

HOLY GHOST CHURCH PROVIDENCE, RI
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 2, 2022



Catechism of the Catholic Church 528: The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning toward the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs," and acquires *Israelitica dignitas* (are made "worthy of the heritage of Israel").

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan. 1 - Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

12:00 PM

Vocations to the Priesthood
and Religious Life

4:00 PM - Epiphany of the Lord

†Israel, Grace and Isaac Pflieger

Sunday, January 2 - Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 AM - English

Pro Populo

10:30 AM - Italian

Papa Francesco

12:00 PM - Spanish

†Rev. Joseph Santos

Monday, January 3

No Scheduled Mass

Tuesday, January 4

7:00 AM

†John and Alice Sharkey

Wednesday, January 5

7:00 AM

†Eleuterio and Anna Colantonio

Adoration 5:00-7:00 PM

Confessions from 6:00 PM

until Benediction

Thursday, January 6

7:00 AM

†Theresa Little

7:00 PM

†Giuseppina Cricco

Friday, January 7 -

7:00 AM

†Anthony J. Brosco

†Bernadette and Fred Brosco

Saturday, January 8

4:00 PM - Baptism of the Lord

†Philip Fazioli and Kevin Lang

Sunday, January 9 - Baptism of the Lord

9:00 AM - English

†William Souza

10:30 AM - Italian

Pro Populo

12:00 PM - Spanish

†Lucia Almeida

- * The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday from 3:00 PM until the beginning of the 4:00 PM Mass. It is also available on Wednesdays from 6:00 PM until Benediction, after morning daily Masses until 8:00 AM and at other times by request.
- * Baptisms are held each first Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM. Other times are possible by request.
- * Weddings should be scheduled a year in advance to account for different situations that may be present with the bride and groom that take time to work through. A wedding will not be truly scheduled until it is demonstrated that a couple is free to marry.



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The Offertory results will be delayed for the next few weeks because bulletins will have to be submitted earlier than usual.

Recently some money was found in the Church. We are not sure what it was for so if anyone has any information please call the rectory at (401) 421-3551

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - JANUARY 2

Collect

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favor, Lord, we pray, on these gifts of your Church, in which are offered now not gold or frankincense or myrrh, but he who by them is proclaimed, sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Prayer after Communion

Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord, always and everywhere, that we may perceive with clear sight and revere with true affection the mystery in which you have willed us to participate.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - JANUARY 9

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,

solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the offerings we have brought to honor the revealing of your beloved Son, so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son, we may be your children in name and in truth.

Through Christ our Lord.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM A SERMON PREACHED ON THE
EPIPHANY BY POPE ST. LEO THE GREAT

“The wise men from the East are typical fulfillments of God’s promise to Abraham. Now the manifestation of this unspeakable mercy, dearly-beloved, came to pass when Herod held the royal power in Judaea, where the legitimate succession of Kings having failed and the power of the High-priests having been overthrown, an alien-born had gained the sovereignty: that the rising of the true King might be attested by the voice of prophecy, which had said: “a prince shall not fail from Judah, nor a leader from his loins, until He come for whom it is reserved (Gen 49:10), and He shall be the expectation of the nations.” Concerning which an innumerable succession was once promised to the most blessed patriarch Abraham to be begotten not by fleshly seed but by fertile faith; and therefore it was compared to the stars in multitude that as father of all the nations he might hope not for an earthly but for a heavenly progeny.

And therefore, for the creating of the promised posterity, the heirs designated under the figure of the stars are awakened by the rising of a new star, that the ministrations of the heavens might do service in that wherein the witness of the heaven had been adduced. A star more brilliant than the other stars arouses wise men that dwell in the far East, and from the brightness of the wondrous light these men, not unskilled in observing such things, appreciate the importance of the sign: this doubtless being brought about in their hearts by Divine inspiration, in order that the mystery of so great a sight might not be hid from them, and, what was an unusual appearance to their eyes, might not be obscure to their minds. In a word they scrupulously set about their duty and provide themselves with such gifts that in worshipping the One they may at the same time show their belief in His threefold function: with gold they honor the Person of a King, with myrrh that of Man, with incense that of God.”

~Parish Membership Registration Form~

Family Name: _____

Complete Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Please List Registering Family Members Names, Relation and D.O.B.:

Name: _____ D.O.B. _____

Name: _____ D.O.B. _____

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Religious Education classes will resume this week of January 4 and 5.

May the Incarnate Lord, Christ the Teacher continue to form and guide His people into all truth.

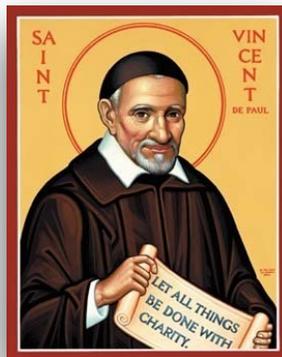
The Bulletin for this week had to be submitted very early. As a result some timely announcements may be missing.

Other Mass intentions may be added in the intervening time which is important to know especially for those of us who are homebound and depend on this bulletin for much of the information about the parish.

Please call or check our websites for any other announcements.



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society at Holy Ghost Church is continuing to run a food pantry and other services for those in need. Please visit us or call the rectory at (401) 421-3551.



The food pantry is open each Saturday from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. It is located at the back of the rectory.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Statement of Bishop Thomas J. Tobin on the New Mask Mandates in Rhode Island

December 15, 2021

As it has from the beginning of the pandemic, the Diocese of Providence will continue to cooperate fully with state directives regarding the response to the pandemic.

Accordingly, I encourage Catholics of the Diocese of Providence to follow state guidelines and to wear a mask whenever they are attending Holy Mass, and other church services or public programs.

At the same time, no individual should be turned away from Mass or singled out if they choose not to wear a mask. Such individuals may have good and substantive reasons for not doing so. In addition, in keeping with our approved policies, liturgical ministers (e.g. priests, deacons, ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, cantors, choir members) are not expected to wear masks while actively participating in the liturgy.

As I have done on multiple previous occasions, I strongly urge all Catholics of the Diocese of Providence (clergy, religious and laity) to receive approved vaccines as soon as they are eligible to do so. Being vaccinated is a commitment to the common good, an act of charity for our brothers and sisters, and an expression of our respect for the dignity of human life.

As we prepare to celebrate the special hope and joy of the Christmas Season, let us renew our fervent prayers that Almighty God will lift this terrible pandemic from our midst and will give healing, comfort and peace to all.

+Thomas J. Tobin
Bishop of Providence

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

- Classes have begun for students in grades K to 6th -Tuesdays, from 5:15-6:30 PM.
 - Confirmation Classes for Students in grades 7th to 12th - Wednesdays, from 6:00-7:30 PM.
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INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

We will follow what is chosen for the schools in the City of Providence. When the weather is bad enough for the City to cancel school or have an early dismissal we will not have classes that night. If you have any questions please call us or check our website and Facebook page.

This applies to Religious Education classes and not Masses and other Devotions unless specified.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

- Deacon Stephen Raymond is directing and teaching the classes.
 - They are held in the Church Hall after the 9:00 AM Mass on the following dates.

• October 17, 2021	November 14, 2021	December 12, 2021
• October 24, 2021	November 28, 2021	December 19, 2021
• October 31, 2021		
• January 9, 2022	February 13, 2022	March 12, 2022
• January 23, 2022	February 20, 2022	March 19, 2022
• January 30, 2022	February 27, 2022	March 26, 2022
 - RCIA will open for adults who are discerning a call from the Lord to enter in His Holy Catholic Church. Baptized adult Catholics in need of preparation for the sacraments of
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LITURGICAL TRAINING

- Training for servers, lectors, ushers and others will take place all together on the first Saturday of the month. It can also serve as general education and as more time for instruction for those in RCIA. Material for each session will be in the bulletin.
- Instruction will begin after the 4:00 Mass and last about an hour.

Cover Sheet

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