

**Church Hours:**

*Monday through Friday hours:*

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

*Saturday hours:*

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

*Sunday hours:*

7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Celebration of the Eucharist:**

*Monday through Friday:* 8:00 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.

*Saturday:* 8:00 a.m.; Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m.

*Sunday:* 8:00 am, 10:00 a.m. (Family Mass),

12:00 pm (Adult Choir)

7:30 pm (Contemporary Choir)

**Sacrament of Baptism:**

Baptisms are celebrated on the First and Third Sunday of the month at 1:15 p.m. Baptism class is *required* for all new parents. We ask parents to contact the Parish Office to make the necessary arrangements.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Confessions are heard in the church on Saturdays from 3:00 – 3:45 p.m. and during the week at the Parish House or by appointment with a priest

**Sacrament of Marriage:**

We ask couples planning to get married to contact the Parish Office at least one year prior to their wedding date to begin their marriage preparation.

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:**

Parishioners, especially those who are entering the hospital, who wish to receive the Anointing of the Sick are asked to contact the Parish Office.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Saturday from 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

**Novenas:**

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal:

Monday after the 8:00 am and 12:10 pm Masses.

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Wednesday after the 12:10 p.m. Mass

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**August 21, 2016**  
**Twenty-first Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**

*Epiphany Church is Handicapped Accessible*

**Announced Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, August 20, 2016**

**St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church**

4:00 pm (vigil) Intentions of  
Regina & Ricardo Escueta

**Sunday, August 21, 2016**

8:00 am Benjamin Cabrera  
10:00 am Our Parishioners  
12:00 pm Joseph Maggiore  
7:30 pm Susan Mirasol

**Monday, August 22, 2016**

**Queenship of Mary**

8:00 am Joseph Walsh  
12:10 pm Laura Snyder

**Tuesday, August 23, 2016**

**St. Rose of Lima**

8:00 am Michael LaMarco  
12:10 pm George Vella

**Wednesday, August 24, 2016**

**St. Bartholomew, Apostle**

8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory  
12:10 pm Joseph McLynskey

**Thursday, August 25, 2016**

8:00 am Luisa B. Compas  
12:10 pm Thomas & Ruth Rafferty

**Friday, August 26, 2016**

8:00 am Marianito Diomampo  
12:10 pm Regina A. Verlin

**Saturday, August 27, 2016**

**St. Monica, Mother of St. Augustine**

8:00 am Margaret & Theodore  
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*May the Souls of the Faithful Departed  
Through the Mercy of God,  
Rest in peace. Amen.*



**Going on Vacation?**

Don't forget Epiphany  
while you're away!

(Our summer attendance  
goes way down and  
our expenses go way up.)

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

**August 6 - 7**

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	7:30 PM
168	116	116	255	143

**August 13 - 14**

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	7:30 PM
146	114	155	141	---

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Mr. Murphy waited several times as the officer continued to direct vehicular and foot traffic in and out of the intersection. Still, he stayed on the curb.

After the officer shouted "Pedestrians!" for the fifth time, Mr. Murphy stepped over to him and said, "Is it not about time ye let the Catholics cross?"

### Prayer to St. Monica

St. Monica, I need your prayers.  
You know exactly how I feel because you once felt this sadness yourself.  
I'm hurting, hopeless, and in despair.

I pray with all my heart that my child will return to Christ in his Church but I cannot do it alone.  
I need God's help.

Please join your prayers with mine in begging that the Lord's powerful grace will flow into my child's life.

Ask the Lord Jesus to soften his heart, prepare a path for his conversion, and activate the Holy Spirit in his life.

Amen



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Join the Ladies of Charity of our parish to pray the Rosary on the

First Saturday of every month at 3:00 PM.

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed during the praying of the Rosary.

We pray the Rosary as Mary asked while adoring her beloved Son.

### HEARING ASSISTANCE



Epiphany church offers a loop system for anyone wearing a hearing aid with a "T" (telecoil) setting.

To use this service, hearing aid wearers must sit in the first five rows behind the Lector pew on the left side of the church, facing the pulpit.

Surrounding these pews, there is a copper band on the floor, which enables the system.

### For Young Adult Catholics Visit [www.catholicnyc.com](http://www.catholicnyc.com)

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## UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S READINGS

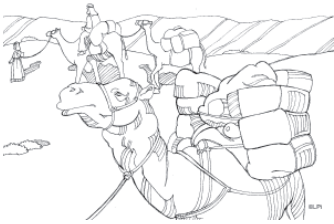
(In order to understand God's love, we need to understand and ponder what He says)

### Isaiah 66:18-21

***"They shall bring all your brothers and sisters... to Jerusalem, my holy mountain..."***

This week's reading continues the history of Jerusalem nearly a century after the Babylonian conquest.

Jerusalem was still mired in a struggle to rebuild God's temple and his holy city, but the people tired of the effort. Morale was low and the city remained only half built. To the citizens of Jerusalem, God must have seemed very distant indeed.



These passages shook the people from their despair. The Lord spoke to his people and assured them that Jerusalem's glory would return because the city stood as a sign of God's glory. He

would send messengers to nations who had never heard his word and they would come to Jerusalem to seek and worship God. The brothers and sisters of the Israelites would join the chosen, already in Jerusalem, to proclaim God's glory.

God's plan for *his* people was for *all* people who heard his word and came to worship. As we tire and lose sight of God in our busy lives, today's reading reminds us that salvation awaits everyone who trusts in God's plan.

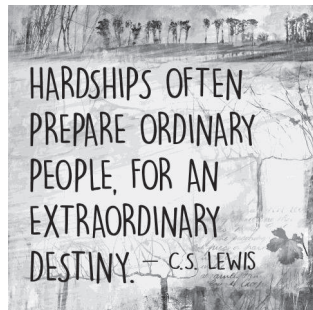
### Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

***"...whom the Lord loves, he disciplines..."***

The author of Hebrews encourages us, in our struggle for spiritual growth, to look to God as a child looks to a parent. When we stray from doing what is right, we are sure to experience discipline from God, as we would from a loving parent.

There are lessons in God's discipline. When we suffer the consequences of turning away from him, we are shaken awake to our responsibility as Christians to "make straight paths", trust in God, and follow his ways.

Human suffering is not always a punishment from God. Sometimes we witness grief that seems undeserved. We ask, "Why me, God?" or "Why this little child?" Some suffering is just a part of our imperfect humanity. Yet, we can learn lessons from this pain as well. We learn that God's creatures are made to survive and be stronger for their suffering. It draws us to faith, to prayer, to one another and, ultimately, to God.



## Today's Psalm: 117

*Go out to all the world  
and tell the Good News/*

### Luke 13:22-30

***"Lord, will only a few people be saved?"***

In today's gospel, Jesus admonished the chosen people to "Strive to enter through the narrow gate." He reminded the Jewish people that now, *everyone* had been invited to enter the kingdom of heaven. The Jews had once been the only people invited to the feast and they believed, if they followed all the proper practices – were good Jews – they would be "saved". Now, how were they to seek God's favor and find a place at his feast?

Jesus used the image of party crashers who took for granted that they would be admitted by the gatekeeper because they had shared meals with the master and had followed him around in his travels. But these were people who did not truly *know* God. They went through the motions of religious observance, but did not truly devote themselves to God. Jesus warned that they would be strangers to him when they sought entrance into his heavenly kingdom.

This gospel highlights the gift of Christ's death and resurrection – the gift of salvation – offered to Jews and Gentiles alike. The answer to the question in today's Gospel is that salvation is for everyone, whether the first to be invited or the very last. But there is work to be done – trusting in God and following his ways – in order, finally, to earn a seat at the table.



"VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, THE FIRST SHALL BE LAST  
AND THE LAST SHALL BE FIRST, WHILE THOSE IN THE  
MIDDLE WILL STAY ROUGHLY THE SAME."

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