

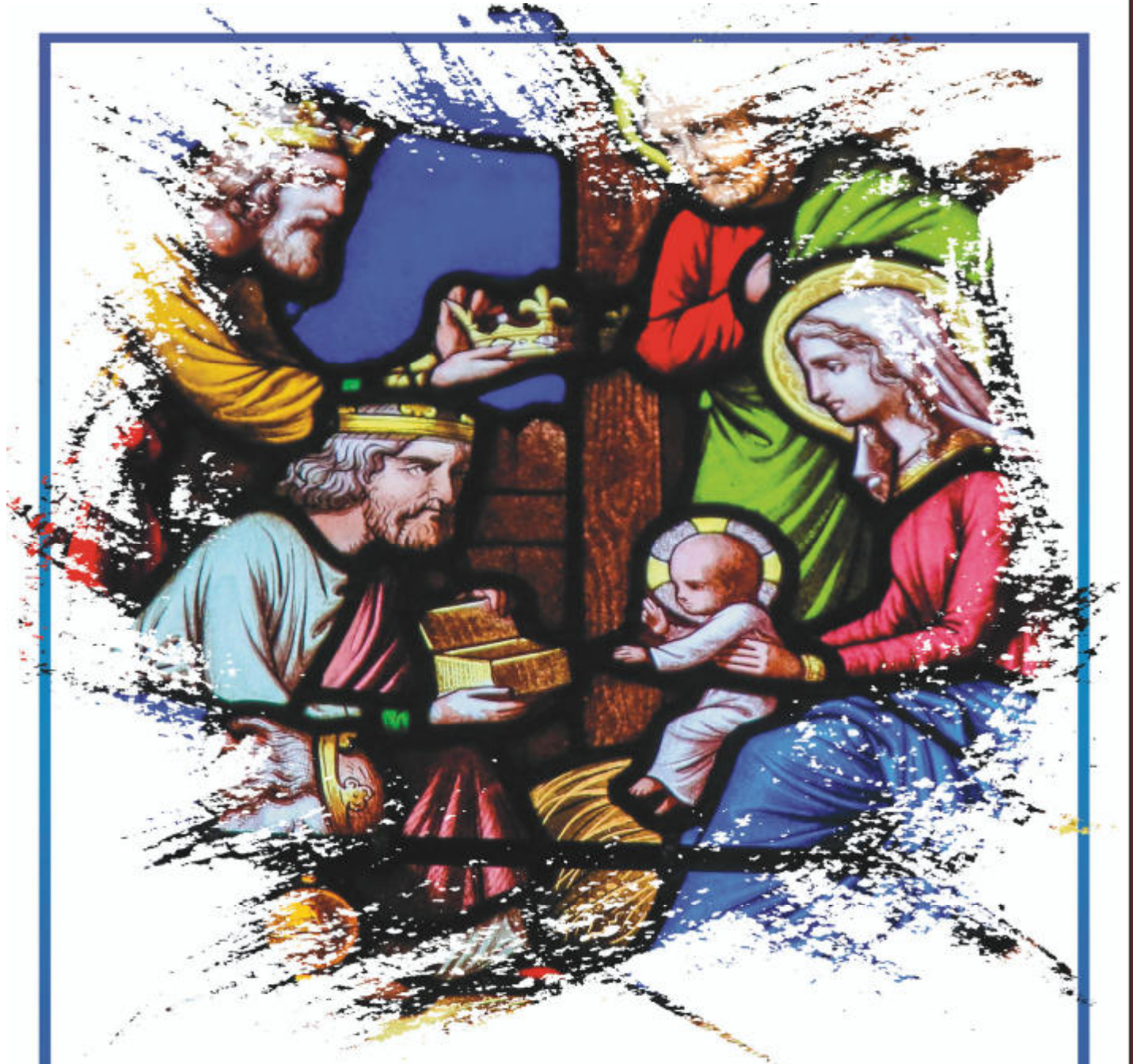
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THEY WERE OVERJOYED AT SEEING THE STAR, AND ON
ENTERING THE HOUSE THEY SAW THE CHILD WITH MARY
HIS MOTHER.- MT 2:10

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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APA & Ministry Appeal

Some of you may have received a letter from the Bishop recently about the upcoming 2022 Ministry Appeal. It may have been confusing to you, but there is no need to take any immediate action.

I also hope you all received Father Paul's letter which explained that after the 2021 APA campaign finishes in January 2022 there will be no more APA and the Parish will no longer receive the benefits through "APA economics" but the needs of our Parish and our building fund will not diminish, so we urge you to keep this uppermost in your mind as you determine where to give donations in this coming year.

In 2022 in place of APA we will be assessed 2% of all Parish collections to run the Diocese. The Ministry Appeal discussed in the Bishop's letter will support some of the ministries previously supported by part of APA.

We will have more information on this new Ministry Appeal and our Parish Renewal in the Bulletins and from the Ambo in the first quarter of 2022. In the interim feel free to talk to a member of the Stewardship Committee: Steve Putnam, Gail Barney, Rob Hamill, Michael King, or Fred Restrepo.

Mass schedule

Sat, Jan 1, 2022 – New Year's Day: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Sun, Jan 2, 2022 – Sun Masses: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 4:00 PM

Leaving a Legacy: Wills, Trusts and Estate Planning

If you would like to name St. Luke Catholic Church as one of the beneficiaries of your will, life insurance policy or IRA account, please ask your lawyer to use the following form: "I give, devise, and bequeath (amount, article, stock, etc.) to Gregory Parkes, as Bishop of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, and his successors in office, a Corporation Sole, for the use of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, Palm Harbor." Consider leaving a legacy for the good of the Church and for the future of our parish family!

Communion Breakfast

Attention members of St. Luke's Knights of Columbus Council # 12196 and Ladies Auxiliary: The KOC will be holding their annual Communion Breakfast on Jan 30, 2022, in the Parish Hall immediately after the 10 AM Mass. Assortment of breakfast items plus pastries, OJ and coffee will be served. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door. Members wishing to buy tickets can contact Dennis or Barbara Deperto 727-785-0426.

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Epiphany

Some countries and cultures celebrate Epiphany more prominently than Christmas. Our secular culture has likely removed all the decorations. But we know that we still have many reasons to celebrate.

This story of the visit by the Magi is found only in Matthew's gospel.. So many unconfirmed ideas, most scriptural based, is brought into this story. There is talk about 3 kings coming, however scripture does not mention any number. The gifts that were presented was gold, frankincense and myrrh. Isaiah 60:6 wrote "Caravans of camels shall cover you, dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and heralding the praises of the Lord." The coming of the Magi is a fulfillment of this promise. The gifts of gold and frankincense are symbolic as they are given to kings.

Often we have in the past referred to "Magi" as Kings. The word "Magi" does not mean kings. "Magi" designated the persons' priestly caste. Matthew shows Persians (gentiles) are coming to worship Jesus. This is ultimately about who Jesus is, and what his mission will be.

The Magi worshiped the child Jesus, not the infant Jesus. This is very significant. When Magi arrive Jesus is no longer an infant. From Matthew's account it is clear that Mary is at her house. Matthew is keen to present Jesus as the light to the gentiles and his mission to the gentiles after his resurrection. The Salvation that Jesus proclaimed knows no bounds. St. Paul wrote "the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." (Eph 3:6) No longer in God's chosen limited to only one people: God's promise is given to all who seek God in Christ, and they become members of the same body of Christ.

The Magi, strangers from a foreign country, traveled to the land of Israel and were welcomed into Jesus' home. They looked different, dressed different, and spoke a different language. Their faith was different, yet they were welcomed into the Holy Family. Are we open to encounter people of other cultures and faiths first and foremost on a human level? Can we deal with them politely, kindly, and with understanding? Are we open to welcome and associate with them? We have to become the light and love for others in today's world. This is the meaning of Epiphany today, a challenge for all of us.~~*Father Paul*

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Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

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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.

Catholic School Scholarships are Available!

Have you thought about sending your child to a Catholic school? Now might be the time! You could receive a scholarship to cover most or all of the tuition, thanks to @StepUp4Students. Find out if you qualify at www.SUFS.org/Catholic.

Scholarships for Children with Special Needs

Do you have a child with unique abilities? Schools in our Diocese accept the Family Empowerment Scholarship for Students with Unique Abilities through @StepUp4Students. Learn more at www.SUFS.org/Catholic.

End of Year Giving

Congress has permanently enacted qualified charitable distributions from traditional IRA accounts for those 70 1/2 or older. If you are looking for a tax break this is an opportune time to contribute to our building fund or to other causes.

Dear Parishioners,

Advent prepares us to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Savior of the world. As a parish family, let us be well prepared that He will be born in our hearts, in our homes and in our neighborhoods. This is my prayer for you and your loved ones this Christmas.

Amid the trouble in the world and discontent in our nation, the only source for peace and joy is still the Word Made Flesh – Our Infant Savior. True peace on earth flows from our recognition and praise of God in our lives. Take some time to count your blessings.

A year-end Christmas gift is one chance to go beyond your generous sacrifices to the Church throughout the year. As your pastor, I am humbled by your generosity and try my best to be a meticulous steward of your treasure.

Again, this year, I request that each family donate an additional \$150.00 for the good of our parish. For some this might be a huge amount. Others may be able to go beyond it because of the blessings you have received. Your sacrifice is what counts, and I thank you in advance for your generosity and prayerful consideration.

We wish you and your dear ones a very Blessed Christmas and a Christ-filled New Year, 2022.

Sincerely yours in Christ, *Father Paul Kochu*, Pastor
Father Camilo Simoes, Associate Pastor



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

What happens to a consecrated host if it accidentally falls to the ground?

Answer:

This is a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled? If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).



Building Fund

Urgently Needed to Complete our Renovation

Work. Your help is greatly needed to continue with the upkeep and improvement of our facilities. Your generosity is gratefully appreciated.

Date	Time	Intentions	Office
Sat, 1/1		Masses 8am, 10am	Closed
Sun, 1/2	8am	Parish Family	8:30am-12:30pm
	10am	+ Gildatesta & Dominico Fortini	
	4pm	+ Lucille Turner Parish Family	
Mon, 1/3	8am	Terri Smith	8:30am-12:30pm
Tues, 1/4	8am	Rita Purdy	8:30am-12:30pm
		+ Francis Weiss	
Wed, 1/5	8am	Kathy Foster	8:30am-12:30pm
Thur, 1/6	8am	Pat Pitt	8:30am-12:30pm
		+ Almino Feijoo	
Fri, 1/7	8am	Thomas Burke Sr. & Family	8:30am-12:30pm
		+ Carol Taylor	
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		+ Irene Praulx	

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CALLING ALL LADIES AUXILIARY MEMBERS AND THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN!

What does 2022 have in store for you? How about our January 30 Communion Breakfast? Our February 12 Souper Sweet Saturday fundraiser? Or, a Day at the Races on March 16? Join us at our next meeting on **Tuesday, January 4 in the Parish Hall at 7:00 p.m.** to learn about these activities, and more. Refreshments will be served. And, it's never too late to become a Ladies Auxiliary member. All interested are welcome to attend.

Care Givers Meeting

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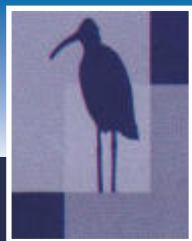
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