

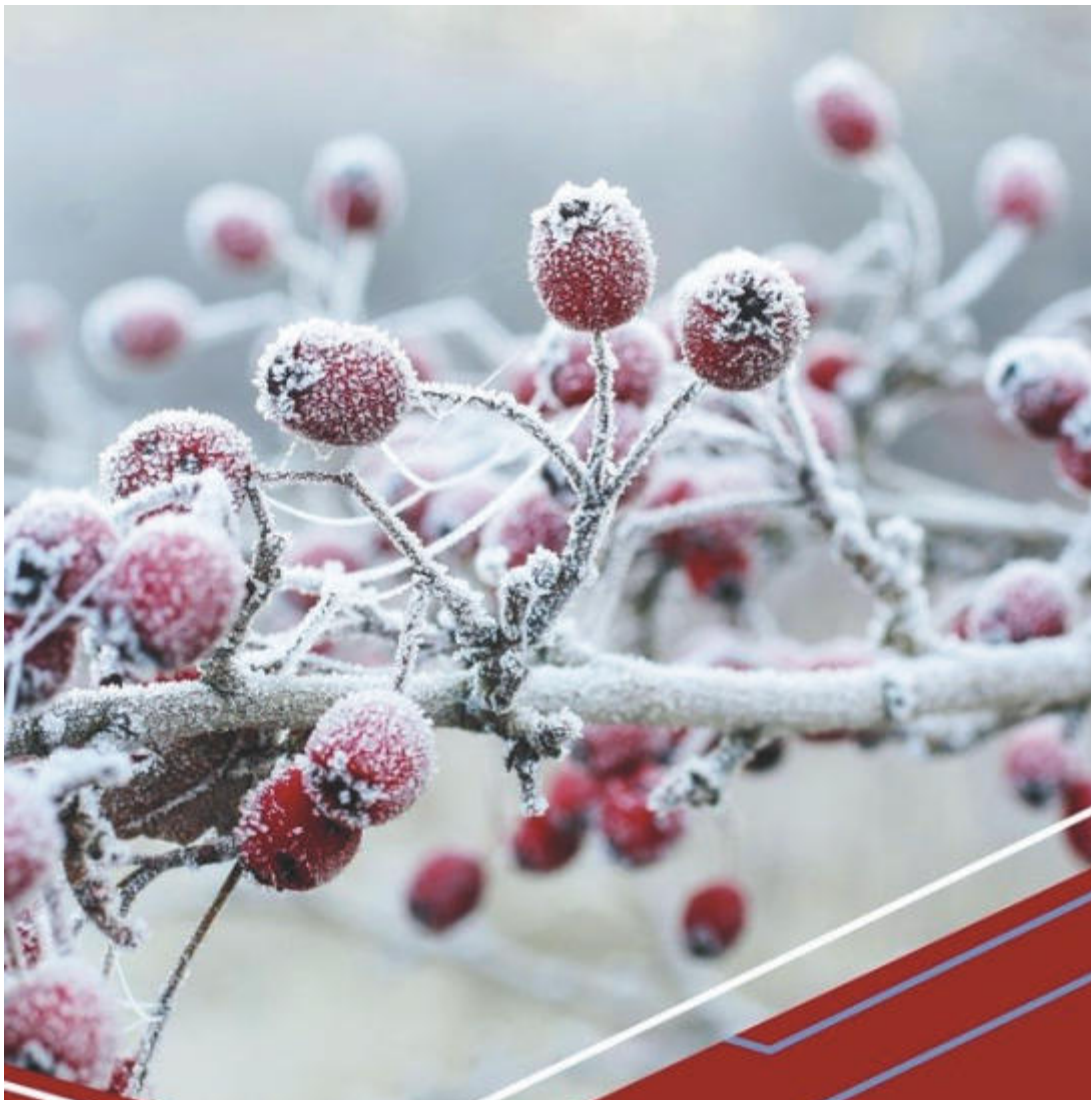


**ST. MICHAEL
THE ARCHANGEL**
CATHOLIC CHURCH



WEEKLY BULLETIN

**Sunday,
December 19, 2021**



4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

- Lk 1:41-42

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MASS TIMES

Daily Mass

Monday-Friday
9:00 am

Saturday Vigil Mass

4:00 pm

Sunday Masses

8:00 am & 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday

3:00 pm—3:30 pm

ADORATION

Tuesday

9:30 am—3:00 pm
Livestreamed

HOLY ROSARY

Monday—Friday

9:30 am

Thursday

Livestreamed

CHURCH HOURS

Monday-Thursday

8:00 am—4:00 pm

Friday

8:00 am—Noon

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday

8:00 am—4:00 pm

Friday

8:00 am—Noon

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FROM OUR PASTOR

Welcome to St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church on beautiful Siesta Key!

Whether you are a full-time parishioner, seasonal resident, or just visiting us for a short time, you are very welcome to our glorious faith community.

St. Michael's parish has been serving the Siesta Key community for over 60 years. What started as a Mission Church serving just 40 local Catholic families has grown exponentially over the decades. This growth correlates to Siesta Key's rise in popularity as a tourist destination due to its consistent ranking as one of the top beaches in the nation.

Today an estimated 400,000 Catholics visit Siesta Key each year, and our parish is now ministering to the faithful from all over the world. We have also become a popular place for not only "Destination Weddings" but also "Destination Baptisms", and other family events.

Feel free to visit our website for more information on our parish ([stmichaelsiesta.com](#)), download our mobile app (instructions on website), follow us on social media or view our Masses via Live Stream through our YouTube channel.

We are blessed to have you with us.

Fr. Michael

Fr. Michael Cannon

Pastor



FINANCIAL UPDATE

WEEKLY COLLECTION (DEC 11-12)

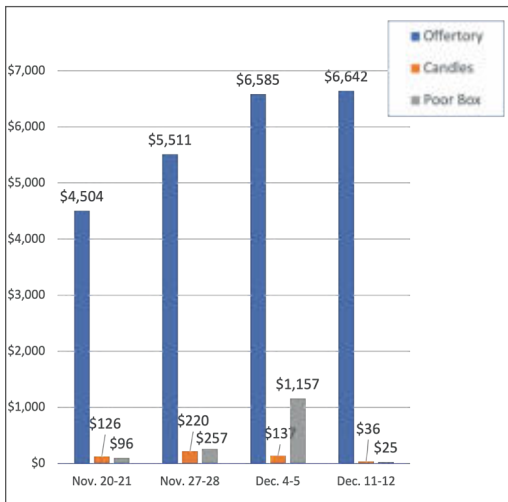
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| Offertory | \$6,642 |
| Candles | \$36 |
| Poor Box | \$25 |
| Retirement Fund for Religious | \$1,089 |
| Feast of Immaculate Conception | \$699 |

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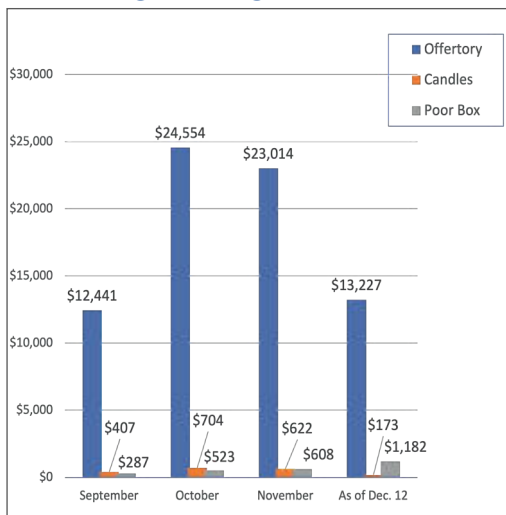
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WEEKLY OVERVIEW



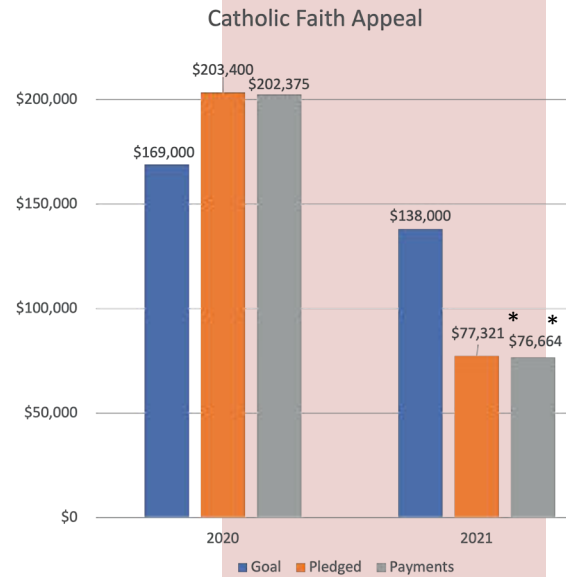
MONTHLY OVERVIEW



CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

| CFA | 2020 | 2021 |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Goal | \$169,000 | \$138,000 |
| Pledged | \$203,400 | \$77,321* |
| Payments | \$202,375 | \$76,664* |
| % of Goal | 120.36% | 56.03%* |

* as of December 9, 2021



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AS OF DECEMBER 9, 2021 WE HAVE REACHED 56% OF OUR TOTAL CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL GOAL. THE PARISH WILL BE FORCED TO PAY THE BALANCE OF \$61,336 IF WE DO NOT RAISE THESE FUNDS BY YEAR END. WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN HELPING US TO MEET OUR OBLIGATION TO THE DIOCESE AND AS ALWAYS, WE SINCERELY THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND YOUR GENEROSITY.

CFA

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FATHER MICHAEL'S RAMBLINGS

May the peace and joy of the Advent Season be with all of you. As always, I am hoping and praying that my greeting finds everyone healthy and well.

On this, the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our minds and hearts are focused on the upcoming feast of the birth of the Christ-child. We are encouraged to ponder, as Mary did, what this event will mean for us – for me! Will this day be like any other and pass without a lot of notice? Or will I truly reflect on the significance of this wonderful event for all of us?

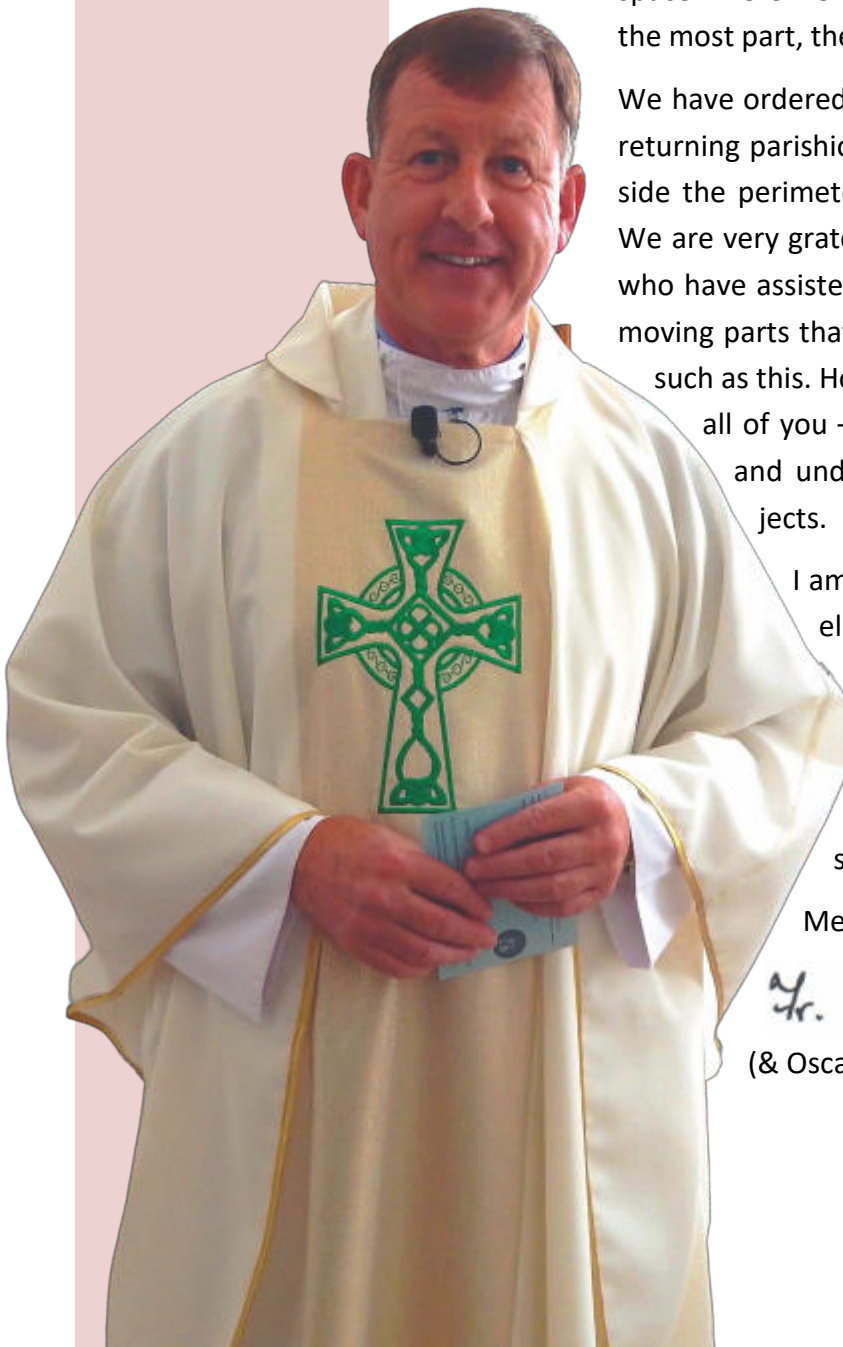
On Tuesday December 7, we began celebrating all Masses – weekday and weekend Masses - in our outdoor worship space. There were a few minor hiccups, but I believe that, for the most part, the liturgies went quite smoothly.

We have ordered two hundred more chairs to accommodate returning parishioners and visitors. These can be placed outside the perimeter of the tent where there is ample space. We are very grateful to all our staff members and volunteers who have assisted us with this transition. There are so many moving parts that need to be taken into account in a project such as this. Hopefully, we're getting there! I want to thank all of you – parishioners and visitors, for your support and understanding as we work through these projects.

I am aware that some of you have plans to travel to be with family and friends for the Christmas holidays. I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a blessed and holy Christmas. May it be special, wherever and with whomever you are spending it.

Merry Christmas to all!

Fr. Michael
(& Oscar)!





2021

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

December Liturgy Schedule

Christmas Eve

Christmas Pageant—3:30 pm *

Christmas Eve Mass—4:00 pm *

Christmas Carol Concert—6:30 pm *

Christmas Eve Mass—7:00 pm *

Christmas Day

Christmas Masses—8:00 am & 10:00 am *

(No 4:00 pm Vigil Mass)

Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

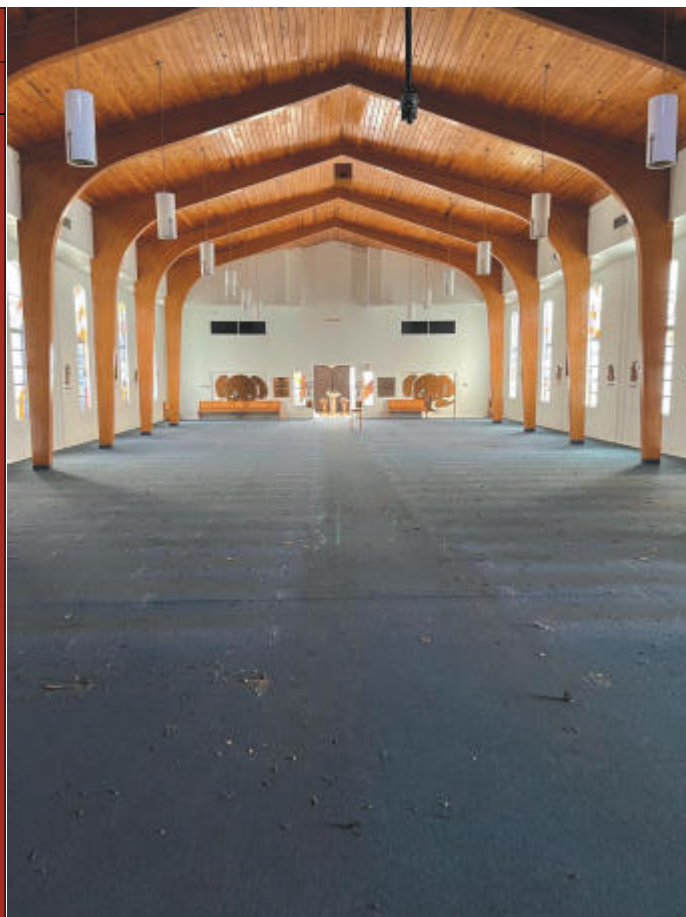
Saturday, January 1, 2022—9:00 am

*** = Livestreamed**



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| Usher | Lenny Myers | 317-437-4317 |
| Witness to LOVE | Doug & Julie Lumpkin | 941-349-2228 |
| Women's Guild | Kathy Caltagirone | 941-349-1281 |



PROGRESS

The pews have all been removed and are being refinished locally. The carpeting will be coming out next!

BRIDGE CLUB

There will be no Bridge Club on December 23rd or 30th. Bridge Club will resume on January 6th. The club normally meets every Thursday at 1pm under the tent.

If you would like to play bridge or would like more information, please contact Rose Marie Hochendoner at 941-346-2853.



2021 CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS!

The St. Michael the Archangel 2021 Edition Christmas ornaments are available for purchase! This year's depiction is of Mary and baby Jesus with golden halos.



The design was based on the beautiful mosaic in the candle alcove on the right side of the church.

To purchase the 2021 ornaments, stop by the parish office Monday-Thursday between 8am and 4pm, or Friday between 8am and Noon. They are also available under the portico following each weekend Mass. Ornaments are \$10.

NEXT CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ZOOM UPDATE TUESDAY, JANUARY 4TH, 7PM



Christmas Eve Events

Christmas Pageant 3:30 pm

Come out early and enjoy as children of the parish put on this year's Christmas Pageant prior to the 4:00 PM Mass. If you have a child or grandchild interested in participating, please contact the parish office ASAP to sign them up! All are welcome!



Christmas Concert 6:30 pm

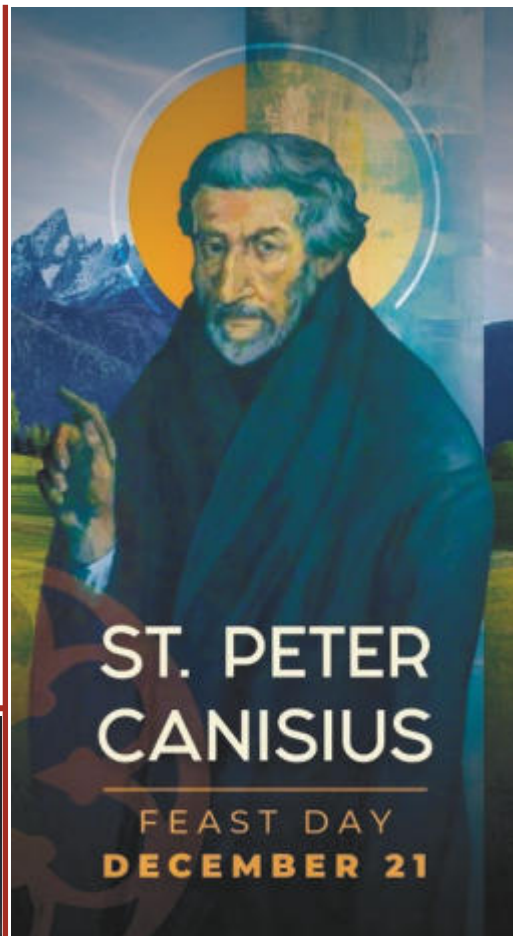
Please join us on for a 6:30 PM concert of Christmas Carols prior to the 7:00 PM Mass. Our amazing musicians will have you singing all your favorites and savoring the sounds of this most joyous holiday season!



St. Michael's Women's Guild

The SMWG Christmas Luncheon was held on Monday, December 13 at Miguel's on Siesta Key and was a well-attended success!

If you are interested in joining the St. Michael's Women's Guild, please feel free to contact Kathy Caltagirone at caltonekathy@mac.com. God bless!



S A I N T S C O R N E R

Born in Holland, St. Peter Canisius (May 8, 1521 – December 21, 1597) was a preacher, teacher, and writer throughout his whole life. At the age of 19, he received a master's degree from the university at Cologne. Soon afterwards, St. Peter met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, who influenced him so much that he eventually joined the Society of Jesus.

St. Peter Canisius founded colleges and seminaries, served as a missionary, cared for the sick or imprisoned, and wrote close to eight volumes of letters — many about St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great.

A man blessed with many talents, St. Peter Canisius is a wonderful example of a man who developed his talents to further God's work here on earth.

GOSPEL MEDITATION



St. Augustine tells us that a “Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps.” As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life’s necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world’s ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.

Why doesn’t God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world’s ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God’s vessel so that God’s greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God’s fix for the world’s difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God’s instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.



BABY JESUS' WISH LIST

Odds are you've got a Christmas list going by now — gift ideas for everyone from your nephew to your goddaughter to your mailman. But what about the birthday boy? What's the gift Jesus gets from you this Christmas?

If you've ever read the Book of Leviticus, you know all about the sacrifices God asks of the Israelites, referred to in the reading from Hebrews today. Leviticus can be a chore to read — a little repetitive, a little intimidating. There's a lot of very specific actions that God asks His Chosen People to complete to make up for whatever they have done wrong. In essence, it's a bit of a wish list for gifts.

But it's a wish list that can really confuse you. What's God going to do with a cereal offering? The kidneys of an ani-

mal? If you look closely, what God is doing here is beautiful. He's customized his wish list to only those things He knows the Israelites can give. It's God saying, in what amounts to theological baby-talk for folks who barely know of Him and His ways, exactly how they could be stewards. "Do this, but don't do that. If you do that, do this and you will find My mercy."

Our guide to stewardship — the Gospels of Christ — is less precise because by the time of Christ, God's people have grown in understanding of love and mercy and relationship with the divine. Through Christ, we find out that God's real wish list didn't really consist of cereal offerings and the kidneys of various animals. It's far simpler, but luckily, it's something we still have on-hand. All He wants is our whole heart.



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

Epiphany means "manifestation," or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. 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 infancy 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 differences? 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 com-



munity, 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?

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READINGS, OBSERVANCES AND INTENTIONS

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| <u>Monday, December 20</u> 9:00am | Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38 + Neil Molloy by Margaret Molloy + Joseph Hook by Bill Paxon & Susan Molinari |
| <u>Tuesday, December 21</u> 9:00am | Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45 <i>St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> + Victims of Pan Am 105 by Rich & Eileen Walsh + James Piro by Linda Piro & Family |
| <u>Wednesday, December 22</u> 9:00am | 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56 + Ron Grace by Carol Bauer |
| <u>Thursday, December 23</u> 9:00am | Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66 <i>St. John of Kanty, Priest</i> + Charles & Virginia Davis by Daughter + Richard Tabor by Marie Tabor |
| <u>Friday, December 24</u> 4:00pm 7:00pm | Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79 <i>Christmas Eve</i> + Tom & Mary Wulk by Holt Family + Lauinger & Holsinger Families by Sharon Holsinger + Gerard Meyers by Meyers Family |
| <u>Saturday, December 25</u> 8:00am 10:00am | Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i> + Eugene & May New by Eileen Kuffel Lauinger & Holsinger Families by Sharon Holsinger + Dan Noe by Melanie Noe Living & Deceased Members of Cook, Ryan & Andrascik Families by Children & Grandchildren + Eugene B. Rame, Sr. by Wife Alice & Family Alice Rame by Family |
| <u>Sunday, December 26</u> 8:00am 10:00am | Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52 <i>The Holy Family</i> + William Drennan by Scott & Jill Burson St. Michael's Parishioners + Amy Thompson by Siblings + Tony Apodaca by Paula Neil |



The Sanctuary Candle this week is in honor of

St. Michael's Parishioners

The Flowers this week are in honor of

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Mass Celebrants (subject to change)

Fri. Dec. 24, 4:00pm: Fr. Michael Cannon
Fri. Dec. 24, 7:00pm: Fr. Greg Nevlud
Sat. Dec. 25, 8:00am: Fr. Mike Guarino
Sat. Dec. 25, 10:00am: Fr. Michael Cannon
Sun. Dec. 26, 8:00am: Fr. Mike Guarino
Sun. Dec. 26, 10:00am: Fr. Greg Nevlud



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