



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JAN. 3, 2021

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following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts.

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

Loyola Press

"The young Messiah is revealed as the light of the nations. Yet, as the antiphon for the Magnificat at Second Vespers reminds us, three mysteries are encompassed in this solemnity: the adoration of the Christ Child by the Magi, the Baptism of Christ and the wedding feast at Cana. It is customary to replace the images of the shepherds at the crib with the three Magi and their gifts."

*Ceremonies of the Liturgical Year,
Msgr. Peter J. Elliott, Ignatius Press*

"Like the Magi, may we also journey and be attentive, untiring and courageous on the path to find...God who was born among us."

Pope Francis



AN EPIPHANY PRAYER

Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!

Darkness covers the earth
and its people,
but the radiance of God's
Light burns away its
shadows, illuminates the
smallest corner,
and heralds in the start
of a new dawn,
where hearts no longer fear,
souls might be set free,
and sister shall follow
brother, nation shall follow
nation, and kings and
princes bow down in awe
before the one who comes
to reign.

Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!

Alleluia!

While a day like Christmas is fixed in our minds and on the calendars on December 25th, many of the important feasts of the Church year move, based upon the date that Easter is set. Easter changes each year moving to the Sunday after the "Paschal Full Moon," and can fall between March 22 and April 25.

In ancient times before calendars were common, most people did not know the dates for the upcoming Liturgical Year. On Epiphany Sunday, the upcoming dates were "proclaimed" after the gospel in this way:



Epiphany Proclamation 2020

Dear brothers and sisters,

the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return. Through the rhythms of times and seasons let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall the year's culmination, the Easter Triduum of the Lord (his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial, and his rising) celebrated between the evening of the *First day of April* and the evening of the *Third day of April*,
Easter Sunday being on the *Fourth day of April*.

Each Easter – as on each Sunday – the Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed by which Christ has for ever conquered sin and death.

From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy.

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, will occur on the *Seventeenth day of February*. The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated on the *Thirteenth day of May*.

Pentecost, joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on the *Thirty-third day of May*. And, this year the First Sunday of Advent will be on the *Twenty-eighth day of November*.

Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the Passover of Christ in the feasts of the Holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.

To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history, be endless praise, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Our Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January

Human fraternity. May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Smoking Cessation Program

Suburban Community Hospital is hosting a free seven-session program to help those who wish to quit smoking. Sessions are Wednesdays beginning **Wednesday, Jan. 6**, 6-7 p.m., and are held virtually on Zoom.

Register by calling (610) 270-8390.

March for Life

Save the date! The annual March for Life is scheduled for **Friday, Jan. 29**.

Visit marchforlife.org/national-march-for-life/ for details and COVID-19 protocols.

Man Up Philly

Save the date for Man Up Philly Catholic Men's Conference on **Saturday, Mar. 6**. Register by *Thursday, Dec. 31*, for early-bird pricing using the code FRIEND.

Register at manupphilly.com.

Nightly Rosary to end the Coronavirus



The Office for the New Evangelization is hosting an online Rosary Campaign each night at 8 p.m. for an end to the Coronavirus.

For additional details, visit phillyevang.org/rosary/.

USCCB Prayer for an end to the Pandemic

Let us pray, dearly beloved, for a swift end to the coronavirus pandemic that afflicts our world, that our God and Father will heal the sick, strengthen those who care for them, and help us all to persevere in faith. Almighty and merciful God, source of all life, health and healing, look with compassion on our world, brought low by disease; protect us in the midst of the grave challenges that assail us and in your fatherly providence grant recovery to the stricken, strength to those who care for them, and success to those working to eradicate this scourge.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

TELEVISED AND LIVESTREAMED MASSES

Several sources are offering TV or online Masses. A few are listed below:

EWTN: offers Sunday TV Masses at 8am and 12pm. Daily Mass is offered at 8am and 12pm. Comcast channels: 1668, 291 and 597 (Spanish). Verizon channels: 285 and 1741 (Spanish). C-Band Satellite channel: G1-11. Direct TV Satellite channel: 370. Dish Network Satellite channel: 261.

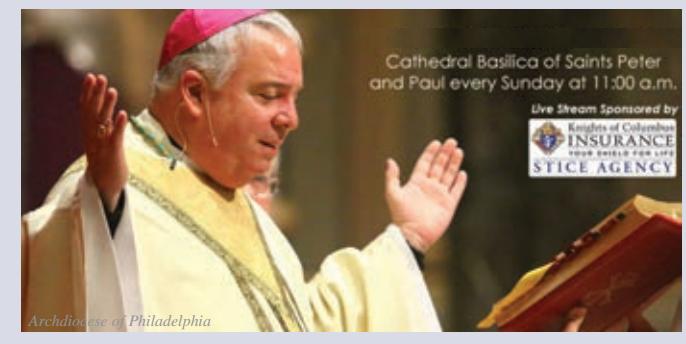
CATHOLIC-TV: online streaming: Sundays: 7am, 8am (Spanish) and 11:30am. Visit <http://www.catholictv.org/masses/catholictv-mass>.

HEART OF THE NATION: Sunday Masses air on broadcast channels: WPSG Channel 57: 6:30am. WDPN Channel 2: 7am. Channel 44: 8:30am. On cable providers: Xfinity, Optimum and Fios Channel 2: 7am. Comcast Philadelphia channel 13: 6:30am. Visit <https://www.heartofthenation.org/>.

SALT & LIGHT TV: Watch Sunday Mass live online at 6:30am, 9:30am (Pope Francis from Casa Santa Marta), and 11am. Visit <https://saltandlighttv.org/?muid=1>.

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA: Archbishop Perez will LiveStream Sunday Mass via the Archdiocesan Facebook page: 11am.

THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: LiveStream of Sunday Mass on the website: 12pm. Visit <https://www.nationalshrine.org/mass/>.



Year of St. Joseph

In his Dec. 8 apostolic letter, *Patris Corde* (With a Father's Heart), Pope Francis proclaimed a yearlong celebration dedicated to the foster father of Jesus, marking the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being declared patron of the universal church.

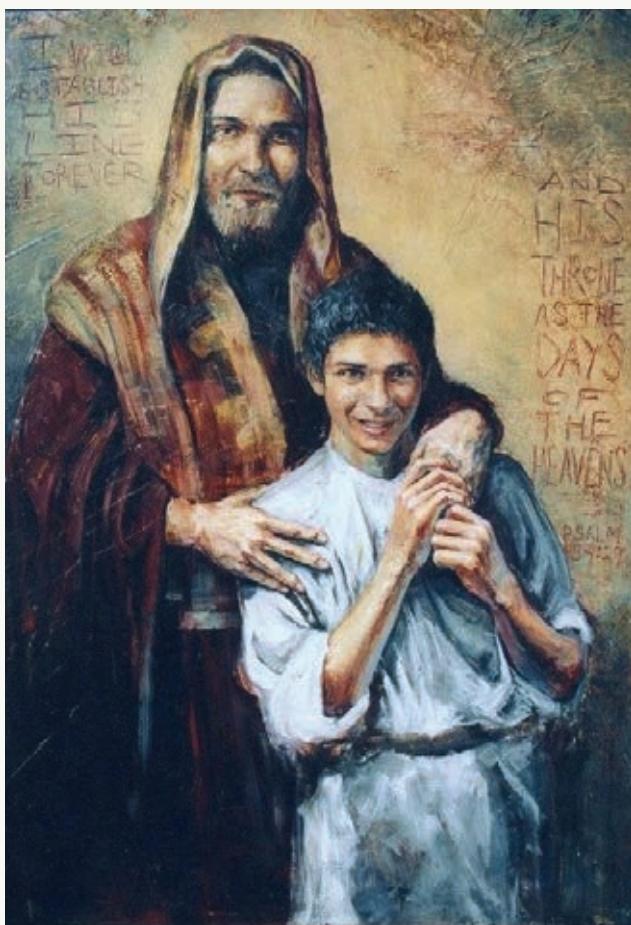
Pope Francis tells us that St. Joseph made "his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home."

He added that St. Joseph was obedient to God's will "regardless of the hardship involved."

St. Joseph protected Mary's "good name, her dignity and her life," provided for his family by earning "an honest living," and protected Jesus from King Herod, serving as an example for all men and fathers, the Pope continued.

Pope Francis also pointed out that the Holy Family risked their lives to escape danger "like so many of our migrant brothers and sisters who, today, risk their lives to escape misfortune and hunger," making St. Joseph an apt patron for those forced to leave their homeland.

The full apostolic letter can be read online at http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html.



Painting by Christopher Santer; 2013; www.pacemstudio.com

Prayer to St. Joseph

By Pope Francis

Hail Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin
Mary. O you God entrusted His
only Son; in you Mary placed
her trust; with you Christ
became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show
yourself a father and guide in
the path of life. Obtain for us
grace, mercy and courage, and
defend us from every evil.

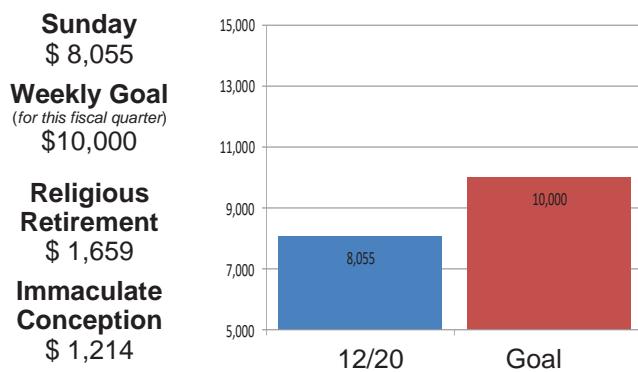
Amen.

Holy Rosary Review

Holy Rosary was blessed to have many parents, grandparents, friends, alum, teachers, staff, and BLJ members donate to our Giving Tuesday campaign on Tuesday, December 4th. We set a goal of \$75,000 to be used toward Phase 2 of the gym renovations. To date we have raised \$23,250 toward our new gym floor and new lunch tables. If you were unable to meet the 12/4 date, we are still gratefully accepting donations. We have every confidence that we will meet this lofty goal, and our students will be playing on a safe floor, and eating on new lunch tables by September 2021!! Our deepest gratitude to everyone who has already helped us.



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Parish Bulletin Submission Deadline

Parish bulletin announcements are to be submitted by the Tuesday 12 days prior to the desired publication date. Announcements are to include day, date, time, place, and contact person with phone number and/or email address.

Parish bulletin announcements are to be emailed to bulletin@epiphanyofourlord.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Jan. 4

8:30 a.m.

Dolores Strittmatter

Tuesday, Jan. 5

8:30 a.m.

Daniel Buggy

Wednesday, Jan. 6.

Charles Harvey

Friday, Jan. 8

8:30 a.m.

Alfio Gaglianese

Saturday, Jan. 9

8:30 a.m.

Aladro Aguirre Family



Adoration Chapel Votive

Candles are Dedicated for:

Anthony Vigna

Bernie and Helen Toth



Baptisms

We welcome to our parish family

Zachary Frank Keslar

Baptized Dec. 6

Lucia Joy Fazzini

Baptized Dec. 15



*May the glory of the Lord fill your heart
with peace and joy.*

*May the Lord shower
you with His blessings
on EPIPHANY &
always.*



123 Greetings

From the Pastor:

Happy Parish Patronal Feast Day! Thank you for your stewardship of resources—faith and family, parish and Church being paramount among them.

Pregnancy Hotline

Pregnant and need help? Call or text the hotline at 610-626-4006, 24/7, for assistance with pro-life options, supportive counseling and other resources.

Please Pray for the Sick

Parishioners listed in bold.

Marge Addario

Evelyn Douglass

Elsa Gaglianese

Mary Keating

Ryann Hendrickson

Josephine Paoletta

Dolores Sanders

Josie Vardakas

Richard Armento

Nicholas Esposito

Susan Grodanz

Ed O'Hanlon, Sr.

James Massing

Catherine Rush

Elena Spencer

Contact the Parish Office to update the list.

Pastoral Staff

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5 p.m. Vigil

Sunday

10 a.m.

Daily8:30 a.m. Monday to Saturday
(except Thursday)**Holidays**

7 p.m. Vigil, 8:30 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

Confessions**Saturday**

3:30-4:30 p.m. & by appointment

Parish Office Hours**Monday-Friday**

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. & by appointment

Closed for lunch: 12 p.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday: By appointment only**Sunday:** By appointment only**A mail slot is located in the front door of the rectory.****Parish Office Requests**

To register in the parish, arrange for a baptism, or request a Certificate of Eligibility for sponsorship at Baptism or Confirmation, contact the Parish Office during office hours at eol@epiphanyofourlord.com.

Also, please advise our office staff of any change of address, telephone number or family status.

Anointing of the Sick

First Saturday of the month after 8:30 a.m. Mass or by request. Please notify the Parish Office as soon as possible when any parishioner becomes seriously ill or is admitted to the hospital.

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sundays upon request. Both first-time parents need to attend a Pre-Jordan class, which is held the first Wednesday of every month.

Pre-Registration for the class is required by contacting the Parish Office. Sponsors not from Epiphany are required to submit a Certificate of Eligibility from their parish two weeks prior to the Baptism.

Matrimony

Notify the Parish Office of your intention to marry at least six months before the date of the wedding to assure sufficient preparation and to arrange for Pre-Cana sessions.

Miraculous Medal—Perpetual Novena

After 8:30 a.m. Mass every Saturday.

Holy Communion for the Sick and Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring Communion to the sick and homebound. Call the Parish Office at (610) 828-8634 to provide the office staff with the name, address and phone number of the sick or homebound parishioner.

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