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Parish Office Hours: 8:00 am to 3:30 pm

**Anointing of the Sick**

The sacrament is available during Confession hour and after each Mass per request.

**Sacrament of Matrimony**

Couples wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony must contact a priest of the parish one year in advance of the wedding. Diocesan regulations require that couples begin to work with the parish at least one year prior to a wedding.

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Families of our parish who wish to have their child baptized should call the parish office to register for Baptism Prep. Please call well in advance of birth of your child.

**Confessions – Anytime by appointment**

Tuesdays: 5:15 pm – 6:15 pm; Saturdays: 9:00 am – 10:00 am

January 2, 2022

The Feast of The Epiphany



**Mass Schedule**

**Saturday, January 1**

- 9:30 am James Balfe (Nancy)
- 3:00 pm Wedding Fanning/Ott
- 4:30 pm Mary Jo Ott (Family)

**Sunday, January 2**

- 8:00 am Harold Frazier (Jerry & Sharyn)
- 10:00 am Mary Lucas (Nancy & Lin)
- 11:30 am John Palicka, Jr. (Family)

**Monday, January 3**

- 7:45 am Our Parish Family

**Tuesday, January 4**

- 7:45 am Joann Barbour (Daughter)
- 6:30 pm John & Ethel Dirling & John, Jr. (Family)

**Wednesday, January 5**

- 7:45 am Larry Langer (Sandy)

**Thursday, January 6**

- 7:45 am Edmund Michael Young (Marie)

**Friday, January 7**

- 7:45 am Joseph, Cecelia & Darlene Ornowski (Family)

**Saturday, January 8**

- 9:30 am Nancy Ponitz (Vicki)
- 4:30 pm Douglas Jordan (Carol)

**Sunday, January 9**

- 8:00 am Our Parish Family
- 10:00 am Ed Straley (Rose & Chrissy)
- 11:30 am Clare & Ed Behr (Family)





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## The Solemnity of the Epiphany Pope Benedict XVI

*The Light of Jesus is the splendour of the truth*

*We celebrate with joy the Solemnity of the Epiphany, the "manifestation" of Christ to the peoples who are represented by the Magi, mysterious figures who came from the East. We celebrate Christ, the destination of the pilgrimage of peoples in search of salvation.*

### Proclaiming Christ today

The whole of the Second Vatican Council was truly stirred by the longing to proclaim Christ, the Light of the world, to contemporary humanity. In the heart of the Church, from the summit of her hierarchy, emerged the impelling desire, awakened by the Spirit, *for a new epiphany of Christ in the world*, a world that the modern epoch had profoundly transformed and that, for the first time in history, found itself facing the challenge of a global civilization in which the center could no longer be Europe or even what we call the West and the North of the world. Today's Solemnity can offer us this perspective, based on the manifestation of a God who revealed himself in history as the Light of the world to guide humanity and lead it at last into the Promised Land where freedom, justice and peace reign. And we see more and more clearly that on our own we cannot foster justice and peace unless the light of a God who shows us his Face is revealed to us, a God who appears to us in the manger of Bethlehem, who appears to us on the Cross.

### Who then are the "Magi" of today, and what point has their "journey" and our "journey" reached?

At the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council on 8 December 1965, the Council Fathers addressed certain "Messages" to all humanity. The first was addressed *"To Rulers"* and the second, *"To Men of Thought and Science"*. These are two categories of people who, in a certain way, we can see portrayed in the evangelical figures of the Magi. I would then like to add a third category, to which the Council did not address a message but which was very present in its attention in the conciliar Decree *Nostra Aetate*. I am referring to the spiritual leaders of the great non-Christian religions. Two thousand years later, we can thus recognize in the figures of the Magi a sort of pre-figuration of these three constitutive dimensions of modern humanism: the political, scientific and religious dimensions. The Epiphany shows them to us in a state of "pilgrimage", that is, in a movement of seeking, often somewhat confused, whose point of arrival, in short, is Christ, even if the star is sometimes hidden.

### God, on pilgrimage to man

At the same time, the Epiphany shows to us God who in turn is on pilgrimage, a pilgrimage to man. There is not only the pilgrimage of man towards God; God himself has set out towards us: who is Jesus, in fact, if not God who has, so to speak, come out of himself to meet humanity? It was out of love that he made himself history in our history; out of love that he came to bring us the seed of new life (cf. Jn 3:3-6) and sow it in the furrows of our earth so that it might sprout, flower and bear fruit.

Today, I would like to make my own those Messages of the Council which have lost nothing of their timeliness. For instance, one reads in the Message addressed to Rulers: "Your task is to be in the world the promoters of order and peace among men. But never forget this: It is God, the living and true God, who is the Father of men. And it is Christ, his eternal Son, who came to make this known to us and to teach us that we are all brothers. He it is who is the great artisan of order and peace on earth, for he it is who guides human history and who alone can incline hearts to renounce those evil passions which beget war and misfortune".



And further, in the "Message to Men of Thought and Science" we read: "Continue your search without tiring and without ever despairing of the truth", and this, in fact, is the great danger: losing interest in the truth and seeking only action, efficiency and pragmatism! "Recall the words of one of your great friends, St. Augustine: 'Let us seek with the desire to find, and find with the desire to seek still more'. Happy are those who, while possessing the truth, search more earnestly for it in order to renew it, deepen it and transmit it to others. Happy also are those who, not having found it, are working toward it with a sincere heart. This was said in these two Council Messages. Today, it is more necessary than ever to flank the leaders of nations and researchers and scientists with the leaders of the great non-Christian religious traditions, inviting them to face one another with the light of Christ, who came not to abolish but to bring to fulfillment what God's hand has written in the religious history of civilization, especially in the "great souls" who helped to build up humanity with their wisdom and example of virtue.

**Why did the Magi believe?**

"We have seen his star in the East, and have come to adore the Lord" (Gospel acclamation, cf. Mt 2:2).

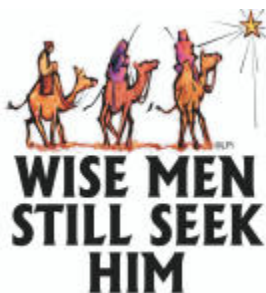
What amazes us each time when we listen to these words of the Magi is that they prostrated themselves before a simple baby in his mother's arms, not in the setting of a royal palace but, on the contrary, in the poverty of a stable in Bethlehem (cf. Mt 2:11).

How was this possible? What convinced the Magi that the Child was "the King of the Jews" and the King of the peoples? There is no doubt that they were persuaded by the sign of the star that they had seen "in its rising" and which had come to rest precisely over the place where the Child was found (cf. Mt 2:9). But even the star would not have sufficed had the Magi not been people inwardly open to the truth.

Let us too pause in spirit to contemplate the image of the adoration of the Magi. It contains a demanding and ever timely message. It is demanding and ever timely, first of all for the Church, which, reflected in Mary, is called to show to mankind Jesus, nothing but Jesus.

Indeed, he is the All and the Church exists solely to remain united to him and to make him known to the world. May the Mother of the Incarnate Word help us to be docile disciples of her Son, the Light of the nations!

The example of the Magi of that time is also an invitation to the Magi of today to open their minds and hearts to Christ and to offer him the gifts of their research. I would like to repeat to them, and to all the people of our time: do not be afraid of Christ's light! His light is the splendor of the truth. Let yourselves be enlightened by him, all peoples of the earth; let yourselves be enveloped by his love and you will find the way of peace. So may it be.



**New Year Resolutions: Eucharistic Minded**



*Let us make this year one of the Eucharist. Growing in our appreciation of this sacrament would be a great New Year's Resolution. Below are a few easy ways to challenge yourself to grow:*

1. Sunday Mass preparation
2. Adoration/visitation to the Blessed Sacrament
3. Attending daily Mass
4. Invite someone to attend Sunday Mass with you.

**Sunday Mass Preparation and Practices:**

- Use the **Sunday readings** as part of your family prayers through the week.
- **Plan** ahead what Mass you will attend so all members will prepare accordingly.
- **Hour Fast:** Remind all members of not eating one hour before Mass.... This includes **chewing gum**.
- **Active** participation during the Mass
- **Reverent reception** of Holy Communion
- **Parking lot Patience...** Keep the spirit of "going in peace" while you gently leave our holy corner.

**Adoration/visitation to the Blessed Sacrament**

- **Tuesday Adoration:** Every Tuesday we have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church from 8:30AM– 6:15 PM.
- **Anytime Day or night:** The church is always open. Stop on the way to work or on the way home before dinner. Come as a family in the evening... Stop and say Good night before bed.
- **Prayer Helps Available:** In the rear of the church there are great meditation books and meditation cards. These "tools" will help you spend you time well.
- **All Night Adoration:** On occasions during the year we have all night adoration as well. These times and dates will be posted in the bulletin.

**Attending daily Mass:** Attending a daily Mass once during the week gives the extra special nourishment that helps along the way. Check the Mass schedule for a day that suits you.

**Invite someone to attend Sunday Mass with you.**

A recently widow person may not feel comfortable coming alone. An Elderly person may need a ride. Your son/daughter's friend whose parents do not make Sunday Mass a priority.

**NOTE:** Add these things to the resolution list and leave the cake and chocolate where it belongs.



**Sanctuary Candle:**

In Memory of Dr. Michael Ropel by Sister

**Easter Flame Candle:**

Special Intention of Ralph Ferrell by Friends

**Divine Mercy Candle:**

In Memory of Tom Kinsey, Sr. by Wife

**St. Peregrine Candle:**

In Memory of Donald Ruhe, Jr.

**Altar Candles for the Month of January:**

In Memory of Richard Hensler by Family

**Feast of the Epiphany**

Isaiah	60:1-6
Ephesians	3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew	2:1-12

**Baptism of the Lord**

Isaiah	40:1-5, 9-11
Titus	2:11-14, 3:4-7
Luke	3:15-16; 21-22

**Prayers and Sympathy**

Please pray for all of our faithfully departed. May they rest in peace.



**Eucharistic Adoration** is held every Tuesday beginning after morning Mass. If you need to leave and there is no one else in the church during Adoration, please call the church office at 724-863-9550 and someone will come over. Thank you

**Join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet Monday through Friday at 3:00 PM.**

**Stewardship Corner:**

Due to the early submission of this bulletin, this information will be made available next weekend.

**2021 Offertory Statements.** If you wish to receive a 2021 Offertory Statement, please call the Parish Office to request your statement. We will be happy to send you one. Thank you!



**PARISH NEWS**



**Grades 1-2 – Faith Formation for Public School Students,** Saturday, January 8th, 9:00 – 10:30 am, Formation Center

**Grades 3-5 – Faith Formation for Public School Students,** Monday, January 10th, 6:00 – 7:30 pm, Formation Center

**6th Grade Faith Formation-** The next class will be Tuesday January 11th from 6-7:15 pm.

**7th and 8th Grade Mathias Project -** The next class will be Sunday January 9th from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm (No Tuesday Class for 7th Grade and 8th Grade).

**8th Grade Name Calling Retreat -** The next class will be Sunday January 16th from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm (No Tuesday Class for 7th Grade and 8th Grade).



**Christian Mother/ Women’s Guild Board Meeting –** Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Please join us for 6:30 pm Mass.

**Knights of Columbus Free Throw**

**Championship -** All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local competition for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championships. The local competition will be held Sunday, January 9, 2022 at Queen of Angels Gymnasium, and start time is 1:00 PM. Boys and girls will compete in their respective age divisions with winners progressing through Local, District, Regional and State Competitions. For questions or registration information please call or email Al Borgony at 724-864-3487 or email [a.borgony@comcast.net](mailto:a.borgony@comcast.net) ,or Mike Boccabella at 724-787-5597 or email [m.boccabella@ieee.org](mailto:m.boccabella@ieee.org).



**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

Immaculate Conception Parish 9th Annual Night at the Races—Saturday, February 5th, 2022 - More details will be coming soon!



If you are interested in volunteering for the Night of the Races or donating a gift basket for the raffles please contact Sharyn Gesmond at the Parish Office 724.863.9550. Thank you.

**Donations for water and pop are appreciated!**



Queen of Angels Corner



**Catholic Schools**  
Faith. Excellence. Service.

With the New Year on the horizon, Queen of Angels Catholic School is preparing for a new celebration of Catholic Schools.

National Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. Now entering its 48th anniversary year, CSW has traditionally been held the last week in January. We want to help showcase what makes Catholic schools the best when families are looking to find the right school for them. This year we will celebrate



**Queen of Angels Catholic School** would like to wish all our families and friends throughout the community bountiful Christmas blessings of **PEACE, HEALTH, and HAPPINESS** during this holy season and in the new year.

## Around the Diocese

**St. Barbara Parish**, 111 Raymaley Road, Harrison City, will hold a **monthly bingo on Wednesday, January 5**. Must-Go \$1400 Jackpot. Paper packages start at \$27. **Doors open 5:00pm**; games 6:45pm. Monitors & number boards are used for your convenience. Kitchen/Free Coffee/Handicap Accessible. 724-744-4584 or 724-744-7474.

**Always God's Children Hosts Monthly Meetings in Latrobe** - Meetings for Always God's Children, a ministry for LGBTQ Catholics and their families, are held in-person and virtually the second Thursday of every month from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Vincent Basilica Parish, Latrobe. For information, contact Kristina Davies, 724-539-8629, ext. 19, or [kristina.davies@stvincent.edu](mailto:kristina.davies@stvincent.edu).

**Catholic Charities Offers In-person, Face-to-Face Counseling services** - Catholic Charities offers face-to-face, in-person counseling services. Clients must adhere to CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health guidance. Those who are not vaccinated are asked to wear masks. Clients who are sick are asked to avoid coming to the office. Virtual counseling is available for those who prefer that option. To make an appointment, call 724-837-1840 or email [counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

**Laurelville Retreat Center Offers Winter Youth Camp** - Laurelville Retreat Center will offer a Winterville Youth Camp Jan. 14-16 for ages 8-17, both individuals and church youth groups. The camp will feature winter activities, worship, music and Bible lessons. Cost is \$135 and includes two nights in a cabin and meals. For information, visit [Laurelville.org](http://Laurelville.org) or call 724-423-2056.

**Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill Speakers Available** - The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill offer speaker programs to parishes and organizations. Topics include prayer, human trafficking, the pandemic and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. For topics or to schedule a speaker, contact Sister of Charity Colette Hanlon at 203-809-1574 or [chanlon@scsh.org](mailto:chanlon@scsh.org).

**Hold your Post-sacramental Gathering at Christ Our Shepherd Center** - Hold your post-sacramental gathering at the beautifully renovated Christ Our Shepherd Center, conveniently located on U.S. Route 30, east of Greensburg. You can select a caterer and specific menu for events, including receptions or meals after baptisms, first Communions, confirmations, weddings, ordinations and funerals. For information or to reserve a date and room, visit [www.christourshepherdcenter.org](http://www.christourshepherdcenter.org) or call 724-834-7350.

**MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP** - Mark your calendars and plan to join us on the annual March for Life bus on Friday, January 21, 2022. The bus will leave from the St. Agnes parking lot at 6:00 a.m. (please plan to arrive and board the bus by 5:45 a.m.) and return late evening. Participants will travel to Washington DC for the National March for life, walk, and return home afterwards. The cost is \$15 for students and \$25 for adults and includes a bag lunch with a hoagie. The group will stop at a restaurant on the way home for dinner, which is on your own. To register, contact Mary Blythe at 412-996-2115; [mblythe@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:mblythe@dioceseofgreensburg.org). or call St. Agnes Parish Office. All are welcome! If you can't make the trip, but would like to support those who are going, please send donations towards the cost of the bus to the parish office. Mark Pro-Life bus in the memo line. Thank you for your continued prayerful support.



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Irwin, Pennsylvania

Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 2, 2022 - Order of the Mass

ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude on "We Three Kings"

David Clark Isele

VOCATIONS PRAYER

Lord Jesus, raise up from our homes those called by the Father:  
courageous and humble men to the Priesthood, generous servants to the Permanent Diaconate,  
faithful people to Consecrated Life, and holy men and women to the Sacrament of Marriage.  
Holy Spirit, help us to live our universal vocation to holiness by listening to the Father's voice and  
responding with a sacrificial love. Holy Mary, Model of vocations, pray for us. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

SALZBURG



1. Songs of thank-ful-ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise,  
2. Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;  
3. Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, Mir-rored in thy ho - ly Word;



1. Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sag - es from a - far;  
2. And at Ca - na, wed-ding guest, In thy God-head man - i - fest;  
3. May we im - i - tate thee now, And be pure, as pure art thou;



1. Branch of roy - al Da-vid's stem In thy birth at Beth-le-hem;  
2. Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
3. That we like to thee may be At thy great E - pi-pha-ny;



1. Prais-es be to thee ad-dressed,  
2. Prais-es be to thee ad-dressed, } God in flesh made man-i - fest.  
3. And may praise thee, ev - er-blessed, }

Text: 77 77 D; Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.

Music: Jakob Hintze, 1622-1702; adapt. by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750.



*All:*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good  
will. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we  
glo-ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,  
Lord God, heav'n-ly King, O God, al - might-y Fa - ther.

*Choir (Congr. ad lib):*

Lord Je-sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you  
take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our  
prayer; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the  
Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us.

*All:*

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - - men.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

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.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 72

*Michel Guimont*

*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.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### GOSPEL READING

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.





## CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PREPARATION OF GIFTS

## We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

Verses



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing gifts we  
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold I bring to  
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: In - cense owns a  
4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a life of  
5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and



1. tra - verse a - far Field and foun - tain, Moor and moun - tain,  
2. crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er, Ceas - ing nev - er  
3. De - i - ty nigh; Prayer and prais - ing Glad - ly rais - ing,  
4. gath - er - ing gloom; Sor - rowing, sigh - ing, Bleed - ing, dy - ing,  
5. Sac ri fice; "Al le lu ia, Al le lu ia!"

Refrain



1. Fol - low - ing yon - der star, O star of won - der,  
2. O - ver us all to reign.  
3. Wor - ship him, God on high.  
4. Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
5. Sounds through the earth and skies.



star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright; West - ward



lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect light.

Text: 88 44 6 with refrain; based on Matthew 2:1-11.

Text and music: *Carols, Hymns and Songs*, 1863; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1920-1891, alt.

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

Mass for the City  
Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly  
 Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are  
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -  
 claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

Text: ICEL, © 2010  
Music: *Mass for the City*, Richard Proulx, © 1991, 2010, GIA Publications, Inc.

LAMB OF GOD

Holy Cross Mass  
David Clark Isele

*Cantor or Choir; All:*  
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,  
*To repeat* have mer - cy on us. *Last time* grant us peace.

Music: *Holy Cross Mass*, David Clark Isele, © 1979, GIA Publications, Inc.



Refrain

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,  
Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: Irregular with refrain; trad. English Carol, 17th cent.; verse 6, alt. Music: Trad. English Carol, 17th cent.

PUER NOBIS

1. What star is this, with beams so bright, More love - ly  
2. 'Tis now ful - filled what God de - creed, "From Ja - cob  
3. O Je - sus, while the star of grace Im - pels us  
4. To God the Fa - ther, heav'n - ly Light, To Christ, re -  
1. than the noon - day light? 'Tis sent to an - nounce a  
2. shall a star pro - ceed"; And lo! the east - ern  
3. on to seek thy face, Let not our sloth - ful  
4. vealed in earth - ly night, To God the Ho - ly  
1. new - born king, Glad tid - ings of our God to bring.  
2. sag - es stand To read in heav'n the Lord's com - mand.  
3. hearts re - fuse The guid - ance of thy light to use.  
4. Spir - it raise An end - less song of thank - ful praise!

Text: LM; Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. by John Chandler, 1806–1876, alt.  
Music: adapt. by Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

## ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "I thank solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can



get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of

mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, I might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

*"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."*

- Mt 2:6

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## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

### PSALM:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

### SECOND READING:

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. (Eph 3:5-6)

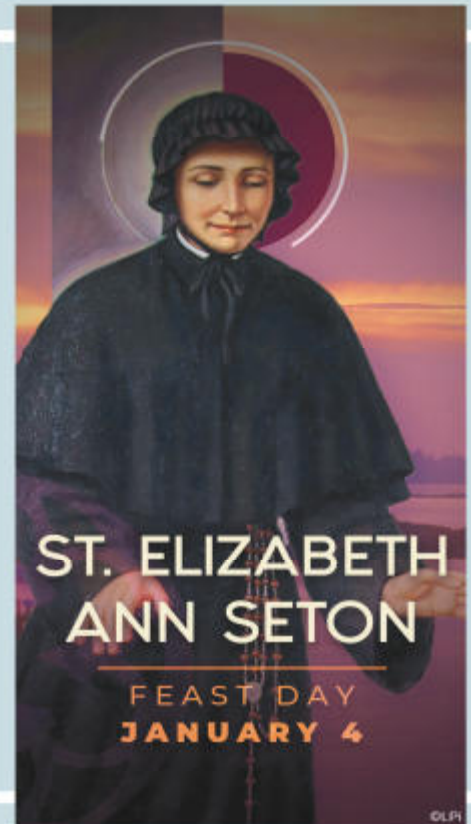
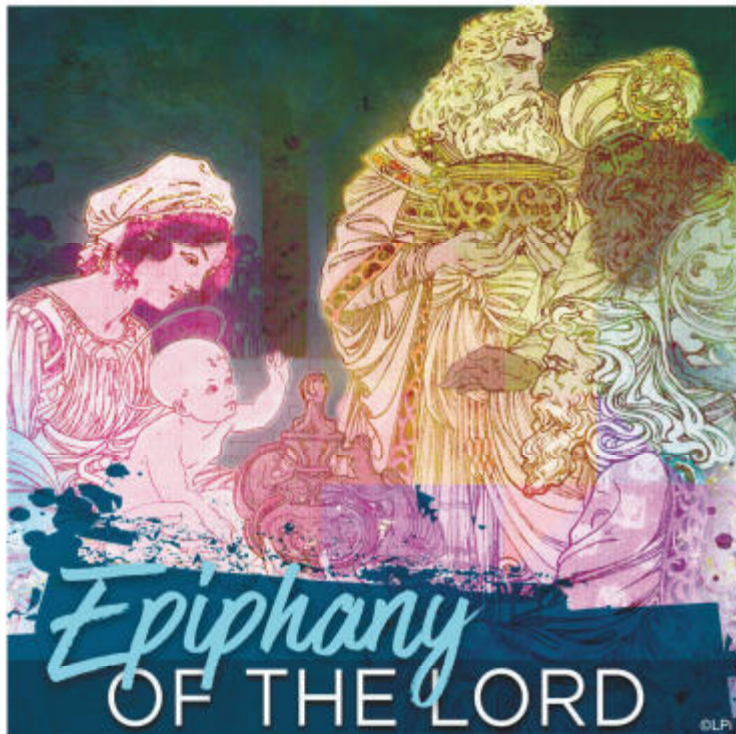
### GOSPEL:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

- Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
- Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
- Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
- Thursday: St. André Bessette, Religious
- Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
- Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord



## Saint of the Week

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

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