

#### Parish Mission Statement

"St. John the Evangelist Catholic Community will, through worship, education and action, make God known, loved, and served within and beyond our faith community."



## 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

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Jan. 2, 2022 PASTOR

Rev. John Britto Antony, C.S.C.

Rev. John Patrick Riley, C.S.C.

DEACONS OFFICE Deacon Mike McElwee Deacon Rick Broderick **MASS SCHEDULE** 

Saturday: 9:00am (1st Sat of Month) and 4:30pm (Vigil) Sunday: 7:15, 9:00, 11:00, & 4:30pm Weekday Masses: 8:00am

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00-4:00pm Wednesday: 8:30-9:00am or by appointment



Fr. John Britto's Weekly Message Sunday January 2, 2022

Dear friends,

We celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany today, recalling the journey of the Magi and the gifts they brought to honor the newborn King. In responsorial Psalm 72, we sing, "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you," a truth fulfilled by the visit of the Magi and recorded in Matthew 2:11: "They prostrated themselves and did him homage." The Magi were foreigners, signifying that the new King we celebrate is not meant only for the chosen people of Israel but, rather, for all peoples. Paul, the apostle of the Gentiles, speaks of it in his letter to the Ephesians (3:6) when he refers to the special revelation granted him "that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel." What a blessing to know that because of this inclusivity, we who have not known him have been made partakers of the divine nature of God through our baptism.

We are still in the season of Christmas! My guess is that many of you have already packed away the Christmas decorations. If so, you have been seduced by the deceptions of the secular world. The Christmas season of the liturgical year continues through the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on 9 January 2022. Please cherish these days, continue to enjoy the music of the season, and contemplate the beauty of the God who became one of us by putting on human flesh in all its vulnerability.

I want to take this time to congratulate Chuck and Linda Morrison, recipients of the Family of the Month Award for December, for their dedication to our parish. Keep the light shining during this year of grace.

Thanks to Susan Answay for orchestrating the Christmas Giving Tree and, as always, thanks to all of you for your generosity. Your love and enthusiasm were remarkable, and I am certain both your kindness and your gifts brought more than a few smiles to those who needed it the most. Thanks, also, to those of you who have already responded so generously to our campaign 2.0. If you have not yet responded, please take a moment to prayerfully complete your pledge details. If you have not received the mailing from St. John's, please do not hesitate to let us know by calling the office. You may also donate directly to St. John's from your IRA retirement fund. And for those of us who are used to giving online, please know that it is available on our website, <u>www.stjohnviera.org</u>.

Parish life at SJE continues to be busy. January is a month to celebrate for many reasons, and chief among them is the celebration of the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of our beautiful sanctuary on Sunday, 16 January, during the 11 a.m. Mass. Our anniversary also coincides with the Feast of Fr. Basil Moreau, founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross. In addition, Misty Huff, our Business Manager, will be receiving the Spirit of Holy Cross Award given by the Congregation of Holy Cross for her meritorious service to our parish. A community luncheon will follow in the Holy Cross Hall, with special guests from Notre Dame to celebrate the occasion. Please call the office to RSVP with the number in your family who will be attending as we prepare for this special day.

As an extension of this celebration, we will host a very special concert by King's Cadence, a gospel quartet, on Friday, January 28, 2022 at 7 p.m. in the church.

Wishing each of our families a very happy Feast of the Epiphany!

May 2022 bring us joy, love, and peace!

With love,

Fr. John

May the faith of God be with you this year. May the peace of God surround you, ¥ and may you be blessed each day!

Happy New Year



#### **First Reading:**

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

#### Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

#### **Second Reading:**

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. (Eph 3:5-6)

#### **Gospel:**

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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## **Observances for the week of January 2, 2022**

Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Monday:	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Tuesday:	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Wednesday:	St. John Neumann, Bishop
Thursday:	St. André Bessette, Religious
Friday: Saturday:	St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Next Sunday:	The Baptism of the Lord

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#### **Baptism Classes**

Baptism classes are held on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 12:00 noon in the parish center, room 6. Sign up for the class is not necessary.





#### Saturday 1/1

10:00am Linda Diane Orilio † 4:30pm: Judge Peter T. Fay † Thursday 1/6 8:00am: Congregation of Holy Cross

#### Sunday 1/2

7:15am: Gloria Ward † 9:00am: Shirley Barrios † 11:00am: Parishioners 4:30pm: Gregory Scott Lawson Friday 1/7

8:00am: Lee Elliott †

Saturday 1/8

#### Monday 1/3

8:00am: James Garret Barry †

Tuesday 1/4 8:00am: The Melton Family †

## Wednesday 1/5

8:00am: Addison Sharpless Special Intention

## 4:30pm: Floyd Trujillo †

Sunday 1/9

7:15am: Hanna Kadar † 9:00am: Shirley Barrios † 11:00am: Michael Matts † 4:30pm: Parishioners



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel Monday through

Fríday

8:30am untíl 4:00pm

Saturday 3:00pm to 5:30pm

While construction is taking place, please enter and exit the chapel through the church. We have signs on the walls showing the way.



The Men of St. Joseph is an association of Catholic men who meet weekly to pray together and encourage each other to be the spiritual leader of their family. Through the intercession of St. Joseph, the goals are to help strengthen marriages, foster family values, engage our community, and find support to grow in our faith. The

group meets weekly on Thursday mornings in the parish center from 6:30am to 7:30am in room 5. The program lasts for one hour, and you do not need to bring any materials. For more information, please contact Chris Price at 210-884-2910, or you can email him at <u>chrisprice99@yahoo.com</u>.



Save the Date! Christ Renews His Parish Spiritual Renewal Weekend

February 12th & 13th for women

February 19th & 20th for men

Registration forms available outside parish office (Place in CRHP box or put in envelope and give to office) or on-line at www.stjohnviera.org/christ-renews-his-parish



Weekend Collection

December 18 & December 19

Regular collection:	\$
Debt Reduction:	\$
<b>Online Donations</b>	

Regular collection: \$ Debt Reduction: \$

Thank you for your faithful support to St. John's! See next week's bulletin for details.



The process for becoming Catholic is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Those who want to explore the possibility can attend a gathering any Monday beginning January 3 at

6:30pm in room 5 of the Parish Center. There is no commitment, just a chance to ask questions and get to know us. For more information, contact Terri Tagye at 321-258-6383 or territagy@aol.com.

We look forward to meeting you.

## **Adult Confirmation Preparation**

We will be holding a series of 4 classes for adults 18 and over who would like to be confirmed. The dates for the sessions are February 1,8,15,and 22 from 7:30-8:30pm in room 5 of the Parish Center. If you have questions or need to make other arrangements for preparation, please contact Terri Tagye at 321-258-6383 or territagye@aol.com. You will need to bring a copy of your baptism certificate.

#### Weekly Offertory Online

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish. Weekly offertory can be mailed, dropped at the office, or donated online at stjohnviera.weshareonline.org.

Contributions to the Weekly Offertory are used to offset the costs associated with day-to-day operations of the parish and its programs. These costs include Masses, liturgical programs, religious education, sacramental preparation, adult education programs, maintenance and cleaning of the buildings, utilities, supplies and payroll.



## Save the Date !

Join us as we celebrate the Fourth Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church and honor Misty Huff, recipient of the *Spirit of Holy Cross* award.

January 16, 2022 11:00 a.m. Mass with luncheon to follow in the parish hall.



R.S.V.P. (Place form in collection basket or drop by the office.)

Name:		
Phone:		
Number Attending: _	Adults	Children
	or	

call the office at 321-637-9650 with your R.S.V.P.

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord



## Faith Formation

## $\mathcal{K}$ -12

## **Gospel Weeklies**

Pflaum TTTTT FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

## "WE SAW HIS STAR AT ITS RISING ..."

The Epiphany of the Lord is traditionally celebrated on the 12th day after Christmas, January 6th. In the dioceses of the United States, this feast has been moved to the Sunday between January 2nd and January 8th.

Epiphany means the "showing forth" or "manifestation" of God becoming visible to the Gentile world. The Gospel of Matthew tells of the faith of the "Magi" divinely guided by the "star" and how this faith *manifested* itself in <u>action</u> by their seeking instruction from God's priests, by prostrating their very beings, and by offering their best treasures before the tiny Babe in Mary's arms:

GOLD in homage to his His Kingship (a symbol of their *hearts* offering love),

**INCENSE** in homage to His Divinity (a symbol of their *minds* offering adoration), and

MYRRH in homage to His Humanity (a symbol of their *bodies* offering to do penance).

The historical visit of the Magi – foreigners – to the newly born Christ child offers richer meaning through translation of its name, *epiphania*, which means "revelation." There will be several "revelations" of Christ—to the Magi after his birth, again at his baptism in the Jordan, and at Cana in Galilee as he worked the first of his "signs."

Jesus, the Savior of the world, was made visible to not only the Magi but to all who seek him.

"Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker." Psalm 95:6

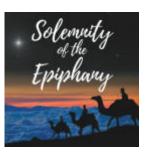
\*Faith formation classes for K – 5 resume on <u>Sunday, 9 January</u>, from 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. in the parish center.\*



## 6th, 7th, & 8th Grades

Middle school youth ministry will not meet on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

We will resume on Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. Happy New Year!!



## High School Youth Ministry Teens 9th - 12th Grades

High school youth ministry will not meet on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We will resume on Sunday, January  $9^{\text{th}}$ .

Welcome 2022!!

## Christmas Season



January 1 & 2 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday — 4:30 p.m. Sunday Masses — 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m.



January 8 & 9 Baptism of the Lord Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday — 4:30 p.m. Sunday Masses — 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m.

And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17



Adult Bible Study—The Eucharist in Scripture

This 5-session course will explore the biblical theme of meals shared in faithful fellowship and covenant relationship with God. We will end with the Last Supper and Jesus' institution of the Eucharist. We will meet for five consecutive Wednesdays starting on January 26<sup>th</sup> at either 10:30am-noon in person in Fr. Peyton room, or 6:30-8pm on Zoom. Cost of book is \$10. Registration is required by January 10<sup>th</sup> by contacting Deacon Michael at <u>michaeljmcelwee@gmail.com</u> or 321-946-3388.

## Luncheon for the Developmentally-Disabled Community



Santa and his elf giving presents.







Our very own Santa!



Santa and another elf giving presents.









Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

## **Readings for the Week of January 2, 2022**

Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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# Parishioner Prayer List

## For when you are sick...

If you or someone you love needs an anointing or Minister to the Sick, or needs to be added to the prayer list, please email: mhuff@stjohnviera.org or call the front office at (321) 637-9650. If you should be admitted to the hospital beyond our reasonable reach, please inform the officials at the hospital that you are Catholic and would like to be on the Communion list. They will arrange for a priest or a Minister to the Sick to visit you with Communion.

## **Please Pray For:**

Amanda Alexander **Amy Ellington** Angie Hartzler Anthony Types Antonio Granados **Beverly Osborne Blanche Zurl Bob Ristow Bryson Caster** Carol Klinko Carol Monz **Carlos Mora** Carole McCloy **Carolina** Ararigo Cathy Bayly **Charlene Harmon Charles Farmer** Chuck Naud Clara Clav **David Martin Diana Beasley Dr. Daniel Pepe Dorothy Migliano Eddie Hudak** Edward Grav **Elaine Sovich Enrique Ramirez** Frank Ioele Frank Seus **Gilberto DeJesus** Gina Amoroso

**Gloria Collins** Harper & Colton Cornelius Ian Natoli James Garner **James Mauro Jane Engel Jackie Stream** Jay Hadley Jeanne Allegra Jeanne LeBranche Jesse Michalk Joan Vanalesti Joann Putman Joe Rodriguez Joe Vining Johanna Karas John D'Antonio John O'Keefe John Thompson Joseph Mazany Jovy Lamboy Judy de la Rosa June Allam Karen Ristow Kathleen Huber Kathleen Keenan **Kennedy Bowles** Larry Gallo Lauralee Bennett Laurette Bryan

Leovonnie Alves Lisa Paez Lorraine Sellers Loretta Cornell Lucy Sanderlin **Marie Peter Marilyn Filpo** Mark Ellis **Marlene Nellen Mary Adams Mary Aloupis** Mary Marcotte Mary Jo Zuber **Mary Thorwart** Mary K. Roickle Maureen Morella Maurice Blier, Jr Meghan Witsaman **Merle Vaudo** Michael Matts Nancy Caricchio **Oman Johnson** Nancy Otes Pat Bevon Pat Henneberry **Pat Hoffman** Pat Reilly **Rae Pallone Ralph Roberts Raquel Alcober Ray Carlson** 

**Ralph Congello Regina Kries Regina Vaudo Rita Santos Robert Giangrisostomi Rocco Salerno Ron Andsager Ronnie Celeste** Rosa E. Vega **Rose Mooteb Shawn Thomas** Sherri Tavlor Sue Peters Sue Schmid Susan Bonich Svlvia Freeman **Teresa Fletcher Terry McCarville Thomas Cuccaro** Thomas DeCicco **Unitas Bochnar** Victor Paez Vilma Koehle Virginia Bennett William Bevan **All Military Personnel** 

\*If you know of any names that can be removed from this list, please contact the office. It will make room for others.



## **Ministry Index**

Below is an index of the many vibrant ministries here at St. John the Evangelist. To learn more about each ministry, contact the ministry coordinator or visit stjohnviera.org and find out more info on our ministries pages.

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