



THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

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

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Holy Eucharist

Mon– Tue / Fri - 8.30 am in Holy Cross Church
First Saturday of month - 8.30 am in Holy Cross Church
Thursday - 6.30 pm in Holy Cross Church
Saturday vigil Mass - 4.30 pm in Holy Cross Church
Sunday morning mass - 11.00 am in Holy Cross Church
Sunday morning mass - 08.30 am in St. Patrick Church

Confession - Saturday 4.00-4.30 pm in Holy Cross Church

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Stewardship

Dec, 25, 2018

Candle Money	\$ 25.00
Christmas Collection	\$ 4565.00

Dec ,30, 2018

Candle money	\$ 50.00
Poor Box	\$ 40.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 990.00

Thank you all for your generosity !!!

May almighty God bless you in this new year with all his blessings and grace, keep you under his divine protection and lead you light.

Gifts for the king

On this day we encounter the Magi coming from the East to worship the baby Jesus. Magi were originally part of the Median or Persian priestly class, and later this term came to be used more broadly to refer to people who had some sort of mystic abilities. From a distant land in the East, the Magi in today's Gospel reading see a great star in the sky, which in ancient times signified the birth of a great ruler. They follow the star in search of this new king in Israel, and their journey takes them to the town of Bethlehem. Matthew tells us that they prostrate themselves before the child Jesus. This is a significant detail in the story because these Magi were important men, probably serving in royal courts back in the East. And yet these foreigners bow down to worship a baby in Israel. The Church Fathers recognized that this scene shows how the child who came to be the king of Israel was also the king of the whole world. Another interesting detail from today's reading is that the Magi bring the new king Jesus three gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gold is a fitting gift for a king, and points to Jesus as the true king. Frankincense was a perfume used as incense in worship, and so it points to Christ's divinity. Since myrrh was an expensive spice used in burial, this gift points to Christ's mortality and tells us that this king one day will die. What can this mean for our lives? As we approach Jesus on this day of Epiphany—and on every day—we want to approach him in great reverence as our Lord and our King. Like the Magi we bow down before him as our king, we recognize his divinity and worship him, and we bring the gift of self-sacrifice, just as the Magi offered him myrrh.

THE SALVATION OF THE GENTILES

The feast of the Epiphany is an important feast in the Church because it is when Jesus first is made manifest as the savior of all nations. The magi coming from the East to pay homage to Jesus highlights how the salvation Christ offers is for all the nations and how it fulfills God's promise to Abraham that he would be that Father of all nations. Below is a beautiful reflection on this theme by Pope St. Leo the Great (d.461). "As Isaiah prophesied: the people of the Gentiles, who sat in darkness, have seen a great light, and for those who dwelt in the region of the shadow of death a light has dawned. He spoke of them to the Lord: The Gentiles, who do not know you, will invoke you, and the peoples, who knew you not, will take refuge in you. This is the day that Abraham saw, and rejoiced to see, when he knew that the sons born of his faith would be blessed in his seed, that is, in Christ. Believing that he would be the father of the nations, he looked into the future, giving glory to God, in full awareness that God is able to do what he has promised. This is the day that David prophesied in the psalms, when he said: All the nations that you have brought into being will come and fall down in adoration in your presence, Lord, and glorify your name. Again, the Lord has made known his salvation; in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. This came to be fulfilled, as we know, from the time when the star beckoned the three wise men out of their distant country and led them to recognize and adore the King of heaven and earth. The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ." —Sermo 3 in Epiphania Domini, 1-3. 5: PL 54, 240-244

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Jan 05th 2018- Jan 13th 2019

Jan 05th– Sat— Weekday

04.30 pm -

Jan 06th – The Epiphany of the Lord

8.30am -

11.00 am -

Jan 07th Mon—Christmas Weekday

8.30 am -

Jan 08th– Christmas weekday

8.30 am -

Jan 09th - Wed– Christmas Weekday

No mass

Jan 10 - Thu– Christmas Weekday

6.30pm -

Jan 11th– Christmas Weekday

8.30 am -

Jan 12th– Sat— Christmas Weekday

04.30 pm -

Jan 13th – The Baptism of the Lord

8.30am -

11.00 am -

Bible Study

From this week on, we will resume our bible study and so all of you are invited to participate in this to deepen our knowledge with holy Scripture and do part in better preparation for our upcoming Sunday liturgy. On every Monday at 11.00 am, we will meet in Rectory. See you all there!!!!

“In the context of the ‘great mystery’ of Christ and of the Church, all are called to respond—as a bride—with the gift of their lives to the inexpressible gift of the love of Christ, who alone, as the Redeemer of the world, is the Church’s Bridegroom.” —Pope St. John Paul II

Jan, 06th, 2019

With peace and Love

Fr Joseph Raj MMI, John Kennedy MMI & Dn. John Lyttle

Prayer Requests

J. Gottesmann, T. Capuano, , H. Rieger, K. Eschenberg, J. Feeley, R. Knack, Ron Rhodes JR, Dan Buddenhagen, Brenda Long, Mary Ann, Eileem Ohman, , Madeleine Wootan, Olga Viruet .

CENTERING PRAYER SEMINAR

“We may think of prayer as thoughts or feelings expressed in words, but this is only one expression.

Prayer is the opening of mind and heart – our whole being to God. Through faith we open our awareness to God whom we know by faith is within us.” -Fr. Thomas Keating

Sunday, January 20th from 2 – 4 PM at St. George in Jeffersonville Centering Prayer is a silent meditation that encourages deeper openness to God. This introductory session will include times of practice and explanation. The session will be directed by Sister Peggy Murphy, a Dominican Sister and Professor of Religious Studies at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh.

The secret of JOY

J - Jesus ; Place Jesus at first and place him as your priority

O - Others; brothers, sisters, neighbors and people in need.

Y– You; Place yourself at the end.

The heavens are shining with the clear beauty of the stars, O Lord, and the very earth is made beautiful by a shining light, because thou didst vouchsafe to appear to the world from out thy holy dwelling place. Remove, therefore, from our hearts all sadness, for unto this end art thou come, that thou mayest make all things new. Grant also that light unto our eyes which may purify us and fit us to behold thee forever; that thus we who preach to the nations the glad joys of thy Apparition, may be made glad with thee in infinite joy. Amen. —Epiphany prayer from the Mozarabic Breviary (an early breviary used in Spain). **Resolution:** The Magi brought the precious and significant gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to offer to Jesus. What gift can you give King Jesus this week? Perhaps you give him “gold” in the sense of accepting him as King in your life by living more according to his will? Or maybe you give him more “frankincense” in the sense of dedicating more time for prayer. Or you might want to offer him more “myrrh” in the sense of making sacrifices to serve others or uniting to him more in a particular suffering you are experiencing. In prayer with the Lord, choose one specific gift you could give to Jesus this week, and ask for the grace to carry out this resolution.