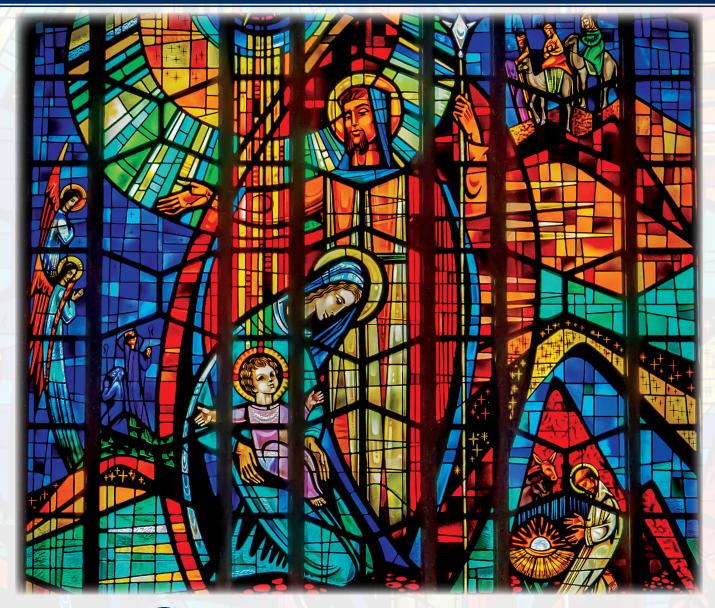
## The Catholic Community of

# Saint Joseph

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Christmas 2019

## St. Joseph Church Dover, Ohio 44622

The Epiphany of the Lord January 4 and 5, 2020 4 y 5 de Enero del 2020

#### **Mass Intentions**



Monday, January 6

No Mass

Readings: 212: 1 Jn 3:33-4:6/Ps 2/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 7

6:00 p.m. Noreen Murphy West

Readings: 213: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 8

8:15 a.m. Christian Whittingham

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Readings: 214: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday, January 9

8:15 a.m. Pauline Gombos9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Readings: 215: 1 Jn 4:19–5:4/Ps 72/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday, January 10

8:15 a.m. Lorrie Phillips

Readings: 216: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday, January 11

The Vigil of The Baptism of the Lord

**4:00 p.m.** Becky Tylka

Sunday, January 12

The Baptism of the Lord

**8:30 a.m.** Al Kopec **11:00 a.m.** Jose R. Samson

**1:30 p.m.** The People of the Parish

(Mass in Spanish)

Readings: 21: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29/Acts 10:34-38/

Mt 3:13-17

#### Offertory for December 24 and 25, 2019 December 28 and 29, 2019

Loose Cash and Checks	\$10,238.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 5,989.00
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Online Giving	\$ 365.00
Total	\$28,498.00
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Poor Fund Capital Improvement	\$ 100.00 \$ 146.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 146.00

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#### Ministry Schedules January 11 and 12, 2020

#### 4:00 p.m. Mass

**Lector:** Bonnie Edwards – 1st Reading Vicki Wilhelm – 2nd Reading

**Eucharistic Ministers**: Beth Cecil, Mary Roberts, Kateri Renicker, Janice Cosenza, Vicki Avon,

Tim Avon, Jeri Middaugh

Servers: Charlie Montan, Cece Hostetler, Khloe Trivoli

(Alt: Cade Renicker)

#### 8:30 a.m. Mass

**Lector:** Jack Burnham – 1st Reading Matt Ritzert – 2nd Reading

Eucharistic Ministers: Doug Telle, Anne Telle, John Kuczirka, Sharon Kuczirka, Milt Hamilton, Monica Boring, Jeannine Kennedy, Christine Ayers,

Rachel Thomas

Servers: John Telle, Paul Telle, Luke Telle

(Alt: Sydney Selinsky)

#### 11:00 a.m. Mass

**Lector:** Sue Quillen – 1st Reading Sally Dooling – 2nd Reading

Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin Fitzgerald, Patti DeVault,

Stacy Savage, Joe Sciarretti, Becky Nylund,

Dave Nylund, Jack Dooling

Servers: Peter Nguyen, John Nguyen, Greg Nguyen,

(Alt: Nick Williams)

If you know of a friend or family member that is in the hospital, for surgery or due to illness, or is currently homebound, please call the Parish Office and someone will visit them as soon as possible.



**Prayer Chain:** To place your request on the prayer chain, please call the Parish Office or Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063. If no one is available, please leave a message.

Please remember in your prayers, all the sick, homebound, and recovering in our parish. Also, pray for those coping with physical or mental conditions.

Please include all those on our prayer lists that have asked for our prayers, and those who have no one to pray for them.

#### **Spiritual Notes**

Today's reading from Isaiah is an obvious fit with the Gospel reading. The Magi in Matthew represent the nations of the world coming to greet the newborn king of the Jews. It is easy to understand how early Christians could see the visitation as a fulfillment of the text in Isaiah; our prophet envisioned a time when Zion would rejoice for the glory of the Lord shines upon you. The gifts of gold and frankincense carried from Sheba are two of the three offerings presented by the Magi in the Gospel. For Matthew and his church, God's promises fulfilled for Jerusalem centuries earlier, are being fulfilled once again in Jesus. In Ephesians we hear of the mystery, made known to us by revelation concerning God's gift of salvation offered to the gentiles. Paul, the apostle to the gentiles, encourages his audience to persevere in their faith. God has called them to also share in the promises made to Abraham. They are coheirs and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus. There is a marked contrast between King Herod and the Magi in today's Gospel. In order to assist the Magi, Herod, king of the Jews, consults all the chief priests and the scribes to discover the place where the Christ was to be born. The Hebrew Scriptures point to Bethlehem or Judea. Following this information and the star, the Magi arrive at the place where the child was. The respond with joy when they discover the child, and they present Him with gifts fit for a king. Herod on the other hand, who needs no star to lead him to the Messiah is greatly troubled by the news of Jesus's birth and seeks to have Him eliminated. His response to the birth of Jesus reminds us that even the Prince of Peace is sometimes greeted by violence.

For Reflection: Do I strive to walk in God's light? Do I, like the magi, sometimes see God's presence in the world around me?

Please keep in your prayers Rita Casella, age 79, who died on Sunday, December 22, 2019 and Rita Clifford, age 95, who died on Wednesday, December 25, 2019. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Please also keep their families in your prayers.



Thank you to everyone who made our Christmas Liturgies so beautiful, the Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Ushers, the Choir the cleaning crew, the decorating committee – the list is endless!!

We are so blessed to have each of you giving of your time and talents to our parish.

**Don't forget...** Your 2020 calendars are available in the Vestibule. Please take one home with you after Mass!

#### Spiritual Life of Saint Joseph Parish

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday, 3:00 to 3:45 p.m. Sunday, 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

#### Adoration of the Eucharist

The Eucharist will be exposed for Adoration every Thursday morning after Mass until 9:30 a.m. and the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., along with the first Friday of each month following the 8:15 a.m. Mass.

#### Rosary

Each Wednesday Morning after the 8:15 a.m. Mass, join us as we pray the Rosary.

#### **Anointing of the Sick**

Annointings will take place on the third Sunday of each month following each of the Masses.

#### <u>Upcoming Meetings in the</u> <u>Life of Saint Joseph Parish</u>

**Secular Franciscans** invite everyone wishing to attend the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. for Morning Prayer and Eucharistic Prayer followed by coffee and donuts.

**Knights of Columbus:** The first and third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Dover. For more information, contact John Kuczirka.

**L.C.B.A.** There will be no meeting in January. The next meeting will take place on February 4th at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

**Crafty Ladies:** There will be no meeting in January. The next meeting will take place on February 4th at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

**Men's Bible Study Group:** Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Meeting Room D.

**Family Life Committee:** Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

**Matthew Bible Study:** Wednesday, January 8, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

**R.C.I.A.:** Thursday, January 9, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

**Confirmation Session:** Sunday, January 12, 2020 beginning with 11:00 a.m. Mass. Student session following in the Family Life Center.

# Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School

#### **Epiphany Prayer Service**

Keep the Christmas spirit alive! Join the students and families of Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School for an evening of prayer and song celebrating and Epiphany and Christmas season.

> Sacred Heart Church Monday, January 6 at 6:30 p.m. Open to all!

#### TCCES Annual Casino Night Saturday, January 25, 2020

Save the date for this fun evening and important fundraiser for our Catholic Elementary School.

#### St. Joseph Soup Kitchen

Everyone is welcome!!

The intention for the Soup Kitchen is to serve God's children in need: the poor in spirit, as well as the needy.

Teams, if you need assistance, please contact

Andrea Settimio or the Parish Office.

January 8, 2020 – Team F (Boy Scouts) January 15, 2020 – Team G (Joan Wenzel) January 22, 2020 – Team H (Cindy Jones) January 29, 2020 – Team I (Isabellas)

Soup Kitchen Captains, please remember to pick up your key in the Parish Office no later than 4:00 p.m.

Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers.

#### Save the Date!

SWAP - Sharing with Appalachian People What is SWAP?

June 15 to 20, 2020 Kimball, West Virginia

SWAP is a service of MCC/Great Lakes. It is a home repair ministry that serves low-income families in several counties of southeastern Kentucky and West Virginia. A SWAP experience includes spending time in the mountains of Appalachia, ministering to and building relationships with local folks in need while reflecting on and sharing your experiences as you serve "In the name of Christ."

If you are interested in joining us, or learning more about the trip and the experiences of those who attended last year, please contact John Karl or Matt Ritzert.

#### Save the Date!

The 2020 Catholic Women's Conference will be held on Saturday, February 15th at the Ohio Expo Center in Columbus. A week later on Saturday, February 22nd, the Annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held at the same location. More information will be following.

#### Office of Social Concerns Diocese of Columbus

#### January is Poverty Awareness Month

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40 For more information about what Catholics can do to address poverty in the United States, visit the USCCB's Poverty USA website at <a href="https://www.povertyusa.org">www.povertyusa.org</a>.

#### <u>National Migration Week - January 5 to 11, 2020</u> "Building Communities of Welcome"

The Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, for nearly a half century, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. The theme for National Migration Week 2020, "Promoting a Church and a World for All" draws attention to the fact that each of our families have a migration story, some recent and others in the distant past. Regardless of where we are and where we came from, we remain part of the human family and are called to live in solidarity with one another. Unfortunately, in our contemporary culture we often fail to encounter migrants as persons, and instead look at them as unknown others, if we even notice them at all. We do not take the time to engage migrants in a meaningful way, as fellow children of God, but remain aloof to their presence and suspicious or fearful of them. During this National Migration Week, let us all take the opportunity to engage migrants as community members, neighbors, and friends.

https://justiceforimmigrants.org/take-action/ national-migration-week/

9 Days for Life will take place Tuesday, January 21-Wednesday, January 29. 9 Days for Life is a multifaceted Novena for the respect and protection of all human life. Each day a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions and related information. To receive the Novena by email or text, visit www.9daysforlife.com.

The Office of Social Concerns serves as a central diocesan resource for social justice, education, and advocacy. It is also the local liaison to national programs of the U.S. Catholic Bishops and responsible for local implementation of those programs within the diocese.

#### Respect Life Mass - January 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. The annual Respect Life Mass will be Wednesday, January 22, 2020, 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral. Bishop Brennan will be the celebrant. On this day of the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade*, our diocese will join all dioceses of the United States in observing a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. All are invited. For more, visit www.usccb.org/prolife or contact Social Concerns at 614-241-2540.

#### Roe Remembrance at Ohio Statehouse

Greater Columbus Right to Life will sponsor this event on Wednesday, January 22, noon to 1:00 p.m., at the Ohio Statehouse following the 10:30 a.m. Respect Life Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral. The program will be held in the Statehouse Atrium. Please allow extra time for new Statehouse security measures. Stickers, signs, and weapons are not permitted inside. For additional information, visit www.gcrtl.org/roe. html.

#### Lighthouse CD of the Week

Contagious Catholicism... The 7 Habits of Modern-Day Apostles is an eye-opening presentation from popular speaker and author Chris Stefanick. It is all over the news that people who self-identify as Christians are declining in number. What can we do? Listen to this CD to learn the importance of living a life of authenticity with a courageous commitment to love! Joyful Catholics attract others to the good news of Jesus Christ.

#### Stand up and be counted!

Are you a registered parishioner? Do we have your current phone number? Registering in the parish is a declaration of your desire to be a part of the Catholic community and commitment to the life of our parish. If you want to register, there are forms in the Vestibule, simply fill one out and drop it in the collection basket or stop in the Parish Office during the week or on Sunday mornings after the Masses and request a form.

#### Your Spouse will thank you!

Give thanks and plan now to attend a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend! The next weekend is February 14-16, 2020 in central Ohio. Marriage Encounter is where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus on each other. For more information or to apply, contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880.



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is made and where it goes. To get started, please visit <u>www.</u> <u>stjosephdover.org</u>. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call the Parish Office.



#### THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

#### Leave a Legacy of Love and Faith

Your last will and testament can leave a legacy of your faith by helping to pass it on to others. When drafting your will, after taking care of your family, please consider naming St. Joseph Parish or the Diocese of Columbus as a recipient of your estate. For more information, contact the Catholic Foundation at 1-866-298-8893.

# The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions January 2020

#### **Promotion of World Peace**

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

#### \*Other information to Note\*

**Mass Intentions:** Please be reminded that any parishioner is welcome to request Masses be celebrated for deceased or living loved ones. To schedule a Mass Intention, please contact the Parish Office.

**Low-Gluten Hosts:** If you are a person who needs to receive a **low-gluten host** because of wheat allergies or celiac disease, please call the Parish Office.

#### St. Joseph Calvary Cemetery

If you are interested in purchasing lots, or if you have questions regarding rules and regulations, please call Russ in the Parish Office, and he will be happy to assist you.

#### There is a Special Intentions Book in the

**Vestibule.** Please simply write the request for prayer intentions or for special needs and/or the sick in the parish in the book and give your fellow parishioners the privilege and the opportunity to ask for God's blessings on you and yours.



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# Lectio Divina

### SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

"What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?" ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

Realities are greater than ideas. This principle has to do with incarnation of the Word and its being put into practice: "By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is from God" (1 Jn 4:2). The principle of reality, of a word already made flesh and constantly striving to take flesh anew, is essential to evangelization. It helps us to see that the Church's history is a history of salvation, to be mindful of those saints who inculturated the Gospel in the life of our peoples and to reap the fruits of the Church's rich bimillennial tradition, without pretending to come up with a system of thought detached from this treasury, as if we wanted to reinvent the Gospel. At the same time, this principle impels us to put the Word into practice, to perform works of justice and charity which make that word fruitful. Not to put the Word into practice, not to make it reality, is to build on sand, to remain in the realm of pure ideas and to end up in a lifeless and unfruitful self-centredness and gnosticism. ~Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 233

#### Monday, January 6 ~ Season of Christmas Saint André Bessette, Religious

Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17,23-25 When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen. From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand." He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people. His fame spread to all of Syria, and they brought to him all who were sick with various diseases and racked with pain, those who were possessed, lunatics, and paralytics, and he cured them. And great crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan followed him.

**Meditation:** In announcing the good news, Jesus made two very simple and achievable demands: (1) repent, and (2) believe! Repentance requires a life-change and a transformation of heart and mind. The Holy Spirit gives us a repentant heart, a true sorrow and hatred for sin and its consequences, and a firm resolution to avoid it in the future. The Holy Spirit gives us grace to see our sin for what it is – rebellion and a rejection of the love of God. God's grace helps us to turn away from all that would keep us from his love. Faith or belief is an entirely free gift which God makes to us. Believing is only possible by grace and the help of the Holy Spirit who moves the heart and converts it to God. The Holy Spirit opens the eyes of the mind and makes it easy for us to accept and believe the truth. To believe is to take Jesus at his word, to believe that God loved us so much that he sent his only begotten Son to redeem us from the slavery of sin and death. God made the supreme sacrifice of his Son on the cross to bring us back to himself. Do you know the love of God that surpasses all else and that impels us to give him our all? God wants to change our way of thinking and transform our lives by the power of his word.

**Prayer:** Lord our God, friend of the lowly, who gave your servant, Saint Andre Bessette, a great devotion to Saint Joseph and a special commitment to the poor and afflicted, help us through his intercession to follow his example of prayer and love and so come to share with him in your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** On more than on occasion John the Baptist's enemies sought to silence him. But the truths of sacred scripture cannot be silenced. As soon as John had finished his testimony Jesus began his in Galilee. Galilee was at the crossroads of the world and much traffic passed through this little region. It had been assigned to the tribes of Asher, Naphtali and Zebulun when the Israelites first came into the land (read Joshua 9). For a long time it had been under Gentile occupation. Isaiah foretold (read Isaiah 9) that the good news of salvation would be proclaimed in this land and reach to the Gentiles. Jesus begins the proclamation of the gospel here to fulfill the word of God. The Old Testament prophets spoke of God's promise to send a Redeemer who would establish God's rule. That time is now fulfilled in Jesus.

About Saint André Bessette: Sickness and weakness dogged André from birth. He was the eighth of twelve children born to a French Canadian couple near Montreal. Adopted at twelve, when both parents had died, he became a farmhand. Various trades followed: shoemaker, baker, blacksmith-all failures. He was a factory worker in the United States during the boom times of the Civil War. At twenty-five, he applied for entrance into the Congregation of the Holy Cross. After a year's novitiate, he was not admitted because of his weak health. But with an extension and the urging of Bishop Bourget (see Marie-Rose Durocher, October 6), he was finally received. He was given the humble job of doorkeeper at Notre Dame College in Montreal, with additional duties as sacristan, laundry worker and messenger. "When I joined this community, the superiors showed me the door, and I remained forty years." In his little room near the door, he spent much of the night on his knees. On his windowsill, facing Mount Royal, was a small statue of Saint Joseph, to whom he had been devoted since childhood. When asked about it he said, "Some day, Saint Joseph is going to be honored in a very special way on Mount Royal!" When he heard someone was ill, he visited to bring cheer and to pray with the sick person. He would rub the sick person lightly with oil taken from a lamp burning in the college chapel. Word of healing powers began to spread. When an epidemic broke out at a nearby college, André volunteered to nurse. Not one person died. The trickle of sick people to his door became a flood. His superiors were uneasy; diocesan authorities were suspicious; doctors called him a quack. "I do not cure," he said again and again. "Saint Joseph cures." In the end he needed four secretaries to handle the eighty thousand letters he received each year. For many years the Holy Cross authorities had tried to buy land on Mount Royal. Brother André and others climbed the steep hill and planted medals of Saint Joseph. Suddenly, the owners yielded. André collected two hundred dollars to build a small chapel and began receiving visitors there-smiling through long hours of listening, applying Saint Joseph's oil. Some were cured, some not. The pile of crutches, canes and braces grew. On October 17, 2010, Pope Benedict XVI formally declared sainthood for André.

#### Tuesday, January 7 ~ Season of Christmas Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest

Holy Gospel: Mark 6:34-44 When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. By now it was already late and his disciples approached him and said, "This is a deserted place and it is already very late. Dismiss them so that they can go to the surrounding farms and villages and buy themselves something to eat." He said to them in reply, "Give them some food yourselves." But they said to him, "Are we to buy two hundred days' wages worth of food and give it to them to eat?" He asked them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out they said, "Five loaves and two fish." So he gave orders to have them sit down in groups on the green grass. The people took their places in rows by hundreds and by fifties. Then, taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; he also divided the two fish among them all. They all ate and were satisfied. And they picked up twelve wicker baskets full of fragments and what was left of the fish. Those who ate of the loaves were five thousand men.

**Meditation:** Many ask what the significance of this miracle conveys to us? The miraculous feeding of such a great multitude pointed to God's provision of manna in the wilderness for the people of Israel under Moses' leadership. This food foreshadowed the true heavenly bread which Jesus would offer his followers. The sign of the multiplication of the loaves when the Lord says the blessing, breaks and distributes through his disciples prefigures the superabundance of the unique bread of his Eucharist or Lord's Supper. Jesus makes a claim only God can make: He is the true bread of heaven that can satisfy the deepest hunger we experience. The feeding of the five thousand shows the remarkable generosity of God and his great kindness towards us. In the multiplication of the loaves and fishes we see a sign and a symbol of what God always does. When God gives, he gives abundantly. He gives more than we need for ourselves that we may have something to share with others, especially those who lack what they need. God takes the little we have and multiplies it for the good of others.

**Prayer:** O God, who adorned the Priest Saint Raymond with the virtue of outstanding mercy and compassion for sinners and for captives, grant us, through his intercession, that, released from slavery to sin, we may carry out in freedom of spirit what is pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Despite what we may think or feel, no matter what we may purchase, the trappings and allurements of this earthly world will not bring us true and lasting happiness. Why? Nothing can satisfy the deepest longing and desire of the heart, except God alone! Do you believe that is true? Of all the miracles Jesus did, this is the only one which is repeated in all four gospels. A great multitude had gathered to hear Jesus, no doubt because they were hungry for the word of life. Jesus' disciples wanted to send them away at the end of the day because they did not have the resources to feed them. They even complained how much money it would take to feed such a crowd – at least six month's wages! Jesus took the little they had – five loaves and two fish – and giving thanks to his heavenly Father, distributed to all until they were satisfied of their hunger. They took up what was left over, twelve baskets full so that nothing would be wasted.

#### Wednesday, January 8 ∼ Season of Christmas

**Holy Gospel: Mark 6:45-52** After the five thousand had eaten and were satisfied, Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side toward Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. And when he had taken leave of them, he went off to the mountain to pray. When it was evening, the boat was far out on the sea and he was alone on shore. Then he saw that they were tossed about while rowing, for the wind was against them. About the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them. But when they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and cried out. They had all seen him and were terrified. But at once he spoke with them, "Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid!" He got into the boat with them and the wind died down. They were completely astounded. They had not understood the incident of the loaves. On the contrary, their hearts were hardened.

**Meditation:** After the great miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, Jesus sends his disciples away to fend for themselves in the dark of the night while a storm begins to brew on the sea. Although they were experienced fishermen, they were fearful for their lives. The Lord's sudden presence on the sea only made them more fearful! Mark says they were terrified (verse 50), not only because the sea was threatening to drown them. When they saw Jesus walking on the water, they thought he was a ghost waiting for their imminent destruction. Jesus had to calm them with his reassuring voice: "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." Jesus gave them the courage to cast their anxiety and fear on him who is Lord of the seas as well as their lives. Scripture reminds us that no fear can overtake us if we put our trust in God's love and care for us. John the Evangelist tells us that God's love abides in us and perfect love casts out fear. (1 John 4:16,18).

**Prayer:** Grant us, almighty God, that the bringer of your salvation, who for the world's redemption came forth with newness of heavenly light, may dawn afresh in our hearts and bring us constant renewal. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Do you ever find yourself thinking how much we are like the apostles – especially when we experience trials and adversity? While the Lord may at times seem distant to us, he, nonetheless is constantly present at our side. The scriptures remind us that the Lord is "a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1). Whatever storms make beset us, he promises to "bring us to our desired haven" (Psalm 107:29-30). The Lord keeps watch over us at all times, and especially in our moments of temptation and difficulty. Do you rely on the Lord for his strength and help? Jesus assures us that we have no need of fear if we trust in Him and in his great love for us. When calamities and trials threaten to overwhelm you, how do you respond? With fear and panic, or with faith and trust in God's love and presence with you?

#### Thursday, January 9 ~ Season of Christmas

**Holy Gospel: Luke 4:14-22** Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the Sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.* Rolling up the scroll, he

handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.

**Meditation:** In Jesus we see the grace of God in action. His gracious words brought hope, joy, and favor to those who were ready to receive him. Where did Jesus began his public ministry? In his own land of Galilee where he was reared from his youth in Nazareth. His proclamation of the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy of Isaiah brought wonder to his kin and townsfolk. Isaiah had prophesied that the Messiah would come in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring freedom to those oppressed by sin and evil (see Isaiah 61:1-2). Jesus awakened their hope in the promises of God. They, in turn, received his words favorably and wondered what would become of "Joseph's son". Their hearts were hungry for the word of life and they looked to Jesus with anticipation and wonder. Do you look to Jesus with confidence and hope in the fulfillment of all God's promises?

**Prayer:** O God, who by; the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son wondrously began for your people the work of redemption, grant, we pray, to your servants such firmness of faith, that by his guidance they may attain the glorious prize you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** What did Jesus come to do for us? He came to set us free from the worst tyranny possible – slavery to sin and the fear of death, and the eternal destruction of both body and soul. God's power alone can save us from emptiness and poverty of spirit, from confusion and error, and from hopelessness and the fear of annihilation. The gospel of salvation is "good news" for us today. Do you know the joy and freedom of the gospel? If not, why not?

#### Friday, January 10 ~ Season of Christmas

**Holy Gospel: Luke 5:12-16** It happened that there was a man full of leprosy in one of the towns where Jesus was; and when he saw Jesus, he fell prostrate, pleaded with him, and said, "Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean." Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, "I do will it. Be made clean." And the leprosy left him immediately. Then he ordered him not to tell anyone, but "Go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The report about him spread all the more, and great crowds assembled to listen to him and to be cured of their ailments, but he would withdraw to deserted places to pray.

**Meditation:** Something quite remarkable takes place in today's gospel. The leper approached Jesus confidently and humbly, expecting that Jesus could and would heal him. Normally a leper would be stoned or at least warded off if he tried to come near a rabbi. Jesus not only grants the man his request, but he demonstrates the personal love, compassion, and tenderness of God in his physical touch. The medical knowledge of his day would have regarded such contact as grave risk for incurring infection. Jesus met the man's misery with compassion and tender kindness. He communicated the love and mercy of God in a sign that spoke more eloquently than words. He touched the man and made him clean – not only physically but spiritually as well. The love of God invites us to do as Jesus did – to love the unlovable, to touch the untouchable, and to forgive the unforgivable.

**Prayer:** Cast your kindly light upon your faithful, Lord, we pray, and with the splendor of your glory set their hearts ever aflame, that they may never cease to acknowledge their Savior and may truly hold fast to him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Jesus did the unthinkable by physically touching the untouchable. Jewish law forbade anyone from touching or approaching a leper, lest ritual defilement occur. Are there people in your life that you might treat as a leper? They may not have leprosy, but the way you sun them, the way you look upon them, the way you treat them, the way you avoid them, perhaps they might as well have leprosy. When someone who is begging for food, or for your pocket changes approaches you for help, do you pretend not to see them? People created in the same image and likeness of God just like you? Think about it...then do something about it the next time someone needs a helping hand, a kind word, and to know that the love of Christ – the love in your heart – is pouring forth to help them.

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#### Solemnidad de La Epifanía del Señor 5 de Enero del 2020

#### Calendario Litúrgico:



DomingoEnero 121:30 p.m.DomingoEnero 191:30 p.m.DomingoEnero 261:30 p.m.

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#### **Notas Espirituales:**

La lectura de hoy de Isaías es una forma evidente con la lectura del Evangelio. Los Reyes Magos en Mateo representan a las naciones del mundo que vienen a saludar al "recién nacido rey de los Judíos". Es fácil entender cómo los primeros cristianos pudieron ver que las visitas como un cumplimiento del texto de Isaías, nuestro profeta previó un tiempo cuando Sión se alegraría, porque "la gloria del Señor brilla sobre ti." Los dones del "oro e incienso" llevado de Sheba son dos de las tres ofertas presentadas por los magos en el Evangelio. Para Mateo y su iglesia, las promesas de Dios, cumplidas por los siglos anteriores de Jerusalén, se están cumpliendo una vez más en Jesús. En Efesios se habla del misterio", dado a conocer mediante la revelación", en relación con el regalo de la salvación ofrecida a los gentiles de Dios. Pablo, el apóstol de los gentiles, anima a su pueblo a perseverar en su fe. Dios los ha llamado a participar también en las promesas hechas a Abraham. Ellos son "coherederos.../y partícipes de la promesa en Cristo Jesús". Hay un marcado contraste entre el rey Herodes y los Reyes Magos en el Evangelio de Hoy. Con el fin de ayudar a los magos, Herodes, rey de los Judíos, consulta "a todos los sumos sacerdotes y los escribas" para descubrir el lugar "donde el Cristo había de nacer". El punto en las Escrituras Hebreas para "Belén de Judea". A raíz de esta información y la estrella, los Reyes Magos llegan a "el lugar donde estaba el niño". Ellos responden con alegría cuando descubren al niño, y lo presentan con regalos aptos para un rey. Herodes, por su parte, que no necesita la estrella para conducirlo al Mesías, esta "muy preocupado" por la noticia del nacimiento de Jesús y busca que lo eliminen. Su respuesta al nacimiento de Jesús nos recuerda que incluso el Príncipe de la paz a veces se presenta con la violencia.

Para reflexionar: ¿Me esfuerzo por caminar en la luz de Dios? ¿Me gusta que los magos, algunas veces vean la presencia de Dios en el mundo alrededor de mí?



Por favor, recuerde en su oración, a todos los enfermos, al salir de casa, y la recuperación de nuestra parroquia. Además, orar por aquellos que sufren de condiciones físicas o mentales.



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