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January 3, 2021 Epiphany of the Lord

A Note From the Pastor

I suspect that many of us who put up Christmas decorations have already taken them down. Say what you want about the 12 days, it's a new year and Christmas was last year. We're ready to move on. But, to what?

Most new year's resolutions have the lifespan of a fruit fly. So we've thrown our walking shoes deep into the closet and are back to hitting the snooze button, eating sweets, teasing our siblings, and gossiping about the neighbors. Ah, the "eternal normal."

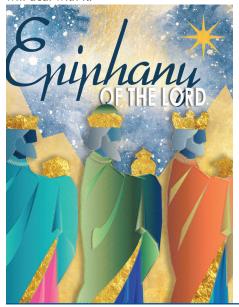
But maybe this year is different.

Pope Benedict XIV (1740-1758) was once approached by someone who wanted to warn the pope that the "anti-Christ" had been born and that he – the pope – should do something about it. Benedict replied, "And when was he born?" "Last month," the man answered. "No problem," Benedict answered, "my successor will take care of him."

The pope was unlike Herod. Maybe Benedict didn't believe in an "anti-Christ" at all, but real or unreal, this apocalyptic figure wasn't going to muddy the waters during his lifetime. Not so Herod. He took every threat to himself seriously. The stargazers' king deserved immediate attention.

While COVID still spooks us, perhaps 2020 has done something to the way we digest reality. COVID's been successful in killing off thousands of our neighbors because a lot of people, whether believing the pandemic real or unreal, tended to leave its taming to others.

With new vaccines hitting the market and a new administration moving into Washington, we might approach the new year as "Benedicts." The vaccines and a new breed of politicians will deal with it.



But there's something to be said for beginning the new year as "Herods." Take nothing for granted.

I'm not praising Herod's motives. But as Jesus praised the unjust steward, I'm suggesting that the better world we want after the misery of 2020 is a desire that each of us deserves to find a way to satisfy. Asking, what is it I can/should do to mitigate COVID? To see that government is big enough to provide the relief needed when millions have lost jobs, health care, and even a place to live? To see that no child is left behind when education goes virtual? To see that no work is ever "non-essential"?

Today's feast of the Epiphany is based on the Magis' belief that the child in Bethlehem was a king. And we've come to know the truth of that belief though that child's preaching that his is the "kingdom of God." A kingdom of compassion and sacrifice which each of us has been baptized to grow.

Fr. Daw

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Mass Schedule

Saturday (None at this time)

Sunday at CU Madren Center 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM (10:00 AM also livestreamed)

Weekdays 5:15 PM in the Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration Fridays 9:00 AM-5:00 PM in the Chapel

> Confessions – Chapel Saturdays 10:00 – 11:00 AM Or by appointment

Religious Education

K4-Grade 5 Catechist-guided Home Study

Youth Ministry

HS Bible Study Thursdays 7:00 PM MS & HS weekly Discipleship Groups

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Sunday Mass at Saint Andrew

We will continue to offer in-person Sunday Masses at the Madren Center during the construction of our new church. All are asked to follow safety guidelines and distancing protocols - MASKS ARE REQUIRED.

The livestream Mass continues at 10:00 AM on the parish Facebook page until further notice.

https://www.facebook.com/saclemson/

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 3 8:30 AM † John

† John Mittelstaedt

10:00 AM † Raymond Lee Wenderlich

11:30 AM † Frank Anselmo

Monday, January 4

5:15 PM + Jackie Null

Tuesday, January 5

5:15 PM Paquito Vizon

Wednesday, January 6

5:15 PM + Stella Guzman Gutierez

Thursday, January 7

5:15 PM Dottie Willson

Friday, January 8

5:15 PM Richie Rosales

Saturday, January 9

5:15 PM No Mass due to construction

Sunday, January 10

8:30 AM Résti Duya

10:00 AM † Dorothy Duplessis

11:30 AM Bogie and Margie Lorenzo

To schedule a Mass Intention, contact the office.

Baptism Preparation

Contact Deacon John Leininger, 864-903-0050 or john@saclemson.org

Marriage Preparation

Contact Deacon Gordon Snyder no fewer than six months prior to the desired wedding date, 262-965-5500 or gjssnyder@charter.net.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the office at 864-654-1757 to arrange a time with a priest or, in an emergency, call the after hours number 919-699-6323.

Prayer Support

For prayer support, please contact Sandra Harbin at sandra_terry.harbin@yahoo.com or 864-885-9527 and leave a detailed message with your prayer request.

Parish Giving

Thank you to all those who continue to support our parish. Many have sent weekly offertory envelopes directly to the office or have gone to online giving. If you would like to do the same, you can send your Sunday offerings to:

Saint Andrew Catholic Church **PO Box 112** Clemson, SC 29633

or go to www.saclemson.org and click Give in the navigation bar. NOTE: If on your mobile phone, be sure to click "view full site" for best results. Any questions, please feel free to contact Christy Hébert at christy@saclemson. **org** or call 864-356-2406.





Christmas Thanks

We are grateful to the many people, those highly visible and those working quietly in the background, who regularly donate many hours sharing their time and abilities, but who give especially generously during this festive time of the year. Thank you for giving your hearts to build up the Kingdom, facilitating liturgical celebrations that move us to see in all people God's love being born.

We are also grateful to all those who donated funds – often in memory or in honor of loved ones – through the "Christmas Flowers" envelope. To date, these people are:

Deneen Bell

Joyce Bolger

In Memory: Raymond Bolger; Hazel and

Bill Adams; Jim DiNapoli

Tris and Sally Clark

Don Collins

Warren and Betty Cook

Matt and Liz Delk

In Memory: Elizabeth Grace Delk, Patrice

Stotler, Mary Ann Brow

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In Memory: John Meinert, Darby Meinert, Andrew Martin, In Honor: Cynthia Taber

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In Memory: Rigotti and Fellin Families

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In Memory: Russell Thayer, Connie Thayer

Ken and Kathy Weichel

In Memory and In Honor: Parents and

Grandparents Mary White Barb Wilcox

In Memory: Pat Wilcox

Peace and Justice

Bob Fennell • rsfennell43@gmail.com

This week's tithe goes to Ride To Work Ministry, whose mission is to provide affordable transportation to residents of Oconee County so they can transition to stable employment with a living wage and become self-sufficient. Riders who participate are expected to be focused on achieving self-sufficiency and be committed to making positive changes in their lives. Although not a requirement, ideally riders will have a local church support group to partner with them to help ensure success. Ride To Work is a transitional service, and riders are expected to save money and achieve their own transportation within 3-4 months so that they no longer need their service. For more information, go to https://rtwministry.org/.

There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. - 1 Corinthians 12:6

Clemson Community Care Donations

CCC food donations resume today. Donations can be dropped off one-half hour before each Sunday Mass and on weekdays between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM at the Chapel. Sunday dropoffs are at the Madren Center side door, the door closest to the Walker Pro Shop.

Items needed at CCC include juice, canned fruit, canned tomatoes, soup, crackers, pudding, spaghetti sauce, pork and beans, dry spaghetti, dry beans, canned vegetables, rice, cereal, peanut butter, flour, tomato sauce and paste, grits, and canned or powdered milk. As always, any donations of non-perishable food and household needs are welcome.

Contact Bob Fennell at rsfennell43@gmail if you are willing to help collect donations before one of the Masses.

Faith Formation

Laura Witt • laura@saclemson.org

Welcome Back! Faith Formation Home Study is in session. Please contact laura@saclemson. org for any questions in regards to Saint Andrew's Faith Formation home study program.

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