



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

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A Parish of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter

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The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 2019

DIVINE WORSHIP ORDER OF HOLY MASS

Low Mass 8:00 am, Sung Mass 10:30am, Low Mass 6:00 pm

See Mass card or Missalette

Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy Only Begotten Son to the Gentiles: mercifully grant that we, who know thee now by faith, may be led onward through this earthly life, until we see the vision of thy heavenly glory; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall walk by your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Lift up your eyes round about, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be carried in the arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant, your heart shall thrill and rejoice; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

8:00 am & 6:00 pm Masses said by lector and people after the First Reading. Chanted by the choir at the 10:30 am Mass

Gradual

All they from Saba shall come, bringing gold and incense: and shall show forth the praises of the Lord.

V/. Arise and shine, O Jerusalem:
for the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brethren: I assume that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that is, how the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.



8:00 am & 6:00 pm Masses chanted by priest and people.
Chanted by the choir at the 10:30 am Mass

Alleluia. Alleluia.

V/. We have seen his star in the East:
and are come with offerings to worship the Lord.

Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, Wise Men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him."
When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.'" Then Herod summoned the Wise Men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

**Panels of the new Reredos are being constructed!
This is the first picture of assembly!**



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessions (Form III): Missalette page 29

For those expecting children: Katie & Dan; Joan & John Paul; Bethany & Seth; Karla & Jacob; Lisa & Ben; Christy & Doug; Kathryn & Phillip; Celeste & Zachary; Rebecca & Brinton; Erin & Sebastian; Megan & Bart.

For those celebrating anniversaries: *Sunday:* Amber Phelps [B]; Emma Shirley [B]; *Tuesday:* Br. Michael Bell [B]; Echo Lewis [B]; Alan & Carin Caywood [W]; *Wednesday:* Sam Brennan [B]; Nance FitzGibbon [B]; Karen LeBlanc [B]; Zack & Celeste Southard [W]; *Thursday:* Soospaipillai Emmanuel [B]; *Friday:* Doug Jaeger [B]; *Saturday:* Samantha Vina [B].

For those in special need: Ashley; Michael; Noreen; Nina; Chiem; Dang; Soan; Ryan; Laurie; Susan; John; Jennifer; Grant; Lisa; Damian; Jaime; Earl; Isabella; Ronald; Jennifer; Susan; Colette; Colleen; Rebecca; Laura Anne; Joseph; Carol; Cole; Melissa; Michael; Morgan; Ann; Emma; Beverly; Shelli; Echo.

For those serving in our armed forces: Patrick; Richard; Victor; Byron; Luke; Tommy; Christian; Chelsey; Dillon; Mathew; Alton; Annie; Josh; Sebastian; Brandon; James; Jacob.

For the faithful departed:

Recently Departed:

Anniversaries of Death: *Sunday:* Jack Steele; Michael Squicciarini; Don Stewart; *Monday:* Dinah Thayer; *Tuesday:* Myrtle Brown; *Wednesday:* Jim Allen; *Thursday:* Michael Dale Martin; *Saturday:* Melvin Cool; George Gasper; Jack Kortegast; Marjorie Godbee; Judi Lynk.



MUSIC

**All music is in the new St. Mary Missal and Hymnal.
Mass setting is the Missa de Angelis, MS 3**

Prelude.....*What Star Is This*, Arr. Lani Smith
Entrance Hymn..... *As with Gladness Men of Old*, C40
KYRIE.....MS 3
GLORIA.....MS 3
CREDO III.....MS 13
Offertory Hymn...*What Star Is This with Beams So Bright*,
C 42
SANCTUS.....MS 3
MYSTERIUM FIDEI..... MS 14
AMEN.....MS 15
PATER NOSTER.....MS 17
AGNUS DEI.....MS 3
Communion Hymn..... *In the Bleak Midwinter*, C 31
Anthem.....*Three Kings from Persian Lands*,
by Gustav Von Holst
Recessional Hymn.....*We Three Kings of Orient Are*, C 45
Postlude.....*Born Is He the Divine Christ Child*,
Arr. Patricia Lou Harris

**Adult Choir meets Thursdays at 7pm.
Youth Choir meets after the 10:30 Mass
beginning next Sunday**

ST. MARY'S THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 6

Masses at 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 6:00 pm
 Religious Ed at 9:00 am
 K of C Meeting at 12:30pm

Monday, January 7

Mass at 12:00 pm
 S.I. Izzy & Gloria Vera, RIP

Tuesday, January 8

Mass at 7:00 pm
 S.I. Bryce Ziba, RIP

Wednesday, January 9

Confessions at 11:00 am
 Mass at 12:00 pm
 S.I. Joseph Hayden, RIP

Thursday, January 10

Mass at 12:00 pm
 S.I. Gene Carson, RIP
 Men's Examen Group at 10:30 am

Friday, January 11

Mass at 9:00 am
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00 am—6:00 pm
 S.I. Judi Lynk, RIP

Saturday, January 12

Mass at 9:00 am
 Confessions 10:00—11:00 am
 S.I. Jack Kortegast, RIP
 Saturday Morning Martyrs Men's Group at 8:00 am

Sunday, January 13

Masses at 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 6:00 pm
 Religious Ed at 9:00 am

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Tamales Are Here!

Just in time to enjoy for New Year's Eve or Day. \$10 for 15, \$20 for 30. All proceeds go to fund the work that our Knights do. See a Knight after Masses to purchase or come by the parish office.

The Parish Offering

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| Weekly Offertory Forecast..... | \$6,000.00 |
| Actual Offertory Collected..... | \$4,790.00 |
| Variance..... | —\$1,210.00 |

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE DATE OF EASTER AND OF THE MOVEABLE FEASTS ON EPIPHANY

Know, dear brethren, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour.

On the 6th day of March will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the 21st day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 30th day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 9th day of June, the feast of Pentecost.

On the 23rd day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the 1st day of December, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

If you are scheduled to serve but unable to please arrange substitutes & call (817.460.2278) ASAP.

January 6

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| 8:00 am Altar Server | Joseph Schmitt |
| Ushers | Nance FitzGibbon & Eli Castro |
| 10:30am Master of Ceremonies | John Williams |
| Thurifer | Nate Jones |
| Crucifer | Peter Irlbeck |
| Torchbearers | Nathan Brinkley / Hans Lewis |
| Boat Boy | Clapton Blue |
| First Reading | Rease Parton |
| Intercessory Prayers | Meg Jones |
| Oblationers | The Garland Family |
| Ushers | Lonnie Jones / Brandon Brinkley |
| 6:00pm Altar Servers | Wm. Harvey / Talon McCalum (C) |
| Ushers | Maria Zichichi / Charlene Schwartz |
| Office Help | Nance FitzGibbon / Ben Oliver |

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING - Come and discover God's plan for married love. Modern NFP is safe, effective, and moral. Class begins on **Sunday January 13 at 2pm, here at St. Mary the Virgin.** To register go to ccli.org. Online classes are also available. For questions or more info contact **Kevin and Michele Vina at txmvina@gmail.com.**

Pope St Gregory the Great's Homily on Matt 2:1-12 for the Epiphany of the Lord

"You have heard from the Gospel reading, dearest brothers, at the birth of heaven's King, an earthly king was troubled. For earthly grandeur is thrown into confusion when the majesty of heaven shows itself. But we must investigate why an Angel appeared to the shepherds in Judea when our Redeemer was born, but a star, rather than an Angel, led the Magi from the East to adore Him. The reason seems to be this: it was fitting that a rational creature, that is, an Angel, announce it to the Jews, as to those making use of their reason; but the Gentiles were led to seek knowledge of the Lord not by words, but by signs, since they did not know how to use reason for this. To apply what St. Paul says: "Prophecies are given to the believing; whereas signs are for the unbelievers rather than the believers." (1 Cor 14:22). And so the prophecies were for the Jews as for believers; while signs were given to the Gentiles, as to the unbelieving.

"We should note that when our Redeemer had become an adult, He was preached to these same Gentiles by the Apostles. But when He was still an infant, by human standards not yet ready for speaking, a star proclaimed Him. Obviously, common sense demands that once the Lord Himself had begun to speak He be made known to us by men's preaching, while the mute elements of nature bear witness to Him before He used the faculty of speech. We should seriously ponder what hardness of heart some Jews had, when despite all the signs that accompanied both the birth and the death of our Lord, they would acknowledge Him neither in prophecy nor in miracle.

"All the elements bore witness that their Creator had come. Let me describe their witness in anthropomorphic terms. The heavens straightaway sent a star, to show that they knew He was God. The sea knew, and made itself solid as a roadway beneath His feet. The earth knew; it quaked at His death. The sun then also knew, and withdrew its radiant light. Rocks split and walls fell when He died, to show that they knew. Hell acknowledged Him, when it gave back the dead it had been holding. All inanimate creation sense that this was its Lord. Yet the hearts of the unbelieving...still do not acknowledge Him as God. Harder than stone, they will not let themselves be rent in repentance...

"Whence we see that it was not the Child who followed the star, but the star that followed the Child, as if to show that the Child ruled over the star, instead of the star ruling over Him. Let, therefore, the hearts of the faithful be free from the thought that anything rules over their destiny. In this world there is only One Who directs the destiny of man, that is, He Who made him. Neither was man made for the stars, but the stars for man; and if we say that they rule over his destiny, we set them above him, for whose service they were created...

"The wise men brought gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold is a gift suitable for a king, frankincense is offered in sacrifice to God, and with myrrh are embalmed the bodies of the dead. By the gifts, therefore, they presented to Him, the wise men set forth three things concerning Him, to Whom they offered them. The gold signifies that He was King; the frankincense that He was God, and the myrrh that He was mortal. There are some heretics who believe Him to be God, but confess not His Kingly dominion over all things. These offer Him the frankincense, but refuse the gold. There are some others who admit that He is King, but deny that He is God. These present the gold, but withhold the frankincense. Again, there are other heretics who profess that Christ is both God and King, but deny that He took to Himself a mortal nature. These offer Him gold and frankincense, but not myrrh for the burial incident to His mortality. Let us, however, present gold to the new-born Lord, acknowledging His universal Kingship; let us offer Him frankincense, confessing that He Who had been made manifest in time, was still God before time; let us give Him myrrh, believing that He, Who cannot suffer as God, became capable of death by assuming our human, mortal nature...

"The wise men teach us also a great lesson in that they went back another way into their country; and what they did, having received an answer in sleep, we ought to do. Our country is heaven, and when we have once known Jesus, we can never reach it by returning to the way, wherein we walked before knowing Him. We have gone far from our country by the way of pride, disobedience, worldliness, and forbidden indulgence; we must seek that heavenly fatherland by subjection, by contempt of the things which are seen, and by curbing the fleshly appetites. Let us, then, depart into our own country by another way."

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Priest: Please kneel for our prayer for vocations. Let us ask God to give worthy priests, brothers and sisters to His Holy Church.
All: O God, / we earnestly beseech Thee / to bless this Ordinariate / with many priests, / brothers / and sisters, / who will love Thee with their whole strength / and gladly spend their entire lives / to serve Thy Church / and to make Thee known and loved.
Priest: Bless our families. / Bless our children.
All: Choose from our homes / those who are needed for Thy work.
Priest: Mary, Queen of the Clergy!
All: Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.

A. M. D. G.

Flowers: CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Sanctuary Light: Bella Kaplan *in loving memory of Michael Squicciarini.*

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady: Teresa Dean *in thanksgiving.*

Lamp at the Shrine of Joseph: Teresa Dean *in thanksgiving.*

Lamp at the Shrine of St. Therese: The Oliver family *in celebration of Kendall Eryn Jones' birthday.*

Lamp at the Shrine of Blessed Charles I: Bella Kaplan *in celebration of Max Kaplan's birthday.*