

Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church

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Parochial Vicar: Fr. Frank Cerio

January 2, 2022



THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt. 2:6b*

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SAT. January 1

8:30 a.m. † Carl Del Valle (M)
SI Stasia Wilczak (F)
 4:00 p.m. † John DeLisa (M)
SI Phyllis & Bob D'Agostino
 7:00 p.m. † Pedro Nuñez (M)

SUN. January 2

8:00 a.m. **SI End to Abortion**
 10:00 a.m. † Lizette Burnham (F)
 † Pedro Nuñez (M)
 12:00 p.m. **SI People of the Parish**

MON. January 3

8:00 a.m. † Pedro Nuñez (M)

TUES. January 4

8:00 a.m. † Pedro Nuñez (M)
 11:30 a.m. † Alfonso Salas (M)

WED. January 5

8:00 a.m. † Sarah & Edward O'Connor
 † Juanita Ortiz (F)

THURS. January 6

8:00 a.m. † Mary Clifford (F)
SI Jeanine Gabriel (F)
 7:00 p.m. † Pedro Nuñez (M)

FRI. January 7

8:00 a.m. **SI Maria D'Agati (F)**
 11:30 a.m. **SI People of the Parish**
 7:00 p.m. **SI Fr. Kenny Aquino**

SAT. January 8

8:30 a.m. **SI Evangelina Colon (F)**
 † Al Spitz (M)
 4:00 p.m. **SI People of the Parish**
 7:00 p.m. † Ismelda Rodriguez (F)
SI End to Abortion

SUN. January 9

8:00 a.m. † John White (M)
 10:00 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Burnham Family
 † Peter MacDonald (M)
 12:00 p.m. † Tom Oltorik (M)
 † Cosimo Orofino (M)

*If you would like to shedule a Mass intention,
 please call the parish office at 386-574-2131.*

Readings for the week of January 02, 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

Observances for the week of January 02, 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: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Saturday:
Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

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ADORATION CHAPEL

Chapel will be open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and
 Fridays (except on holiday) 8:40 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 The Chapel Code has changed. To sign up for an
 hour in the Adoration Chapel or to obtain the code
 for the door, call Stasia Wilczak at 407-416-4791

This Week at Our Lady of the Lakes

Weekday & Weekend Masses in Church are Live-Livestreamed to www.ourladyofthelakes.org and [facebook.com/olldeltona](https://www.facebook.com/olldeltona)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1		
8:30 AM	Mass - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Church
4:00 PM	Vigil Mass - Epiphany	Church
7:00 PM	Vigil Mass - Epiphany (Spanish)	Church
SUNDAY, JANUARY 2		
8:00 AM	Mass - Epiphany	Church
10:00 AM	Mass - Epiphany	Church
12:00 PM	Mass - Epiphany	Church
MONDAY, JANUARY 3		
7:00 AM	SVdP Food Pantry	Social Hall A
8:00 AM	Mass	Church
6:15 PM	Boy Scout Troop 340 Meeting	Social Hall B
TUESDAY, JANUARY 4		
8:00 AM	Mass	Church
8:40 AM	Adoration Chapel	Chapel
10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	Social Hall B
11:30 AM	Mass	Church
1:00 PM	CCW General Meeting	Social Hall A & B
5:00 PM	SATB Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
6:00 PM	Benediction	Chapel
6:30 PM	Compartir de Accion de Gracia	Social Hall A & B
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5		
8:00 AM	Mass	Church
THURSDAY, JANUARY 6		
7:00 AM	SVdP Food Pantry	Social Hall A
8:00 AM	Mass	Church
8:40 AM	Adoration Chapel	Chapel
6:00 PM	Benediction	Chapel
7:00 PM	Mass (Spanish)	Church
FRIDAY, JANUARY 7		
8:00 AM	Mass	Church
8:40 AM	Adoration Chapel	Chapel
10:00 AM	CCW Crafts	Social Hall A
11:30 AM	Mass	Church
6:00 PM	Benediction	Chapel
7:00 PM	First Friday Mass	Church
SATURDAY, JANUARY 8		
8:30 AM	Mass	Church
9:15 AM	End of Life Forum	Social Hall A & B
12:00 PM	Marriage Encounter	Social Hall A & B
4:00 PM	Mass	Church
7:00 PM	Mass (Spanish)	Church
SUNDAY, JANUARY 9		
8:00 AM	Mass	Church
8:30 AM	RCIA Class	Conference Room
10:00 AM	Mass	Church
12:00 PM	Mass	Church
2:00 PM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
5:00 PM	Pack 340 Committee Meeting	Social Hall B



2 de enero de 2022 La Epifanía del Señor

Aun en estos tiempos, la humanidad continúa buscando la estrella, esa estrella que muchas veces se pierde entre la injusticia, el odio y la discriminación. Sin embargo, hay que seguir el camino y alzar los ojos al cielo para encontrar el centro de su luz. "Levántate y brilla, que ha llegado tu luz y la Gloria de Yavé amaneció sobre ti (Isaías 60,1). La Gloria de la Manifestación de Jesús en su Evangelio y en la Eucaristía se hace presente entre nosotros en la Liturgia de hoy. El Papa Francisco nos explica acerca de la belleza de esta celebración. "La manifestación de Jesús, simbolizada por la luz: Levántate y resplandece, Jerusalén, porque llega tu luz; la Gloria del Señor amanece sobre ti". Él nos exhorta al movimiento, a no quedarnos ahí fijos como estatuas sin hacer nada.

También, nos explica sobre la participación de los magos del Oriente y lo que ellos representan. "Los Magos, venidos de Oriente, representan a todos los pueblos lejanos de la fe judía tradicional: se dejan guiar por la estrella y se enfrentan a un largo y arriesgado viaje; se postran ante Jesús y le ofrecen regalos simbólicos: oro, incienso y mirra; la búsqueda del Señor implica también la generosidad del corazón" (1/6/2019). ¿Qué le estoy ofreciendo a Jesús en esta etapa de mi vida? ¿Qué tipo de manifestaciones he tenido de Dios a lo largo de mi vida? Pidamos, en esta Eucaristía, que la luz de Cristo se manifieste en estos tiempos turbulentos y oscuros que experimentamos en el mundo entero. Sigamos vigilantes, caminemos por sendas nuevas, sigamos el ejemplo de los Magos. Ellos, regresaron a su país por otro camino.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who have mailed or dropped off your stewardship envelopes, and thank you to all our online givers. Your continued support is vital to the operation of our parish. Thank you also for supporting our Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Online Giving

Many of you have signed up to make your offertory contributions online, and now you realize how simple and hassle-free it is to do so. We thank you for your faithful support, and we encourage others to also consider online giving. Please call the office if you would like assistance.

They were
overjoyed at
seeing the star.

Matthew 2:10



CONFESSION SCHEDULE

- Confessions will be heard on Saturdays at the parish office from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Please form a line outside the office. Please do not enter the office until the person who was ahead of you exits.
- We will continue to offer confessions by appointment. Please call the office at 386-574-2131 to schedule your appointment for confession.

ADORADORES DE LA PRECIOSA SANGRE DE CRISTO



El Grupo de los Adoradores de la Preciosa Sangre de Cristo, les invita a venir a adorar y glorificar a Cristo Crucificado, todos los Jueves, de 10:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m., en la Capilla de Nuestra Iglesia. Los esperamos.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Fr. Frank, our deacons and staff and myself, I thank you for your kindness to us at Christmas. You have been so gracious in sharing baked goods, sending us cards and gift cards. You have blessed us and we are very thankful.

As we begin a new year inevitably you will have people ask you what resolutions are you making. It seems that many people either make New Year's resolutions or believe they should. I suppose at the heart of a resolution is accepting that the previous year was lacking in something. Maybe we look back and realize we didn't accomplish the tasks we had hoped to do or visited the new places we wanted to see, or maybe worst of all is neglecting our duties to God and others.

I will be the first one to admit that I am not good at fashioning resolutions at the beginning of the year or the beginning of Lent. I often think that I should resolve to pray more, read more scripture, visit the homebound, or be more aware of people's needs. But, I have also learned that fashioning a resolution without a specific goal with measurable results often leads to doing nothing.

I found the following resolutions online that might help in getting started.

A) Resolve to draw nearer to God.

1. By having a daily reading program of scripture or other spiritual writers. Read one paragraph or page of scripture each day for 30 days.
2. By being diligent in prayer to recharge our spiritual batteries by praying one new prayer this year each day. For instance, if you pray the rosary add a prayer to St. Joseph. If you only say meal prayers, add morning or evening prayer to your day.

B) Resolve to draw closer to others.

1. By making it a point to learn one name of someone you don't know in your community, church, or social group.
2. By inviting a different person or family to your home each month.
3. By visiting a different person or family each month.

The Best New Year Gifts:

To your friend - loyalty; To your enemy - forgiveness; To your boss - service; To a child - a good example; To your parents - gratitude and devotion; To your mate - love and faithfulness; To all men and women - love; To God - your life.

If you make these your resolutions, I know you will have a great 2022. May God bless us and keep us close to Him throughout the year.

Peace,

Fr. Chris

Question to ponder: Where do you see the light of Christ shining in the world today?

ENCOUNTER GOD'S LOVE

January 2, 2022 - 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.

Three Questions

Last week, parish clergy and staff reflected on the following three questions:

1. What was your greatest trial in 2021?
2. What were you most grateful for in 2021?
3. What do you hope the year 2022 will bring?

Responses to the first question revealed a diversity of trials that included having to conduct events and meetings by Zoom rather than in person, maintaining spiritual and physical health, having financial challenges, experiencing a serious auto accident and all that resulted from it, and coping with the death of a friend, family member or spouse--and continuing the journey alone.

A majority of respondents expressed their gratitude for friends, family, for our parish, and for our parish family. Peggy feels thankful for settling into her new home and working again in church ministry. Brendan is grateful for the opportunities God gave him in his volunteer work with Young Catholic Professionals. Fr. Chris appreciates having the chapel redone, the cleaning and painting of the Social Hall, and the greater participation at Mass by all ministries.

Fr. Chris also looks forward to completing the renovation of the church next year and growing the number of parishioners who attend Mass in person.

Fr. Frank, Deacon Dominick, Peggy, Jeff, and Renee would like to find peace, unity, less division in our world--personal, political and religious--in 2022.

Sonia said that her "hope for 2022 is that the love, joy, and peace of the Christmas season will remain in us all year long. May the light that brightly shined at the birth of our Savior be a reminder of his constant love and presence in our lives. Merry Christmas." Happy New Year!

Please remember Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church in your will.

Sacrament of Baptism: We look forward to welcoming your child into our family at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church. For information regarding the Sacrament of Baptism for Children under 7 years of age, please contact Renee Storey at 386-574-2131. For children age 7 and older, please call Brendan Dudley at the church office: 386-574-2131.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Experience the joy of forgiveness. Confessions are offered by appointment. Please call the office at 386-574-2131 to schedule your appointment.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. For information regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation for youth, children or adults, please contact Brendan Dudley at the church office: 386-574-2131.

Sacrament of Marriage: ...and the two shall become as one. Mark 10:8 For information on the Sacrament of Marriage, please speak with Renee Storey at the Parish Office at least six months prior to your anticipated wedding date.

Vocations: I have called you by name. Isaiah 43:1 Do you feel called to the Priesthood or Religious Life? We look forward to speaking with you. Please call to speak with one of our clergy at the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick: Are you or a loved one in need of healing? If you or someone in your family is in need of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office.

Interested in Becoming Catholic? Now may be the time...and this may be the place! Please contact Brendan Dudley at the Parish Office or email ollfaithform@ourladyofthelakes.org for information on your journey of Christian Initiation.

Declaration of Nullity: Do you have questions about divorce and remarriage? For information regarding Annulments, please contact Diana Jimenez at djimenez@orlandodiocese.org.

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