

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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JANUARY 8, 2017

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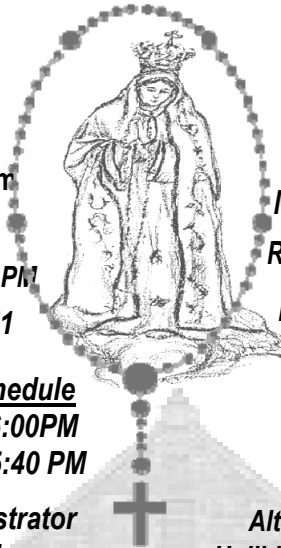
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8:00 AM 8:00 AM 8:00 AM

10:00 AM 12:00 Noon 12:00 Noon

12:00 Noon 5:30 PM Saturday: 8:00 AM

5:00 PM 12:00 Noon

January 8 Mt 2:1-12

**There are two different perspectives in today's gospel: For Herod, the child Jesus was expendable because He interfered with Herod's personal goals but the Magi risked all to protect the same child. Do you imitate Herod or the Magi? Are children a priority in your life or are they sacrificed for career, convenience and possessions.**

### **What is Epiphany?**

**Epiphany is the Christian festival marking the visit of the Magi to celebrate Jesus Christ's birth. It was the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles.**

**Until recent years the Epiphany always fell on January 6. The feast was changed to the Sunday following New Year's Day due to its importance. It marks the end of the Christmas Season and the Church wanted to celebrate it in a special way. Rather than make it a Holy Day that would often fall on a weekday, it was given a fixed Sunday so all people could celebrate the feast. Celebrating the Epiphany in a special manner helps us remember that Christmas is a "season" and not just a day.**

**The word epiphany has been used in various other ways in recent years so just what does it really mean? It is a sudden realization or a leap of understanding through an ordinary occurrence. Or an illuminating discovery, a revealing scene or moment.**

**Jesus' birth was all of the above. And so are many other moments in our lives. Look for them and celebrate them.**

*Adapted and reprinted from the booklet published by the Family Life Office entitled "HOLIDAY SPIRITUALITY IN THE HOME - Thanksgiving to Epiphany".*

### **Post Holiday Blues**

**With dread, anxiety, and pain—that's how many of us approach the season of supposedly joy-filled, family-oriented excitement. Sometimes we think we have been successful in creating the Norman Rockwell scene of family unity, humor and love. Other years, we are just glad to see January so we can put away the decorations.**

**For most grieving people, it's not easy to make simple decisions. Every action and thought seems tainted by pain and uncertainty. Making long-range plans appears useless and too demanding. Deciding New Year's resolutions feels childish and burdensome.**

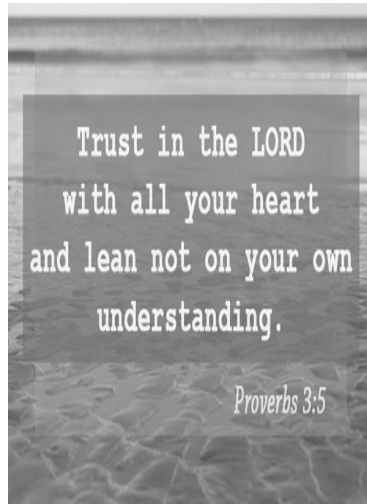
**What about the days to come? Make some plans for the days after New Year's. The natural let-down of post-holiday blues can be lightened by having something to anticipate. Get tickets to a play, schedule a group activity, invite a friend to visit or go to a friends for a few days. Do whatever keeps you involved with others and gives you a reason to make it through this emotionally draining season.**

**No matter how bad things seem to us, looking around the world illustrates that others are worse off than we are. There's a miracle in helping others—we receive as much, if not more, than we give. If we give from our own goodness, we can't help but be touched. True happiness is derived from making a difference for others and from bringing beauty into another's life. Whether with a phone call, card, or visit, reach out and touch someone. Hope is contagious!**

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**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
JANUARY 8, 2017  
10:30 AM  
OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS**

Readings: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3,5-6; Mt 2:1-12  
**Today's intention - 10:30 AM Catherine Burr**

**January 15, Second Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Readings: Is 49:3,5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

**\*10:30 AM Genevieve Musto (Riggie Musto)**

**Cathedral Mass Intentions**

**January 9, Monday: The Baptism of the Lord**

Readings: Is 43:1-4,6-7; Mt 3:13-17

6:45 AM **No Mass**

8:00 AM Herbert J. Kutruff, Birthday (M/M Pat Riley)

12:00 PM Patty Wiedemer, Anniv. (Joe & Family)

**January 10, Tuesday: Weekday**

Readings: Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

6:45 AM Patty Seidel Howard, Anniv. (Weavers)

8:00 AM **No Mass**

12:00 PM Deceased Members of McGreal Family

**January 11, Wednesday: Weekday**

Readings: Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

6:45 AM David Weaver, Ann. (Jim, Elaine & Fam.)

8:00 AM **No Mass**

12:00 PM Pat Rabine (M/M Ken Oylar)

**January 12, Thursday: Weekday**

Readings: Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

6:45 AM **No Mass**

**\*8:00 AM Jerry Smith (John Prosperi)**

12:00 PM Jim Davidson (MaryAnn & Linda Wharton)

**January 13, Friday: Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor**

Readings: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

6:45 AM **No Mass**

**\*8:00 AM Bebe Milliron (Pat Byrne and Family)**

12:00 PM Danyll Rougeux (Peggy Bieniek)

**January 14, Saturday: Weekday**

Readings: Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

**\*8:00 AM Paul Cassarly (Jean Fornwalt)**

12:00 PM Joe Tomlinson (Kevin and Jane Byrne)

**Vigil: Second Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Readings: Is 49:3,5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

5:00 PM Poor Souls

*JANUARY 8, 2017*

*Scripture Reflection*

**The details of the Magi's visit intrigue us. The visitors' names and occupations, the symbolism of the gifts, and the evil intentions of Herod lend drama and mystery to the story. But we need to focus on the Gospel as an epiphany, a manifestation of God's intervention in the world. These foreigners are a sign of the far-reaching effect of the birth of the Son of God. All peoples of good will find their way to the Lord.**

**One of Matthew's purposes was to confirm something the early church found a great mystery: that through Christ, God's covenant with Israel was now open to the Gentiles. This is also the mystery Paul explains in today's second reading. Matthew's lessons do not end there, however. The world is full of seekers. Some of these seekers are men and women at the end of their rope, desperate for a liberator, longing for deliverance from poverty, human trafficking, the sex trade, mental illness, war, violence, poverty or injustice. Some are seekers of a different sort, longing not for deliverance but for a life worth living, a life with meaning and depth, with purpose and love.**

**As Christians, we know that Christ can save every soul and satisfy every longing, and we know where to find him. Christ himself told us to seek him among the poor, to find him where two or more are gathered. We find him in Scripture and in the Sacraments and in the Spirit he gives us at our baptism. It is too easy for us to be like the chief priests and scribes in today's Gospel, indifferent to knowledge that would change the life of another. It is also easy to be like Herod and feel threatened by the presence of Christ, who imperils our ego drawn senses of power, comfort, privilege or security. Today's Gospel challenges us to be both seekers and guides, to be disciples who seek and find Christ, and then to show others the way.**

- **The wise still seek the Lord. Where is your journey leading you?**
- **How are you helping others on their journey?**

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father Have  
Mercy on Me, A Sinner*

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## Out and About...



### Liturgical Reflection ...

Today is the Epiphany of the Lord and the last Sunday of Christmas time. Tomorrow, Monday, January 9, is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord and the formal ending of the Christmas season. Today the Church celebrates with the wise visitors from the east that the Word Made Flesh has arrived for all peoples and all nations. Jesus, born in Bethlehem, raised in Nazareth, and crucified in Jerusalem, is Lord of all races and nations. May the Christian Gospel be proclaimed throughout the world to all inhabitants.

2017, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

**WE WILL BE DISMANTLING THE CHRISTMAS CRECHE AND TREE AFTER MASS TODAY! PLEASE STAY AND HELP.**

**POINSETIA FLOWERS are allowed to remain in the sanctuary after Epiphany. Please ask Chris or Carol before you take any from the Church after Mass today.**

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### **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 will meet at 6:30 for a social followed by a meeting at 7:00 on Monday, January 9th. at St. Rose of Lima social hall. New members welcome!

### **PIEROGI SALE...**

**Pierogie are being sold for pickup on Ash Wednesday, March 1st from 1:00-6:00PM. Timing is coordinated with Mass times at the Cathedral and the distribution of Ashes that day. Bring a cooler to keep them in as they are uncooked and frozen. That gives us 6 weeks of selling time! Pew sheets are available now. The cost of the regular potato, potato and cheese etc. will be \$7.00 per dozen. The cottage cheese pierogi only will cost \$9.00 per dozen. Dairy has gone up, so is the price to buy! Deadline for ordering is February 22nd, at NOON.**

### **BLESSING OF HOME ON EPIPHANY - Continued from page 5...**

The custom in Germany is that of the children's' festival between January 1-6 (Three Kings Day). After a service at the churches the children go from house to house to gather offerings for poor children in poor countries. They are dressed as the three kings and carry sticks with stars on the top. At the homes they sing songs and recite messages of Christmas. At each house they paint the letters "20+C+M+B+17" which are for the Latin *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* (Christ bless this house). At the same time the letters are the first letters of the names of the wise men: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. — Christmas Stories from German Culture.

### **THE FEAST OF ST. BRIGID DANCE...**

The Knight's of Columbus, Saturday, February 4th, 1508 12th Avenue, Altoona; 7-11 PM; Irish Food & Drink provided. Doors open @ 6:30 PM. Public is Welcome—\$20 Donation/Person Call 814 280-7661. Tickets in Advance only!! Proceeds to benefit K OF C BUILDING FUND!

### **CATCH-UP ON MONEY MATTERS AS SPACE PERMITS**

The 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal ended on Dec. 31st. Our Lady of Fatima parish is now obligated to pay \$2,715 deficit.

#### **November 2016 Contributions**

11/6	67/154 Env.	11/1-2	Env. Used 30/154
Weekly	\$1512.20	All Saints	\$192.00
Misc.	\$248.50	All Souls	\$168.00
<u>Holy Days</u>	<u>\$72.00</u>	Total Dep	360.00
Total Dep	\$1832.70		

11/13	Env Used 63/154	11/20	Env.Used 49/154
Weekly	\$1506.00	Weekly	\$1307.50
Misc.	\$109.00	Misc	\$82.50
<u>Holy Days</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>	<u>Catholic Charities</u>	<u>\$85.00</u>
Total Dep.	\$1620.00	Total Dep.	\$1475.00

11/27	Env.Used 70/154	<b>“It is not only what we do, but also what we do not do, for which we are accountable.”- Moliere</b>	
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Misc.	\$80.42		
<u>Holy Days</u>	<u>10.00</u>		
Total Dep	1464.67		

#### **December 2016 Contributions**

12/4	Env. Used 70/154	12/8	Env Used 10/152
Weekly	\$1527.30	<u>Imm. Conc.</u>	<u>\$112.00</u>
Misc.	\$199.00	Total Dep	<u>\$112.00</u>
Christmas/H. Day	\$10.00		
Holy Day	\$70.00		
Flowers/Memor.	\$165.00		
<u>Ret Fund/Rel.</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>		
Total Dep	\$1981.30		

“to be continued “

# Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany

The traditional date of Epiphany is January 6, but in the United States it is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.

*When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung. The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply, "Amen."*

*The leader greets those present in the following words:*

Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace.

Blessed be God forever.

*R/. Blessed be God forever.*

*In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:*

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

*One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 19:1-9:*

Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way.> When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham."

*The intercessions are then said:*

Leader: The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him.

*R/. Stay with us, Lord.*

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head.

We pray:

*R/. Stay with us, Lord.*

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing.

We pray:

*R/. Stay with us, Lord.*

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory.

We pray:

*R/. Stay with us, Lord.*

*After the intercessions the leader invites all present to say the Lord's Prayer.*

*The leader says the prayer of blessing with hands joined:*

Lord God of heaven and earth,

you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star.

Bless this house and all who inhabit it.

Fill them (us) with the light of Christ,

that their (our) concern for others may reflect your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*R/. Amen.*

*The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:*

May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm,  
and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever.

*R/. Amen.*

*It is preferable to end the celebration with a suitable song, for example, "O Come, All Ye Faithful" or "We Three Kings."*

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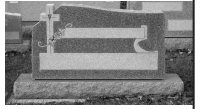
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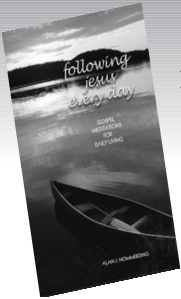
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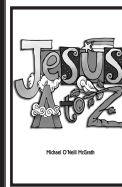
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