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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3, 2021



MASSES

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00PM

SUNDAY: 8:00AM & 10:30AM

WEEKDAY MASS: CHAPEL

MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00AM
(ROSARY AFTER)

FIRST SATURDAY 8:00AM
ANNOINTING OF THE SICK &
NOVENA TO MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 3:00-3:45 PM

SUNDAY: 7:15 - 7:45AM
9:45-10:15 AM

OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT

ADORATION

TUESDAY: 8:00AM-6:00PM

FRIDAY: 8:30AM-9:30 AM
(DEVOTION TO SACRED HEART)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:00 AM-12:30 PM

LAURA E. RHODE, SECRETARY

Gospel Reflection

Epiphany has been defined as the manifestation of the divine nature of Jesus to the gentiles as represented by the Magi. The choice of the Gospel today for the feast of the Epiphany underscores the truth that Jesus is God's revelation not to a select few but to the whole world. In today's Gospel we find two contrasting figures- King Herod and the Magi. The Magi, defying all human logic set out to an unknown destination, following a star. On the other hand, Herod who had at his disposal all the means of knowing the savior, chooses to reject and destroy him. Vatican II reminds the church that it has "... the duty of scrutinizing the signs of the times and of interpreting them in the light of the Gospel" (GS 4). The Magi did read the signs of the time and convinced that the star on the horizon pointed to the fulfillment of a long-awaited hope of humanity. Herod did not understand the meaning of true kingship but chose a hostile approach to safe guard his power and went to the extent of massacring the innocents. We need to have the wisdom and vision of the Magi to read the signs of the times and to discover our savior present in our midst.

Today's feast of Epiphany also reminds us our own call to Christ in the gift of faith and our surrender to Him in our response of faith. In our celebration of the Eucharist today we shall be United with all men of goodwill who are seeking to find Jesus in their daily lives; we shall pray with them and for them that their and our search for Jesus in our life today and this New Year 2021 be successful.

Wish you all a Happy & Prosperous New Year

Today's Readings

First Reading (*Isaiah 60:1-6 (20ABC)*)

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm (*Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13*)

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading (*Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6*)

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Gospel (*Matthew 2:1-12*)

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

“ Attention “

Please be sure to be added to the Catholic list when are admitted to the hospitals. The Priest Chaplains will not know if you are in the hospital unless you are on the list.



If you are unable to come in the Church, sit in the parking lot and listen to our Broadcasting on **91.1 Fm.**

You can also listen to a Portable radio in Church if you have trouble hearing.



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Don't forget to bring in your Claiborne Hill Receipts Thank you all for saving your receipts and Please keep up the good work.



The bishops of the Province of Mobile, together with our Presbyteral Councils, have declared the Church year beginning November 29, 2020, the First Sunday of Advent, and ending November 21, 2021, the Feast of Christ the King, to be **The Year of the Eucharist and the Parish in all our dioceses.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- 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 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
- Wed:** 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 4:14-22a
- Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
- Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-1

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week
- Monday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Tuesday:** St. John Neumann
- Wed:** St. André Bessette
- Thursday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort; Julian Calendar Christmas

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, January 2,**
4pm - Stephen G. Hasenkampf †
- Sunday, January 3**
8:00am— Parishioners
10:30am—Laura Rhode & All Family Members Living & Deceased.
- Monday, January 4**
8:00am - Terry Story †
- Tuesday, January 5**
8:00am -
- Wednesday, January 6**
8:00am -
- Thursday, January 7**
8:00am-
- Friday, January 8**
8:00am -

Today's Special Collection

Aged & Infirm Priests

FEAST OF FAITH

The Liturgy of Emmanuel
The assembly has gathered from near and far, on foot, by bus, by car, by subway, singly and by twos and threes: single people, couples, families. Now that movement is ritualized and made visible in the liturgy's entrance procession. We are not alone on this journey; Christ is with us. The procession is led by the cross, with the image of Christ upon it. Candles, signs of a living presence, are carried around the cross. Candles also accompany the Book of the Gospels, another sign of Emmanuel, God-with-us. The priest presider is likewise a sign of Christ's presence in our assembly; he will act in persona Christi, in the person of Christ, who presides at every Eucharist. As the procession begins, we stand and sing together in our first act as a community. The joining of our voices begins to turn many into one. The songs we sing range from ancient chants to contemporary hymns, but they have the same purpose, to foster our unity and turn our thoughts to the mysteries we gather to celebrate. We may feel that we can't sing well, but "Christ always invites us to enter into song, to rise above our own preoccupations, and to give our entire selves to the hymn of his Paschal Sacrifice"

Benediction after all Weekend Masses

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:

- Amir Darwis _____ US Army National Guard
- Drew Ladner _____ US Marine
- Darrell Little _____ US Army
- Devin Nelson _____ US Army
- Brandan Witt _____ USAF
- Evan Cameron _____ USAF
- Dillon Lacoste _____ US Navy

Lord, hold our troops in Your Loving Hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need, and bring them home safely. May their sacrifices bring about a lasting and just peace in those lands. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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