



THE WITNESS

OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

JANUARY 8, 2023 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday | 5:00pm
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am,
12:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday through Friday | 8:30am

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Wednesday | Following Mass

EXPOSITION & ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

First Fridays | Following Mass
Benediction | 6:45pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 3:00pm-3:30pm
Or by Appointment

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm
Closed for lunch 12:00 -1:00pm



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"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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OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, through its members, is called to be a sign and sacrament of salvation to the entire Catholic Community. Essential to this Mission is the work of spreading Christian life and teachings.

PARISH INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

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THIS WEEK AT OLQM

Monday, January 9
8:30 am Mass

Tuesday, January 10
8:30 am Mass
7:00 pm Catholic Biblical School
7:15 pm Intercessory Prayer Team

Wednesday, January 11
8:30 am Mass/Perpetual Help
Devotions
6:00 pm OLQM Parish & School
Community Rosary
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, January 12
8:30 am Mass
9:00 am OLQM Women's Group

Friday, January 13
8:30 am Mass

Saturday, January 14
7:00 am OLQM Men's Bible Study
3:00 pm Confessions
5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, January 15
8:00 am Mass
9:00 am RCIA
10:00 am Mass
12:00 pm Mass
1:00 pm Baptisms



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SACRAMENT INFORMATION

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 to 3:30; or by appointment by contacting the Parish Office.

MATRIMONY

Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance to schedule your Holy Matrimony preparation.

BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office.

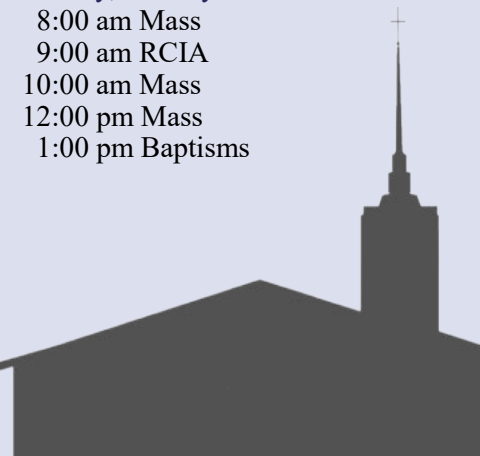
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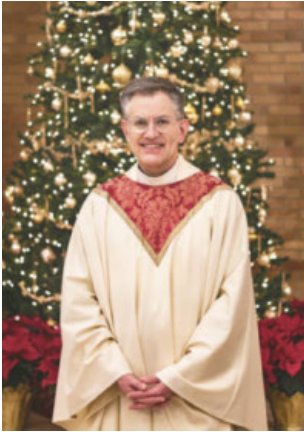
Tim Flannery - Chair
Steve Sequin - Secretary
Tim Weed
Beth Howes

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Copy due by 12:00 pm on
Friday of the preceding week.

Deliver to the Parish Office
or email copy to:
satwell@olqm-parish.org





A note from the Pastor . . .

Today the Catholic Church throughout the world celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany!

On this feast, the Church celebrates the manifestation (epiphany) of Christ to the Nations (Gentiles) in the persons of the Magi—also known as the Wise Men or the Three Kings. In earlier times, this feast combined two other manifestations, that which took place at the Lord’s Baptism, and that which took place in Cana at the Wedding feast. This is still the custom in Eastern Christianity.

Although the date of the Epiphany on the General Calendar of the Church is January 6th, in the United States and some other countries it is celebrated on the Sunday after January 1st so more Catholics can participate. Thus, in 2023 the Solemnity of the Epiphany is observed on Sunday, January 8. (<https://www.EWTN.com/catholicism/epiphany>)

As we honor this moment in time when the Christ Child was made manifest to the world, we need to look into our own hearts. There, we discover Christ’s ongoing manifestation to us so that we can worship Him Who has also chosen to be born within our hearts. We must diligently seek out that manifestation of God within us and respond to it in the same ways that the Magi responded. When they saw a sign from the heavens that pointed to a new King, they stopped everything and departed in haste to find Him. When God speaks to you and manifests Himself to you in some way, nothing could be more important than to be attentive to His voice and follow His manifestation with the same haste. (<https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/january-6-epiphany>)

A special thank you to all OLQM parishioners who stepped forward to serve the parish during the Christmas Season in variety of ministry roles that made our Christmas Masses so prayerful and beautiful! It’s parishioners coming together and offering their skills, talent, time, and treasure that makes OLQM parish a loving and supportive and caring community. Numerous and dedicated OLQM parishioners sang in the choir; wrapped gifts that were in turn given to fellow parishioners; beautifully decorated the sanctuary of the church including the four large trees, nativity scene, and poinsettias; assisted with putting up the exterior lights; carefully watered and maintained the poinsettias in the sanctuary; while others did a great job serving as lectors, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, as well as ushers and greeters. Many parishioners serving the parish together enables OLQM parish to be a shining example of ministry in action all for the glory and honor of God. In addition, comradery and lasting friendships are built!

We still have another week of Christmas remaining so the decorations in the church will be left in place for the upcoming week, plus one additional week. Following the 12 Noon Mass on Sunday, January 22nd beginning at 1:00 pm the Christmas decorations will be taken down. Eight to ten parishioners are needed to assist with carefully taking down the decorations and getting them ready for storage. This is not hard work, but parishioners are needed to make this happen! Please call the parish office and speak with Mary Schellpfeffer, administrative assistant if you are able to help on Sunday January 22nd following the Noon Mass at 1:00 pm.

Have a blessed and joyous week as we continue our Christmas celebrations!

Fr. Jim Smalarz





From the School



New Year - New Doors!

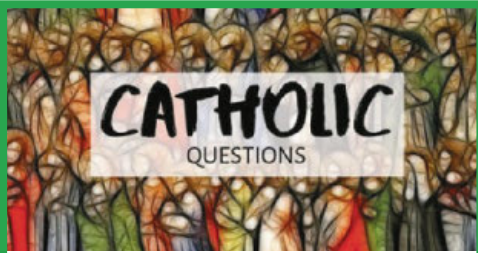


Last year the community at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church and School responded generously to an appeal to help fund the replacement of all of the classroom doors in the school. Over the Christmas break the doors were installed! The high strength steel doors not only give a uniform look to the hallways, they add a layer of safety and security to our school. We are grateful to the many school families and OLMQ parishioners who helped make this school improvement a reality. Stop by and see them for yourself at the OLMQ School Open House on Sunday, January 29 from 10:00am to 1:00pm.



*WE HAVE SEEN HIS STAR IN THE EAST,
AND HAVE COME WITH GIFTS TO ADORE THE LORD.*





Question:

What can I do to help our family practice our faith each day?

Answer:

Some families practice their religion together as just another event on their schedule: go to church, observe Lent, help at the parish picnic, go to a meeting, volunteer time, make your confession, use your envelope... But the focus needs to be on who we are—God’s people, in relationship with him, loved, forgiven, and redeemed, and called to live and proclaim the Gospel. Our awareness of God’s presence and our sense of mission are supported by the daily rituals, celebrations, and traditions that help us stay focused. Sharing our faith strengthens us and clarifies the beliefs and values of Christian living.

Daily family practices include time for prayer—before meals, before bed, before important meetings and activities. Attend Sunday Mass together and discuss the homily afterward. Create family celebrations for holy days and holidays. Make religion a regular part of your discussions. Include others, especially the elderly and the less fortunate, in your activities and charitable efforts. By applying the virtues of faith, hope, and love to each day, faith becomes part of who your family is. It influences how you act towards others, what you value, and how mindful of God you are. Faith is the leaven of life that helps all of us rise to our calling and dignity as God’s people.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Pray for God’s Direction

The story of the Wise Men bringing gifts to Jesus, the newborn King, is a great one, isn’t it? They had a great big star in the sky to lead the way. I am no Boy Scout, so I am not sure how well I would do following a star like that. But the important point here is that God led them to the manger. The manger was a place that unless God specifically showed you this was where the Christ Child was born you wouldn’t have believed it. You would have passed on by.

In our lives, there are no big stars in the sky leading us where we need to go. It isn’t so easy sometimes discerning where God is leading us. We may seek to use our gifts wisely, but in what manner and to what end is not always clear.

This is where prayer can make a huge difference. If we seek to cultivate a prayer life where we are mindful of the presence of God throughout our day, then the call is easier to discern. We can help the process by intentionally offering to God in the morning the entirety of the day to come: all our actions, all our time, and all our decisions. In the evening, we can examine the past hours of the day and reflect on when we responded well to Christ’s call and when we fell short. Then we resolve to begin again tomorrow, inviting Christ to be with us every step of the way. God may not offer a star in the sky to lead us, but if we invite us on our journey each day, the path will be much clearer.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

January 8, 2023
The Epiphany of the Lord

A friend of mine is a young priest who teaches high school physics at a Catholic boys’ prep school. Like many today, the boys often think science and religion are enemies. So, he delights in their raised eyebrows when he reminds them his first full-time job as a priest was to be an astrophysicist. He cataloged the size, shape, and matter of distant stars. He tells them, “Science gave me more love for God, not less.”

The Magi were something like scientist-astronomers. Like today’s scientists, they employed disciplined methods of discovering dependable patterns in the world. Their rigorous commitment to the truth led them to the joy of discovering Jesus. Their love for knowledge leads them to worship the Source of all knowledge. Luke says of them, “**They were overjoyed at seeing the star.**”

We may see the universe as cold and empty and feel sad. But why should we do that? The Magi, like my priest-friend, show us there is another way to experience the world. We use our intelligence to discover the beautiful patterns in the world — in mathematics, physics, astronomy, biology, neuroscience, and so on — and allow this to lead us to greater love for God. So, my fellow Magi: the world needs us to be overjoyed at finding God in science and, finally and fully, in Jesus.

— Father John Muir

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From the Office of Faith Formation Happy, Healthy, and Holy Kids

Upcoming **Monday** sessions are: January 9, 23, 30

The Sunday Family Program

meets January 8, 2023 beginning with noon Mass.

Families are working at home on chapters 11 and 12 of Unit 4, Jesus Christ.

Next Session: January 8, 2023. We will begin unit 5, Morality.



Special Guest Speaker

All are invited on Sunday, January 8, to hear our special guest speaker for our adult session of the Sunday Family Program. Elizabeth Garlow will be presenting *Shaping Moral Systems for our Children. Reflections on the Economy of Francesco*.

Elizabeth is a graduate of Kalamazoo College and holds an MPA from Princeton University. She has also been awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology.

Elizabeth will share reflections from her trip to Italy where she participated in the gathering of young economists, entrepreneurs and changemakers called together by Pope Francis as part of the movement known as the Economy of Francesco.

This presentation will take place in the Social Hall from 1:30-2:30pm.

Catechist Spotlight

Mrs. Marcella Rogers has been a part of the Sunday Family formation program for seven years. This is her second year as a catechist teaching grade 6. Marcella currently works as a middle school dean at Plymouth Scholars Charter Academy in Plymouth Michigan and she also works at Wayne State University as a clinical instructional coach for student teachers. She says she “loves working with all middle school age kids because I know how important it is for kids this age to have good role models.” Mrs. Rogers teaches using many proven techniques for learning such as stories and crafts. She appreciates and works with all the different learning styles.

Mrs. Molly Robinson is our grade six catechist for our Monday After School program. She has been a lifelong member of OLQM and a catechist for fifteen years now. Prior to taking the sixth grade class, Molly taught grade four. She says she loves sixth graders because they “challenge me to learn more about my faith. In my class we talk about choosing to live our faith every day and how we can do that even as sixth graders.”

Molly is a creative catechist employing journaling, prayer writing, service projects and much more in her lesson plans. She, and her husband David, have six children and she currently works at Shrine High School in the front office and the theatre department.

We are so grateful for Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Robinson.

Mary Garlow
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“The Eucharist is a fire that inflames us, that like lions breathing fire, we may retire from the altar being made terrible to the devil.”

~ St. John Chrysostom



OLQM's Annual St. Patrick Senior Center Meal

Please join us in providing a delicious meal to the seniors of Cass Corridor, Detroit

Saturday Jan 28, 2023

We are in need of drivers to collect and deliver supplies to the center, volunteers to set up, serve the meal, clean-up, and provide the following:

**Plain baked chicken pieces
Potato Salad
Macaroni Salad
Veggies
Cookies, Cakes, Desserts
BBQ Sauce (gallon)
Carry out containers
Small Paper Plates
Napkins
Rolls & Butter**

**Please deliver all food and supplies
to vans in front of the school
Saturday, January 28
between 7:30 and 9:00 am.**

To sign up go to www.bit.ly/StPatSenior23,
scan the QR code, or contact Sr Francesca
at 248-644-8620 | srfrancesca@olqm-parish.org

Thank you for your support!





January 8, 2023

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6 | Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Mt 2:1-12

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

It's easy to stay inside and cozy up on the couch these winter months. Having just gotten through the winter solstice, many of us crave light and warmth. The language of Isaiah may resonate with us even more deeply this time of year: "See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory." In today's Gospel, in the dark of night, the Magi follow a bright star to pay homage to Jesus, whom they recognize as the newborn king of the Jews. On the Epiphany, which means "manifestation," we celebrate this moment when Christ's light shone forth to the world. As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI wrote in *Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives*: "The key point is this: The wise men from the east are a new beginning. They represent the journeying of humanity toward Christ."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Like the Wise Men who traveled a long distance to pay homage to the Christ Child, each of us journeys every day toward a fuller life in Christ. Just as the Magi followed the light to discover Christ, so does the light of Christ serve as our constant beacon, reorienting us toward God and his holy path. After worshiping the Christ Child at Christmas, let us move forward and pay homage to the Savior through our words and actions. Although Epiphany signifies the official "end" of the Christmas season, it is fitting that it falls at the beginning of a new calendar year because it allows us to reexamine, among our traditional "New Year's resolutions," how we live our lives in the light of Christ. "The wise men from the east are a new beginning," the pope said. May their journey and experience inspire us to "begin anew" however we must, and offer Jesus our gifts of love and devotion, considering how his light may shine through us to others.

PRAY "Dear Jesus, as you led the Wise Men to you by the light of a star, please draw us ever closer to you by the light of faith. Help us to desire you as ardently as they did. Give us the grace to overcome all the obstacles that keep us far from you. May we, like them, have something to give you when we appear before you. Amen."

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Christian Service at OLQM

DARE

to be a Disciple

Sr. Francesca Thérèse, OSF, Christian Service Director
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THANK YOU to everyone who donated gifts and gift cards for our giving tree this year. *It was nothing short of an outpouring of love and generosity!* We were able to donate toys for the OLQM/Capuchin 'Kids' Christmas day program, Mary's Mantle, OLQM CS and Families in need, Song and Spirit, Sr Judie's Outreach and we were able to donate books to Most Holy Trinity Catholic School for their Library. A special Thank you to OLQM Faith Formation Students who collected books for Most Holy Trinity School and to all the 8th grade confirmandi who hosted the donut social, sorted and loaded all the gifts into waiting vehicles!



"Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of My brothers or sisters, you did it to Me."
Mt. 25:40

Thank you for your love of Jesus and of OLQM. Thank you for all you are and all you do to make OLQM the amazing, faith-filled, loving, serving parish family that we are today! Together we are making a difference in our community!

Peace and all Good, Sr. Francesca Thérèse, OSF
Christian Service Director

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Terra Sancta Pilgrimages with Franciscan friar Fr. Alex Kratz will be leading a Catholic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from **April 18-May 2, 2023**. This life-changing experience walking in Jesus' footsteps includes daily Mass and Rosary, biblical readings on site, time for prayer and spiritual guidance, and meeting local Christians. Cost is \$5,200 (all expenses included, round trip from Detroit, 3 daily meals, all tips and taxes). Registration is first come, first serve with \$1,000 deposit to secure a seat. Full payment by Feb. 15.

Orientation Meeting is Sunday, **January 15** at St. Joseph Chapel (400 South Blvd. West, Pontiac, MI 48331). Next pilgrimage: November 28-December 12, 2023.

For information, contact Fr. Alex:
(313) 727-9784
or abunaalex@yahoo.com



We are looking for "Tuition Angels" for the 2022-23 school year. As we all know, the economic situation in our community has been difficult for many of our school families. We have families who currently send their children to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School, and make financial sacrifices to continue to do so, but need a helping hand.

Can you help? Would you consider being a "Tuition Angel" this year? If so, please send your donation to the Parish Office or place it in the collection basket marked "Tuition Angels." Any amount would be greatly appreciated!



Baptized into the Body of Christ

December 27, 2022

Penelope Lois Doman

Daughter of
Kevin & Margaret (Check)

Margaret Sienna Geden

Daughter of
Nicholas & Jill (Bousson)

December 31, 2022

Eleanor Louise Wehbe

Daughter of
Andrew & Megan (Tomaszewski)



OUR LADY
QUEEN OF MARTYRS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 29, 2023
10:00am - 1:00pm

save the date

Holy Baptism
is the basis
of the whole
Christian life,
the gateway
to life in
the Spirit.

CCC 1213

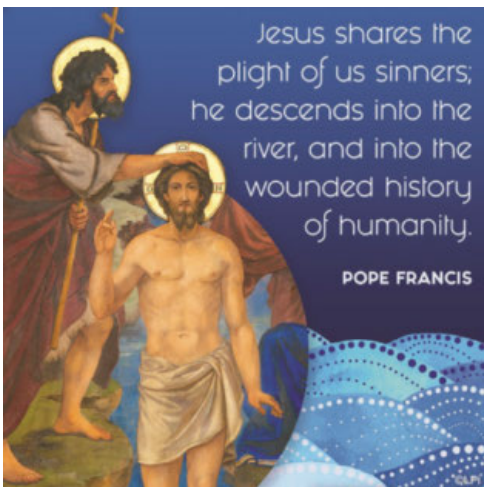




St. Hilary of Poitiers
January 13

St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, lived c. 315 to c. 367. Born a pagan, St. Hilary studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the Bible. He became a convert and was appointed Bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West; his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was designated a Doctor of the Church, a title given to those providing important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX. ©LPI



In Loving Memory
Our sympathy goes out
to the family of
Michael McCauley
Husband of Elizabeth
Father of Emma

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OLQM CSA UPDATE

—2022—

Goal: \$126,793.00
Pledged: \$129,542.66
Overage: \$2,749.66

271 of 1,447 Families Pledged



Funds collected for the CSA benefit charitable and faith based programs throughout the Archdiocese. Any funds collected above and beyond the goal are returned to the parish. Thank you to all have who donated! Your support is appreciated!

THANK YOU!

CATHOLIC TRIVIA
JUST FOR FUN

Question:

What was the name of John the Baptist's mother?

Last Week's Answer:

What is the only New Testament book that includes the Magi visiting Jesus?

Only the Gospel of Matthew records the Magi visiting Jesus.

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OLQM Electronic Offertory Giving

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs offers electronic offertory giving through WeShare. By scanning the QR code you can offer a one time gift or set up a recurring donation. Offertory contributions help offset costs associated with the day-to-day operations of the parish. Thank you for your continued support of OLQM parish!



PRAYER AND WORSHIP



MASS INTENTIONS for the week of January 9 - January 15

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

8:30 am †Rev. Edward Mitchell
Special Intention for
Jason Lesko

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

8:30 am Special Intention for Jim Voss

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

8:30 am Special Intention for
Nancy Dzon

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

8:30 am †Mary Cloutier Schmitt

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

8:30 am Special Intention for
Matthew John Schmitt

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

5:00 pm †Dr. Brian Pierce
For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

8:00 am †Carol Brandes

10:00 am †Audrey Lokanis

12:00 pm †Bob Brinton
†Leon & Alice Snapp
†Roseann Snapp

*Our Lady
Queen of Martyrs,
Pray for us.*

MASS READINGS for the week of January 8 - January 15

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38
Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
Matthew 3:13-17

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

Hebrews 2:5-12
Psalms 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9
Mark 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

Hebrews 2:14-18
Psalms 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9
Mark 1:29-39

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

Hebrews 3:7-14
Psalms 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11
Mark 1:40-45

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor
of the Church

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11
Psalms 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8
Mark 2:1-12

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

Hebrews 4:12-16
Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 15
Mark 2:13-17

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
1 Corinthians 1:1-3
John 1:29-34

Christmas and Year End Giving

As we continue to enjoy the Christmas Season please take a moment to pray about your Christmas Offertory Gift to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish. Please prayerfully consider a financial gift of any denomination to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish made in thanksgiving to God for the grace and blessings He has so generously provided to you and your family over the past year. Your generosity enables the parish to provide for the spiritual needs of its parishioners; provide numerous ministries and services; as well as provide outreach to the local community.

Like any organization, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish has many operating expenses such as utility bills; property insurance; maintenance and repairs; employee salaries, wages and benefits such as health insurance and retirement. Weekly offertory collections in addition to parish fundraisers and your Christmas Offertory Gift are the primary means by which the parish covers its operating expenses.

Your Christmas Offertory Gift to the parish will not incur the usual 7.0% archdiocesan assessment. So, 100% of your Christmas Offertory Gift remains with Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish. When giving, please be sure to use your Christmas Offertory Envelope or write Christmas Offertory Gift on an envelope and place in the offertory collection basket. This is the final week to make a year end donation that will not be assessed by the AOD.

Once again, thank you for the continued support and prayers for your parish!



**PLEASE REMEMBER
IN YOUR PRAYERS...**

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| Dennis Bachellar | Monica Madigan |
| Wendy Bachellar | Gary Mark |
| Charles Barron | Audrey Markiewicz |
| Morna Bowen | Diane Mattis |
| Janet Chrzanowski | Derek McAleer |
| Gerri Compton | Sally McCann |
| Katie Conner | Scott McFall |
| Nicholas Cornfield | Donald McLennan |
| Christian Crowser | Bernice Mittelstaedt |
| Bill Donnelly | Carl Papa |
| Michael Drellas | Joanne Pastula |
| Darren Eisenberg | Owen Peraino |
| Nancy Finnell | Rosa Maria Petrozzi |
| Oda Fisher | Dawn Pfander |
| Richard Gautreau | David Roznowski |
| Lia Geftos | Amanda Ruth |
| Benicio Goulding | Rebecca Ruth |
| Steve Gucciardo | The Sewell Family |
| Ian Haezebrouck | Bill Schellpfeffer |
| Brian Hall | Melanie Sheils |
| David Harrison | Hope Sovran |
| Richard Harrison | Donna Stieber |
| Lisa Janes | Ann Marie Teli |
| Susan Karwacki | Carson Toepfer |
| Carol Keller | Msgr. Dan Trapp |
| William Kibbe | Barbara Trotta |
| Jane King | Elizabeth Walkowiak |
| Ken Koller | Tom Warner |
| Dennis Lacelle | Sue Weed |
| Dolores Lowe | Christine Wing- |
| Richard Lowe | Jaworski |
| Joanne MacDonald | |

Pray for the sick.

Prayer for Vocations

O Virgin Mary, we commend to you those who seek to follow your son as priests, brothers and sisters. You know the difficulties, struggles and obstacles they face. Assist them to utter their “yes” to the divine call as you did at the invitation of the angel. Draw them near to your heart so that they may understand the joy and beauty that awaits when the Lord calls them. Make them witness the Lord’s love. Enable them to inspire the church with their consecration. May your all powerful intercession touch the hearts of many that they may respond to the Lord’s call. Repeat to them in the depths of their hearts what you said to the waiters at Cana: “Do whatever Jesus asks.” Amen.

Pope John Paul II

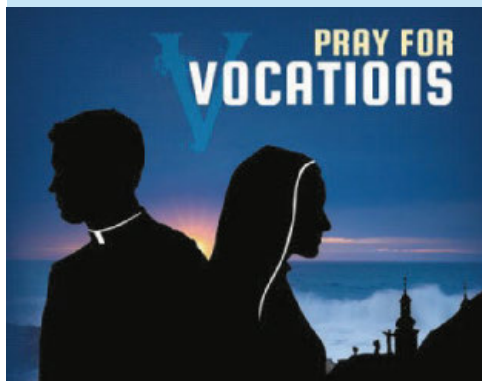
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Faith and Fear

When I was little, you could tell I believed in the destructive power of the monsters who lived beneath my bed because I would never let my ankles anywhere near the bottom of the mattress. (It’s common knowledge that bare ankles are premium monster bait — ask any child you know).

You can often tell what a person believes by what they fear.

But here’s the thing: belief isn’t always enough. It’s obvious that Herod believed in Christ’s power because of how terrified he was by it and by the room he made in his life for the possible impact of the Messiah. In fact, if belief was the only measure of orthodoxy, you could stand most modern Christians next to Herod and he would tower above them.

Remember, there’s something just as bad as disobeying God: discounting Him. I know I am guilty of that in a thousand small ways each day. In the person I ignore or the opinion I sneer at. In the unkind words I let roll from my tongue. In the prayers of thanksgiving that I don’t say because I am “too busy.”

I believe in God, but I do not fear Him — mostly because my very modern understanding of the concept of “fear” would lump God in with those monsters beneath my bed.

But what if we understood fear in a more traditional sense — awe, reverence, and wonder? *“All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.” — Psalm 72:11*

When Herod heard the news of the coming of the Messiah, it compelled him to do something. Not the right thing, mind you, but *something*. It moved him into action.

So, then, it should move us all.

We saw his star at its rising, and have come to do him homage. — Matthew 2:2

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PRAYER AND WORSHIP

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. (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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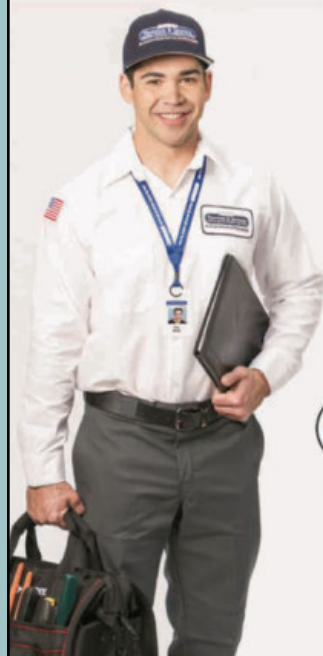
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The offerings of gold, frankincense and myrrh were carried by the magi over many miles of hard travel to be laid at the feet of Jesus. What gifts do we bear through the journey of life to lay at the feet of the King? Do we protect them as we should?

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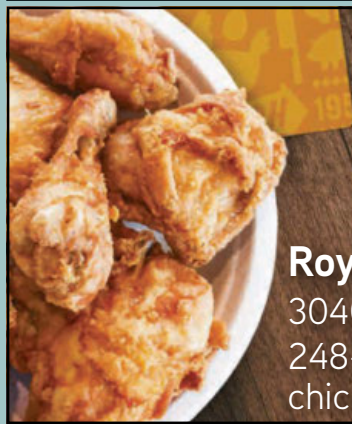
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