

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

“A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust”

January 8, 2023

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg



SACRAMENTS

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

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.

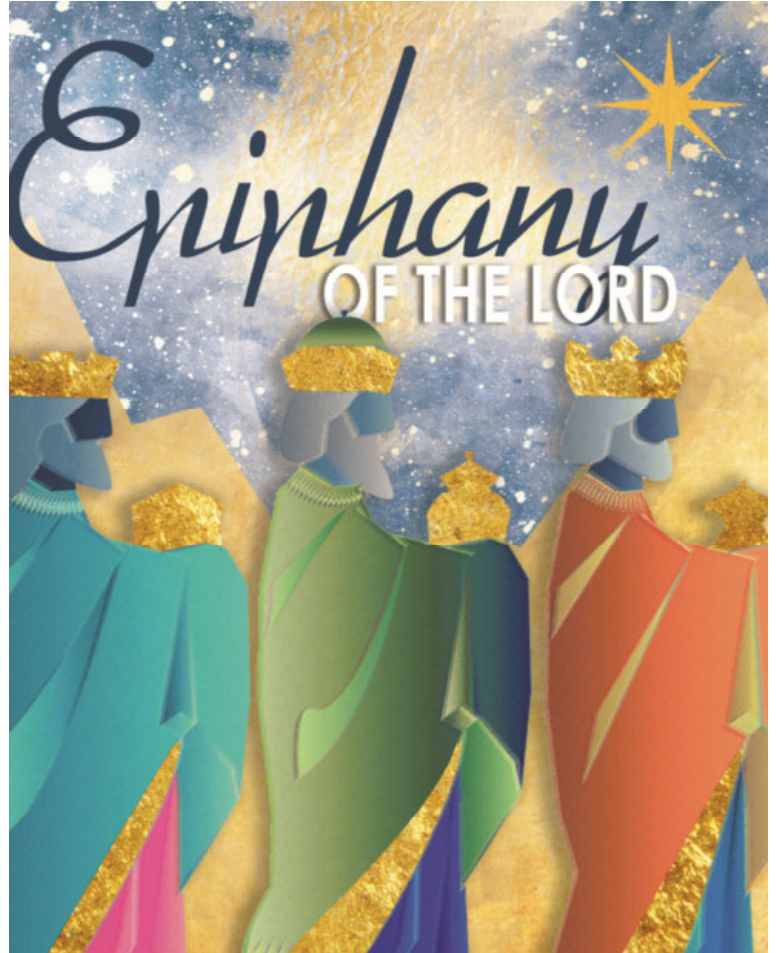
BAPTISM

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.

CONFESSION

Anytime by appointment

Tuesday: 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.; Saturdays: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.



Epiphany

OF THE LORD

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 7

8:00 a.m. **MASS AT ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON**

4:30 p.m. John Huemme (Family)

Sunday, January 8

8:00 a.m. Dave Stitely
(Scavnick Family)

10:00 a.m. Regina Kisner (Family)

11:30 a.m. Michael Scott Borland
(Briscoe)

Monday, January 9

7:45 a.m. Ed Straley (Rose & Chrissy)

Tuesday, January 10

7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family
6:30 p.m. Anthony DePaulo
(John & Nancy)

Wednesday, January 11

7:45 a.m. David Sanger (Mom)

Thursday, January 12

7:45 a.m. Norene Cinti (Parish Family)

Friday, January 13

7:45 a.m. Liddie Blank
(Courtney)

Saturday, January 14

8:00 a.m. John Ott (Denise Donnelly)

4:30 p.m. Pat & Wally Carlson
(Druschel)

Sunday, January 15

8:00 a.m. Shawn Teamann
(Joan & Dan)
10:00 a.m. Kay Mason (Paula)
11:30 a.m. Mary Clougherty
(Pat)

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CLOSED 12:00 NOON • 1:00 pm

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IC's On The Corner Event Planner

THEOLOGY ON THE VINE

In the next couple of weeks watch for updates regarding the first TOV of 2023 coming later this month.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GROUP WILL BE RETURNING IN FEBRUARY. PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR MORE INFORMATION

**NIGHT AT THE RACES COMING IN FEBRUARY.
(SEE PAGE 8 FOR MORE DETAILS)**

Homebound Ministry If you know of any family, neighbors, or fellow parishioners who are homebound and would like to have a Homebound Minister come to visit, please call Sharyn Gesmond at the Parish Office 724.863.9550 or email sgesmond@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

If anyone is in need of the Sacrament of the Sick please contact the Parish Office.

Interested in volunteering. We have many opportunities to become involved:

If you are interested in volunteering or planning to resume volunteering for our parish ministries and parish activities please contact Sharyn Gesmond at sgesmond@dioceseofgreensburg.org or 724-863-9550 to update and/or obtain your clearances.

Attention All Volunteers:

If you are interested in volunteering or planning to resume volunteering for our parish ministries and parish activities please contact Sharyn Gesmond at sgesmond@dioceseofgreensburg.org or 724-863-9550.

This Week on the Corner



Thanks to everyone who took some time from their busy holiday schedules to help us decorate our church for Christmas...it looks beautiful!! Of course, all things must come to an end. On Sunday, January 8, after 11:30 Mass. we could use your help disassembling and packing away the decorations, trees and nativity to prepare for Ordinary

Knights of Columbus Donations for Vocations -



St Jude 9019 Knights of Columbus will be collecting for Vocations on January 14-15 after all masses. All monies collected for vocations are in support of the Bishops Project for Vocations, as well as Seminarians in the Greensburg Diocese. Last year we collected \$4,107 from the Parishes of Immaculate

Conception, St Agnes, and St Elizabeth Ann Seton. From that total last year we gave \$3,107 to the Bishops Endowment for Vocations, and we donated \$1,000 directly to a Designated Seminarian studying for the Priesthood in our Diocese. This year we are supporting two seminarians, David Slusarick and Tyler Randolph for \$1,000 each. Thanks for supporting this worthy cause.

Christian Mother's/Women's Guild Board Meeting

Tuesday January 17 5:30 pm -
in the Caravaggio Conference Room

Christian Mother's/Women's Guild General Meeting

Tuesday February 21 7:00 pm
Our Lady's Plaza. Join us for Mass at 6:30 pm.

Christmas Decoration Removal Immaculate Conception Cemetery

If you wish to retain your Christmas decorations from your loved ones graves, please remove the decorations by March 6, 2022. **Anything left in the cemetery past March 6, as a courtesy to you, will be discarded by cemetery staff.** Thank you for your cooperation.

2022 Offertory Statements. If you wish to receive a 2022 Offertory Statement, please call the Parish Office to **request** your statement and we will be happy to send you one . Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION -

Grades 1-2 - Faith Formation for Public School Students, Saturday December 17th, 9:00 am - 10:30 am 2nd Floor of the Administration Building

Grades 3-6 – Faith Formation for Public School Students, Monday, December 21st, 6:00 – 7:30 pm, 2nd Floor of the Administration Building

7th Grade Faith Formation– Class will be Monday January 16th from 6:00-7:15pm in Our Lady's Plaza at Immaculate Conception.

8th Grade Faith Formation– Class will be Monday January 16th from 7:45 to 9pm in Our Lady's Plaza at Immaculate Conception.

The following Masses will be offered by the Priests at Saint Vincent's Archabbey:

- ✠ In Memory of John Ott from the following:
 - ✠ Lisa Nickels
 - ✠ Joe and Diane Yeager
 - ✠ Bernadette Fusco and Jim Harvey
 - ✠ Michael and Jeanine Frank
 - ✠ Mickey and Arlene Dzura
 - ✠ Rich and Sherry Albert
 - ✠ Tom Uderman
 - ✠ Dorothy and Howard Huss
 - ✠ St. Jude Council



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Thoughts from the Pastor

The Solemnity of the Epiphany Pope Benedict XVI

The Light of Jesus is the splendor 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).

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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.

How do you celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany?

"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.'" Matthew 2:1-2



If you live in Mexico, you might make or buy Rosca de Reyes, or King's bread. This circular bread, decorated with dried fruits, figs, and cherries, contains a figurine of Jesus baked inside the bread. A bean is also hidden in the treat. The person who gets the piece with the special figurine is crowned the king or queen of the celebration. The person who finds the bean has to pay for the next year's Epiphany party¹.

If you are a child in Italy on this day, you might awaken to presents in your stocking².

In Belgium, children dressed as the wise men go door-to-door singing and getting rewarded with sweets².

What about in the United States? What are your traditions? How do you celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany? Maybe you reflect on the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh that were brought to this Holy Child. Maybe you bless your home with the "Chalk blessing:" 20 + C + M + B + 23

The letters C, M, and B have traditionally stood for the 3 wise men: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. However, they can also be an abbreviation for the Latin *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house."³ Find this information, further instructions, and a special blessing prayer at <http://www.carmelites.net/news/chalking-door-epiphany-house-blessing-2015/>

Epiphany can be translated from the Greek to mean "to shine upon" or "to make known." We can think about how Jesus was made known to the world and to us. He made Himself known through the visit from the Three Kings, in His Baptism, and in His first miracle⁴. We can reflect on God's great love for us in these ways that He made Himself known.

After you go to Mass, maybe you reflect on the gifts of the Magi, bless your home, and enjoy the day with your family or friends. Whatever your way of celebrating this 12th day of the Christmas season, use this time wisely to reflect on God's great love for us.

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Candles

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Joseph Fontana, Jr by Nancy

Easter Flame Candle: In Memory of John Ott by Linn and Nancy

Divine Mercy Candle: In Memory of Joseph Fontana, Jr by Louise Jackson

St. Peregrine Candle: Special Intentions for Harry Sopranuk by Sisters Nancy & Dian

Altar Candles for the Month of January:
In Memory of Rottmund & Ruby Families by Family

Angels Corner

DIocese of GREENSBURG CYO CONSENT FORM/REGISTRATION FORM

PARENT SECTION

ATHLETE'S NAME _____

BIRTH DATE (MM/DD/YY) _____

SPORT _____

SCHOOL/PARISH _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ GRADE _____ AGE _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

PARISH REGISTRATION _____

Shirt Size: Youth _____ Adult _____
FEE: \$85.00 payable to Queen of Angels School
FEE ENCLOSED \$ _____
Volunteer: Head Coach Assistant Coach



Does your child have asthma: Y N Does your child have allergies: Y N If yes, please list: _____

Please list any other medical issues: _____

PARENT CONSENT: My daughter/son has my permission to participate in competitive sports in the Diocese of Greensburg CYO Programs. I do hereby release and forever discharge the above mentioned team, and/or parish/school/athletic association or their successors from any/all actions or suits in law or equity which I might hereafter have by reasons of injuries sustained by my child participating in sports or in transit to or from participation in sports. I also understand that it is my responsibility to determine my child's physical and mental readiness to participate in the Diocese of Greensburg Youth Ministry Athletic Program for this season. By signing this form we agree to abide by the Handbook of Policies, Rules and Regulations of the Diocese of Greensburg, which has been distributed to each program.

PRINT NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

PHYSICIAN SECTION

An authorized medical examiner must certify on this Consent Form as to the athlete's fitness to participate in the particular sport(s) involved. A Consent Form may be completed no earlier than June 1st; and, regardless of when completed during the school year, remains effective only until the next May 31st. I certify that I find, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty that the athlete is physically able to participate in the athletic program named above.

Signature of Licensed Physician _____ Date _____

Address of Physician _____ Phone _____

(Parent and Physician): Are there any physical or other restrictive limitation which the team, league, and diocese should be aware of which might restrict the athlete's participation in the program? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, specify: _____

ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

PRINCIPAL'S SIGNATURE (if attending Catholic school): _____

PASTOR/PAROCHIAL VICAR SIGNATURE: _____

(If parishioner, pastor must validate participation in CCD program.)



INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE PARENT/GUARDIAN. The athlete will be ineligible until the form is received completed.



January 8th - The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

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

January 15th - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
1 Corinthians 1:1-3
John 1:29-34

Prayers and Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy for the family of Stephen Natale DeFelice who died recently. May he 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

Weekly Offering

Sunday Offertory Week of Dec 18-19, 2022 \$21,874.35

OSV Sunday Offertory for 12/19-12/26/22 \$5,482.71

Don't forget that Immaculate Conception has online giving available to our members.
<https://www.icirwin.org/giving/funds>

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We are happy to announce our ninth annual “**Night at the Races**” - Saturday, February 11, 2023. In addition to being a fund-raiser for Immaculate Conception Parish it will be a great night out!

But what exactly will take place...Let's review. How can one win money and also give a donation to the church! Following is an outline of the night's events so you can be sure of what to expect.

Registrants will receive one admission ticket, the ownership of a horse or jockey, great food, drinks and dessert – at a cost of \$20.00. The horse owners are entitled to the naming of a horse and have it entered into one of the 8 races for the evening. Each race will have ten horses running for the roses!

NOTE: Once 80 horses have been sold the names of additional horses will become jockeys.

The winner of the race entitles the owner(s) to glean the **\$40** prize for that race! Each race will be displayed on the TV screens in the hall and the race will be called “live” by our professional caller. He will provide 25 DVD races chosen randomly by one of our guests. The winner is disclosed only to the caller.

Placing Bets

Even though you may not be an owner of a horse or jockey in a particular race everyone is welcome to lay as many bets on whatever horse and jockey you fancy. Maybe you will bet on your friend's horse or jockey or a name that “sounds” like a winner! All bets will be taken at the betting windows and then the race is run. The odds will be figured out based on how many have bet on the winning horse and jockey leaving of course the house a purse as well. The winners will be notified of the payout and will pick up their winnings at the payout window. Then the windows will be open for the next race!

Other games of chance and other prizes!

Throughout the night there will be a 50/50, paint sticks, and raffle basket tickets.

The Food Menu - There will be plenty of great food and of course dessert. The thirst for beer and soda will be satisfied! We encourage you to bring your own favorite food or beverage to share with your friends at your table.

Auction Race – At the end of the 8 races the excitement is only to begin when bets are taken for the auction race! Ten Horses will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Usually these horses are sold for well over \$100 which allows whole groups of people to pool their money to buy a horse. The winnings will be a straight 50-50 split with the house! It is very realistic to win over \$500 in this race!!

BRING PLENTY OF CASH WITH YOU TO INCREASE YOUR CHANCES TO WIN AND THE OVERALL SUCCESS OF OUR FUND RAISER!!!

You can make checks payable to “Immaculate Conception Church” in exchange for betting cash.

NO ATM MACHINES AVAILABLE!!!

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Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary



One Down...

Quite a Few More to Go!

I can't believe how quickly my first semester of seminary went by! It has been good to be home for a few weeks, but I am excited to head back to my "other home" this week to begin the spring semester!

There have been challenges in adjusting being back in the classroom as a student... it takes things I've read a lot longer to "stick" than it did a decade ago! Despite that, it was a wonderful semester filled with so many experiences of God's grace working in my

On the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we had the opportunity to get a taste (literally!) of how important the celebration is for people of Mexican heritage. After Mass there was a procession through the town. It was a great time!



Celebrating the completion of finals before heading home!



We celebrated the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception in the Immaculate Conception Chapel, the last liturgy celebrated before its closing in preparation for our move next year.



We had a packed house for the annual Christmas concert, the last one that we will have in St. Martin's Chapel. I was blessed to have the opportunity to accompany on the piano and organ, and to sing in the choir!



Someone stealthily decorated my door for my birthday in the middle of the night, and I was able to go to a Flyer's game that evening.... Don't worry, I won't become a Philadelphia fan even though they gave me a free t-shirt....



Also on the Immaculate Conception we had our ground breaking ceremony for our new campus on the grounds of Gwynedd Mercy University.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Irwin, Pennsylvania

Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 8, 2023 - Order of the Mass

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


What Child is This?

GREENSLEEVES

Verses




1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma-ry's lap is
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come peas-ant, king, to




1. sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While
 2. feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here The
 3. own him; The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let


Refrain



1. shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is Christ the
 2. si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 3. lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



King, Whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing; Haste,



haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Ma - ry.

Text: 87 87 with refrain; Bramley and Stainer's *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871; William C. Dix, 1837-1898.
 Music: Trad. English melody, 16th cent.; Bramley and Stainer's *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871.

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.



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.

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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., 1820-1891, 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.

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

LAMB OF GOD

Holy Cross Mass
David Clark Isele

Cantor or Choir: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,
All:
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.

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1. As with glad - ness men of old Did the guid - ing
2. As with joy - ful steps they sped To that low - ly
3. As they of - fered gifts most rare At that man - ger
5. In the heav'n - ly cit - y bright None shall need cre -

star be - hold; As with joy they hailed its light,
man - ger - bed, There to bend the knee be - fore
crude and bare; So may we this ho - ly day,
at - ed light; You, its light, its joy, its crown,

Lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright; So, most gra - cious
Him, whom heav'n and earth a - dore; So may we with
Drawn to you with - out de - lay, All our cost - liest
You, its sun which goes not down; There for - ev - er


Lord, may we Ev - er - more your splen - dor see.
hur - ried pace Run to seek your throne of grace.
treas - ures bring, Christ, to you, our heav'n - ly King.
may we sing Al - le - lu - ias to our King.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

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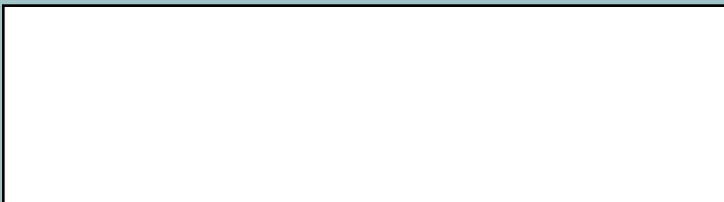
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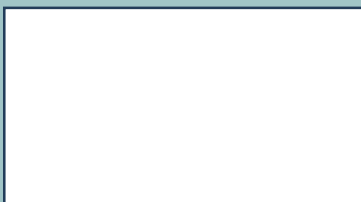


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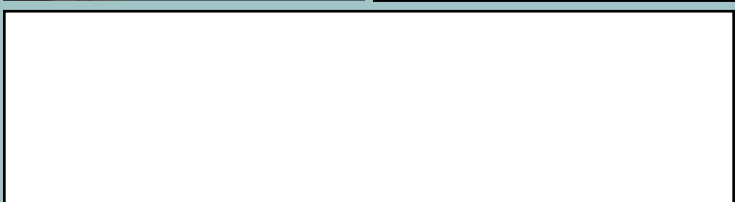
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