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## WEEKLY PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2021

- SUN 1/03** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- MON 1/04** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- TUE 1/05** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
- WED 1/06** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
- THR 1/07** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
- FRI 1/08** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
- SAT 1/09** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
- SUN 1/10** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2021

- Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week
- Monday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
- Tuesday:** St. John Neumann, Bishop
- Wednesday:** St. André Bessette, Religious
- Thursday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
- Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord

### LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Even the slightest flicker of a light helps to properly orient us when we find ourselves in total darkness. Being in darkness can be unsettling and even a bit unnerving. We lose our focus and struggle to find our bearings and achieve balance. On life's journey we may think we are walking in the light but are really lingering in darkness. We do not see the full picture, either because we are distracted, disinterested, or even apprehensive. Sometimes, we even choose to close our eyes when the light is readily available to illuminate our path. Do we really desire to know the truth of who we are? In Jesus Christ, a light has been given to those who dwell in darkness. God's revelation gives us the light to see where we come from, who we are and where we are going. It also tells us that this Good News is not meant for just a privileged few but is intended to go out to all the world. Is this something we want to see?



**SAINT  
 ELIZABETH  
 ANN SETON**

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*Oh Come,  
 Let Us  
 Adore  
 Him*

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We will be remembering a very special lady, Evelyn Schima, Wednesday, January 6, during the daily Rosary at 4:00pm and Mass at 4:30pm

**COMMUNION**  
 (drive-thru under the porch at the Family Center)  
 Saturday, January 2 from 5:20 to 5:30 pm  
 Sunday, January 3 from 9:50 to 10:00 am

**NEW YEAR GATHERING**  
 Join us after Mass  
 Sunday, January 10, 2021  
 Coffee & Cake, Family Center  
 provided by Our Lady of the Pines

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### RELIGIOUS ARTICLES



Open on Sundays  
 for a few minutes  
 after Mass.



**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

Merle Kucera, Jerry Dean, Carl Pope; Karen Fortenberry, Doretta Fortenberry, Polly Vohsen, Billy Mack, Hill Fortenberry, Margie Lunsford, Dave Henderson, Lois Henderson; Bridgette Snider Rutherford, Troy Lange, Maureen Peltier, Connie McDowell, Ted Koch, Wayne Norton, Linda Dipuccio, Shirley Anderson, Fr. Frank Rossi, the unemployed, those in financial crisis, those seeking employment, those in need of food and shelter

*Homebound/Nursing Home:* Mary Goodwine, Agnes Smith, Audrey Douzant, Lucille Muzny, Mirley Trahan, Merle Kucera, Evelyn Sienkiewicz, Leola Kimball, Jeannette Borque

*Rest of the soul:* Evelyn Schima, James Hauck; Victor Sambrano

*Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. Names written in the Prayer Book in the vestibule of the church will be offered as daily Mass intentions.*

### PRAYER SUPPORT FOR OUR PASTOR

Let's join together during this time by praying the Rosary and the Memorare daily at 4:00pm.

### January 4—January 10

- Tuesday:** Altar Society Meeting - 1:00pm
- Wednesday:** Rosary - 4:00pm In Memory of Evelyn Schima  
 Mass - 4:30pm
- Thursday:** Communion Service - 4:00pm followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Friday:** Stations of the Cross - 5:00pm followed by Communion Service
- Saturday:** Vigil Mass - 4:30pm  
 Spanish Mass - 6:30pm
- Sunday:** Mass - 9:00am  
 Coffee & Cake after Mass

### WE NEED YOUR HELP

If you are the last person to leave one of the buildings please be sure that the doors are closed securely and locked.

### GOSPEL MEDITATION —The Epiphany of the Lord

"Where is that thing?" mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. "I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!" Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, "Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear." The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God's tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God's salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God's healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

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