

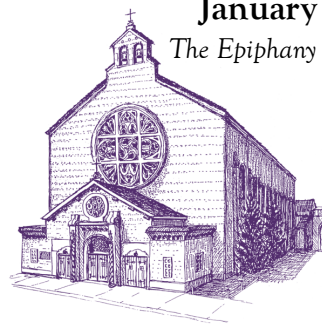
The weekly bulletin of  
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The Epiphany of the Lord



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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday**

4:00 pm (English)

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

**Sunday**

7:30 am (Vietnamese)

9:30 am (English)

11:30 am (Vietnamese)

1:30 pm (English)

9:00 am (English)

Blessed Stepinac Croatia Mission  
6346 N. Ridge Ave.

**Weekdays**

Monday-Saturday 8:00 am (Bilingual)

**RECTORY OFFICE**

Hours: Monday-Friday

9:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00-5:00 pm

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**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

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. - Mt 2:10-11

### The Epiphany of the Lord – Year C

This Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12, tells of three Magi from the East who followed a miraculous guiding star to Bethlehem, where they paid homage to the Newborn King. Their trust in the star, the divine sign, helped them to recognize the Savior of the world amidst such humble surroundings, enabled them to worship a baby in a poor and humble family. Indeed, the Savior they longed to meet was a child in swaddling clothes in a manger.

The Gospels tell us about the people who came to see the Baby Jesus in the manger of Bethlehem. They were shepherds keeping watch by night over their flock in the field. They were uneducated, common men, disrespected, poor and outcast. However, it was the poor who were the first to receive the baby Jesus.

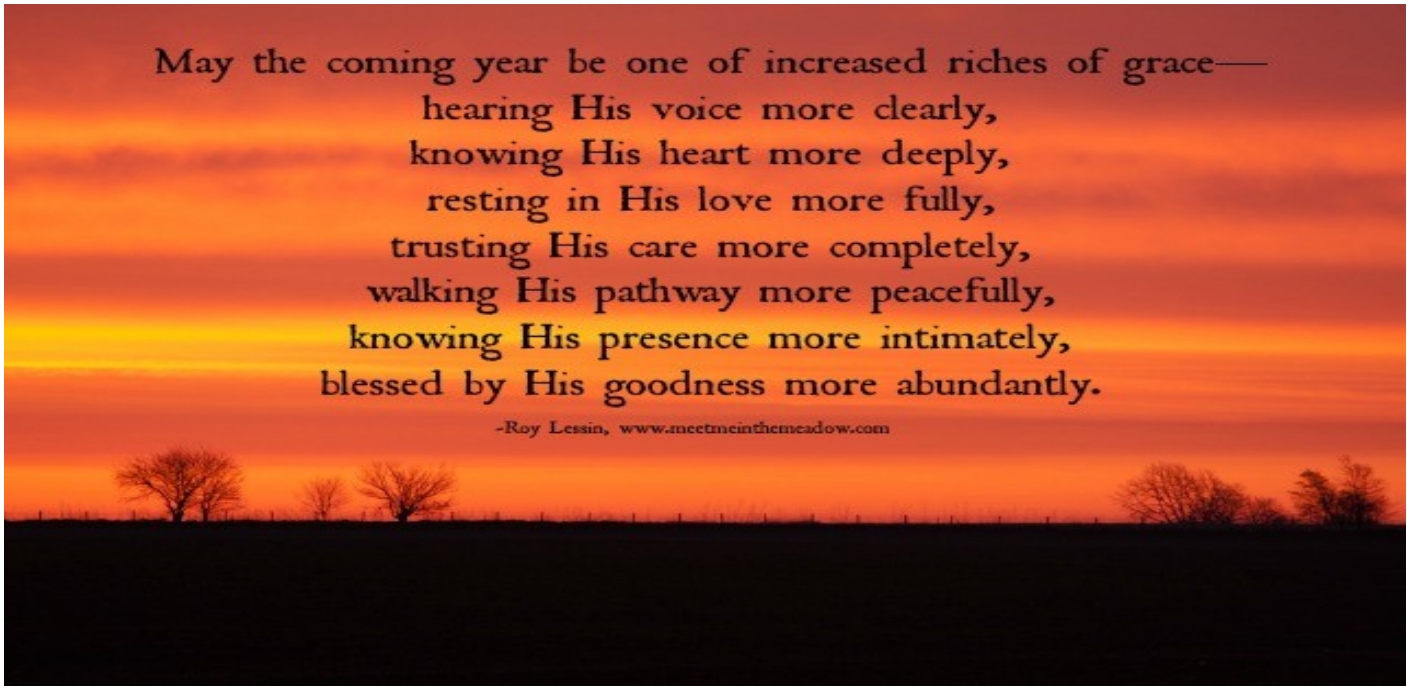
Next were the Magi of the East. They came from afar, they made a long and dangerous journey to pay homage to the Newborn King. They were not part of the Chosen people. They were Gentiles. Yet these Gentiles were granted the blessing of meeting the baby Jesus.

Through the visit of the shepherds to the infant Jesus, we realize that God has revealed himself to those who were poor, were rejected and despised by society. Yet, they were the ones who opened their hearts to receive God. With the event of the three Magi visiting the New King, we are convinced that God always wants all peoples and nations to know Him.

We firmly believe that God uses all means to reach people. God reaches people through the angel's announcement of the good news to the shepherds on a cold night that the only-begotten Son of God was born, or through the appearance of a new star in the eastern sky, or through the teachings of parents, priests and religious, and catechists. It also could be through personal experiences that we recognize God in our lives.

May each of us remain in God always and live fully in the grace of God, who loves all people.

Fr. Phi Nguyen



May the coming year be one of increased riches of grace—  
hearing His voice more clearly,  
knowing His heart more deeply,  
resting in His love more fully,  
trusting His care more completely,  
walking His pathway more peacefully,  
knowing His presence more intimately,  
blessed by His goodness more abundantly.

-Roy Lessin, [www.meetmeinthemeadow.com](http://www.meetmeinthemeadow.com)

## Sunday Spiritual Nourishment

### “Why We Do What We Do?”

#### Part 12 (continued)

I – Actions speak louder than words!

Mass is not a social event, but the representation of the sacrifice of Calvary, is the loftiest form of prayer, and should be attended with appropriate solemnity. To enhance the Church’s desire for liturgical unity, we must be imbued with the truth about the sacramental nature of the postures and gestures at Mass and their meaning and conform to the actions as prescribed in the Roman Missal or the General Instruction of the Roman Missal.

D – Reception of Communion:

1. Leave the pew without genuflecting and walk reverently toward the altar with hands folded in prayer and not swaying at your side.
2. Bow as you approach the priest or minister in procession to receive the communion as a gesture of deep reverence just as the person in front of you is receiving.
3. You may receive the host either in your hand or on your tongue. If receiving by hand, do not take the host away from the priest or from the minister but rather allow them to place the Host in your hand. To receive the Host, place the left hand over the right hand, palms open upward to make like a throne for the Lord to receive the Host. Take a step or two to the side to make way for the next communicant. Still facing the altar with the lower hand (right), take the Host and reverently place it in your mouth. Do not walk away with the Host in your hand while placing the Host in your mouth. If you receive on the tongue, your head should be erect and slightly tilted back. Open your mouth and extend your tongue out so the priest or minister can properly place the Host. If you’re carrying a child, it is better to receive the Host with your tongue. Even if you’re not receiving the Blood of Christ, make a BOW when you pass by as a sign of respect and reverence.

When the priest or lay minister says, “The Body of Christ” or “The Blood of Christ” as you are about to receive the Host or the Precious Blood, please respond “AMEN.”

As Catholics, we shouldn’t settle for passivity and perfunctory ritual when we go to Mass by simply going through the motions as if we’re in “The Club.” A mechanical attitude creates an atmosphere that leads to disruptions and less than adequate participation. Reception with full physical, mental, and spiritual participation enriches the graces we are blessed to receive from God.

#### BILINGUAL ENGLISH/VIETNAMESE BULLETIN BEGINS IN LENT

Holy Child Jesus Parish is pleased to announce that as of March 6, 2022, the first weekend of Lent, we will begin publishing one bilingual bulletin in English and Vietnamese. All articles will be in both languages as we continue our work of parish unification.

“I, (Paul), a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all” (Ephesians 4:1-6).

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

December 19, 2021

\$10,093.10

#### GIVE CENTRAL

December 19, 2021

\$1,055.00



## AN INVITATION FROM POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis is inviting the laity worldwide to participate in the 2021-2023 Synod by offering our reflections on journeying together as the Universal Church in the areas of Communion, Participation, and Mission. Visit the special Synod webpage on the Archdiocese of Chicago website at [archchicago.org/news-and-events/synod](http://archchicago.org/news-and-events/synod) to learn more about the Synod and to offer your reflection for the Holy Father on Communion, Participation, and Mission. Reflections in any language will be accepted until April 1, 2022. Please join in this process as we journey together guided by the Holy Spirit!

## EUCCHARISTIC YOUTH MOVEMENT CANNED FOODS DRIVE FOR GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY

The National Eucharistic Youth Movement is calling on all chapters to participate in a local food drive for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Our Holy Child Jesus Parish EYM chapter is collecting canned foods "#cansforChrist" to benefit the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

Canned good collections began Saturday, December 4 and continues through Sunday, Jan 9. Please use the box in the back of church.

The Holy Child Jesus Parish EYM will **NOT** be collecting money. If you would like to donate monetarily, we will provide information for either Holy Hands or GCFD.

Thank you for your generosity!

"We choose this time, because it is a time, of all others, when Want is keenly felt, and Abundance rejoices." – Charles Dickens, *A Christmas Carol*

## INTERNATIONAL DINNER AT HOLY CHILD JESUS PARISH JANUARY 29, 2022

*Calling all cooks! Gọi tất cả đầu bếp! ¡Atención cocineros! Appel à tous les chefs! Panawagan sa mga Magagaling Magluto! A pipe gbogbo awon onje!* Can you turn groceries into delicious food? Please share your talents with the parish!

The International Dinner commemorates the feast day of St. Timothy. It will be a celebration of the diversity of our parish. If you are interested in serving food from your culture or your ancestors' culture, please contact Joe Warfel: [joseph.warfel@hcjp.org](mailto:joseph.warfel@hcjp.org).

## NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE AT HOLY CHILD JESUS PARISH

**Saturday, January 1, 2022** – The Epiphany of the Lord will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. (English) and 6:00 p.m. (Vietnamese).

**Sunday, January 2, 2022** – The Epiphany of the Lord will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m. (Vietnamese), 9:30 a.m. (English),

11:30 a.m. (Vietnamese) and 1:30 p.m. (English).

We look forward to worshipping and celebrating with you during this holy time of the year!



## SIMBANG GABI THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who attended Simbang Gabi. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make the liturgy and reception a great success.

We are happy and blessed to be able to come together in our diversity to celebrate our unity in Christ.

Maligayang Pasko! Merry Christmas!

A life insurance gift is a powerful and simple way to provide future support for our parish. Here are two ways to give a gift of life insurance to Holy Child Jesus Parish.

Name our parish as a beneficiary of the policy. Simply update your beneficiary designation form with your policy holder and list the primary or contingent beneficiary as: Holy Child Jesus Parish, The Catholic Bishop of Chicago, a Corporation Sole.”

Make an outright gift of an existing policy. You can irrevocably name our parish as owner and beneficiary of a policy with accumulated cash value that you and your family no longer need. You qualify for a federal income tax charitable deduction when you itemize on your taxes. Also, if you continue to pay premiums on the policy, each payment is tax deductible as a charitable gift, if you itemize.

For more information on making a gift of life insurance to our parish, we recommend you consult with your financial planner, attorney or insurance representative. Please contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312-534-5404 or [kcampbell@archchicago.org](mailto:kcampbell@archchicago.org) with any additional questions.

Therefore, if anyone is in  
Christ, he is a new  
creation. The old has  
passed away; behold, the  
new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)

May God's peace be upon  
you and remain with you  
throughout the year.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, January 2, 2022****Epiphany of the Lord**

Vietnamese

7:30 am

Tạ ơn Chúa

Xin bình an và sức khỏe cho cha mẹ và gia đình; cầu cho các linh hồn

Cầu cho linh hồn Giuse, Rosa, Đaminh, Maria và các linh hồn

Cầu cho linh hồn Maria Mai Thị Cài

English

9:30 am

Nwanah Family (living)

Vietnamese

11:30 am

Cầu cho linh hồn Madalena.

Cầu cho linh hồn Anna Đào Thị Sinh và Giuse Phạm Kim Đông.

Cầu cho linh hồn Nguyễn Văn Bo, Nguyễn Văn Điều và Nguyễn Văn Mỹ

English

1:30 pm

Richard Palewicz

Henry Kaganiec

**Monday, January 3 Holy Name of Jesus**

8:00 am

Donnie Gavid Sanchez - anniversary

**Tuesday, January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

8:00 am

Mario Vega

Cầu cho linh hồn Đaminh.

**Wednesday, January 5 St. John Neumann**

8:00 am

In Thanksgiving : wedding anniversary:

Alex &amp; Terry Luciano

Cầu cho linh hồn Phêrô Phạm Hòa

**Thursday, January 6 St. Andre Bessette**

8:00 am

Thanksgiving to God for the gift of life:

Terry Luciano

**Friday, January 7 St. Raymond of Penafort**

8:00 am

Thanksgiving to God for the gift of life:

Ian Luciano

7:00 pm

Cầu cho linh hồn Phêrô

Cầu cho các linh hồn

**Saturday, January 8**

8:00 am

Thanksgiving to God for the gift of life:

Tạ ơn Chúa.

English

4:00 pm

Thanksgiving to God for the gift of life:

Lexter Luciano

Ann Donohue

Peter Fleming

Vietnamese

6:00 pm

Xin bình an và sức khỏe cho cha mẹ và gia đình; cầu cho các linh hồn

**Sunday, January 9, 2022****Baptism of the Lord**

Vietnamese

7:30 am

Alfred Burton

English

9:30 am

Nwanah Family (living)

Barbara Isaacson

Thanksgiving to God for the gift of life:

Lexter Luciano

Vietnamese

11:30 am

Bernadette Kwarciany

English

1:30 pm

Joseph Kaiser

## SACRAMENTS

**Marriage:** Arrangements should be made at least three months in advance.**Baptism: Sunday, 3:00 pm**

2nd in English

3rd in Vietnamese

**Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:00 - 3:30 pm**

1st &amp; 3rd in English

2nd &amp; 4th in Vietnamese

## R.C.I.A

Program/Process for adults interested in the Catholic Faith (Sept.-April).

Call the Rectory for information.

## HOLY HANDS

Call the Rectory office for assistance.

