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The Epiphany of the Lord

Epiphany, also known as "Theophany" in Eastern Christian tradition, is a Christian feast day commemorating the visit of the Magi, the baptism of Jesus, and the wedding at Cana. In Western Chris-

tianity, the feast commemorates principally (but not solely) the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child, and thus Jesus Christ's physical manifestation to the Gentiles. It is sometimes called Three Kings' Day, and in some traditions celebrated as Little Christmas. The feast of the Epiphany, in some denominations, also initiates the liturgical season of Epiphanytide. Eastern Christians, on the other hand, commemorate the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, seen as his manifestation to the world as the Son of God. The spot marked by Al-Maghtas in Jordan, adjacent to Qasr al-Yahud in the West Bank, is considered to be the original site of the baptism of Jesus and the ministry of John the Baptist. The traditional date for the feast is January 6. However, since 1970, the celebration is held in some countries on the Sunday after January 1. Those Eastern Churches which are still following the Julian calendar observe the feast on what, according to the internationally used Gregorian calendar, is January 19, because of the current 13-day difference between the Julian and Gregorian calendars.



Epiphany Customs

Popular Epiphany customs include Epiphany singing, chalking the door, having one's house blessed, consuming Three Kings Cake, winter swimming, as well as attending church services. It is customary for Christians in many localities to remove their Christmas decorations on Epiphany Eve

(Twelfth Night), although those in other Christian countries historically remove them on Candlemas, the conclusion of Epiphanytide. According to the first tradition, those who fail to remember to remove their Christmas decorations on Epiphany Eve must leave them untouched until Candlemas, the second opportunity to remove them; failure to observe this custom is considered inauspicious. The Christian custom of chalking the door has a biblical precedent as the Israelites in the Old Testament marked their doors in order to be saved from death; likewise, **the Epiphanytide practice serves to protect Christian homes from evil spirits until the next Epiphany Day, at which time the custom is repeated.**



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God Isn't Asking You to Figure it Out? He's Asking you to Trust He Already Has.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton: January 04, 2024

Mother Seton is one of the keystones of the American Catholic Church. She founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. She opened the first American parish school and established the first American Catholic orphanage. All this she did in the span of 46 years while raising her five children. Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton is a true daughter of the American Revolution, born August 28, 1774, just two years before the Declaration of Independence. By birth and marriage, she was linked to the first families of New York and enjoyed the fruits of high society. Reared a staunch Episcopalian, she learned the value of prayer, Scripture and a nightly examination of conscience. Her father, Dr. Richard Bayley, did not have much use for churches but was a great humanitarian, teaching his daughter to love and serve others. The early deaths of her mother in 1777 and her baby sister in 1778 gave Elizabeth a feel for eternity and the temporariness of the pilgrim life on earth. Far from being brooding and sullen, she faced each new “holocaust,” as she put it, with hopeful cheerfulness. At 19, Elizabeth was the belle of New York and married a handsome, wealthy businessman, William Magee Seton. They had five children before his business failed and he died of tuberculosis. At 30, Elizabeth was widowed and penniless, with five small children to support. While in Italy with her dying husband, Elizabeth witnessed Catholicity in action through family friends. Three basic points led her to become a Catholic: belief in the Real Presence, devotion to the Blessed Mother and conviction that the Catholic Church led back to the apostles and to Christ. Many of her family and friends rejected her when she became a Catholic in March 1805. To support her children, she opened a school in Baltimore. From the beginning, her group followed the lines of a religious community, which was officially founded in 1809. The thousand or more letters of Mother Seton reveal the development of her spiritual life from ordinary goodness to heroic sanctity. She suffered great trials of sickness, misunderstanding, the death of loved ones (her husband and two young daughters) and the heartache of a wayward son. She died January 4, 1821, and became the first American-born citizen to be beatified (1963) and then canonized (1975). She is buried in Emmitsburg, Maryland.



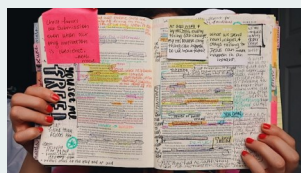
**Join us for
Bible Study
1st and 3rd Thursday
1:00 & 7:00 PM
Via ZOOM**

**1:00 pm Meeting
ID: 87233018319
Passcode: 689472**

**Contact:
Carolyn James
(323) 394-5441**

**7:00 pm Meeting
ID 811 5705 8134
Passcode: 6FuFf7**

**Contact:
Elsie Dixon
(310) 410-2962**



Why Celebrate the “Holy Name of Jesus”???



On January 03 we celebrate the “Holy Name of Jesus” WHY??? First, it is a “Name Reverenced by ALL”. By celebrating this feast, we seek to make amends for the irreverent use of God’s name and restore it to its proper dignity. St. Paul tells us, in his Letter to the Philippians, “at

the name of Jesus every knee should bend, / of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth” (2:10). The name of Jesus was first spoken by an angel and is the cause of adoration by the heavenly court. It is a name revered especially during the Mass, as the General Instruction of the Roman Missal instructs the priest to bow his head at the mention of Jesus’ name . It is the Name by “Which We Are Saved.” The angel tells St. Joseph to name the child Jesus because he will save us from our sins (see Mt 1:21). By His incarnation, God takes on a name indicating he comes to save us. Jesus becomes the source of our salvation. Since apostolic times, the name of Jesus has been preached and proclaimed. First, by the apostles as they sojourned on their missionary efforts and then by their successors who sought to evangelize; by various missionaries who brought the name of Jesus to the New World, and by teachers of the Faith who sought to combat heresy. We celebrate a feast in honor of Jesus’ “holy name” because it has been spoken throughout the world, and when proclaimed to those who have never heard His name, lives are changed. Many Have Died Pronouncing the Name of Christ. Those who have worked as missionaries to spread the name of Jesus have often suffered because of His name. In the beatitudes, Jesus foretold some would be persecuted for His sake (see Mt 5:10). It is possibly the most powerful word on the planet (or all planets).

To our VOLUNTEER HEROES: Thank you to the Ministries which, often out of necessity, continued throughout the Pandemic: Christian Service, Parish Office, our Handi-capables, and to all those who pitched in, helped out and generally supported our parish during this difficult time.

BE A COFFEE AND DONUTS HERO!
We need "Coffee and Donut Sponsors"
No Set Up, or Pick Up, Just Pay Up.
We will take care of the rest.

Whether you are a Couple, a Family, a Parish Ministry, a Local Business Owner, or a Service Organization. ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS: DONATE ALL OR PART OF THE (ONE TIME) WEEKLY COST TO THE CHURCH, WE TAKE CARE OF THE REST. FOR DETAILS CALL THE PARISH OFFICE at (323)293-4877 .



Congratulations to Our New Altar Servers: If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please see Deacon Jim after Mass or call the Parish Office at (323) 293-4877. If you have already completed training, please contact the Parish Office at the Phone# above to schedule your Alb fitting!

What is a "King Cake?" A sweet, circular pastry, cake, or bread which is the centerpiece of a historically Catholic celebration known as Epiphany (January 6.) Today it takes on many different forms and is found at a variety of similar celebrations with religious origins. Most Americans are likely familiar with Louisiana-style king cakes which consist of a cake-y bread dough twisted into a ring and decorated with colored icing and sprinkles. Variants can be made from cake batter or bread dough or pastry, but almost all versions are shaped into a circle or oval to mimic the appearance of a king's crown. Every king cake contains a trinket — often a small figurine in the shape of a baby — which plays a crucial part in the celebration of the holiday which inspired this pastry. Whomever finds the trinket in their slice of cake gets to be the "king" for a day.



The St Bernadette 2024 Men's Retreat January 26-28, 2024 This Year's Theme

"The Crucified One Lives! Finding Comfort in the Passion of Christ"
The Passion of Christ and sufferings of the members of His Body, the Church, form one mystery. This retreat will provide the opportunity to gain a deeper awareness and understanding of this mystery: The Passion of Christ and the sufferings of his Body- -member for member- -are one.



What are the 3 T's of Catholic Stewardship? As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10). What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly are one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to God.



LITURGY SCHEDULE
MONDAY,
JANUARY 08, 2024
TO SUNDAY,
JANUARY 14, 2024

Monday, Jan. 08, 2024

Baptism of the Lord

8:00 Communion Service

Live-Streamed and In-Person

Tuesday, Jan. 09, 2024

8:00 Communion Service

Live-Streamed and In-Person

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2024

8:00 am Mass

Live-Streamed and In-Person

Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024

8:00 am Mass

Live-Streamed and In-Person

Friday, Jan. 12, 2024

8:00 am Mass

Live-Streamed and In-Person

Saturday, Jan. 13, 2024

St Hilary Bishop and Doctor

3:00 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, Jan 14, 2024

10:00 am Mass

Coffee & Donuts

Sponsored by:

Parish Hall

Other Sacraments

(as Scheduled)

Mass Intentions

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***LOTW: Liturgy of the Word**

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TERESA CARPER

1 Corinthians 15:58

*Oh Lord, help every worker to
work wholeheartedly for the
church. Help them to remember
the work they do in the church is
not in vain as Your Word
declares Your work is never
wasted.*



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Mass Intentions: January 06 to January 12 2024

Saturday, January 06, 2024 at 4:00 pm

Deacon Emile and Anona Adams (RIP)

Sunday, January 07, 2024 at 10:00 am

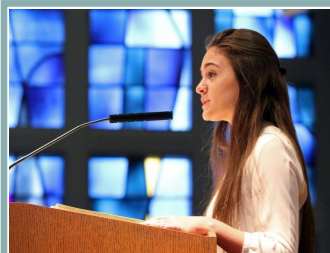
Oscar Moret (RIP)

Requesting a Mass Intention?

Contact the Parish Office (323) 293-4877

DID YOU KNOW? January 6-7 Engage with your adolescents and provide healthy guidance

During adolescence, young people require more parental engagement – rather than less. This is a time when they begin to experience the many facets of their personality and to test their parents as well as themselves. During this time, adolescents will try to do what is forbidden because it can be exciting to break the rules. Though our adolescents may push us away or disregard our rules and suggestions, they need our guidance—during this time more than ever. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Be aware of your adolescent’s peers and activities” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/. **Read the VIRTUS® article “Be aware of your adolescent’s peers and activities” <https://lacatholics.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Jan-6-7-Good-peers.pdf>**



We are Looking for Lectors Those who proclaim God’s word in the liturgy are known as Lectors. It is an ancient teaching in the Church, Christ is truly present in His Word: the Word is spoken, heard and acted upon. Answering the call to become a Lector, enters one into a deeper relationship with God as he is revealed in Sacred Scripture. To be Lector is a commitment of

service. The ministry of Lector is one of the most visible roles of service at Mass. It is through the Lector the Word of God is proclaimed to the people through the Old and New Testament readings. In the ministry of Lector, God’s Word is spoken to God’s people. If you are interested in joining our Lector Ministry Please Contact Lawrence Reney at lrtrojandado2@gmail.com or (213)999-4491 We especially need Lectors for the 4:00 PM Saturday Mass.

**Please submit Bulletin Articles and Pulpit Announcements
AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE.**

If you have questions?

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