



EPIPHANY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

In your neighborhood. In your life.



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil
5:00 pm

Sunday
7:30 am
9:00 am (Korean)
10:30 am
Last Sunday of the Month
12:00 pm (Lithuanian)

Monday - Friday
7:30 am

First Saturday of the Month
8:00 am (Latin – Novus Ordo)

Holy Days of Obligation
7:30 am & 7:00 pm

Confessions

Monday - Friday
8:00 - 8:30 am

Saturday
4:00 - 4:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday
5:30 – 6:30 pm

Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2024

Reverend Stefan Megyery
Pastor

SACRAMENTS & PARISH SERVICES

Infant Baptisms

Please visit the parish website to register or contact the parish office.

Marriage

Please call at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date. Marriage preparation, and instruction are required.

Sick Calls

Please call if any parishioners are in need of the Sacrament of the Sick.

Religious Education (CCD) for Children

For those preparing for First Holy Communion.
Please contact the parish office.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

For those who would like to join the Catholic Church.
Please contact the parish office.

Adult Confirmation

For Catholics who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation.
Please contact the parish office.

Parish Membership

New parishioners may register online by visiting the parish website.

Contact

2712 Dumbarton Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20007
(202) 965-1610

epiphanygeorgetown@gmail.com
www.georgetownepiphany.org

DAILY MEDITATION: MATTHEW 2:1-12

They prostrated themselves and did him homage. (Matthew 2:11)

In your high school English class, you might have learned that an “epiphany” is the moment when a character is struck with a life-changing realization that changes the rest of the story. Every good novel has one. That’s one way to think about the feast we’re celebrating today. God revealed himself to the Gentiles, and that moment changed everything.

There had been hints of God welcoming the Gentiles throughout the Old Testament. But Matthew’s Gospel shows us this pivotal moment: pagan astrologers from the East came to worship Jesus, the newborn king of the Jews (2:11). They are the first of the “nations” whom Isaiah prophesied would walk by the Lord’s light (Isaiah 60:3). They are the first of those Paul says will be “coheirs . . . in Christ Jesus through the gospel” (Ephesians 3:6). Why is this event so important? Because it reveals to us that God’s love is far more expansive than anyone had ever thought. We begin to see that in Christ, a loving relationship with God is open to everyone who comes to him, Jew or Gentile. That includes you! And your annoying cousin. And the notorious criminal on death row. And the atheist on that YouTube channel. The invitation to come to Jesus extends to everyone. Because God’s loving desire to draw all people to himself cannot be contained; no one is excluded from it. And that’s a life-changing realization! Today, as you celebrate this great feast, give thanks to God who loves so extravagantly that he opens his arms wide to welcome everyone who believes. Pray, too, that all people will come to the Lord.

“Lord God, your revelation to the Gentiles has changed the course of history! Thank you for your love that reaches out to everyone!”

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

POPE FRANCIS’ UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.



The **Baptism of the Lord** reminds us of our Trinitarian identity. When we are baptized, we stand in solidarity with Christ, bathed in the waters he sanctified. There, the Father proclaims our adoption into the family of God. “This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased.” And the Spirit, too, descends. We are filled with the Spirit’s grace and power to continue Christ’s mission on earth. We received these gifts in the sacrament, and they continue to dwell within us through sanctifying grace. We can — and should — invite God to stir up these graces of our baptism and consider them in our own lives.



MASS SCHEDULE and INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 6	5:00 pm (Vigil) <i>Richard Pantel</i>
Sunday, January 7 The Epiphany of the Lord	7:30 am <i>Eliza Parulan Torres</i> 10:30 am <i>Our Parish Family</i>
Monday, January 8 The Baptism of the Lord	7:30 am <i>Soo Jeon An (Rosa)</i>
Tuesday, January 9	7:30 am <i>Marina Kim</i>
Wednesday, January 10	7:30 am <i>Sohee Claire Choi</i> <i>Suhyeon Claudia Ham</i>
Thursday, January 11	7:30 am <i>Jongcheol Yoon</i> <i>Yoonil John Lee</i> <i>Youngkoo Choi</i>
Friday, January 12	7:30 am <i>June and Mike Walsh</i>

Epiphany Catholic Church

FROM THE PASTOR

Happy Titular Feast Day!

Celebrations which honor an individual or commemorate an event are a universal human experience. They are found in all cultures, times, and places. For example, we celebrate a person's birthday or a marriage anniversary. Festivals often mark important events in a nation's history, such as the Fourth of July.

As Catholics we celebrate many feasts associated with our faith. Some can be personal like the date of our baptism. Others are universal and ancient liturgical feasts, such as Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost. Still others are feasts specifically associated with a parish such as our Titular Feast Day.

This year's Titular Feast day is special because, since our church was consecrated 1925, we enter in our hundredth year of existence. Therefore we will start our preparations for our centenary that we will celebrate next year, 2025.

A centenary celebration is a wonderful chance to recall the great history and tradition of this church, to give thanks for those people and priests who had served the life and mission of our parish, to rejoice in the present and all the gifts our parish has, but also to renew our commitment to Epiphany for the future.

Today, let us rejoice and give thanks to the Lord, who so wonderfully guides and protects this parish.

Happy New Year!

This new calendar year gives us another opportunity to give thanks for all of the ways that God has blessed us in this past year and to look forward with hope to all of the blessings to come.

On behalf of the entire staff here at Epiphany Catholic Church, I wish all of you a very blessed and grace filled New Year. Please know that you will all be kept in our prayer.

Fr. Stefan Megyery

What is a Titular Feast?

The practice of dedicating churches dates from Apostolic times and was formally imposed as a law by Pope Evaristus (A.D. 112); and the observance of the anniversary of a church's dedication can be traced back to the days of Constantine. When churches are dedicated, the congregation is placed under the protection of some saint. At other times, in order to show special devotion to some mystery, or to some manifestation of God's love, the church receives a name that will keep that mystery or mark of love always before the people of the parish. Thus, churches are sometimes called after the Precious Blood, the Assumption, or, as in our own case, Epiphany. When a church is named in honor of some mystery or mark of divine love or divine object, the people are supposed to have great veneration and love for the mystery commemorated by the church's name: and the name of the mystery, is called the title of the church, and when the anniversary of the feast comes around, it is called the **titular feast**.

Epiphany Catholic Church

PARISH LIFE



The Roman Catholic
Archdiocese of Washington

2024 Wedding Anniversary Mass to Celebrate the Vocation of Marriage

This year Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala will celebrate the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to honor the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, February 10, 2024, 10:00 a.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

This Annual Mass is a celebration of the living vocation of all couples who provide a Catholic witness to the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony. **Couples must register with the parish office by Saturday, January 27, 2024** to attend the Mass and/or receive a certificate from Cardinal Wilton Gregory in honor of their anniversary year.

2023 Charitable Donations

You can request a copy of your 2023 contributions to be sent to you in the mail at the end of January. Please note that the parish office keeps a record of your contributions as long as you indicate your name and address on any correspondence and envelopes.

Thank you for your generosity and ongoing support of our parish.

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION



*The maintenance collection
THIS weekend, January 6/7
will benefit routine maintenance
and necessary repairs.*

Please give generously to support the upkeep and preservation of our beautiful and historic Church.



Eucharistic Adoration

Our next Holy Hour will be on
Wednesday, January 10
from 5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

EPIPHANY CATHOLIC CHURCH MEMORIAL GARDEN FUNDRAISER



Epiphany Catholic Church is selling commemorative, laser-engraved bricks, which will form a **Memorial Garden** in the front yard of the rectory before the statue of the Blessed Mother. Each 4"x8" brick can accommodate 3 lines of English, Korean, or Lithuanian text, limited to 18 characters per line (including spaces and punctuation).

Bricks are only available for purchase on our website:
www.georgetownepiphany.org

The purchase form is located under the "Events & News" tab. Payment is by electronic check – no credit cards.

The prices are 1 brick for \$300 or 2 bricks for \$500.

Please consider making a generous donation in memory of someone important in your life.

Order yours today!

Epiphany Catholic Church

PARISH LIFE

Volunteers needed!

Next year, 2025, Epiphany Catholic Church will celebrate its **centenary**. We want to celebrate this historical step in the life of our parish with both spiritual and social events that will bring not only our parishioners, but also our neighbors and people in Georgetown together. In order to plan for this great anniversary we recently formed a **“Parish’s 100th Anniversary Committee.”**

We are looking for parishioners who want to help us organizing this great event.

If you are interested please call or email our parish office!

Collections

December 31 Offertory Collection: \$6973

Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$4792

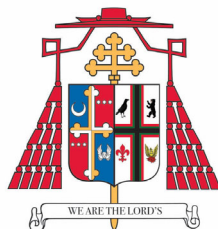
Thank you for your continued support and generosity!



Cardinal's Visit

His Eminence Wilton Cardinal Gregory will be visiting our parish.

He will come and celebrate Mass with us on Sunday, January 14, at 10:30 a.m.



We invite everyone to come join this Mass.

Wherever the bishop appears, there let the people be; as wherever Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church.
(Saint Ignatius of Antioch)



Second Collection THIS Weekend

Our parish will take up the **Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS)**, this weekend, a collection approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to be taken every three years. The AMS provides pastoral care to Catholic men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, being treated as a patient at any of the 153 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, or who work for the federal government beyond U.S. borders - including those from our own parish and diocese. The AMS does not receive any funding from the government or military, and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. To learn more about the AMS, go to www.milarch.org/nationalcollection.

Are you registered at our parish?

By registering at a parish, you are declaring your desire to be part of a Catholic faith community. If you have recently moved to the area or if you are a long-time resident but haven't registered yet, please consider registering at Epiphany Catholic Church via our homepage <https://georgetownepiphany.org/registration> or call the parish office: 202-965-1610

Registration enables us to get to know you better, to welcome you and to minister to you.

This is especially important during a time of crisis so that the pastoral staff can attend to your spiritual needs and the needs of your family.

[본당 주보 축일 주님 공현 대축일, 합동 미사 봉헌합니다]

◎ 본당 주보 축일 미사 오늘 “주님공현 대축일”

본당 주보 축일 합동 미사 후에 친교 시간이 있습니다. 푸짐한 음식을 준비해주신 모든 분들께 감사드립니다. 한인 공동체를 대신해 음식을 장만해주신 성모회에 감사합니다.

◎ 본당 운영 2차 현금 오늘은 본당 운영을 위한

유지비 지출 및 보수를 위한 2차 현금이 있습니다. 많은 후원 바랍니다.

◎ 합동미사 안내 1월 14일(주일)에는 워싱턴

대교구 교구장이신 월튼 그레고리 추기경님께서 본당을 방문하셔서 미사를 집전하십니다. 이날 아침 9시 미사는 없고, 10시 30분에 합동 미사를 봉헌하오니 착오 없으시기 바랍니다. 많은 참례 바랍니다.

◎ 어린이 전례 안내 1월 21일(주일)에 어린이

전례가 있습니다. 전례 봉사에 관심 있는 학생들은 강지은 프란체스카 선생님께 1월 14일까지 연락 주시기 바랍니다.

- * 전례 봉사 - 독서자 2명, 신자들의 기도 1~4명
(첫영성체 모신 3학년-10학년 학생)
- 제물봉헌 2명 (세례 받은 6세 이상 학생)

◎ 성가대 단원 모집 안내 미사 전례를 아름답고

은혜롭게 해주시는 성가대 단원을 모집합니다. 성가대 활동에 관심있는 분들은 김 아델라 단장님께 연락주시기 바랍니다.

◎ 매일미사 신청 2024년 1~12월 매일미사 신청 받습니다.

다. 1년에 \$80(한권에 \$7)입니다. 신청 바랍니다.



◎ 금주의 미사 지향

< 생미사 >

- * 최영구 / 봉헌: 최영화 에렘베르타, 강지은 프란체스카
- * 한원섭 가족 / 봉헌: 한 크리스티나
- * 김 마리아

< 연미사 >

- * 한동호 요셉 / 봉헌: 한 크리스티나
- * 연옥영혼 / 봉헌: 이 안나, 나 다이애나

◎ 성인 예비자 교리반/주일학교 휴강 예비자 교리반과 주일학교가 1월 21일에 개강합니다.

◎ Memorial Garden 본당 성모상 주변에 조성되어 있는 “기념 정원” 신청 받습니다. 기념 정원 벽돌은 (크기는 4"×8") 한글이나 영어로 세줄을 넣을 수 있습니다 (한 줄에 띄어쓰기와 부호를 포함 18자). 벽돌 하나의 가격은 \$300이고, 2개는 \$500입니다. 기념 정원 신청은 본당 웹사이트(www.georgetownepiphany.org)에서만 가능합니다. 본당 기금 마련을 위한 기념 정원에 많은 신청 바랍니다.

◎ 대림/성탄 시기 자선 안내 주님 공현 대축일을 준비하며 대림시기와 성탄 시기에 St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families에 기증품을 모아 전달하고자 합니다. 어린이들과 청소년, 어려운 가족들을 위한 물품을 오늘 1월 7일(주님 공현 대축일)까지 성당에 가져오시면 전달하겠습니다. 필요한 물품은 아래와 같고, 물품은 새것으로 준비해 주시기 바랍니다.

Diapers (Size 5 & 6), Similae(regular and sensitive formula), Baby food(fruits and vegetables), Baby bottles and bottle warmers, Baby wipes and baby wash, Bibs and clothing, Car seats and strollers, Cribs and bassinets, Developmental Toys for young children (washable and easy to sanitize), Gift cards (Safeway, CVS, Target, Walmart, Amazon, Home Depot)

	1월 7일(주일)	1월 14일(주일)	우리들의 정성	교황님의 1월 기도 지향
독서자	주님 공현 축일 합동미사 오전 10시 30분	교구장 방문 합동미사 오전 10시 30분	12월 31일 (9시 미사) \$1,630.00 감사드립니다.	교회 내 다양성의 선물 성령께서 우리를 도와주시어, 우리가 그리스도인 공동체 안에서 여러가지 은사의 선물을 깨닫고 가톨릭 교회 안에서 전통과 예법의 풍요로움을 발견하도록 기도합시다.
복사				
친교				

[성지에서 만나는 성경 말씀] 별을 따라간 동방 박사

베들레헴에는 ‘예수 탄생 성당’이 있습니다. 4세기 콘스탄티누스 대제의 어머니 성녀 헬레나가 짓고 6세기 유스티니아누스 황제가 재건한 곳입니다. 전쟁 많은 이스라엘에서 이 성당이 보존될 수 있었던 건 ‘동방 박사와 아기 예수’ 성화 덕분입니다. 7세기 페르시아가 침공했을 때 성화 속 동방 박사들이 페르시아 복장을 한 걸 보고, 자기들과 무슨 관계가 있다고 생각해 무너뜨리지 않은 것입니다. 예수님의 탄생지가 의외의 이유로 보존된 게 한편의 드라마 같지요. 어찌 보면 멀리서 메시아를 알아본 동방 박사들이 죽어서도 탄생지를 보호해준 셈입니다.

성경에서 “동방”은 이스라엘 기준으로 동쪽, 곧 메소포타미아를 가리킵니다. 동방 박사는 페르시아 전통 종교인 조로아스터교의 사제 계층으로 추정되는데요, 조언자로서 임금을 섬겼다고 합니다. 조로아스터는 니체의 책으로도 유명한 ‘짜라투스트라’이지요. 동방 박사를 뜻하는 페르시아어 ‘마구쉬’는 그리스어 ‘마고스’와 라틴어 ‘마구스’를 거쳐 ‘매직’이라는 영단어로 발전합니다. 동방 박사는 별의 움직임으로 시대의 흐름을 읽던 점성술사였습니다. 그들은 주변의 정치, 다시 말해 주변국 임금의 즉위와 몰락에 관심이 많았다고 합니다. 성경에서는 대부분 점성술사가 긍정적으로 나타나지 않지만, 하느님께서는 당신 뜻을 이루시기 위하여 이방의 임금도 도구로 쓰시고(예레 25,9) 때로는 이방의 점술로 사실을 말하게 하십니다(예제 21,26-28). 동방 박사들은 별을 따라 예루살렘까지 왔다가(마태 2,1) 헤로데의 왕실에서 조언을 듣고 베들레헴으로 갑니다(6절). 헤로데는 다시 돌아와 달라고 했지만 그렇게 하지 않지요(12절).

우리는 동방 박사를 세 명으로 보지만, 사실 마태오 복음에는 몇 명인지 안 나옵니다. 세 명으로 본 까닭은 그들이 바친 선물이 셋이라는 데 있습니다. 교부들은 세 선물 가운데 ‘몰약’에서는 예수님의 죽음을, 제사에 쓰이는 ‘유황’에서는 예수님의 신성을, ‘금’에서는 왕권을 떠올렸습니다.



별을 따라 아기 예수님을 찾아온 동방 박사들은 솔로몬의 명성을 듣고 찾아온 스바 여왕(1열왕 10장)도 떠올리게 합니다. 그도 향료와 금과 보석을 선물로 가져왔지요. 마태오 복음은 다윗의 후손 예수님과 다윗의 아들 솔로몬 사이의 공통점을 부각하려 한 것 같습니다. 또한 솔로몬(히브리어로 ‘של로모’)과 평화를 뜻하는 ‘shalom’은 어근이 같은데, 아기 예수님은 “평화의 군왕”(이사 9,5)으로서 솔로몬을 능가하여 평화를 확립할 메시아시라는 사실과 연결됩니다. 통상 임금에게는 무릎을 꿇으며 예를 표하듯이(1사무 24,9; 1열왕 1,16) 동방 박사들도 아기 예수님께 그렇게 하는데요, 바로 예수 탄생 성당의 제대가 그 자리였습니다. (사진 참조)

[주님 세례 축일] 2024년 1월 8일

우리는 예수께서 요르단 강에서 요한에게 세례를 받으신 것을 기념하면서 하느님께서 구원의(하늘이 열리는) 새 시대를 시작하셨다는 사실에 주의를 돌린다.

예수께서는 비둘기의 상징으로 성령에 따른 하느님의 새 백성을 대표하신다. 그리고 하늘에서 들려온 목소리는 예수님이 예언자들에 의해 예언된 바로 그 주님의 종이사라는 사실을 증언한다. 예수께서 세례를 받으심으로써 성사적 세례가 제정되었다는 것이 전통적 믿음이다. 물이 그리스도의 몸과 접촉하여 거룩하게 하는 능력을 받았기 때문이다. 그분의 세례는 그리스도교 세례의 원형이 되어 성사를 통해 각 그리스도인은 성령을 받아 하느님의 자녀가 되므로 아버지를 기쁘시게 해 드린다. 성탄 시기는 주님 세례 축일로 끝난다.

www.catholic.or.kr



임금을 섬기던 그들이 초라한 아기에게 무릎을 꿇었다는 것은 보이는 게 전부가 아니라는 사실을 알았다는 의미입니다. 세속적인 처세술에 따르면 헤로데에게 돌아가 예를 표하는 게 더 이익이었을 것입니다. 하지만 진리 탐구를 중시한 동방 박사들이었기에 세상의 기준을 따르지 않았고, 이런 그들이었기 때문인지 결국 이스라엘 백성보다도 먼저 메시아를 만나는 기쁨을 누릴 수 있었습니다. 멀리서 구세주를 알아보고 찾아온 동방 박사들은 이후 예수님을 구세주로 받아들일 이방인들의 예표가 되어줍니다.

★ 김영숙 소피아 - 예루살렘 히브리대학교 구약학과에서 공부하여 석사학위와 박사학위를 받았다. 현재 한남성서연구소 수석연구원으로 일하며, 수도자 신학원 등에서 구약학을 강의하고 있다. 저서로는 <예제키멜서>와 <예레미야서 1-25장>, <예레미야서 26-52장>이 있다.

[2022년 1월 2일 주님 공현 대축일, 의정부주보 6면, 김영숙 소피아]



Parish Giving is our online giving solution.

SIMPLICITY

Go to our parish website and click on the Parish Giving logo to register or log in.
In addition to recurring contributions, donations can be made as a one-time or an unplanned gift.

SECURITY

Security is our top priority - sensitive account information is not stored and is never shared with a third party.

CONVENIENCE

Online giving provides the account holder the ability to have Sunday be about our faith.
If sickness, travel or weather prevents attendance, your contributions will continue uninterrupted from your bank account or credit/debit card.

PARISH BENEFITS

Our parish will see a substantial increase in stewardship while reducing administrative costs. In addition to regular online giving contributions, you can also donate by any amount at any time by any means.

EASY RECORD KEEPING

24/7 account access to view and print your online giving contributions.



A DIVISION OF JOHN PATRICK PUBLISHING, LLC

PHONE: 1.866.307.7140



eMAIL: info@parishgiving.org



account. SOLUTION.

WEB: www.paritygiving.org