

## Feast of the Epiphany January 8, 2023

### *Liturgy of the Word*

#### **First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6**

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

**The Word of the Lord. . . Thanks be to God!**

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

#### **Psalm 67**

#### **Response:**

#### **Lord, Every nation on earth shall adore you!**

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment. R.

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. R.

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him. R.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save. R.

#### **Second Reading: Ephesians 2: 2-6**

Brothers and sisters:

You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation.

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 co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

**The Word of the Lord. . . Thanks be to God!**

**We Three Kings of Orient are. . .**



**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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#### **Gospel**

#### **Matthew 2: 1-12**

**(young people of the parish assisting)**

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,



in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?"

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance.

He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage."

After their audience with the king they set out.

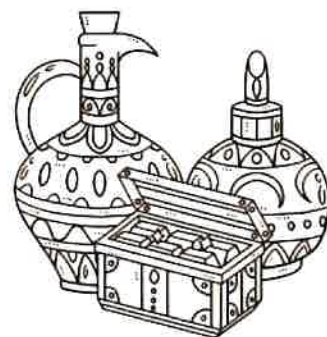
And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

**The Gospel of the Lord. . . Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!**



### Mass Intentions

January 8th, Mr. Timothy Reed, on his birthday in heaven, at the request of her beloved sister, Mrs. Norma Townsend.

January 15th, Mrs. Kathy Burundi

January 22nd, mass offered for Mr. Randel Dorsey on the 32nd anniversary of his passing. Requested by Mrs. Gloria Smith-Dorsey.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord and let your perpetual light shine upon them, may their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen

### Children's Liturgy Word

The celebration of the Children's Liturgy of the Word is today Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023. All children 5yrs of age and older are invited to participate.

### Leadership Team Meeting

The Leadership Team will meet is today, Sunday, January 8th, after mass in the St. Augustine room

### MLK Jr. Peace Walk



St. Bernardine Parish invites you to the annual MLK Jr. Peace Service and Walk (weather permitting), Monday, January 16th, Noon. All are welcome!

### Josephite Calendar available

The calendars were placed in the bulletin a few weeks ago, if you would like one extras are on the info table, please see a Minister of Hospitality.

### Christmas Raffle Winners

Six of the seven prizes were claimed but the 3rd prize for the Nativity scene, ticket number 37723 has still not been claimed so check your tickets. Thanks again to all who supported the raffle. The proceeds will assist the Oblate Sisters

### Mass Intentions

The 2023 mass book has arrived. If you would like to have a mass offered for a loved one please contact Barbara ASAP to book your requests. Be mindful with only one mass usually celebrated a week the opportunities are few. PLEASE limit your requests to two or three masses. Thank you.



Ash Wednesday  
— Lent Begins

**Wednesday, February 22, 2023**  
**Ash Wednesday, Mass at 9am**



### Holy Hour for Peace

The next Holy Hour will be Sunday, January 15th, 2023 from 8:45 to 9:45am in the church. The hour will end with Rosary at 9:30am followed by benediction.

### Feast of St. Blaise

In anticipation of the Feast of Blaise which is Feb. 3rd, we will offer the Blessing of Throats before and after the 10am mass on January 28th.

### Candlemas Day

Feast of the Presentation

The Feast is this Thursday, Feb. 2nd, the tradition of blessing candles will happen on Sunday January 28th, after mass and candles will be available to take home.



### Thank you—Special Thanks

Fr. Paul and the other friars would like to thank everyone for all the cards and gifts over this Holiday Season. God Bless you and Thank you!

### FBI use of School Building

Fr. Paul has agreed to allow the school building to be used by the FBI for tactical training & procedures. These procedures will help them in future assaults on school buildings. They will begin on Tuesday, January 17th for a few months. The parish does not benefit other than making good use of the school for such training and future safety for children.



### Black History Month

Various activities are being planned for the month. The church will be decorated to celebrate the month. More info will be coming.

### End of the Christmas Season

With the end of the season Fr. Paul and the Liturgy committee would like to thank all our various ministries which helped make our celebrations here at St. Ambrose so beautiful. Well done!

### Tithe Update

Electronic Transfer for November: \$7,030.00  
Dec. 18th: \$4447.00  
Dec. 25th: \$3,182.00 CM: \$125.00



**Healing Prayer:** Mary Adderly, Helen Augins, Jean Bennett, Parrish Boyd, Karen Brown-Berkley, Annie Bruce, Renee Bruce, Al Butler, Anita Cole, Tonya Crowder, Eric Cullings, Dale Dyson, William Ford III, Eric Frazier, Sarah Gamble, JoAnn Glenn, Angela Johnson, Cornell (Nelson) Johnson, Josie Johnson, Joseph Jones, Sheila Leary-Smith, Charles Manns, III, Kimberly Merrill, Allan Noble, Rhonda Rumbra, Carl & Bernice Shrieves, Daniel Smith Sr., Veronica Spears, Sr. Helene Therese Stanislaus, OSP., Augustine & Archie Stith, Rosalita Stone, Gloria Tate, Ernest Thames, Jean Thomas, William Young, Sr., and Alice Zaborowski.