

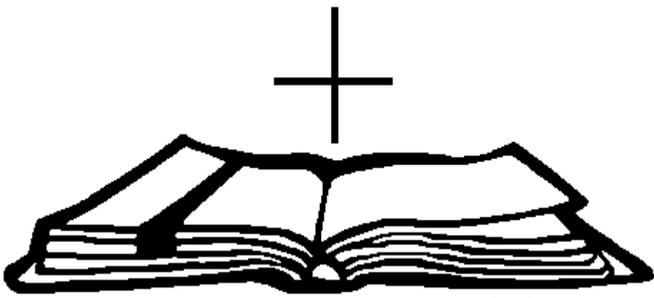
**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 8, 2023**

Abandon yourself utterly for the love of God, and in this way you will become truly happy.

ALL SHARE IN THE PROMISE

Picture a nativity scene in your mind's eye. The scene likely includes figures arriving on camels, some elaborately dressed, with jeweled boxes containing precious gifts. These magi arrived from distant lands to pay homage to the Christ Child. We know little about the magi, but we do know that these visitors were not Jews. They represent people of all nations who will be drawn to the Lord. "Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance." The Good News of Jesus cannot be limited to one people; all share in the promise of God's mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mass Intentions



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- Sat., Jan. 07, 8:00 a.m.** Allen Armstrong (L)
Sat., Jan. 07, 4:30 p.m. Dennis McCloskey, Louis Perschall Sr., Kirsten Ziifle, Yvette Barbazon **and for the living:** Karge Family, Amanda Carlin, and Ed Carlin
Sun., Jan. 08, 7:30 a.m. Margaret Mary Mulé, Carol Pieri, Yolanda Bourgeois, Paul Bosworth., Yvette Barbazon, **and for the Living:** Eliza Carlin and All Parishioners
Sun., Jan. 08, 9:15 a.m. Elizabeth Jeffers, Hue Tran, **and for the living:** Jennifer Moore Maggio, Michael Holoway and Deacon Jay and Maggie Zimmer
Sun., Jan. 08, 11:00 a.m. Joseph Legnon, Paul Landry, **and for the living:** Deacon Jeff and Jeanelle Stein
Mon., Jan. 09, 8:00 a.m. Katherine Stahel
Tues., Jan. 10, 8:00 a.m. NO MASS
Wed., Jan. 11, 8:00 a.m. Fr. Vincent Phan (L)
Thurs., Jan. 12, 8:00 a.m. Catherine A. Mulé
Fri., Jan. 13, 8:00 a.m. Hazel Dupre (L)

PRAYER LIST

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| Chuck Armstrong | Rhonda Taylor |
| John DeSilva | Jess Ketchum |
| Chad Danenhower | Sarah Danenhower |
| Sean Garlick | Tuck Tucker |
| Terry Saux | Chico Mathes |
| Carol Tucker | Joe Billiot |
| Br. Ray Bulliard | Jennifer Moore Maggio |
| Roger Bourgeois | |



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Loose	\$ 3,215.00
E-giving	\$ 455.00
Building and Preservation Fund	\$ 2,134.00

Thank you to all for the continued contributions. If you wish to give online, please go to:
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohnfolsom>.

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

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| Sanctuary | Earline York |
| Blessed Mother | Joy Guidry |
| St. Joseph | Fr. Vincent Phan |
| St. Anne | Gary Joseph Treuil |

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7-day candle, please call 796-3806.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Due to the envelope companies' distributions issues, we have not received our boxes of 2023 Collection Envelopes yet. To ensure your family receives the correct contributions, please, you can write a check with your envelope number or place your check or cash in a plain envelope with your number or family name on the front of envelopes. As soon as they arrive, we will make them available for you in church. Sorry for the inconvenience.

We welcome all newcomers to St. John's Church and invite you to register as members of our parish family. Please complete a "New Parishioner form" located in the back of church and drop it in the collection basket. A member of St. John's Church will contact you to assist you with registration.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Please join us for Coffee and Donuts this Sunday, after the 7:30 and 9:15 a.m. Mass in Jonathan Hall.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Please join us next Sunday, January 15th at 12:00 noon in Jonathan Hall for a luncheon to celebrate Fr. Vincent's Birthday. **Happy Birthday Fr. Vincent!**

THANK YOU

The Outreach Ministry would like to thank all the children of St. John's who made Christmas cards for the seniors in our community and for the Christmas baskets. They were deeply appreciated and loved by all who received one. God bless you!

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This week Christmas Day is observed in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 b.c. Julius Caesar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

REMINDERS

- First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- Weekly Wednesday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
- First Friday Adoration and Benediction, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- Men's Study Group, Jonathan Hall, Thursday's, 6:30 p.m.
- Knights of Columbus meeting, 2nd Thursdays., at 7 p.m. in Jonathan Hall
- Wednesday Evening Adoration, in Church from 6-8 p.m.
- PSR Classes, twice a month on Mondays, 6:15 p.m. in Jonathan Hall

Our 9th and 10th grade Parish School of Religion meets every Sunday at 12:15 p.m. after 11:00 a.m. Mass. This Sunday, January 8th, we will meet for our fellowship dinner with our parents and students.

Our Church history class will meet on Monday, January 9th at 9:00 a.m. in Jonathan Hall. As we transition from the time period, "Protestors and Defenders," to the "Catholic Reformation," we will view and discuss a video on Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Our Bible study group will meet on Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00 p.m. in Jonathan Hall. We will discuss chapters 20-36 of Numbers.

On the second Sunday of every month, our youth Bible study meets at 5:00 p.m. in Jonathan Hall. Our next meeting is this Sunday, January 8th. The assignment for the meeting is to read Numbers, the fourth book of the Bible.

On the last Sunday of every month, we have a youth Mass at 11:00 a.m. and our Catch Fire Youth Group meets at 5:00 p.m. in Jonathan Hall. Our next youth Mass and Catch Fire meeting is on January 29th.