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Epiphany

January 8, 2023

*Is 60:1-6
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12*

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Thursday at 5:05 pm

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 9 am, 11:15 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday and Thursday - 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
or by appointment

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Congratulations!

Please call the office at least 4 months before
your planned wedding date.

WANT TO BE CATHOLIC?

Please contact Fr. Rich at
(865) 523-7931 or fr-rich@john23rd.org

The building and office will
be closed on **Monday,
January 16th** in observance
of Martin Luther King Day.
We hope you all have a safe
and happy holiday!

Thoughts on Today's Readings

The wise men were not locals who studied the stars and knew the Bible backwards and forward. They were from other cultures: maybe Persian, Egyptian, or Northern African. Usually our figures in the manger portray them that way. They were formed in the wisdom of their homelands, its religion, and its books of signs and prophecies. They read signs in the heavens which seemed so striking to them that they embarked on an uncertain journey.

Coming close to the sacred place, the stars they were following dimmed. They were forced to consult the king and his wise counselors. The scholars of the Talmud advised them while King Herod feared what they were seeking with talk of a royal birth. "Tell me more," he said, "Come back when you find this child!"

No one else packed their bags to visit this site. They gave the information to the three travelers and then went back to their ordinary lives. King Herod, protecting his power, was not so casual. He wanted the exact location and then he would act decisively with brutal soldiers.

Is it possible to have sure knowledge of the utmost importance and shrug it off? We've walked through Advent, Christmas, and the arrival of the New Year. The Holy Spirit dwells within us. What have you noticed during this time which spoke to you about God's promised presence? Was it outspoken John the Baptist, the messenger of peace in Isaiah? Gentle Joseph? The joyful shepherds? Patient and powerful Mary? Or the vulnerable Son of God? As we celebrate the arrival of the three Wise Pilgrims, let them bless you with the sweet and joyful truth of this season. He is really one of us, flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone. Amazing.



In Remembrance

As we remember Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, we'd like to offer an excerpt from his remarkable encyclical "*Spe Salvi*" (Saved in Hope):

"Rather, the philosopher was someone who knew how to teach the essential art: the art of being authentically human—the art of living and dying. To be sure, it had long since been realized that many of the people who went around pretending to be philosophers, teachers of life, were just charlatans who made money through their words, while having nothing to say about real life. All the more, then, the true philosopher who really did know how to point out the path of life was highly sought after. Towards the end of the third century, on the sarcophagus of a child in Rome, we find for the first time, in the context of the resurrection of Lazarus, the figure of Christ as the true philosopher, holding the Gospel in one hand and the philosopher's traveling staff in the other. With his staff, he conquers death; the Gospel brings the truth that itinerant philosophers had searched for in vain. In this image, which then became a common feature of sarcophagus art for a long time, we see clearly what both educated and simple people found in Christ: he tells us who man truly is and what a man must do in order to be truly human. He shows us the way, and this way is the truth. He himself is both the way and the truth, and therefore he is also the life which all of us are seeking. He also shows us the way beyond death; only someone able to do this is a true teacher of life."

Mardi Gras

This year's Mardi Gras party will be held on **Friday, February 10th!**

Tickets go on sale soon!

We are looking for some nice donations for our Silent Auction!

Please bring in any donations by **Monday, February 6th.**

Scripture Readings for the Week of January 8, 2023

Sunday

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6 ; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday

Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

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Insights and Awareness

Topic 61 -

From a Transgender Woman

What a lifelong transgender Catholic woman wants the Catholic Church to know about her life.

You can view this topic at:

<https://www.john23rd.org/insights>

(Sponsored by the Social Concerns Committee).



Thanks so much to everyone who participated
in our Christmas Pageant this year!

It was WONDEFUL!!!

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

January 9-15

Monday: 4:00 pm - Confessions
5:05 pm - Daily Mass
7:00 pm - Justice Knox Meeting

Tuesday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass
7:00 pm - RCIA

Wednesday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass

Thursday: 4:00 pm - Confessions
5:05 pm - Daily Mass

Friday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass

Saturday: 5:30 pm - Mass

Sunday: 9:00 am - Mass
11:15 am - Mass
12:30 pm - Social Concerns Meeting

Pope Francis' Prayer for January: For Educators

"We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all."

Prayer Requests

Let us pray for peace and justice throughout the world. Other prayers are needed for Jo Andrews, Vic Kaminsky, Erin Kirkpatrick, Scott Hernandez, Kylie Hemphill, Dominic Mackey, Chance Adams, Jeyden, Peg Hart, John Fox, Karen Pearson Rich, Connie Beeler, Christine Wade, Jerry Carney, V. J. D'Innocenzo and his family, Beth Long, the family of Mufide Rende, Ellen Wavrek, Emilian, Charles, Carlos, Michel, Fernando, Esteban, Sebastian, Margaret Dusichka, Diane Dusichka, Ray Bieniek, Geneva Stewart, Anna Platfoot, Brendan Barry, Ernst Edel, displaced tenants of Walker Springs Apartments, the Acheampong family, the Odoi family, the Bentil family, the Thompson family, the Deku family, Tom Mulligan, Tom Walsh, residents of Serene Manor, those serving in the military, and for any too reserved to let us know.

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Lector Schedule

January 14-15

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Sun. 9:00am Lee Campfield - Lindsay Walton
Sun. 11:15am John Long - Suzanne Lenhart

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