



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings of Epiphany! We conclude the Christmas Season with the Feast of Baptism of the Lord this Monday. Hope all of you had a fruitful season and a sweet experience of God's Love in different spheres of life. I thank you all specially for your loving and thoughtful Christmas gifts. I feel so much loved and humbled by your generous care. Today the Feast of Epiphany reminds us that if God permitted the Magi – foreigners, representing the whole world– to recognize and give Jesus respect as the King, there is nothing in our sinful lives that would keep God from bringing us to Jesus.

There were three groups of people who responded to the Epiphany of Christ's birth. The first group, like King Herod tried to eliminate him, the second group, priests and scribes ignored him, and the third group, represented by the shepherds and the Magi came to adore him. The magi challenge us to actively worship Jesus in the Eucharist with gold of our love, myrrh of our humility and frankincense of our adoration; and give a new direction to our lives. Just as the Magi chose another route to return to their homes, let us choose a better way of life, abstaining from proud, unjust and impure thoughts, evil habits and selfish behavior. Let us remove the darkness of evil around us by radiating Jesus' love through selfless service, unconditional forgiveness and compassionate care.

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath HGN

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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## Mass Intentions: Jan 10-Jan 15

Tuesday	12:05pm	†Henning Family Living & Deceased
Wednesday	5:00pm	†Manual A. Ulrich
Thursday	12:05pm	†Dwight Davis †Michael Mattingly
Friday	7:30 am	†Ted & Melissa Tarrance
Saturday	4:00 pm	†Shirley Johnston
Sunday	7:00 am	St. Joseph & St. John
	11:00 am	Megan Mudd

**Confessions:** Saturday at 3:00 pm  
Anytime by request

## Pastoral Council

Barbara Allen	Jim Cecil
Jerry Clemons-Chair	Eddie Clemons
Joe Heaverin	Ann Marshall-Secretary
Chris Nelson	Debbie Sanders
Nolan Taylor	Carolyn Thomason-V-Chair

### Stewardship of Finance

<b>Dec 24 &amp; 25</b>	Reg Collection		\$2303
Outreach	\$185	Heralds of Good News	\$25
Good Works	\$95	Christmas Offering	\$360
<b>Dec 31 &amp; Jan 1</b>	Reg Collection		\$4708
Heralds of Good News	\$120	Opportunities	\$25
Outreach	\$140	Christmas Offering	\$810
Good Works	\$100	Cemetery	\$1636

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Jan 14 & 15, 2023

	4 PM	7 AM	11 AM
<b>Lector</b>	Ann Marshall	Kevin Collard	Jim Winn
<b>Server</b>	Zach Pierce	Ann Marie Kemp	Gia Vincent
<b>Euch. Mins.</b>	Sharon S. & Kelly H.	Libby Portman & Kim Smith	Kim Higdon. & Robin Lashley
<b>Ushers</b>	Barbara & Danny Joe Allen	Eddie M. & David C.	Wade L. & Ronnie R.
<b>Greeters</b>	Mary Decker & Vivian Green	Eddie & Laquita Clemons	Eliana Falcon
<b>Gift-bearer</b>	Timmy & Jackie Pierce	Patty Dudgeon family	Larry & Linda Clark



# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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## Pastoral Council

Joe Durbin	Sheila Durbin
Nancy Farmer –Secretary	Barbara Fitzhugh
James Hughes-Chair	Jim Sims-Vice Chair

## This Week at St. John

Tue	3:30 pm	Mass
Sun	9:00 am	Mass



**Priest's Visit:** If any parishioner is in need of a visit by the Pastor, please let him or the office know.

## Upcoming in January:

22 Anointing of the Sick

## Stewardship of Finance Dec 25

Reg Collection	\$1682
Heralds of Good News	\$100
Good Works	\$32
<b>Jan 1</b>	
Reg Collection	\$1745

## Mass Intentions Jan 10-Jan 15

Tuesday	3:30 pm	†Peggy & Sue Sims
Sunday	9:00 am	†Andrew Gray

## Ministers' Schedule—January 15

Server:	Colton Tipton
Lector:	Chris Wolfe
EM:	Joe Durbin & Peggy Hayes
Gifts:	Bill & Cathy Canty

## BIRTHDAYS

Joe Spagnolo	1/09
Robin Bohannon	1/11
Paula Wilson	1/11
Peggy Hayes	1/13

## Going Down!!

As the storm raged, the captain realized his ship was sinking fast. He called out, "Anyone here know how to pray?"

One man stepped forward. "Aye, Captain, I know how to pray."

"Good," said the captain, "you pray while the rest of us put on our life jackets — we're one short."

**St. John Thrift Store:** Newborn clothes and teen clothes are greatly needed.

**St. John Prayer List:** Elaine Ashley, Shirley Bush, Joe & Joan Childress, Judy Dombrowski, Liz Durbin, Catherine Duvall, Ken Farris, **Rita Fowler**, Donna Guest, Goldie Hardin, Laura Hamilton, Betty Jennings, **Thomas Langham**, Delores Monroe, Laura Osborn, Kathryn Sowders, Jim Vessels, Chris Wolfe.

## This Week at St. Joseph

Mon	7:30 am	Communion Service
Tue	12:05 pm	Mass
	4:00pm	Fellowship Cafe
Wed	5:00pm	Mass
	5:30pm	Religious Ed
Thu	12:05pm	Mass
Fri	7:30 am	Mass
	8:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration
Sat	9:30 am	Altar Society
	3:00 pm	Confessions
	4:00pm	Mass
Sun	7:00 am	Mass
	11:00am	Mass

# FORMED

### Registering for FORMED:

1. Go to [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and Create a New Account
2. Find our Parish by entering 42754
3. Select St. Joseph Catholic Church & Next
4. Register with your name and email address
5. Check your email for a link to begin using FORMED

### Upcoming in January

12	Pastoral Council Meeting	6:30pm
19	Finance Committee Meeting	6:00pm
21/22	Anointing of the Sick	
26	Blood Drive	12:00pm

## BIRTHDAYS

Lydia Mudd	1/08
Dean Basham	1/09
Ellie Evans	1/09
Brittany Whitmore	1/09
Brayden Clark	1/10
Jimmy Kipper	1/10
Joseph Lengerich	1/10
Judy Decker	1/11
Anail Falcon	1/11
Alice Begay	1/12
Shirley Higbee	1/13
Jimmy Johnston	1/13
James Ray	1/13

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Deacon Bob & Shirley Higbee	1/08
Jared & Ariana Duncan	1/08
Leon & Vivan Green	1/12

**Thank you:** Thank you for your participation in the Parish Contribution to the Missionary Society of Heralds of Good News.

**St. Paul School:** Next Scrip order is January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Please have orders and money turned in by 11 AM ordering deadline to receive cards by Thursday, January 12, 2023.

**St. Joseph Prayer List:** Matt Alvey, Brent Alvey, Nellie Alvey, **Alexis Bibb**, Jill Bradley, Mary Agnes Brown, George Cannon, **George Carwile**, Anna Critchelow, **Norman Cabbage**, **Mary Davis**, Medea Dennis, **Joan Dobson**, Delbert Durham, **Beverly Eck**, Anita Ferguson, Steve Fey, Gary French, **Carol Gatto**, Sherrie Geary, Paul Ray Gray Jr., **Jessica Green**, Carol Grider, Joyce Green, **Tommy Henning**, Deacon Bob Higbee, **Shirley Higbee**, **Jimmy Higdon**, **Jimmy Hill**, Odelean Hill, Jane Johnston, **Tommy Kemp**, **Jamie Logsdon**, Geral Dean Mattingly, **LeeEtta McCorkle**, Sue Milliner, **Danny Payne**, **Rose Pharris**, Mandy Egan Pierce, Brad Pogue, Winnett Powell, **Mariyam Pynadath**, Harry Rhodes, **Anthony Rishkofski**, **Tina Richards**, Laura Roberson, Aaron Shull, John Shull, Chris Sneed, **Rebecca Sneed**, **Scott Taylor**, **Judy Warren**, Andy Wilkins, Larry Woosley, Audrey Wortham, **Wanda York**



## Kids Corner-The Epiphany of the Lord

The word Catholic means "universal." This means people around the world have traditions for celebrating the Epiphany, when Jesus Christ was revealed to the world.

**United Kingdom:** Bless Your Home for the New Year-You can write in chalk, above your door, the year and say a special prayer. "May Christ Bless This Dwelling."

**Spain:** Put on a talent show-This can be a whole family activity, with the kids doing magic tricks, dancing, juggling, etc...for the rest of the family.

**Puerto Rico:** Leave straw for the camels-Children leave shoeboxes filled with grass in the house, for the Magi's camels to snack on why they travel to visit Jesus!

**Ireland:** Show Your Gratitude-In Ireland, Epiphany is known as Little Christmas, and all the women rest from the housework for the day. Moms get to sleep in, go out to eat, and receive gifts from their children.

**Mexico:** Make a King Cake-Mexico and several other cultures around the world all bake some kind of circular treat to celebrate Epiphany. Often, they are wrapped in a crown shape, to point to the kingship of Jesus. Usually, they are filled with dried fruits, nuts, and other yummy things.



## NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

**Mission:** To renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

**Vision:** A movement of Catholics across the United States, healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist—and sent out in mission "for the life of the world."

June 19, 2022-June 11, 2023: Diocesan Year of Eucharistic Revival

Focuses on Eucharistic renewal/formation in clergy, diocesan and parish leadership





**Sunday, Jan 08, 2023**

**Bless this mess**

Do a perimeter walk of your home. What do you see? Each room tells a story, every corner contains a chapter about who lives here and what happens between these walls. *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers* recommends we bless our homes annually on Epiphany in imitation of the wise ones who once followed the divine presence to a humble dwelling. What sort of blessing might each area need? What requires a blessing: the kitchen table, living room sofa, or home office desk? A child's room or elder's sickbed? Don't forget the front door—the passageway to every other story that involves us.

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12 (20). *"Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come."*

**Monday, Jan 09, 2023**

**Be a carrier of peace**

Pigeons and doves are different species within the same family of birds. The homing pigeon, also called the mail or carrier pigeon, is a variety bred for its ability to find its way home over extremely long distances of up to 1,000 miles or more. Because of this skill, they were used to carry messages throughout history. The dove, of course, is a symbol of peace and hope, and famously carried an olive branch to Noah on the Ark after the great flood. If you want to send a similar message, you don't have to go nearly as far. Just extend peace and hope across the dinner table or over the neighbor's fence.

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17 (21). *"He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him."*

**Tuesday, Jan 10, 2023**

**Give peace every chance**

On this day in 1920, the Treaty of Versailles formally ended World War I. On this same day in 1946—following World War II—the UN General Assembly met for the very first time, gathering on church property at the Methodist Central Hall in London. And on January 10, 1984 the United States and Vatican City re-established full diplomatic relations after 117 years. It's not enough for Christians to worship the Prince of Peace. "We must work tirelessly to avoid war between nations and peoples," writes Pope Francis in *Fratelli Tutti* (On Fraternity and Social Friendship). "There is a need to ensure ... tireless recourse to negotiation, mediation, and arbitration." Learn more at Pax Christi USA.

FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28 (306). *"The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes."*

**Wednesday, Jan 11, 2023**

**Measure with mercy**

On this day in 314—or the day before; the history is unclear—Pope Saint Miltiades died after a life of historic twists and turns that would help define the Early Church. Born to North African parents, Miltiades was the second of the Catholic Church's three African popes, having been elected in 311, shortly after the end of the persecutions of Emperor Diocletian. As pope, Miltiades was most famous for rejecting the Donatists, who argued that apostates who

repent needed to be re-baptized (and re-ordained, if priests). In an age of manifestly imperfect priests, may we model Pope Miltiades' mercy and forgiveness for all the fallen—starting with ourselves!

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39 (307). *"They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up."*

**Thursday, Jan 12, 2023**

**Pull back the curtain with contemplative prayer**

Fans of *The Wizard of Oz* relish the moment when a curtain is drawn and the Great and Terrible Oz is shown to be an ordinary man. In a way, the tradition of contemplative prayer is an attempt to pull back the curtain but with reverse results. Instead of seeing the wondrous as ordinary, contemplation is meant to move people to see the depth and intricacy and wonder of the ordinary. In other words, contemplative prayer wants us to see God's face everywhere. Consider the times when God's presence became tangible for you. Build a time into today to seek that presence.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45 (308). *"Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched the leper, and said to him, 'I do will it. Be made clean.'"*

**Friday, Jan 13, 2023**

**The word is out**

Saint Hilary, born in Poitiers in southwest France in 315, had a learned education but was not raised Christian. Able to read the biblical languages, however, he was drawn to Christianity by the beauty and power of the prologue of the Gospel of John (John 1:1-18) and spent his life in strong defense of the divinity of Jesus, a controversial subject at the time. Recognition of his tireless efforts eventually earned him the high title of doctor of the church. Perhaps John's prologue has a word to speak to you as well. Why not dip into its powerful language today?

MEMORIAL OF HILARY, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Mark 2:1-12 (309). *"Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk'?"*

**Saturday, Jan 14, 2023**

**Accepted unconditionally**

Levi was an outcast of his people. Because of his position at the Roman customs post, not only he but also his family were held in disdain. His alliance with the Romans was considered treasonous and his wealth ill-gotten. Levi had many character flaws, yet Jesus chose him as a disciple, and he accepted. This is good news for the outcasts of our generation, the people our society and sometimes our church counts as unacceptable. It's good news for all of us, to be honest, as we all fall short in one way or another. Thankfully, Jesus sees past our shortcomings. Imitate Jesus before judging others.

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17 (310). *"I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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# Dear Padre,

***I've been asked to be a godparent. I'm honored but also a little hesitant. What does a godparent have to do?***

Congratulations. It is an honor to be a godparent. Hesitancy is appropriate, too, as it is also a responsibility. The Church takes baptism very seriously. As a godparent/sponsor, you represent the larger Catholic community into which the child is being received. Church law requires several qualifications for being a godparent/sponsor. As a Catholic, you should have been baptized, confirmed, and received the Eucharist. You must be a practicing Catholic and at least sixteen years old (though some dioceses may have other age requirements). You should understand the meaning of baptism and the responsibilities that you will undertake on behalf of the Church.

Parishes often include godparents in the baptismal preparation programs they offer to parents. This baptismal instruction might challenge you to examine your life. The power of your good example cannot be emphasized enough. A child may not understand the behavior of adults, but the child sees their actions. You cannot tell a child to pray if you yourself don't pray.

Don't be scared off by all this. You are being invited to participate in the most important day of this child's life and to continue being involved as the child lives and grows. Don't let it be just a day of pictures and a party. If you let it, this day may change your life, too. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
January 9 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i> Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38 Mt 3:13-17	January 10 <i>Weekday</i> Heb 2:5-12 Mk 1:21-28	January 11 <i>Weekday</i> Heb 2:14-18 Mk 1:29-39	January 12 <i>Weekday</i> Heb 3:7-14 Mk 1:40-45	January 13 <i>Weekday</i> Heb 4:1-5, 11 Mk 2:1-12	January 14 <i>Weekday</i> Heb 4:12-16 Mk 2:13-17	January 15 <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Is 49:3, 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

## **Daybreaks inspires during our Church's holiest seasons.**

Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections & prayers for Advent and Lent. Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at [Liguori.org](http://Liguori.org).



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## **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

***How many foreigners, including persons of other religions, give us an example of values that we sometimes forget or set aside! Those living beside us, who may be scorned and sidelined because they are foreigners, can instead teach us how to walk on the path that the Lord wishes.***

**HOMILY, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, OCTOBER 9, 2016**