

Notes from Fr. Sean

Today's Gospel

Although the Gospels of Matthew and Luke are believed to borrow heavily from the Gospel of Mark, each has a particular audience. Luke was writing to the Greeks. Mark was writing to Romans. Matthew's primary audience was lews

It may seem odd that in today's gospel, the gospel directed to Jews, the first visitors we see to the newborn King of the Jews are foreigners. This event foreshadows the rejection of Jesus by the Jews but also makes clear, from the beginning, that the mission of Jesus is not just to the Jews but to all humanity.

El Evangelio de hoy

Aunque se cree que los Evangelios de Mateo y Lucas se inspiran en gran medida en el Evangelio de Marcos, cada uno tiene un público particular. Lucas se dirigía a los griegos. Marcos se dirigía a los romanos. Mateo se dirigía principalmente a los judíos.

Puede parecer extraño que en el evangelio de hoy, el evangelio dirigido a los judíos, los primeros visitantes que vemos ante el recién nacido Rey de los judíos sean extranjeros. Este acontecimiento prefigura el rechazo de Jesús por los judíos, pero también deja claro, desde el principio, que la misión de Jesús no es sólo para los judíos, sino para toda la humanidad.

The Three Epiphanies of Christ

According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, an epiphany is "an appearance or manifestation especially of a divine being" or "a usually sudden manifestation or perception of the essential nature or meaning of something." Today, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, when Christ was made known to the Magi from the East. This is the first of three events in the life of Christ that are considered "epiphanies." The second event is the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. The third event is the Wedding Feast at Cana.

In each of these events, the presence of God in our world is made manifest to those who are open to receive. Whether it was the three wise men who traveled from afar to greet the newborn King of the Jews or those who would go on to the Jordan River to repent from their sins in response to John the Baptist, or it was the servants at the wedding feast who followed Mary's command to "Do whatever he tells you to do," (Jn 2:5) these people saw the glory and the power of God.

An epiphany is usually a "sudden manifestation" of the truth. But we have the truth with us at all times. Our Divine Savior, "the way, the truth, and the life," (Jn 14:6) is with us. We do not have to travel long distances to encounter him. We do not have to go down to the river to encounter him. We only have to go to church to encounter him in the Eucharist.

Las Tres Epifanías de Cristo

Según el diccionario, una epifanía es "una aparición o manifestación, especialmente de un ser divino" o "una manifestación o percepción, generalmente repentina, de la naturaleza esencial o el significado de algo". Hoy celebramos la fiesta de la Epifanía, cuando Cristo fue dado a conocer a los Magos de Oriente. Este es el primero de tres acontecimientos en la vida de Cristo que se consideran "epifanías". El segundo acontecimiento es el bautismo de Jesús en el río Jordán. El tercer acontecimiento son las Bodas de Caná.

En cada uno de estos acontecimientos, la presencia de Dios en nuestro mundo se manifiesta a quienes están abiertos a recibirla. Ya fueran los tres magos que viajaron desde lejos para saludar al Rey de los judíos recién nacido, o los que se dirigieron al río Jordán para arrepentirse de sus pecados en respuesta a Juan el Bautista, o los sirvientes del banquete de bodas que siguieron la orden de María: "Haced todo lo que él os diga" (Jn 2,5), estas personas vieron la gloria y el poder de Dios.

Una epifanía suele ser una "manifestación repentina" de la verdad. Pero la verdad nos acompaña en todo momento. Nuestro Divino Salvador, "el camino, la verdad y la vida" (Jn 14:6), está con nosotros. No tenemos que recorrer grandes distancias para encontrarlo. No tenemos que bajar al río para encontrarle. Sólo tenemos que ir a la iglesia para encontrarlo en la Eucaristía.

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Join our fun family time! Ferdinand



Come to St. Mary on Friday, January 12th as we enjoy Family Movie Night. There is no cost for this event. The evening begins with a light dinner (pizza) at 6:30 pm. The movie will start at 7:15 pm. Please visit our website, www.stmarywayne.org, to reserve your spot.

Christmas Flowers Additions

Donald Kinnell
Clarence & Pauline Marshall and families
Gerald & Mae Potter and families



Pray the Rosary with us

Help us pray for Mary's intercessions on our parishes, families, ourselves and our special intentions every Saturday before Mass (3:15 PM) and immediately following Mass. All are invited at either time or both or whenever you are able, no commitment required. We also offer a Tuesday morning (11 AM - 12 pm) rosary. Come when you can to join our spiritual fellowship and reflection on the mysteries of our salvation.

Religious Ed

Thank you, to the parents of: Ella Suda, Derrick Onuwa, Galiliea Soto, Victoria Lopez, Ndudinachi Nwaiwu, Gwendolyn Dwenger, Mariana Herrera, Andrea Simoneau, Ella Brock, Ariana Dragone, Giselle Soto, Dave Onuwa, Mariana Hernandez, Ariana Ochoa, Jocelin Mendoza, Oliver Stoklosa, Mateo Valenzuela Valdez, Estefany Rodriguez, Esteven Ramirez-Santiago, Anachi Martinez. Nnedimma Nwobodo, Valeria Rodriguez, Jacqueline Lopez, Janette Gonzalez, Emilie McIntyre, Jessica Gonzalez, Julian Stoklosa, and Maite Rios for helping us celebrate the Christmas contest!!!





The Week Ahead - St. Mary and St. Richard

Saturday, January 6th

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study—PO

3:00 p.m. Reconciliation (Confessions Church till 3:30)

3:15 p.m. Rosary—CH **4:00 p.m. Mass—CH**

Sunday, January 7th—The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 a.m. Mass—CH 10:00 a.m. Mass (St. Richard) 11:30 a.m. Mass—CH

12:40 p.m. First Communion make-up class—Rm. 110

2:00 p.m. Misa en Español—CH

Monday, January 8th

9:00 a.m. Mass—CH

6:00 p.m. Faith formation —HH/SH

6:00 p.m. Equipping parents to proclaim the faith—HH/HFH

Tuesday, January 9th

9:00 a.m. Mass (St. Richard)

9:30 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual help devotions and rosary

for priests (St. Richard)

9:45 a.m. Reconciliation (Confessions) -(St. Richard)

11:00 a.m.
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Flame of Love Rosary—CH
6:30 p.m.
Bell Choir practice—MR

Wednesday, January 10th

11:00 p.m. Bible Study—HFH

3:00 p.m. Divine Child Basketball—AC

7:00 p.m. Luz de Vida – HFH

Thursday, January 11th

11:00 a.m. Joy of the Spirit Intercessors—HFH

6:30 p.m. ABT Basketball—AC 7:00 p.m. Choir practice—CH

Friday, January 12th

9:00 a.m. Mass-Ch

10:00 a.m. RCIA for Adults—Microsoft teams
 6:30 p.m. Family Movie Night (Ferdinand) - AC
 7:00 p.m. Rosario de Los Guadalupanos—HFH

Saturday, January 13th

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study—PO

3:00 p.m. Reconciliation (Confessions Church till 3:30)

3:15 p.m. Rosary—CH **4:00 p.m.** Mass—CH

Sunday, January 14th—Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Mass—CH 10:00 a.m. Mass (St. Richard)

10:00 a.m. E.C.H.O.S. MLK Day of Service—AC

11:30 a.m. Mass—CH

2:00 p.m. Misa en Español—CH

PFF-Parish Faith Formation **AC**-Activity Center **HH**-Haney Hall **HFH**-Holy Family Hall **StJM**-St. Joseph Mtg Rm **StA** Ste. Anne Mtg

Rm PO Conf-Parish Office Conference Rm

St. Mary Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 6th

4:00 p.m. † Frank Ohsowski, †Christian & † Mayra Mesia,

†Karen Griffin, The Special intentions of Nerys Butler,

and Sumorfin & Maria Salazar

Sunday, January 7th

8:30 a.m. † Steve Schwartz †Raymond Korte,

† Theresa Kortem, † Charles & † Eileen Reynolds

11:30 a.m. The people of St. Mary parish

2:00 p.m. las especiales intenciones de Adela Tapia Jiménez,

Victoria Lopez, Viridiana Lopez, y Juan Pablo Orozco

Monday, January 8th

9:00 a.m. † Geraldine Driscol, the special intentions of

Rebecca Pamerville

Tuesday, January 9th (St. Richard)

Wednesday, January 10th

Thursday, January 11th

Friday, January 12th

9:00 a.m. † Jerry Doyle

Saturday, January 13th

4:00 p.m. The People of St. Mary parish

Sunday, January 7th

8:30 a.m. † Karen Griffin, † Mary Dozewice, † Mary Rozewicz,

† Edward Hafeli (17th anniv.)

11:30 a.m. † Natalie M. Salazar, † Idellas Grimes, the special

intentions of Dianne Soules (Birth.) and the

supporters of the St. Mary Cafe

2:00 p.m. † Ana Rosa Romo

St. Richard Mass Intentions

Monday, January 8th Mass St. Mary

Tuesday, January 9th Mass 9:00 a.m.

† Oscar Balde by 50+ Club Members

Wednesday, January 10th

Thursday, January 11th

Friday, January 12th Mass St Mary 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, January 13th

Sunday, January 14th

9:00 a.m. †James Bauschat by Ken and Winnie Bauschat

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PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Our Sick and Homebound

Please remember in your prayers those parishioners or their family or friends who are sick, hospitalized, in a nursing facility, homebound, or in need of our prayers. Especially keep in your prayers...

Louis Barati Toy Bartley Richard Burzawa **Bailey Brickner** Jeanine Dougan Jim and Darlene Ferack Damion Floyd Marlene Floyd Freeman family Sonya Gee Owen Gibbons Joanne Gietzen Richard Granda Joe Gregoire Jamie Gwizdak Terrence Haggerty **Ernest Hampton** Jacquie Hatcher Sylvia Idunate **Dolores Kapala Bridget Kelly** JoAnn Krebs Ila and Kathryn Kwiecinski Jim Martin Connie Maxwell Twilla Moschgat **Emery Nichols**

Joyce Paddock
Margaret Perez
Joseph and Steve Radachy
Lucile Randon
Rocky Rockwell
Dennis Rogowski
Cleo Scherbaty
Jordyn Sheardown
Delphine Zalewski
Barbara Ziegler

PLEASE NOTE

If you have names to add/delete to our list, please let the parish office know.



Our Military Personnel

Dear Lord Jesus and Mary, Mother of God, hold all these brave souls in the palms of your hands; comfort them and their families. Send angels of protection, love, and comfort to all the service men and women still at war, bring them home safely and comfort their families. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Jasmine Alford-Capers, Army
James Bassett, Army
Michael Scott Bloomfield—Army
James C. Chrispen III—Army
Edwin Davoodian, Army
Daniel Kelly—Army
Todd Israel, Marine
Nathan Lowell—Navy
Raymond L. Meesseman—Navy

Ted Motcheck—Army Sean Simons, Navy Nathaniel VanNeste—Army Matthew Wellman, Army



Please call your parish office to update or add to this list.

If you have a loved one called to active military service whom you would like included on our military prayer list, please call your Parish Office; inform us of his/her name and branch

of military service. Likewise, when any of our

listed military personnel returns home, please

share that good news with us as well.

THE NICENE CREED: Explained! (Part 4) The Summary of Our Faith~ Historical Introduction

Paragraph 5 - The Holy Spirit

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one God in three Persons. The third Person of the Trinity is the Holy Spirit, who we also rightly call the Lord and the giver of life. God breathed life into the first man, after all. This holy breath of God is the Spirit, which gives life and sustains life. He is glorified and loved as God, along with the Father and the Son. We believe that the Holy Spirit, preceding the Incarnation as well as after, inspired the prophets. The Trinity is the mystery of God, as He is. It is difficult to wrap our minds around this mystery in any meaningful way. Our metaphors are usually material, like a three-leaf clover or the states of water as ice, liquid, or vapor, and because they are material, they always fall short. God is spiritual, not material. The best explanation I have heard of the Blessed Trinity is from St. Augustine's Analogy of the Mind. I will try my best to offer a simplified version. Though, it is far from simple. In our own minds, we have intellect and will. We know things and act freely. When we learn or know things, we have a procession of the intellect. When we act freely upon ourselves or the world, we have a procession of the will. If we analogously apply this understanding to the "mind of God," we see a procession of the intellect and a procession of the will. God is perfect, and so these processions must be infinite and perfect. The procession of the intellect, within the mind of God, is God the Father's perfect knowledge of Himself. This perfect image of Himself is the Son. The Son, in return, perfectly loves the Father. God is love. Therefore, the procession of His will is perfect love, which proceeds as the love shared between the Father and the Son. This is the Holy Spirit. However, we must understand that He does not proceed in time, as He is as eternal as the Father and the Son.



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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

St. Mary

Saturday, January 13th 4:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers Kelly Keleman—Sac.,

Tom Zgliczynski, Cori Zgliczynski **Lector** Matt Orzech, Jennifer Osborne **Altar Servers** Corey Osborne, **Volunteers Needed**

St. Mary

Lector

Sunday, January 14th 8:30 a.m.

Eucharistic MinistersMike Hurley—Sac.,
Jayne Doran, Pat Rice

Lector Errol Jackson, Dave Dick
Altar Server Diesel Wisniewski
Steele Wisniewski

Volunteers Needed

11:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers Carolyn Hatcher—Sac.,

Barb Smith, Malynda Garcia
Lector Barb Jaworski, Matthew Hall
Altar Servers Jesus Garcia, Peter Okeke,

Corey Osbrone

<u>St. Richard</u> <u>10:00 a.m.</u>

Eucharistic Minister Cecila Sanford—Sac.,

Miriam Long & Richard Feldborg

Georgine Jeziorowski

St. Richard Total Collections for the Week of

December 24th

Offertory needed to operate St. Richard each week: \$2,490.00

Offertory (4th Sun.)	\$ 856.00
Holy day	\$ 20.00
Online giving	\$ 225.00
Christmas	\$ 7,231.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 8,332.00

Other Income

Total other income:	\$ 53.00
Utility	\$ 3.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 30.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 20.00

Leaving the Parish

Priest Retirement \$ 25.00

Total leaving the parish \$ 25.00

Total: \$ 8,385.00

Christmas Day December 25th

Sunday Offertory (4th Sun) \$ 270.00 Christmas \$ 4,670.00 Total Collection \$ 4,940.00

Thank you for your donation to our parish.

VOTIVE LIGHTS

- For deceased member of the von Pagels & Taylor families and Tyler Mead by Anonymous
- For peace in my family. For God blessings & protection and uplifting by Anonymous
- Owen Gibbo0ns needs lots of prayers please pray for him.
 Please God Help by anonymous

ST. MARY PARISH Sunday Offering Report

Offertory needed to operate Church each week: \$ 10,500.00

 SUNDAY ENVELOPES (101)
 \$ 5,704.00

 ONLINE GIVING 12/25—12/31
 \$ 2,192.55

 SUNDAY LOOSE
 \$ 2,000.00

 SUNDAY COLLECTION INCOME
 \$ 9,599.55

SURPLUS/**DEFICIT December 12/25—12/31** \$ (900.50)

Thank you for your generous and continued support of St. Mary Parish.

ST. MARY PARISH Christmas Offering Report

Offertory needed to operate Church each week: \$ 10,500.00

CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES \$ 27,382.00
ONLINE GIVING \$ 1,869.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION INCOME \$ 29,251.00

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St. Richard Total Collections for the Week of

December 31st

Offertory needed to operate St. Richard each week: \$2,490.00

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Offertory	\$	912.00		
Loose	\$	63.00		
Solemnity of Mary	\$	198.00		
Online giving	\$	210.00		
Christmas	\$	155.00		
Total Sunday Collection	\$	1,538.00		
Other Income				

 Utility
 \$ 50.00

 Total other income:
 \$ 50.00

Leaving the Parish

Total leaving the parish \$ 0.00

Total: \$ 1,588.00

January 1st

 Offertory
 \$ 155.00

 Loose
 \$ 168.00

 Christmas
 \$ 87.00

 Total Offertory Collection
 \$ 410.00

Other Income

 Utility
 \$ 75.00

 Total Collection
 \$ 485.00

Thank you for your donation to our parish.

ST. RICHARD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Mass Tuesday

1st Thursday - Marquette House 10:00 a.m.

3rd Thursday - Taylor Towers 10:00 a.m.

4th Thursday - Hope Care 10:00 a.m.

Holyday Masses will be announced

Baptisms

Second Sunday after the 10:00 Mass

Call the parish office to schedule. Must be a parishioner.

Weddings

At least 6 months prior notice. Call parish office to make arrangements with Priest only.

Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. after the 9:00 a.m. Mass Communal Penance will be scheduled before Easter and Christmas.

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Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Open Monday—Friday 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Closed Saturday, Sunday (Other times by appointment)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Baptisms Second Sunday monthly after the 11:30 am Mass.
Call the parish office for further instructions.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Weekend Liturgies: Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Spanish Mass: Sunday 2:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: Mon & Fri: 9:00 a.m.
Holy Day Schedule: Please refer to bulletin.

<u>ADORATION CHAPEL:</u> SW corner of Outreach Center Available for worship, prayer, and reflection 24 hours/7 days—contact parish office for entry.

ST. MARY COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER

34646 Sims St. (Corner of 2nd St & Sims St.)

Director......Mrs. Malynda Garcia

(734) 326—2234 or email outreach@stmarywayne.org

FOOD DEPOT

Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

OPEN CLOSET

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