



## *The Epiphany of The Lord*

**January 1 / 2, 2022**

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### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**St. Boniface:  
Saturday - 5:00 pm**

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help:  
Sunday: 8:00 am Adoration  
8:30 am Confession  
9:00 am Mass**

**Tuesday & Thursday: 5:30  
pm**

**Mission Statement:** We are a welcoming parish of Roman Catholic Christians with diverse roots deep in Appalachia and beyond. We are committed to growing in our faith and community through our worship and celebrations, with particular attention to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and The Holy Eucharist. We are a community gathered together by the Holy Spirit, filled with hope, to love and serve God and neighbor in the name of Jesus Christ; and through our sharing of the Good News in word and deed, we seek to live and reveal to all the grace and peace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit.

<i>Date</i>	<i>OLPH</i>	<i>Saint Boniface</i>
<i>January 1 / 2 The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass	5:00 pm ~ Mass
<i>Tuesday</i>	5:30 pm ~ Mass	
<i>Thursday</i>	NO Mass	
<i>January 8 / 9 Baptism of the Lord</i>	8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass	5:00 pm ~ Mass

	<i>OLPH Mass 9:00 am</i>		<i>ST. BONIFACE Mass 5:00 pm</i>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>January 2</b>	<b>January 9</b>	<b>January 1</b>	<b>January 8</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Joe McNaughton	Mandy Hall	Jerry Nowak	Mary Jo Leygraaf
<b>Server</b>	Matthew Davis	Joe McNaughton		

<b>Mass Intentions</b>	<b>OLPH</b>	<b>St. Boniface</b>
January 1 / 2	Intentions of Catholic Extensions	Intentions of Catholic Extensions
January 8 / 9	Intentions of Catholic Extensions	Intentions of Catholic Extensions

<b>Our Gifts</b>	<b>OLPH</b>	<b>St. Boniface</b>
December 25 / 26	\$ 618.00	\$152.00

*Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall  
immediately after Mass.*

*May God bless you for your generous contributions  
to our Church.*

## **Reading I**

Is 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.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

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

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

and your afflicted ones with judgment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Reading II**

Eph 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.

## **Alleluia**

Mt 2:2

*Alleluia, alleluia.*

We saw his star at its rising  
and have come to do him homage.

*Alleluia, alleluia.*

## **Gospel**

Mt 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.

## REFLECTION

### **Reflection: the feast epiphany.**

Today we come across the careful travelers who were led by a small light (Bethlehem star). They followed the light.

Celebration of Christmas is done different ways across the world. One of the first things that we do in India to start Christmas celebration, is to put up a star. Every house for sure by 24th night up to the feast of the Epiphany puts up a star that shines very bright. Some people design their own stars, so they can make it big and bright to be visible for people from a very far distance.

Besides this there used be a Christmas star competition, and you get to see the creativity of people in preparing best possible stars.

*People made stars big, beautiful and bright.*

The bigger it is, it is seen from far.  
The beautiful it is, it attracts the people.  
The brightest it is, it leads the people better.

A star played a very important role at the birth of our savior.

I'm not sure how important a star is now but it was very important for the magi. Because without which they would not have found the place where Jesus lay.

The star that day appeared led the Magi to Jesus. With no proper roads and transportations, they just had to depend on that star.

And when the star disappeared, they had to go to Herod or other people and ask for guidance. One thing is certain if there was no star it would have been impossible for the....

Magi to reach their destination,  
Magi to announce the good news,  
Magi to adore the child Jesus,  
Magi to offer their gifts to the child JESUS.  
Star led them to proper destination.  
There is something that lead us to Christ. What is it that leads me to Jesus?

**Let us be wise to take a nice step** that leads us to Jesus.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Pray to end Abortion, Russell Brooks, Cassie & Clifton Centers, Maere Tekanene, Bill Moses, Jerry Roberts, Donna Blevins, Norma Wilson, Dennis Parks & Family, Erica Davis, Chris & Amanda Decker, Marian Colette, Debbie Moses Haggins, Rose Grant, Sandy Hurts, Dominic Cureton, Todd Morris, Alex Woods, Christopher Braden, Bonnie (Warfield) Bishop, Sister Alice, Curt and LeeAnn Hall, Jay Baird, Gary Hackler, Gail Willis, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Bisceglia, loved ones who are ill, Brody Beavers and family, Shawn Lee Day, all those of our families who are affected by Covid-19, Jessica Davis, Harold Couch, Deana Vanover Monhollen, Judy Delisle, Dal Macon, Linda Mills, Judy Patrick and Bobby Hall.

***UPCOMING SAINTS AND FEASTS***

***The Most Holy Name of Jesus***

*January 3*

***Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious ~ Memorial***

*January 4*

***Saint John Neumann, Bishop ~ Memorial***

*January 5*

***Saint André Bessette, Religious***

*January 6*

***Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest***

*January 7*

