

January 5, 2020

Dear People of the Cathedral Parish,

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2020! I have not seen most of your since last year, which was only a few days ago. I hope that these holy days have been restful and filled with the joy of the season. I was able to spend a few days with Fr. Chandler, my college classmate in Kentucky. Now, it's back to the Cathedral to anticipate a Year of Grace.

We welcome Bishop Bradley. He will celebrate our 11:30am Mass today in honor of the Epiphany. He is inaugurating the Year of the Eucharist for the Diocese today. There are holy cards available for use at home for the coming year. Parishes throughout the Diocese will sponsor liturgical and religious events to commemorate the Year of the Eucharist. I am working of some ideas for the coming months, in addition to our two daily masses and Eucharistic adoration every Friday and Saturday.

The Solemnity of Epiphany is known as Little Christmas. In many cultures, the exchange of gifts coincided with the gifts of the Magi. To celebrate one more Christmas event, I will have an Open House from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. Please enter through the courtyard. Drinks and light refreshments will be served. This is the last chance to see my decorations until December of 2020.

The parish office returned to regular hours last Thursday. After a two week break, school resume on Monday, January 6. Religious Education resumes Monday night at 6:30pm. Please come on time so that we can begin on time. As always, please check weather reports and road conditions for any possible closings.

Next Sunday, January 12, is the Solemnity of our Lord's Baptism in the Jordan River by St. John the Baptist. This day concludes the liturgical season of Christmas. It coincides with the beginning of the Lord's public life and the beginning of our Life of Faith. We will renew our baptismal promises at all Sunday Masses and the Saturday anticipated mass at 4:00pm. While people make and break New Year's resolution, let us renew our commitment to our Savior and Lord.

Sincerely in Christ,

Very Rev. Robert F. Creagan, rector