

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 2nd, 2021



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Weekday Masses: 8:00am

Weekend Masses: Sat. 5:00pm Sun. 8:30am & 10:30am

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Come,
let us
adore
Him.

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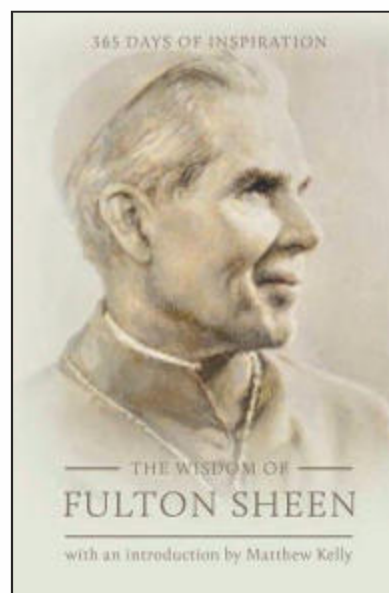
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Our Christmas Gift To You

If you did not grab a book on Christmas Day please make sure to grab one on your way out. One per family.



Mass Intentions

For The Week of The Epiphany of The Lord January 1 — 9, 2022

Saturday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

5:00pm Parishioners of St. Benedict

Sunday, January 2 Epiphany of The Lord

8:30am †Jane Rettick by Loving Husband

10:30am †William Kreuzsch
by Bob and Bonnie Verlato

Monday, January 3 Holy Name of Jesus

8:00am †Louise Calise by Janet Barry

Tuesday, January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton

8:00am Parishioners of St. Benedict

Wednesday, January 5 St. John Neumann, Bishop

8:00am †William Kreuzsch
by John Conroy and Family

Thursday, January 6 St. Andre Bessette, Religious

8:00am †Bill Kreuzsch by Janet Barry

Friday, January 7 St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest

8:00am †Stanley Stankiewicz and Rosalie Suda
by John Conroy

Saturday, January 8 Christmas Weekday

5:00pm †William Zukas by Loving Children

Sunday, January 9 Baptism of The Lord

8:30am †Sean Hryc
by Peter and Marylou Magrino

10:30am †George L. Marra by Daughter Sandy



Thank you
everyone who
helped
prepare the
church for
Christmas!
What a
beautiful job!

Pray for our People

Our Sick...

Clarence Redd, Michael Bottichio, Gordon Gould, Irene Cmar, Michael Grivois, Julia Covert, Maria Canale, Steven Doyle, Don Miller, Ann Darling, Dan Clymer, Marvin Long, Kevin Terrell, Linda Fusco, Chris Grivois, Annetta Wiczorek, Ralph Esposito, Doug Sheppard, Agnes and Michael Ross, George Williams, Frank Polash, Cole Eskay, Barbara and Fred Born, Eugene Janusz, Una Lewis, Randy Sailor, Ron and Mary Guadagnini, Joan Turcotte, Dayden Floyd, Tiffany Nickel, Diane Clemmer, Michael Celentano, Bill Obermeier, Roman Jakubowski, JoAnn Dunton, Vincent Smith, Doug Raney, Smirna and Ed Velez, Luella Eggenberger, Barbara Brackin, Sigmund Sobiesiak, Elliana Deane, Angelina Jesselli, Joel Scime, Michael Hembree, Alma Stephens, Matthew McCown, Lindsay Longo, Mary Jane Eggleston, John Kilduff, Ann Boakes, Isaac Black, Josh Rodgers, Elizabeth Trepanier, Fr. Mike Lydon, Lorraine Fricke, Paul Fulton, Carolyn Darling-Sullivan, Louise Williams, Judy and Atlas Pierce, Fawn Aungst, Lydia Ehrman, Randy Heasley, Hank Stankiewicz, Gail Rosenow, and Peggy Dorman*

Active Duty...

Those protecting us at home and afar..

Anna Bily, Chandra Walton, Steve Sunstrom, Sean Ross, Ian Ross, Christopher Dergosits, Kevin Knudsen, Billy Keating, Cody Albritton, Lucas Zobel, Dadrion Ruiz, Michael Turcotte, Robert J. Milan Jr., Matthew and Michael Zarek, John Kelley, Ron Casasanta Jr., Butch Tonnessen, Boyer Kornfeind, Matthew Baker, Chris Grillo, Dakota Giles, Tim Dottillis, Todd Vanderbogart, Garrett Gibson, Gage Gibson, Richard J. Surowiec, Blake Leibach, and Dylan Ludec

Our Deceased...

Into your hands, O Lord we commend the souls of our dearly departed. Grant unto them eternal rest and may perpetual light shine upon them.

Make your request at any time to Anne at aschukne@tampabay.rr.com

Reading 1 — [IS 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.

READING 2 — [EPH 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.

ALLELUIA — R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL — [MT 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.

RECEIVING COMMUNION

Until local health conditions improve significantly, our preferred method of distributing and receiving the Eucharist remains ***in the hand***. At communion time you are asked to sanitize your hands.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

I Hope I Am Like Him

"Who is this Christ? Is he like you?"

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

"He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him."

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?

CRAFT FAIR

Thanks to all!



Our First "Craft & Car Show" turned out quite well. It was a beautiful day, many vendors & buyers, car entrants, and spectators, who all seemed to have a good time.

A Special thank you to our fearless leaders, Mike and Sally Krasny on crafts, and Janet and Doug Thomas, with the car show. There were many involved, thank you everyone/ for a great event!



KNIGHTS BEEF STEW DINNER

The Knights of Columbus Beef Stew Dinner will be served after the 5:00pm Mass. With proceeds shared with several charities including the new kitchen. Bring a BIG appetite and plan to attend this post-holiday feast!

Saturday, January 15th

- ◆ Beef Stew Dinner
- ◆ Salad
- ◆ Cornbread
- ◆ Desserts
- ◆ Variety of Beverages

\$9.00
Per Person

A sign-up sheet is posted at the main door of the church for attendance planning.

A Christmas Thank you.....



Father Ryszard and Lucy would like to thank the parishioners for all the gifts, cards, and baked goods everything is truly appreciated.



Join us for a....

Pancake Breakfast

Following

8:30 & 10:30 Mass

The St. Benedict Men's Club is hosting a Pancake Breakfast following the morning masses.

The Men's Club enjoys hosting pancake breakfasts for the members of the parish.

We have a good time and the food is excellent.

Please join us,
you will not be disappointed!



Sunday,
January 9th

Community of Catholic Women...

Their next meeting is on Thursday, January 13th in Hilgert Hall at 10:30 am. Please consider joining the CCW for a year filled with promise, spiritual growth, fellowship, and good works. Join to see how fulfilling sharing and working with others, in a spiritual atmosphere, can be.



Men's Club...



The Men's Club meet the first Tuesday of the month from September to May at 6:30pm in Hilgert Hall. They engage in various activities which promote catholic values, promote a sense of community within the parish, host parish events, and encourage charitable activities throughout the community. All men of the parish are invited to join. Their next meeting is January 4th.

Knights of Columbus..

The Knight's next meeting is Wednesday, January 19th at 7:00pm. You can contribute as much or as little time as you desire. Your Council has helped many, contributed much, and served the Church in many ways. Join us and become a member of our group!



**SO TODAY AT CHURCH
A GUY IN A SUIT
TRIED TO DROWN ME,**



**AND I KID YOU NOT,
MY FAMILY JUST STOOD
THERE TAKING PICTURES!**



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Beware!!!

We have had parishioners receive mailings from this group, asking questions in regard to voting and for donations. Their logo is pictured here, they are **not** affiliated with any individual bishop or the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

CatholicVote.org is a conservative, non-profit political advocacy group based in the United States. While the organization acknowledges the authority of the Magisterium, it is independent of the Catholic Church.

Please be aware.

The logo for CatholicVote.org, featuring the words "CatholicVote" in a stylized, light blue, cursive font.

AN EVENING OF PRAYER & DISCERNMENT Be A Part of History in the Making

This is an historic time in our Church's history as Pope Francis has asked the faithful around the world to come together to pray and to discuss a number of questions which he has posed to the whole Church. He has asked for our input as he prepares for a global convocation of bishops. This is your opportunity to provide input to the Pope and the bishops as they meet to dialog, pray and discern how to help our Church move forward in a changing world.

Members of all the parishes in Citrus County are invited to participate in "An Evening of Prayer & Discernment" to be held on **Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 7 pm in the Parish Hall at Our Lady of Fatima in Inverness.**

We will pray together, dialog and focus on key questions as we consider how the Holy Spirit is leading the Church in the third millennium. Your voice is welcome; your voice is important!



Q&A

Q. Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

A. Epiphany means "manifestation" or public display. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew's infant narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these difference? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact?

KIDS CORNER

READ THE
GOSPEL AND
COMPLETE A
PUZZLE!

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

~~wise men~~
child
born

king
star
worship

Mary
gifts
dream

wsie mne w i s e m e n

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knig _ _ _ _

derma _ _ _ _ _

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SHARING THE GOSPEL

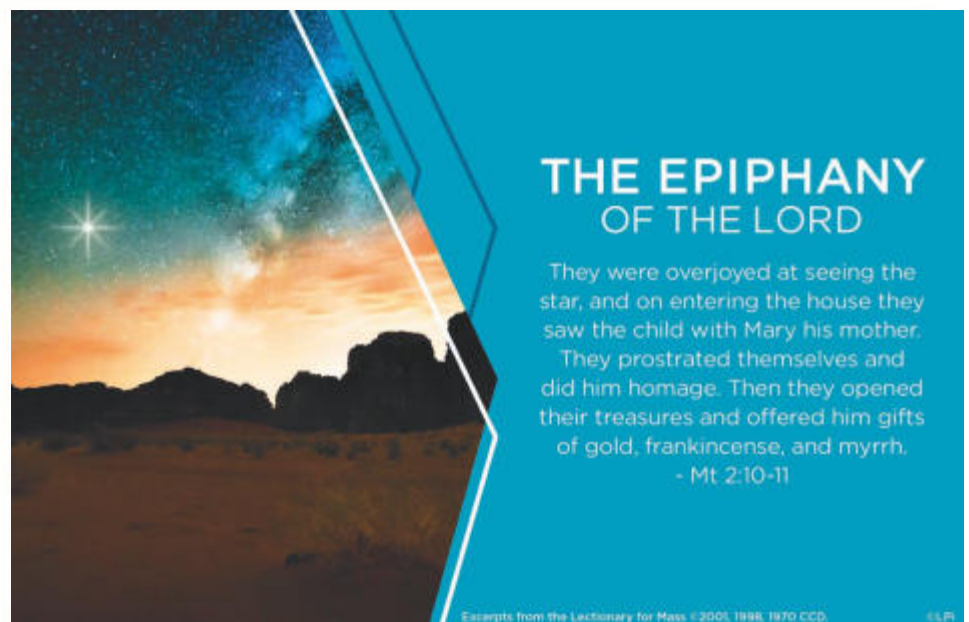
Isn't God amazing? He made all the stars and planets to move, so every night the sky looks a little different. When God created the world, he planned exactly when the wise men would see the star. He wanted them to find Jesus.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for making the planets and stars so the wise men could find Jesus.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Visit a planetarium to learn more about the star of Bethlehem.



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