

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