



Our Lady of Mercy Parish January 2, 2022



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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:30PM
Sunday 8:30AM & 10:30AM
Weekdays Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri 8:30AM
Holy Days 8:30AM and anticipated vigil 7:00PM

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00-3:45PM
By appointment: please call the office to schedule with Fr. Paul.

Baptism

Please call the office for an appointment. Baptisms are usually planned for the last weekend of the month.

Marriage

Please contact the office to schedule marriage preparation with Fr. Paul.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is a process for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith with the possibility of themselves becoming a Catholic.

Funerals

The contact person for the deceased (or the funeral home) should connect with the office to schedule.

Planning ahead for funeral Mass celebrations is also available to all parishioners.

Faith Formation

We offer Faith Formation for all ages. Please see the website for current dates and programs.

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00AM-3:00PM

Church Hours

The church will be locked for safety. You are welcome to spend time in the church for prayer during office hours! Please come into the office and someone will be happy to let you into the church.

Livestreaming available at olmnh.org

The 4:30 vigil Mass is live streamed each week to be watched live or at a later time and available on the website at www.olmnh.org.

Sanctuary Candle

Please contact the office to have the sanctuary candle lit in memory of, or for the intentions of, a loved one.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 1st
Vigil: Epiphany of the Lord

4:30PM: Antonio Jette requested by his daughter

Sunday, January 2nd
Epiphany of the Lord

8:30AM: Angelo M. Morandi requested by Ned Robertson
For all parishioners

10:30AM: Richard Blais requested by Lorraine Blais

Monday, January 3rd
Holy Name of Jesus

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Ryan McElwain requested by Claude & Sandy Mayo

Tuesday, January 4th
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Pat Hayes requested by the family

Wednesday, January 5th
Saint John Neumann, Bishop

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Tony Pellegrino requested by the Knights of Columbus

Thursday, January 6th
Saint Andre Bessette, Religious

No Mass

Friday, January 7th
Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Joseph Mitchell requested by his family

Saturday, January 8th
Vigil: Baptism of the Lord

4:30PM: Deceased members of the Wood and Dwyer family

Sunday, January 9th
Baptism of the Lord

8:30AM: Ruth Whittredge requested by Ruth Murphy
For all parishioners

10:30AM: Don Morin requested by the Lamb family

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burns the week of
January 1st - 7th in memory of
Doris & Edmund Beaupre.



Please pray for our recently deceased

Donald Collins, December 1
Robert Walles, December 18

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul
and the souls of all the faithful departed, through
the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Prayer for a New Year

Remember us, O God;
from age to age be our comforter.
You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in
days and nights, seasons and years.
Bless Your children at the turning of the year and fill
the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours
in the coming of Christ.
You are our God, living and reigning, forever and
ever. Amen!

Readings for the Week: Jan. 2, 2021

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b;
Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-2,
3-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30;
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-12 Upcoming Dates

- Next Grade 1-5 in person class:** Wednesday, January 12 from 4:30-5:30PM OR 5:45-6:45PM, faith formation hall
- Next Edge:** Sunday, January 30 from 6:15-7:45PM, church hall
- Next Life Teen:** Sunday, January 23 from 6:15-7:45PM, church hall

The Magi Seek Out Jesus

Matthew 2:1-12

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus's birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod... ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus's role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus's kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of His divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus's death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including His birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, His baptism by John, and His first miracle at Cana.

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Be Our Daily Star

God of all heaven and earth,
From the breath of Your love came the creation of the world.
We are amazed by the vast beauty of the night sky and at the intimate nature of the love You have for us, Your children. Be our daily star, guiding our lives toward You. May we always follow Your light of truth in all that we do, forever trusting, hoping and believing in Your word. Lift our eyes to Your eternal life shining brightly, leading us home.
Amen!



Today's Gospel: Family Connection

The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

Read today's Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12. The gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—have come to be understood as symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. They are special because in giving them, the Magi acknowledge who Jesus was to be: our Savior. We pray that we will acknowledge Jesus as Savior in all that we do and say.

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Parish Happenings: the Week Ahead

Prayer Group: Monday, January 3 from 4:00-5:30PM in the church

Knitting Ministry: Thursday, January 6 from 12:00-2:00PM in the church hall

Men of St. Joseph: Saturday, January 8 at 7:30AM in the church hall

Coffee & Donuts: After the Sunday Masses on January 9

Adult Faith Formation

The next session of "Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist" will be held on Tuesday, January 11 at 9:15AM OR 6:00PM in the church hall.

January Rosary Intentions

January 1 - **Mother of Jesus:** Inspire families to grow in faith & values.

January 2 - **Our Lady of Fatima:** Comfort children who are abused or neglected.

January 3 - **Queen of Heaven:** Stand by our seminarians preparing for priesthood.

January 4 - **Immaculate Mary:** Guide Bishop Libasci in leading our diocese.

January 5 - **Our Lady of Grace:** Guide all who work for migration & refugees.

January 6 - **Madonna of Tears:** Bring healing to parents who ended their pregnancy.

January 7 - **Queen of Peace:** Rouse all politicians to defend life.

January 8 - **Mother of Miracles:** Protect our men & women in the military.



Inclement Weather Cancelations

If Merrimack schools are closed due to weather, there will be no morning Mass. Cancelations will also be noted on WMUR.

Parish Stewardship

December 19: \$5,998

Thank you for your generosity!



Consecration to the Holy Family

If you would like to recommit to your Catholic faith as a family, consecration to the Holy Family of Nazareth may be just the experience you seek. Review the information found on our Diocesan website at CatholicNH.org/family2/family/family-life/familyconsecration. Then prayerfully discuss as a family. Select a consecration day and celebrate your renewed commitment to Christ!

Some dates for consecration:

The Presentation of the Lord, February 2

The Solemnity of St. Joseph, March 19

The Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, May 1

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, June 27

For other family resources from the Diocese of Manchester, go to CatholicNH.org and click on the "Family Life" link under the "Ministries" tab.

120 Club Winners

January 2
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Rosalie Neveu

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