

January 2, 2022 • The Epiphany of the Lord



The Roman Catholic Parishes of

# Sacred Heart and St. Nicholas

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*Through the Intercession of St. Nicholas to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*

## Gospel Meditation

January 2, 2022  
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

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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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. - Mt 2:10-11

## LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR

Al ver de nuevo la estrella, se llenaron de inmensa alegría. Entraron en la casa y vieron al niño con María, su madre, y postrándose, lo adoraron. Después, abriendo sus cofres, le ofrecieron regalos: oro, incienso y mirra.  
- Mt 2, 10-11

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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. ©LPi

**Meditación del Evangelio**  
**2 de enero de 2022**  
**La Epifanía del Señor**

Aun en estos tiempos, la humanidad continúa buscando la estrella, esa estrella que muchas veces se pierde entre la injusticia, el odio y la discriminación. Sin embargo, hay que seguir el camino y alzar los ojos al cielo para encontrar el centro de su luz. *“Levántate y brilla, que ha llegado tu luz y la Gloria de Yavé amaneció sobre ti (Isaías 60,1).* La Gloria de la Manifestación de Jesús en su Evangelio y en la Eucaristía se hace presente entre nosotros en la Liturgia de hoy. El Papa Francisco nos explica acerca de la belleza de esta celebración. *“La manifestación de Jesús, simbolizada por la luz: Levántate y resplandece, Jerusalén, porque llega tu luz; la Gloria del Señor amanece sobre ti”.* Él nos exhorta al movimiento, a no quedarnos ahí fijos como estatuas sin hacer nada.

También, nos explica sobre la participación de los magos del Oriente y lo que ellos representan. *“Los Magos, venidos de Oriente, representan a todos los pueblos lejanos de la fe judía tradicional: se dejan guiar por la estrella y se enfrentan a un largo y arriesgado viaje; se postran ante Jesús y le ofrecen regalos simbólicos: oro, incienso y mirra; la búsqueda del Señor implica también la generosidad del corazón” (1/6/2019).* ¿Qué le estoy ofreciendo a Jesús en esta etapa de mi vida? ¿Qué tipo de manifestaciones he tenido de Dios a lo largo de mi vida? Pidamos, en esta Eucaristía, que la luz de Cristo se manifieste en estos tiempos turbulentos y oscuros que experimentamos en el mundo entero. Sigamos vigilantes, caminemos por sendas nuevas, sigamos el ejemplo de los Magos. Ellos, regresaron a su país por otro camino. ©LPi

# Collection Summary

## Sacred Heart

Item	12/20/2020	12/19/2021	Item	12/27/2020	12/26/2021
# of Sun. Env.	51	28	# of Sun. Env.	102	
In Envelopes	\$2,279.00	\$1,159.00	In Envelopes	\$660.00	
Loose	408.00	760.00	Loose	188.00	
Candles	128.00	114.00	Candles	128.00	
Christmas	500.00	335.00	Christmas	8,602.00	
Flower Fund	35.00	15.00	Flower Fund	—	
Fuel	10.00	—	Little Blue Books	—	
Imm. Conception	40.00	10.00	Mass Stipends	50.00	
Little Blue Books	31.00	—	St. Joseph Missal	—	
Mass Stipends	10.00	100.00	Wednesday	65.00	
Religious Ed.	135.00	—	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,693.00</b>	
St. Joseph Missal	25.00	—			
St. Vincent De Paul	10.00	—			
Wednesday	127.00	148.00			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,738.00</b>	<b>\$2,641.00</b>			

*There is an early submission of the bulletin due to the holiday. Collection report will be displayed a week behind because of this.*

## St. Nicholas

Item	12/20/2020	12/19/2021	Item	12/27/2020	12/26/2021
# of Sun. Env.	37	48	# of Sun. Env.	64	
In Envelopes	\$852.00	\$1,105.00	In Envelopes	\$705.00	
Loose	172.00	277.00	Loose	265.00	
Flowers	30.00	—	Candles	—	
Imm. Conception	—	25.00	Christmas	4,926.00	
Little Blue Books	28.30	—	Flowers	20.00	
Maintenance	15.00	50.00	Food Pantry	60.00	
Mass Stipends	—	30.00	Little Blue Books	—	
Misc.	100.00	—	Maintenance	50.00	
Nativity Donations	—	100.00	Mass Stipends	—	
Spanish Mass	—	443.00	Misc.	—	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,197.00</b>	<b>\$2,030.00</b>	Nativity Donations	—	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,026.00</b>	

### Pray the Rosary

- Thursday at 8:00am, before the 8:30am Mass at St. Nicholas
- Saturday at 3:30pm, before the 4:00pm Mass at St. Nicholas
- Patriotic Rosary on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at Sacred Heart



## SACRED HEART

### 2022 St. Joseph Sunday Missals

Missals will be available on the table by the main entrance at Sacred Heart. A donation of \$6 each is requested.

### First Friday Adoration and Mass at Sacred Heart: January 7th

Join us for Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9am -10am (before the 10am Mass)

## ST. NICHOLAS

### Spanish Mass

The monthly 1:00pm Sunday Spanish Mass will be on January 9, 2022 and continue on the second Sunday of each month.

### New Nativity Set

A new Nativity set has been purchased for St. Nicholas. Contributions are being accepted to help defray the \$2,500 cost. Please write "St. Nicholas Nativity Set" on your donation envelope.

### Donation Envelopes

The 2022 Parishioner donation envelopes are ready to be picked up. They are on a table in the vestibule of the church. If you need envelopes please call the parish office.

### St. Nicholas Altar Society

Our next meeting is

#### Wednesday, January 12, 2022

We begin with a rosary in the church at 11:30am. We would love new members to join us in this fulfilling ministry.

### In Sympathy

Sacred Heart and St. Nicholas Parishes wish to extend their condolences to the family and friends of:

### †Catherine Hooch

*Eternal rest, grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

### A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
And cause our Spirits to be born again  
Thank you for this new year  
For all the potential it holds.  
Come and kindle in us  
A mighty flame  
So that in our time, many will see the wonders  
of God  
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.  
- Author Unknown  
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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, January 1, 2022**

*(Mary, the Holy Mother of God)*

**4:00pm at St. Nicholas**

For John Mullally

Req. by Family

**7:00pm (Spanish) at Sacred Heart**

For †Blanca Barajas

Req. by Miriam Lopez

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

*(The Epiphany of the Lord)*

**9:00am at Sacred Heart**

For †Guido Mattiacci & Family

Req. by Ron Duso

For Barbara Battani, Sharon Brown,  
& Rick Granata, Jr.

Req. by T.J.

**11:00am at St. Nicholas**

For †Edward Worden &

†Carol Worden Biondo

Req. by Kathleen Worden

**Monday, January 3, 2022 - No Mass**

*(The Most Holy Name of Jesus)*

**Tuesday, January 4, 2022 - No Mass**

*(St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)*

**Wednesday, January 5, 2022**

*(St. John Neumann)*

**10:00am at Sacred Heart**

For †Leota Skwirsk

Req. by Val Rankin

**7:00pm (Spanish) at Sacred Heart**

For Our Sacred Heart and St. Nicholas

Parish Communities

**Thursday, January 6, 2022**

*(St. André Bessette)*

**8:30am at St. Nicholas**

For †Robert Aguinaga, †Regoberto

Aguinaga, & †Arthur Aguinaga

Req. by Family

**Friday, January 7, 2022**

*(St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Friday)*

**10:00am at Sacred Heart**

For Barbara Battani

& Rick Granata, Jr.

Req. by Mike

**Saturday, January 8, 2022**

**4:00pm at St. Nicholas**

For Tom Mullally

Req. by John Mullally

**7:00pm (Spanish) at Sacred Heart**

For †Blanca Barajas

Req. by Miriam Lopez

**Sunday, January 9, 2022**

*(The Baptism of the Lord)*

**9:00am at Sacred Heart**

For Joanne Ruddock

Req. by Ann

**11:00am at St. Nicholas**

For Shawn Glombowski

Req. by Family

For †Robert Aguinaga, †Regoberto

Aguinaga, & †Arthur Aguinaga

Req. by Family

**1:00pm (Spanish) at St. Nicholas**

For Our St. Nicholas and Sacred Heart

Parish Communities

### Mass Offerings

A \$10 stipend is the norm for a Mass.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

*Dear God, we place our worries in Your hands and our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to good health once more...*

Emily Baron	Becky McDougal
Cecilia Clark	Sonja McLeod
Joyce Dupras	Sheri Miller
Brian Fedeson	Unique E. Mills
Steve Glombowski	Gilbert Mroz
Teresa Gormley	Hendrix Mroz
Diane Haskins	Scott Nickens
Gene Haskins	Judy Palmieri
Joel Holland	Christopher
David Hurt	Petersen
Laura Jordan	Juan Rios
Lynn Kloc	Linda Sampson
Joann Mattiacci	Rita Stoneburgh
George	Bill Van Erp
Matyanowski	Mike Wennberg
Linda McBryde	Noah Whitney
Joann McBryde	Michelle Woods
Angie McCoy	Finn Woodworth

Contact the parish office to add your loved one's name to the prayer list. Please let the office know when a name needs to be removed from the list.  
Thank You.

### Updated COVID-19 Guidelines

As of November 23, 2021, the Archdiocese of Detroit encourages Mass-goers, regardless of vaccination status, to wear face-coverings and practice social-distancing to reduce exposure to COVID-19 and its variants.

*Please pray for the men and women serving in our armed forces.*



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**Sunday Holy Mass Times**

Saturday: 4:00pm  
Vigil November - April at St. Nicholas  
May - October at Sacred Heart  
Saturday: 7:00pm (Spanish) - Sacred Heart  
Sunday: 9:00am - Sacred Heart  
11:00am - St. Nicholas  
2nd Sunday: 1:00pm (Spanish) - St. Nicholas  
(2nd Sunday of the Month ONLY)

**Reconciliation**

Saturday: 3:00pm, 1 hour before Mass  
Wednesday: 9:30am at Sacred Heart  
By appointment also. Call the parish office.

**Weekday Holy Mass Times**

Wednesday: 10:00am - Sacred Heart  
7:00pm (Spanish) - Sacred Heart  
Thursday: 8:30am - St. Nicholas  
First Friday: 10:00am - Sacred Heart

**Baptism**

By appointment; a preparation class is required.

**Matrimony**

By appointment; a 6 month preparation period is required.

**Anointing of the Sick** Please call the office.

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