

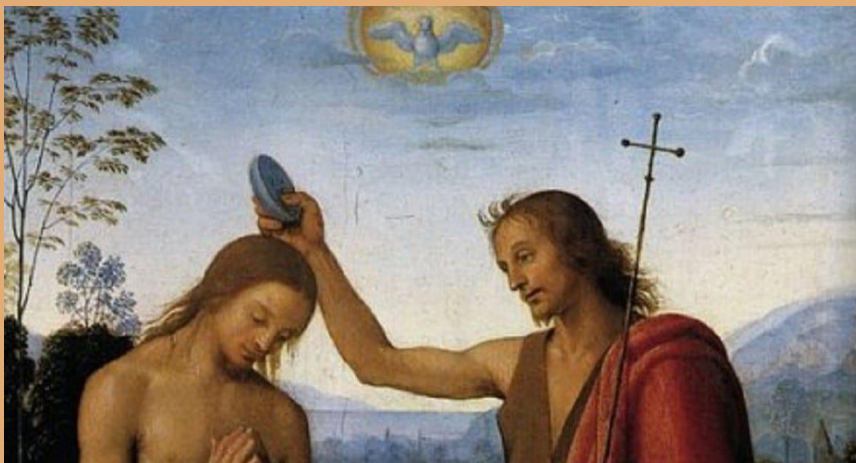


Family Times at OLG

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CATHOLIC PARISH

January 2021

"A Parish with open arms and caring hearts!"



January 10, 2021

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

All four Gospel narratives include the baptism of Jesus, attesting to its importance in his life and the beginning of his ministry. Jesus' baptism became the model of a sacrament of intention, in which we are all welcomed in the Church and invited into our role as part of the Kingdom of God. God calls Jesus his son, expresses love, and calls him by name. In our own Baptism, we are also recognized as a beloved child of God, and we are called by name into God's Kingdom.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus' divinity to all His first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist.

For family discussion:

As a family, talk about each person's baptism. Describe the details of the day, what made the day so special. Who was there celebrating with you?

Talk about the significance of holy water, of sacred oils, of the white baptismal garment. Pope Francis suggests that we should all make our baptismal day like a feast day. Consider as a family, to make the dates of your children's baptisms a celebration!

Share with us your thoughts, questions and your experiences as family.

Family Activity Corner

Family Faith Sunday is a multi-generational program where parents/guardians and their children (K-8th) gather to pray, play and share their faith in community with other families in a fun way!



"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal.' I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

Excerpt from a speech given by Dr. Martin Luther King on August 28, 1963 at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C.

Celebrated on the Third Monday of January

Martin Luther King Day



You can read and hear Sunday readings at any time!
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or listen to them at [daily readings](#)*



Live-stream daily mass at 9:00 and Sunday at 10:00 [HERE](#)

Saint Agnes of Rome

Saint Agnes was a thirteen-year-old martyr who died around 258. As her feast day comes in the winter some people used to refer to snowflakes as "St. Agnes Flowers."

Cut out paper snowflakes on this day and hang them in your windows.



*Feast Day:
January 21*



Pray for Us

*"Christ has made my soul beautiful with the jewels of grace and virtue.
I belong to Him whom the angels serve."*



Toy Blessing

Dear God,
 Thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus,
 at Christmas. We also thank you for the
 blessing of family and friends with whom
 we celebrated this special time. Today,
 as we share the gifts that we received in
 your honor, we ask for your blessings on
 the toys that have been gifted to us.
 Amen

Kings Cake

Share a king's cake as a family. Hide a
 candy coin in one or more cupcakes.
 The family member who gets the coin
 in their cake is king for the day.
 Present the king with a crown and a
 little gift!





Ring in 2021 with fun family activities

Prayer for New Year's Day

As we celebrate New Year's Day, let's take some time to think about how as a family, we came together during a difficult year, filled with many challenges. Within those challenges, we received blessings for which we give thanks. Loving God, May 2021, be filled with health for our family friends and community. Be with us each day of this New Year and as we grow closer to you, help us to maintain the lessons learned from this past year and to fill our hearts with gratitude for each day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Pinecone Pineapples

To make individual pineapples gather enough short, round pinecones for each member to make a couple. Place the pinecones on its bottom and tape a green piece of gathered tissue paper about 2" by 6" to the top of it. The pineapple has long been a symbol of welcome for Americans. Place it on your prayer table to remind us to welcome the stranger in our midst.

Star Ribbons

Trace three stars on heavy paper. With glitter pens write the words: Joy, Hope, and Peace on each of the stars. Staple the stars on a piece of ribbon and make a loop at the top for hanging.

Three Kings Images

Look through your box of used Christmas cards, taking out the ones with pictures of the three kings. Post these in your prayer corner or add them to sheet of paper and place on a wall for all to see. You can write on top, "Follow the Star."

10 January Activities for Catholic Families

Many January saints taught others, such as Sts. John Bosco, Elizabeth Ann Seton, Angela Merici, and Thomas Aquinas. In their honor, learn a Bible verse, prayer, or activity to teach others about your faith.

Go star gazing to celebrate Epiphany. Have the children to find the brightest stars in the sky. Discuss how the wise men might have felt while they were traveling to meet the new King, Jesus.

To celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord (Sunday after Epiphany), share pictures and keepsakes of your children's baptisms with them. Tell them about the events and emotions of that day.

Make a beautiful, decorative sign or piece of art work with Jesus' name on it to honor the Most Holy Name of Jesus (January 3rd).

As the new year begins, reminisce with your family about the past year and talk about plans and goals for this year.

Attend Mass on the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Jan. 1st) - It's a Holy Day of Obligation!
Coloring Page for the Day:
www.catholicprintablesonline.com/mary-and-baby-jesus-coloring-page/

Try to learn to juggle like St. John Bosco (Jan. 31st) did to entertain people.



Make or buy a King Cake to mark Epiphany. If your kids are old enough for it to be safe, hide a coin, bean, or baby Jesus figure inside. The one who finds it can wear a crown that you buy or make.

Celebrate New Year's Day (or Eve) with your family. Make it a memorable day with fun, treats (maybe even sparkling juice), and family togetherness.

Do an Epiphany Home Blessings by writing 20+C+B+M+14 above your front door in chalk. You can search for more details or use those shared here:
<http://joyfilledfamily.blogspot.com/2012/01/feast-of-epiphany.html>



Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord January 3, 2021

“When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts gold, and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.” Matthew 2:10-12

The roots of our modern-day Epiphany are many. The word itself comes from a Greek work that means, “appearance” or to show oneself.” On this day Christians originally celebrated God becoming man at the Baptism of Jesus. Today, Eastern Churches still celebrate this day as the Baptism of our Lord. In the Catholic tradition, we observe Epiphany as the day the three kings visited Jesus and acknowledged Him as the savior the world had been waiting for,



Here is a fun and simple craft for your family. You can make these cute “Happy Three Kings Day” treat bags for your family. Fill them with special treats and add a note inside that shares how much your family is a “Bright Star” in your life!

