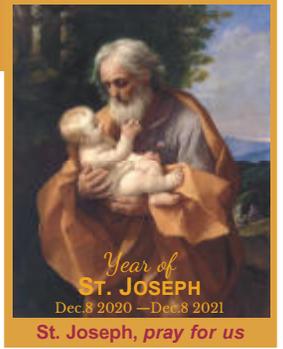




# St. Anthony the Abbot Catholic Church

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January 3, 2021 The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord



*“Lord, every nation on earth will adore You.”*

*Ps 72*

**Mass Weekdays:**

Monday—Friday  
8:00 a.m.  
Wednesday  
7:00 p.m. Traditional Latin  
Saturday  
8:00 a.m.

**Mass Weekends:**

Saturday  
4:00 p.m. Vigil  
Sunday  
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.  
11:30 a.m. Traditional Latin



All Masses are Livestreamed at St. Anthony's Facebook page

**Reconciliation:**

Saturday 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. or by appointment by calling the parish office

**Sacrament of the Sick:**

After Mass or upon request. Please call the office in advance.

**Marriage Preparation:**

Please call the office at least six months prior.

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## Mass Intentions and Weekly Readings

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, January 2

4:00 p.m. Edwin Leyva †

#### Sunday, January 3

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased  
Members of  
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Abbot Parish

10:00 am Matthew Kernz †  
11:30 am Archie Lunsdord †

#### Monday, January 4

8:00 am Gregory Matthews †

#### Tuesday, January 5

8:00 am Nancy Mazauski †

#### Wednesday, January 6

8:00 am John D'Aniello †

#### Thursday, January 7

8:00 am Kevin Szotak †

#### Friday, January 8

8:00 am Kevin Schuster †

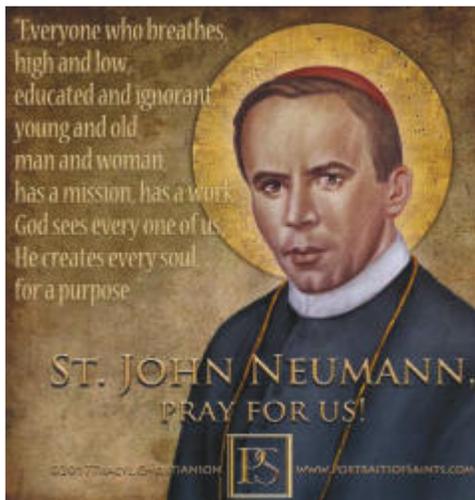
#### Saturday, January 9

8:00 am Rose Miller  
4:00 pm Christine Semense Uy †

#### Sunday, January 10

8:00 am Living and Deceased  
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10:00 am Ellsworth W. & Bruce  
Thomas †  
11:30 am Dinis Chaves †



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### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

(1774—1821)

Feast Day—January 4



Raised Episcopalian in colonial New York City, Elizabeth married William Magee Seton, a merchant. The couple had five children. William died in 1803 in Italy, where Elizabeth learned about Catholicism from the family who gave her hospitality. Wars had bankrupted the family's shipping business. After becoming a Catholic in New York in 1805, the now-poor Elizabeth was abandoned by old friends, but accepted the offer of a Baltimore priest to open a school for girls there. In 1809 she founded the U.S. Sisters of Charity, whose schools and orphanages grew in number. She became the first native-born U.S. saint in 1975 and is the patron of converts.

Saint Elizabeth Seton, you knew the beauty of all human life when you carried a child in your womb and when, as a young widow, a teacher, and founder of the Sisters of Charity, you sought to live the Gospel of Life. Inspire us, intercede for us, and be with us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. You know the sacrament of Holy Matrimony; Teach us to support all families with faith and truth. You know the love of a good spouse; Intercede for all newly married couples. You know the stirring of the child in your womb; Intercede for every unborn child. You know the miracle of giving birth; Pray for mothers tempted by abortion. Amen.



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### Readings for the week of January 3, 2021

#### Sunday, January 3, The Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 ; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

#### Monday, January 4, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a ; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

#### Tuesday, January 5, Saint John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 ; Mk 6:34-44

#### Wednesday, January 6, Christmas Weekday [Saint André Bessette, Religious]

1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 ; Mk 6:45-52

#### Thursday, January 7, Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 ; Lk 4:14-22a

#### Friday, January 8, Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 ; Lk 5:12-16

#### Saturday, January 9, Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b ; Jn 3:22-30

#### Sunday, January 10, The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 ; 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

## Weekly Message from Fr. Pecchie



My Dear Friends in Christ,

*Merry Christmas!  
For unto us is born a Savior!  
Christ the Lord!*



*Many thanks to all who showed such kindness to the Church and to me during this Christmas season. I am grateful for your generosity and your desire to share your blessings with me. Be assured of my continued prayers for all who make up this wondrous family of St Anthony the Abbot.*

Epiphany is celebrated as the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles, represented by the Three Magi coming from distant lands. The word "epiphany" originally meant a manifestation or appearance of something, often a divine being. Today, when someone has an "epiphany," it also means they've had a sudden insight into the deeper meaning of something. In the Epiphany we see all these meaning come into play. It presents a realization that the Messiah was not just for the Jews, but also for the Gentiles. The stars and prophecies, signs from the heavens made by God and inspirations of the Holy Spirit, both point to a great king being born. The Three Magi themselves coming to pay homage to a newborn king is also an epiphany: it gave a sudden insight into the deeper meaning of the Messiah.

Today's culture is plagued by people seeking a higher meaning to things in all the wrong places. Astrology was not enough for the Three Magi, and it never goes the distance. People consult horoscopes, fortune tellers, Tarot cards, Ouija boards. They think they can wrest meaning out of higher mysterious forces. Not only are all those things condemned by Church teaching as the sin of divination (Catechism 2115-2117), they are absurd, and not because what you might think.

If we believe God is the Creator of Heaven and earth, and he came in Person to teach us and save us, why do we think we need gimmicks to understand his will for our lives? He's already given us all the answers we need in Sacred Scripture. We just have to ask him. The Three Magi needed a little help understanding the prophecy to move forward. God has also blessed us with his Church to help us understand his will. Sometimes we need a little guidance to see that it may not be that God is not answering, but that we don't like what he is trying to say. Through His Word and His Church Christ can be our guiding star.

God is always guiding us along the journey of life, but that doesn't mean the journey is easy. The Wise Men left their homelands far behind in order to follow the star, but right when they seemed to be arriving at their destination, the star disappeared.

That's why St. Matthew tells us that they were so overjoyed when they saw the star again after their meeting with King Herod. At some point in their journey, for some reason, they had lost sight of the star. If they had turned back at that point, they would never have found what they longed for. We are often in the same situation.

We know God is faithful, and we want to trust him, but we lose sight of the star. That's when we have to exercise our faith in God - to keep following Christ, to keep obeying the commandments and Church teaching, no matter how hard it may be. Each of us knows someone who has lost sight of the star.

Maybe they are finding it hard to accept one of the Church's teachings. Maybe they are facing suffering and loss. Maybe they are stuck in sin and are drifting further away from the light. Whatever their specific situation, they need to be reminded that God is faithful, that only by following him can our life journey be successful.

Today God has reminded us that we can count on him. This week it is our turn to remind someone else.

*Venite Adoremus*

*Fr. Pecchie*

## Ministry Information



The traditional date of Epiphany is January 6, but in the United States it is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.

*When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung. The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply, "Amen."*

*The leader greets those present in the following words:*

Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace.

Blessed be God forever.

**R/.** Blessed be God forever.

*In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:*

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

*One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 19:1-9:*

Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was

## Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany

seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham."

*The intercessions are then said:*

**Leader:** The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him.

**R/.** Stay with us, Lord.

**Leader:** Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head. We pray:

**R/.** Stay with us, Lord.

**Leader:** Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your

friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing. We pray:

**R/.** Stay with us, Lord.

**Leader:** Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory. We pray:

**R/.** Stay with us, Lord.

*After the intercessions the leader invites all present to say the Lord's Prayer.*

The leader says the prayer of blessing with hands joined:

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them (us) with the light of Christ, that their (our) concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**R/.** Amen.

*The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:*

May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever.

**R/.** Amen.

*It is preferable to end the celebration with a suitable song, for example, "O Come, All Ye Faithful" or "We Three Kings."*

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## Adult Faith Formation Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you or someone you know would like to know more about the Catholic Church or how to become Catholic, RCIA sessions are as follows:

**Monthly In-Person:** One (1) Saturday after the 4:00 p.m. Mass  
**OR** One (1) Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

**Weekly Online:** Following the program CREDO at your own pace.

Sessions are also open to adult baptized Catholics who wish to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist.

Call **Michele at the Parish Office**  
**Tuesday - Thursday to (352) 796-2096, ext. 108**



## Zoom Chat with Seminarians

Fr. Chuck Dornquist invites you to join the next session of our virtual discernment group, Zoom Chat with Seminarians. This discernment opportunity is open to men ages 15 to 35.

The next session will be on **Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** Father Chuck will host and each session will include vocation stories from different seminarians.

For meeting link, email Fr. Chuck Dornquist:

[spvocation@dosp.org](mailto:spvocation@dosp.org)

## Ministry Information



### Faith Formation News

Attention Parents of students K-5 grades

The next **In-person**  
Faith Formation class will be  
**January 10 at 8:30 a.m.**

Please bring your workbook with you.



### Living out Christmas in the New Year

How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments?

Each year, the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.

Her open heart and courageous “yes” to God show us how to live year-round—with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance.

One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady’s example is to join 9 Days for Life, a novena for the protection of human life, taking place Thursday, January 21 – Friday, January 29. Each day’s intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join today at:

[www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)

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*Volunteers  
Needed!*

### To Take Down Christmas Decorations

We need assistance taking down the Christmas decorations on:

**Monday, January 11th at 9:15 a.m.**

If you would like to volunteer please meet in the Church at **9:15 a.m.**

**Thank you!**

## BIBLE STUDY

**Tuesdays**

**9:00 am—10:30 am**

**Led by Jack Lavery**

The Bible is our soul's GPS to lead us to God in a deeper relationship and the roadmap to heaven. WARNING: Bible usage can be habit forming. Regular scripture reading can cause loss of anxiety and fear, and possible loss of appetite for impatience and anger. Symptoms include: increased love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If SYMPTOMS PERSIST, just **"PRAISE THE LORD!"**

Come and See!

Discover the inspired Word of God as we study the books of James; 1 and 2 Peter; 1, 2 and 3 John and Jude.



*Volunteers!*

Thank you to all of the dedicated volunteers who made our Church so beautiful during the Advent and Christmas Season. What a gift of your time to honor our King!

## Information

### Weekly Calendar

#### Sunday, January 3, The Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord

RCIA Online - Confession & Marriage (CREDO #15 & 16)  
 8:00 a.m. Mass  
 10:00 a.m. Mass  
 11:30 a.m. Traditional Latin Mass

#### Monday, January 4, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:00 a.m. Mass  
 8:30 a.m. Miraculous Medal Novena

#### Tuesday, January 5, Saint John Neumann, Bishop

8:00 a.m. Mass  
 8:30 a.m. St. Anthony of Padua Novena  
 9:00 a.m. Bible Study —Letters of James, Peter, John & Jude

#### Wednesday, January 6, Christmas Weekday [Saint André Bessette, Religious]

8:00 a.m. Mass  
 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Grades 7-12 —(Pizza 6:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.)  
 7:00 p.m. Traditional Latin Mass

#### Thursday, January 7, Christmas Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass  
 8:30 a.m. St. Jude Novena  
 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday, January 8, Christmas Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass  
 8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet  
 9:00 a.m. Family Ministry  
 7:00 p.m. Altar Boys Practice for Latin Mass —Church

#### Saturday, January 9, Christmas Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass  
 10:00 a.m. —  
 11:00 a.m. Reconciliation  
 4:00 p.m. Mass Vigil  
 5:00 p.m. RCIA Session in Church

#### Sunday, January 10, The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

8:00 am Mass  
 10:00 am Mass  
 11:30 am Traditional Latin Mass

### Pastor

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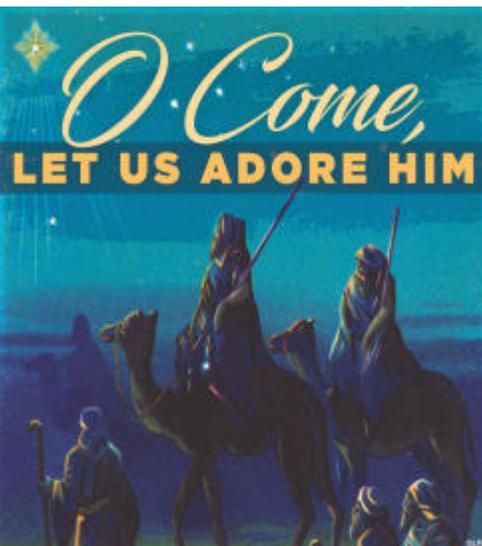
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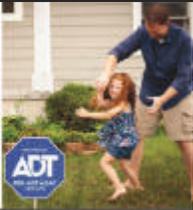
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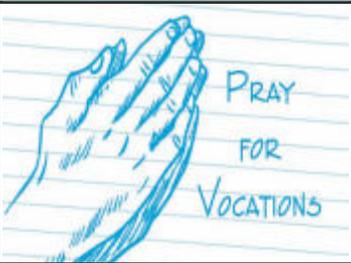
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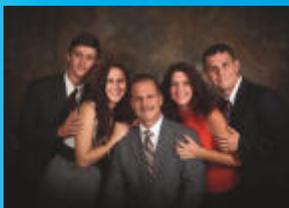
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