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SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

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



Pastor's corner

January 2, 2022

Dear Parishioners

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. The birth of Christ is the manifestation (epiphany) of God in the world. In Christ, salvation has come for everyone, Jew and Gentile alike.

Our reading from Isaiah tells us that the light has come, a light for all to walk in. In this light, the glory of God shines forth. This light is the epiphany of God. The Gospel tells us that this light shone in the east and brought visitors from afar to see this manifestation of God's love. Christ is that One to whom all people will come bringing gifts fit for a king. He is the "newborn King of the Jews" and, indeed of all the earth. He reveals the limitlessness of God's love for all.

I offer this prayer for all of us this day taken from the Ambrosian Preface for Epiphany:

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God.

Beginning with his wondrous birth
your Word revealed his divine power to the world
by a multiplicity of signs:
a star guided the Magi,
water was changed into wine,
and at his baptism in the Jordan
came the solemn announcement that he was
Son of God.

From these clear manifestations
shines forth the radiance of salvation,
and our eyes can plainly behold your will,
you desire to give us your own well-beloved Son.

He is the way that leads to eternal joy,
the truth that bathes us in divine light,
and the inexhaustible fountain of true light.

Rejoicing in the growing revelation of your glory,
we gladly join the angels and saints
in their hymn of praise.

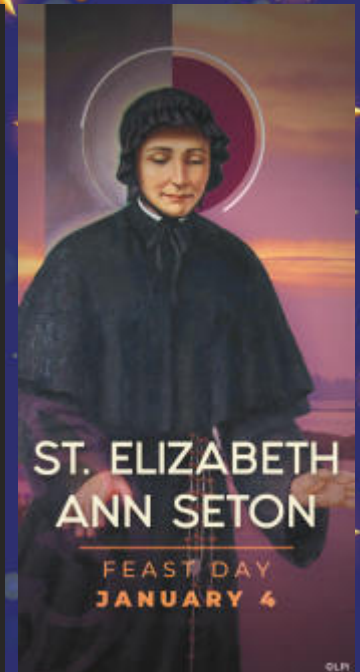
God's love is made known to the entire world! Let all nations rejoice! Have a blessed week!

Father Tom

Parish Stewardship

December 18-19, 2021

First Collection	16,582.00
Online Donations (reported 2/month)	
Christmas	560.00
Christmas Food	76.00
Christmas Flowers	522.00
School Subsidy Collection	751.00
School Subsidy Online (reported 2/month)	
Total Week's Offertory	\$18,491.00
Weekly Operating Budget	14,409.68
Surplus (Deficit)	4,081.32
Retirement Fund for Religious	170.00
Catholic Charities	100.00
St. Brendan Outreach	4,316.00



Mass Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, January 1	4:00PM	Pro Populo	
Sunday, January 2	8:00AM	† Frank A. Herness	Herness, Murray & Rusilko Families
The Epiphany of the Lord	9:30AM	† Helen Sefton	Don & Ann May
	11:00AM	† Henry G. Fortier	Philip Gorrasi
Monday, January 3	8:30AM	† Yolanda Gorrasi	Philip Gorrasi
Tuesday, January 4	8:30AM	† Vincent Carotenuto	Philip Gorrasi
Wednesday, January 5	8:30AM	† Sybil Borns	John & Sheila Howley
Thursday, January 6	8:30AM	† Patricia Zuegg	The Sanderson Family
Friday, January 7	8:30AM	† Mark Lloyd	The Sanderson Family
Saturday, January 8	8:30AM	† LouAnn Tew	The Sanderson Family
	4:00PM	† Helen Sefton	Beverly Steer & Karen
Sunday, January 9	8:00AM	† Helen Sefton	Rich Steer & Family
	9:30AM	† Pro Populo	
The Baptism of the Lord	11:00AM	† James Quinn	Jennifer Quinn

Mass & Prayer Times

Saturday Vigil	4:00pm	The Holy Rosary Monday-Saturday after the 8:30am Mass
Sunday	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	
Monday-Saturday	8:30am	Confessions Saturday at 9:00am




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St. Brendan's Council of Catholic Women

Welcome Council of Catholic Women members and ladies interested in joining
We have a spiritually filled and service oriented year to look forward to:
Council of Catholic Women meeting, Monday January 10, 2022 11:00am, Banquet
Room. The guest speaker will be Joanne Roberts, President of the Pregnancy Crisis
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All Are Welcome

On many calendars, Epiphany falls on January 6, but the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates it on whatever date Sunday falls during the week of January 2.

Epiphany means “manifestation,” and it celebrates the day that the infant Jesus revealed his divinity to the Magi. Traditionally, this event is connected with two others from the Gospels: the Baptism of Jesus and the Wedding at Cana. In all these events, the mystery of Christ became more manifest. The Magi, coming from the East, signify that gentile nations—not just Jewish nations—were coming to recognize Jesus as the savior of the world.

The Bible does not indicate on what day the magi visited—nor, for that matter, on what day Jesus was born. January 6 was probably chosen for this observance as an alternative for early Christians living in a culture where pagans already commemorated the birth of a sun god on the same day.

The day, the twelfth day of

Christmas, gave rise to a host of customs, as well as a popular Christmas carol.

The biblical event is so important that the Catholic Church lists

Epiphany among the solemnities that may be designated holydays of obligation. Episcopal conferences determine local holydays, and in the United States, January 6 was never included. In any country where Epiphany is not a holyday of obligation, the observance moves to a Sunday so that it may be celebrated by the entire Catholic community.

The transfer of Epiphany to a Sunday has the disadvantage of dividing the celebration among various Christian Churches of the world, but

the advantage of helping the entire Catholic community proclaim and celebrate the meaning of coming of Christ.

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Sunday, January 2, 2022

Overjoyed

Today's readings: Isaiah 60:1–6; Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13; Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6; Matthew 2:1–12. “They were overjoyed at seeing the star.” The Magi had gone to the palace because their way of seeking wisdom—following the natural signs of the world—told them a king had been born. A king whose importance was so great that his birth was told in the stars. But the king was not in the palace. This birth, so significant as to be marked by a star, was hidden away in Bethlehem, a small town.

The Magi were not Jewish. They did not know about the promise of God that was now being fulfilled. But God gave them a light to follow. The new thing that God was doing—fulfilling the promises of old to bring salvation to the ends of the earth—included them.

Scripture tells us that when the star stopped over the place where Jesus was, the Magi were overjoyed to see it. Inside the home, they found Jesus with Mary, his mother. They fell down and worshiped him, so overcome were they with joy at what God was doing and at the gift of being allowed to share in it.

Then the Magi went home by another route. This is, of course, practical, in that they were avoiding Herod. But they went home a different way because they were themselves different. They were changed by their joy. What light has God given you to follow? When have you been filled with joy? How did it change you?



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, January 3

A Great Light

“The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light.” Jesus reveals himself as the light when he preaches the kingdom of God and heals those who come to him. One purpose of the healing Jesus performed was to return to the community those who were separated from society because of illness or disability. As Jesus heals, his identity shines forth as clearly as it did in the star of Bethlehem. With each healing, he also enters into the vocation of the messiah. *Today’s readings: 1 John 3:22–4:6; Psalm 2:7bc–8, 10–12a; Matthew 4:12–17, 23–25.*

Tuesday, January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first person born in the United States to be canonized a saint. As a young widow and mother of five, she converted to Catholicism. She founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph’s, and began the first Catholic girls’ school in the United States. She is the patron saint of Catholic schools. *Today’s readings: 1 John 4:7–10; Psalm 72:1–2, 3–4, 7–8; Mark 6:33–44.*

Wednesday, January 5

Perfect Love

“Perfect love drives out fear.” John certainly knew that the world was a broken place when he wrote his first letter. He had witnessed the crowds turning on Jesus and the early persecutions, in addition to the daily worries and anxieties all human beings experience. John knew that there were many dangers in the world. He does not say that perfect love causes fear not to arise. He says perfect love drives it away. This is not about a feeling but about whether we choose to let fear overwhelm us, or whether we choose a different path. Do not be afraid, God says. How can you choose love today? *Today’s readings: 1 John 4:11–18; Psalm 72:1–2, 10, 12–13; Mark 6:45–52.*

Thursday, January 6

Fulfilled in Your Hearing

Proclaiming the Scripture from Isaiah, Jesus describes the messiah and the era he has come to inaugurate. As Christ’s hands and feet in the world, we too must live this fulfillment. What might it mean to proclaim glad tidings to the poor? How can you proclaim liberty to captives? Where can you heal brokenness? The heartbreak that you feel over conditions is your call to live in the kingdom of God. *Today’s readings: 1 John 4:19–5:4; Psalm 72:1–2, 14, 15bc, 17; Luke 4:14–22.*

Friday, January 7

Carrying the Light

Some people keep their Christmas tree or manger until the traditional date of Epiphany, which was yesterday. There is also a tradition of keeping some decorations until the Feast of the Presentation in the Temple, or Candlemas, which is celebrated February 2. It can be beautiful to carry the joy of Christmas into Ordinary Time by leaving up a few decorations, possibly some lights to symbolize that Jesus is the Light of the World. *Today’s readings: 1 John 5:5–13; Psalm 147:12–13, 14–15, 19–20; Luke 5:12–16.*

Saturday, January 8

Joy Made Complete

Human beings are prone to conflict. In today’s Gospel, we hear the disciples of John the Baptist perceiving rivalry between John and Jesus. As a prophet, John knows that God’s project is healing all such divisions. He knows that he was called to prepare the way for the messiah, and now that the messiah is come, he feels nothing but joy. Where in your life has unnecessary conflict and rivalry stolen your joy? How can you be a peacemaker in those situations? John’s joy comes in seeing with God’s eyes. Can you look at a difficult situation with new eyes? *Today’s readings: 1 John 5:14–21; Psalm 149:1–2, 3–4, 5, 6a, 9b; John 3:22–30.*





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Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday or 4:00pm Mass on Saturday. Call Valeta Orlando at x-307 in the Parish Office for more information.

Children's Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation

For information contact Valeta Orlando in the Parish Office.

Becoming Catholic

Are you a non-Catholic adult interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Seekers and inquirers are always welcome. Contact Valeta Orlando in the Parish Office. No pressure; no commitment.

Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday
9:00am-3:30pm

St. Brendan's Outreach Ministry

Food donations accepted in the church narthex at all weekend Masses all through the year. Special collections at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Please contact the Parish Office for an appointment.

New Parishioners

St. Brendan warmly welcomes you! Registration forms are available in the Parish Office and Religious Articles Store. Please return form via the Sunday offertory or bring it or send it to the Parish Office.

The Knights of Columbus always welcomes new members. For information contact Steve Silvestro: 386-238-8695 ssilvestro1@att.net

The Council of Catholic Women (CCW)

welcomes all women of the parish. Meetings are held first Monday of the month Sept. - May. For information, contact Ann Smith 386-299-3153.



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