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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3, 2021

*Behold, the star
that they had seen
at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped
over the place
where the child was.*

Matthew 2:9

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MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 4- Public Mass
7:00 a.m. Martin Ed & Louise Jansen +
by Tamara Jansen

Tuesday, January 5 - Public Mass
5:30 p.m. Jasmine Waidyaratne +
by The Nonis Family

Wednesday, January 6- Public Mass
7:00 a.m. Rosemarie Carr +
by Mary Beth Williams

Thursday, January 7 - Public Mass
5:30 p.m. Jeff Hagen +
by Paul & Carolyn Black

Friday, January 8 - Public Mass
7:00 a.m. Anthony & Callista Nonis +
by The Nonis Family

Saturday, January 9 - Public Mass
Public & Livestreamed Mass
5:30 p.m. Scott Rennels (Anniv) +

Sunday, January 10 - Public Mass
8:00 a.m. Int. of Mike Massanelli
by Doris Penter
10:00 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners
Public & Livestreamed Mass
12:00 p.m. Adrian Vazquez Flores +

Confessions: Saturdays 4:00 p.m. Church
or by appointment, 870-932-2529.

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Friday

8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Monday January 4
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
7:00 a.m. Mass
7:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m. Adoration

Tuesday January 5
St. John Neumann, Bishop
5:30 p.m. Mass

Wednesday January 6
St. André Bessette, Religious
7:00 a.m. Mass
7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Adoration
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Year 2

Thursday January 7
St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
5:30 p.m. Mass

Friday January 8
7:00 a.m. Mass
7:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m. Adoration

Saturday January 9
5:30 p.m. Mass—Livestreaming

Sunday January 10
8 a.m. Mass
10 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m.—11:45 a.m. 1st Communion
Year 2/R.C.I.C.
12 p.m. Spanish Mass—Livestreaming

READINGS FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 3, 2021

Sunday 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 1 Jn 3:22—4:6
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday 1 Jn 4:7-10
Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday 1 Jn 4:11-18
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday 1 Jn 4:19—5:4
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday 1 Jn 5:5-13
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday 1 Jn 5:14-21
Jn 3:22-30

Sunday Is 42:1-4, 6-7
Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
Acts 10:34-38
Mk 1:7-11



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Have you
prayed the
Rosary
today?



PREPARATION CLASSES

Prior to the Baptism of a child, parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Class. The next class, is Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Office Building Conference Room. For more information and/or to register for the class, please contact: Sara Beth Cook, 870-897-3279 or sarabethcook@gmail.com.



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Mass Schedule for Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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Monday, Wednesday & Friday	7:00 a.m. 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Mass Church is open for Adoration
Tuesday & Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Mass
Saturday	8:00 a.m. (1st Saturdays) 4:00pm-5:00pm 5:30pm	Mass Confessions in the Church (In Confessionals) Mass of the Sunday (English) livestreamed
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	Mass (English) Mass (English) Mass (Spanish) livestreamed

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY UPDATE

For those in our community in need of assistance (rent or utility), volunteers are answering requests by phone.

During the past two weeks:
Utility assistance for 3 families
Rental assistance for 1 families
were provided.

Priority is given to members of our parish family.

If you or someone you know, is a resident of Craighead County, and struggling to make ends meet, please call:

870-316-0229.

We thank you for answering our prayers and ask for your continued support! God bless you all.



Mass for Life: On Sunday January 17, 2021 Bishop Taylor will preside at our annual diocesan Mass for Life. The Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock at 12:05 p.m. This Mass will also be live streamed on the [Diocese of Little Rock YouTube channel](#) to allow anyone to watch online. Subscribe to the channel to get notifications when new videos are posted. Unfortunately, because of corona virus, there will not be Eucharistic Procession for Life or a Hearts for Life Conference in 2021. Arkansas Right to Life still plans to host the March for Life on January 17 at 2pm behind the Capitol. Please contact the Respect Life Office 501-664-0340 ext. 326 or email cphillips@dolr.org for more information.

“Pray with Me” can be found on our Facebook page every afternoon.



Pray with me.

A daily prayer time with Fr. Alphonse



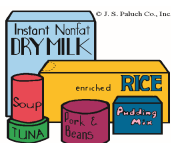
PLEASE PRAY FOR: The special intentions of parishioners, especially those homebound/hospitalized, Shelby Ward, Mary Ann Eaton, Kathy & Donald Plessinger, Millie & Bill Kueter, Rita Puryear, Pat Dacus, Misael Reyes, Freda & Jim Cole, Sid McCaffey, Gary Wells, Robert Surdyk, Larry McKinney, Andy Sanders, Marisol Guerra, Javier Garduno, Nathan Barajas, Earl Wallace, Candelaria Flores, Rita Vaught, Mashudi Gunawan, Malcolm McGregor, Mary Diaz, Debbie Marthey, Chelley Jordan, Mike Massanelli, Helen Wilson, Donald Schmidt, Lilly Blalock, The Cruz Family, Paula Wilson, John & Sharon Aleman, Dorothy Massanelli, Larry Wiles, Carolyn Schilly, Nancy Stillman, Marlene Turner, Teresa Stifford, Leticia Fernández, COVID-19 sufferers

WORK OF MERCY

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry has received 68 lbs of food donation from our parish this past week.
Thank you!

F.Y.I.

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry Drive Thru hours are: Mondays, Tuesday & Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (*weather permitting*) HNFP is located on the corner of Huntington and Vine. For more information please contact HNFP at 935-7298



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Office 870-932-2529

Dc. Ramon 870-882-0510

Ana Castañón 870-219-9458

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Saturday Rosary Leaders needed to continue the Blessed Sacrament Church's long standing tradition of Honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary by saying the Rosary at 5:00p.m. prior to Mass. Mary is Our Mother as well as being the Mother of Jesus Christ. She has held a special place of honor in the Catholic Church from the beginning of Salvation History. Praying the Rosary has been a Solace and Comfort in numerous crises both personal and in society as a whole. We have a special need for Prayer now, during this latest Health Crisis the COVID-19 Pandemic. If interested in becoming a 5 p.m. Rosary Leader contact Robert Cowles at (870) 206-1846 or e-mail rcowles613@gmail.com

SEARCHING

In Matthew's Gospel today we see two extremely different perspectives, two different reasons for searching for Jesus. In some ways, this resembles the polarization of our nation in today's time. What one group sees as good for the nation, those with opposing views think will wreck the country. The Magi were astrologers who saw a vision in the sky and were trying to find a way to follow it and discover the new king of the Jews. Herod heard about this king, and his reaction was dark and negative. He saw the birth of such a king as a threat to his power as the Roman leader of the country and wanted the Magi to pass on to him what they knew about this Christ child. Similarly, on a more personal level, we can either feel threatened or excited by changes that may come, depending on our perspective.

In our minds, it is easy to mix up bits and pieces from Luke's account of the shepherds coming to see Jesus in the stable and the story of the magi. Clearly, it has taken the magi time to get here, and the reading speaks of them coming to the house where the star led them. Nevertheless, they "prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures . . ."

How do we do this? Do we continue looking for Jesus, even if it takes a while and he is not where we expect to see him? Are we paying attention to the signs showing us the way? What gifts do we have with which to pay him homage? After seeing him, the Magi were warned in a dream not to go back the way they came. But if we have seen the Christ child, how can we go back to where we were? We must continue to respond to God's call to move forward and grow in our lives. We must seek the right and just path and turn away from the "Herods" and inherent evils in our life.

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

The Epiphany of the Lord Little Drummer Boy

Did you know that the only reason we say that there were three wise men is that they brought three gifts? The Bible never says their number or their names. The gifts tell us about the givers. And these special gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—tell us much.

When one king visited or sent an ambassador to another, he would give a gift of gold to show that he acknowledged the kingship of the other. So the first gift of the wise men tells us they recognized Jesus as King. The second gift is a type of incense, which was used in Jesus time to worship God. So this gift shows the wise men paying homage to Jesus' divinity. The gift of myrrh is oil used to anoint the dying. It reminds us of Jesus suffering and death on the cross.

So what gifts do we have for Jesus? Maybe we can take a hint from the wise men. If we acknowledge Jesus as king, maybe a better gift than gold would be to pledge our obedience to him. Each day we can promise to live our vocation as best we can, to love those around us, and forgive those who hurt us.

A better way than burning incense to pay homage to Jesus' divinity is to take time to pray throughout the day. Some people are able to attend daily Mass, others spend time in adoration before the Eucharist, or even a few minutes of their lunch break to say the rosary.

As for the gift of myrrh, we can give Jesus the crosses we bear each day. When we accept suffering in our lives, especially that caused by our sins, we give ourselves to Jesus as he gave himself for us on the cross.

The song "Little Drummer Boy" reminds us that the best gift is not necessarily the most expensive. Instead, it is the simple gift that only we can give. Let Epiphany remind us to offer our lives to Jesus each day.





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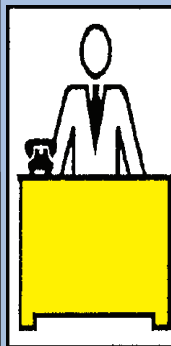
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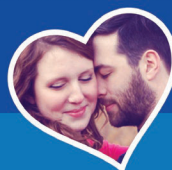
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