



# *The Epiphany* OF THE LORD

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

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## Office Hours

Monday - Thursday  
9am - 4pm  
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during the week.

## SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

- SATURDAY VIGIL MASS- 5PM
- SUNDAY MASS 8AM, 9:30AM, 11AM & 5pm-
- SPANISH MASS FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 6:30 PM

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## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

- MONDAY - FRIDAY 8AM (LIVE -STREAM)

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## ADORATION SCHEDULE

- WEDNESDAYS FOLLOWING 8AM MASS TO 12:00PM & 1PM TO 4PM.
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## CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 3:30 pm  
Please Note: No Confessions on December 23, 2021 Christmas Eve

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**We warmly welcome all visitors to St. Julie's.**

Saint Julie Billiart is a diverse Catholic parish of faith that embraces everyone!. We are a community, challenged by the Gospel, nourished by the Eucharist, and inspired by the teachings of Saint Julie Billiart.

Please visit our website to learn more about our community.  
[www.stjulieschurch.org](http://www.stjulieschurch.org)

*Peace and union of hearts, that is the bond of all the earth.*  
*-St. Julie Billiart*



## JOIN

Interested in Joining Our Parish?  
Are you interested in making St. Julie's your spiritual home?

We are very proud of all that St. Julie's has to offer and hope you will find your place in our Catholic community. I look forward to knowing you, and hope you, too, will discover everything that makes St. Julie's truly an engaged Church

Visit: <https://stjulieschurch.org/join>

## QUESTIONS

Questions about our Parish community?  
Questions about Catholicism or the sacraments?  
We are happy to answer your questions via email or phone.

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Phone: 805.498.3602 ext. 100

# End of Year Giving

Please prayerfully consider an end-of-year gift to your parish, Saint Julie's, this year. Your generosity helps our parish grow and sustain our current programs while continuing to make upgrades to our buildings, repairs, and program offerings for all.

Your gifts make a difference, especially in this COVID year where giving has decreased while expenses have increased.

As the end of the year approaches and the new year begins, we reflect on the many blessings given to us. A special year-end gift to St. Julie's is an excellent way to thank God for these blessings, allowing us to deepen our relationship with Christ through a tangible act of gratitude and sacrifice.



## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- GIVE ONLINE
- DROP ENVELOPES INTO MAIL SLOT AT OFFICE
- BASKETS ON WEEKEND MASSES
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### REQUIESCANT IN PACE

*Let us pray for those who have passed:*

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

David Bartlett  
Daniel Black  
Sean Dudley  
Josh Galant  
Robbie Lei  
Chase McKenzie  
Zach Morrow  
Ryan Sellner

Ian Taylor  
Dylan & Trevo Templeton  
Brian Walters

### MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY	8:00 AM	James Regan (+)
	9:30 AM	Jerry Modolo (+)
	11:00 AM	Tony Ruiz (+) Tom Poyer (int)
MONDAY		Dave and Rosann Ryans (+)
TUESDAY		Jennifer Thompson (+)
WEDNESDAY		Mike and Doyle Myers (+)
THURSDAY		Twyla and Joe Gauthreaux (int)
FRIDAY		People of the Parish (int)
SATURDAY		Leroy Shreve (+)

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

<b>Rob</b>	Janice Lane	Charles Vaughn
<b>Sharolyn Fullmer</b>	Carole MacDonald	Dorothy Simmons
Eric Salas	Lisa McShane	Nancy Riordan
Tom Poyer	Donna Nyugen	Ryan Englehart
Peter	Maria Nyugen	Danielle Thornton
Joel Rivera	Joseph Setton	
Nam Luu-Van	Ann Stewart	
Anthony J. Than	Joe Watson	
John Gocke	John T. Hill	
June Dube	Peggy Seiler-Brand	
Jim Kirkeby		
Anette Petronella	Kelly Anne Barnes	
Amy Petry	Eileen Garcia	
Linas Butkys	Chris Garcia	
Tom Hamilton	Kelly Miroballi	
Helen Ulaszek	Gilbert	
Kathy Gilliam	Marcie Gillard	
Kathleen R	Jeanine Griggs	
Alex	Mike and Yani	
Donna W Cathy	Hage	
Jiron	Tyler Hughes	
Gary Kaenzig	John Uelmen	

### PRAYER LIST

Please contact the Parish Office to add names to the prayers for the sick.

Prayer List is renewed every 2 months.

# SERVE

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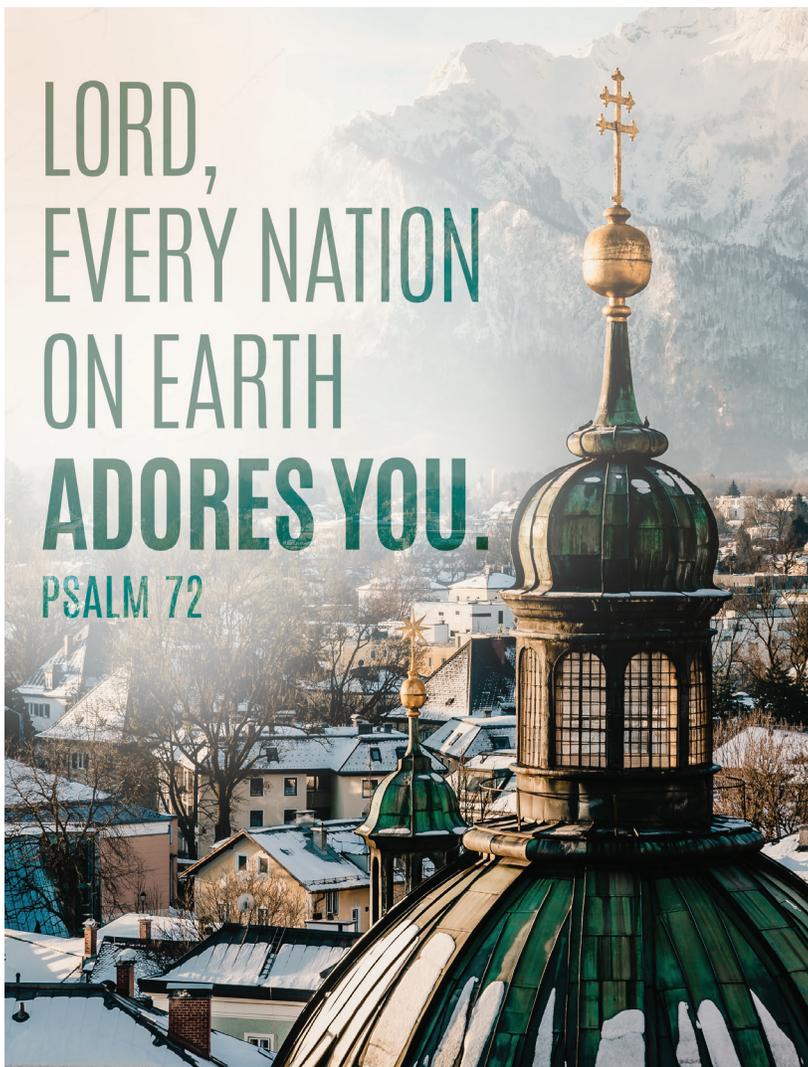
## ST. JULIE'S

FOOD PANTRY  
MOST NEED ITEMS  
pancake mix  
syrup  
flour  
sugar  
cooking oil  
mayonnaise  
mustard  
ketchup  
crackers  
baby wipes

Thank you, your generosity truly makes a difference!

LORD,  
EVERY NATION  
ON EARTH  
ADORES YOU.

PSALM 72



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# SUNDAY'S READINGS

## 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:

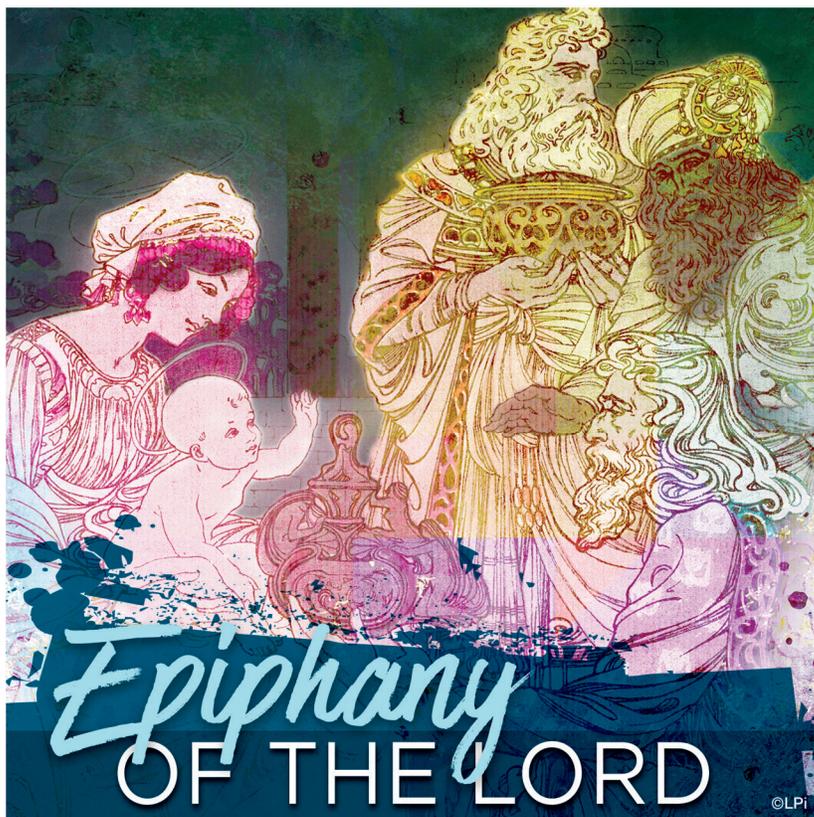
"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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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: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
- Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord



## Saint of the Week

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

# LIVING THE FAITH

## Jesus Is the Way to *Meaning* in Life

The message of this Gospel is, “God is not limited.” He can speak, not only through the words of Scripture and through angels, but even through the stars. He wants to draw the whole world to Jesus, and to do that he will speak to people of different cultures in whatever language or symbols they are able to understand.

The Magi were not Jews. They were pagans from the mysterious and faraway “east.” Legend says they sought God through the study of the stars. So God spoke to them in the language of their own religion. He sent them a star.

He does the same for us. He speaks to us through whatever signs, symbols, events, persons or experiences we are able to receive. And he founded his Church to do the same.

The word “catholic” means “universal.” For the Church this means that we are not the Church of one particular culture or civilization. Our religion is not identified with the particular form it takes in any particular society. As long as the content is the same, as long as Jesus Christ and his Gospel are faithfully proclaimed, it is just as “Catholic”— regardless of the form of celebration and the forms of observance all over the world.

Actually, the Catholic Church recognizes at least 18 different groups within the Church who have their own laws, forms of celebration and spiritual traditions. These groups are called “rites,” and everyone baptized into the Church is baptized both into the Catholic Church and into one particular rite of the Catholic Church. Most of us belong to the Latin rite, which is no more important than the Coptic rite, the Ethiopian rite, the Greek, Melchite, Russian, Syro Malabar, Armenian or any other rite. All of these rites are equal. The particular rules that we Latin (or “Roman”) Catholics are familiar with are not in any sense “normative” for the Catholic Church. For example, the much-discussed rule of celibacy for priests is a

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## Epiphany of the Lord

Matthew 2:1-12; Isaiah 60:1-6;  
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

rule of the Latin rite that most other rites have never had. So, it is false to say that Catholic priests cannot be married. It is true to say that Catholic priests of the Latin rite cannot be married, although exceptions are being made now. We have several married Catholic priests in the Latin rite who were formerly Episcopalian or Lutheran priests.

To be “Catholic” it is essential not to be narrow, and not to think there is only one way to present the faith, to celebrate it, or to practice it. That is why we cannot really understand the story of the Magi unless we also read chapters 10, 11 and 15 of the Acts of the Apostles. Those chapters tell how the Church decided to be “catholic.” It was a decision not to make Gentile converts follow the rules and traditions of Judaism, which all the Jewish Christians had grown up with, and which they just assumed were inseparable from the true worship of God. This was one of the most significant decisions of the early Church, and we are not truly Catholic until we understand it and accept it.

So let your mind go some day and imagine how different (not necessarily better) your parish could be without being one bit less Catholic. How many rules and practices that we associate with being “Catholic” are just the form our religion has taken in the Latin rite, or in the last few centuries—and are not necessary to the Catholic Church at all. They are just the “stars” that speak to us. But we do not worship stars;

we worship Jesus Christ to whom they lead.

And don't forget the "stars" God sends to you every day. If even the stars are his messengers, he can speak through anything he chooses. The message of the Magi is, "Look for him in everything, listen for his voice."

## Reflecting on This Week's Gospels

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### Week After Epiphany

***Pray daily:** Lord, centuries of people before me have been drawn to your light. Some made tremendous sacrifices to hear you. Give me their faith, their hope, their love. Amen.*

**Monday:** Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25: Jesus left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea. If you had been in Nazareth, would it have made any difference to you that Jesus moved? What use do you make of his presence now—in your heart, in the Eucharist, in the other sacraments?

**Tuesday:** Mark 6:34-44: When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. How does Jesus feel about you? Are you like a sheep without a shepherd or are you coming to him for teaching?

**Wednesday:** Mark 6:45-52: When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and cried out. Through what "stars" does Jesus reveal himself, his desires, his invitations, to you? Is your first reaction to think it is "a ghost"—that is, a wild idea of your own, a crazy feeling? How can you know when you are experiencing Jesus?

**Thursday:** Luke 4:14-22: After Jesus had finished reading in the synagogue, he rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant and sat down. Then he said, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Do you believe that Jesus is present in the world now to fulfill all the promises God made in Scripture? What are you doing about it?

**Friday:** Luke 5:12-16: A leper fell prostrate before Jesus, pleaded with him, and said, "Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean." How often do you ask Jesus to purify your heart? Of what in particular? What helps has he made available to you? Which ones do you use? Which do you not use? Why?

**Saturday:** John 3:22-30: John said, "The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice." Do you rejoice at all truth, all encouragement to do good, no matter where it comes from? Do you recognize the voice of Jesus speaking even in people you don't like or who are different from you?

## Living This Week's Gospels

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- Make a list of all the "stars" you follow looking for truth and guidance. In terms of time spent on each, compared to time given to prayer and Scripture, is Jesus first?
- Draw up your schedule for a typical day or week. How much time do you commit to explicitly learning from Jesus? Are you, or are you not, a disciple (student) of his?
- Ask whom you live, recreate or work with who might look to you or need you to be the star that leads them closer to Jesus. How can you do this without words?
- Decide how you can "gather around" Jesus with others to let him form you by his word. Is there a group you can join? Should you start one? Why?
- What effect has the light of Christ had on the world's societies and cultures? What effect is it having on your culture, your society, through you today? What effect could it have if you let the light within you shine out? Decide on one way you could do this in your family, school, work or social life.

# TOGETHER

Saint Julie Billiard Catholic Church • The *Mission* continues.



## Care for Creation January 2, 2021 • Epiphany

It's time once again for New Year's resolutions. Quite a noble time, really, when we look ahead to ways we can improve ourselves. Consider embracing a resolution related to the environment this year. As Pope Francis wrote, "We must not think that these efforts are not going to change the world. They benefit society, often unbeknown to us, for they call forth a goodness which, albeit unseen, inevitably tends to spread" (Laudato Si', 211). So pick something, large or small, that will be manageable but a good challenge for you or your family to care for creation this year.

Small choices my household can make to *better* care for creation....

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