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Matthew

### **This Weekend's Hymns**

*All hymns can be found in the Seasonal Missalette.*

Opening Hymn: #322  
Communion Hymn: 223  
Closing Hymn: #206

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## **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 2019**

### **Sunday, January 6 The Epiphany of the Lord**

BW 8:30 Special Intentions of the Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose  
BW10:30 Kyle Plush from Howard and Elaine  
BW12:00 Min Ruppert from the Charles Family

### **Monday, January 7 Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest**

12:10 Gertrude Fobiano from Carol and Larry

### **Tuesday, January 8**

12:10 Gus Juengling from Gloria Miller

### **Wednesday, January 9**

12:10 Chris Ryan and Family from the Sheil Family

### **Thursday January 10**

12:10 Hilda Wedekind from the Mohr Family

### **Friday, January 11**

12:10 John Gages from Carol and Larry

### **Saturday, January 12**

12:10 George and Clara Rosen from the Mohr Family

### **BW 7:00 Joyce Dacey from Gertrude A. Straub**

### **Sunday, January 13 The Baptism of the Lord**

BW 8:30 Dave White from James and Jacqueline Wetzel  
DE 10:30 Poor Souls in Purgatory from Mary Lynn Creighton  
DE 12:00 Special Intentions of the Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

### **From the Pastor's Desk**

**Rose Marie Thiel, Grayson Roth Ortner, Cameron Rose Broderick, Audrey Grace Corker and Owen Matthew Corker** were welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism December 30th here at St. Rose Church.

We feel it is important to celebrate anniversaries. If you and your spouse are celebrating your 25th, 50th or 60th anniversary in 2019 please call the office

### TRIP TO FRANCE 2019

*Join Fr. Barry on a trip to Paris and Lyon and points in between October 15-25. See Versailles, the shrine of St. Vincent DePaul, spend time at the Military Cemetery in Normandy and other sights in Paris.*

*For a brochure please call the office @ 513-871-1162*

## Greater Cincinnati Catholic Women's Conference 2019

Ladies, this is a great way to start 2019 Lent! The Fifth Greater Cincinnati Catholic Women's Conference, "Woman, why are crying? Who are you looking for?" will take place on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at the Sharonville Convention Center (11355 Chester Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45246). Tickets are available at [www.CincinnatiCatholicWomensConference.org](http://www.CincinnatiCatholicWomensConference.org). Last year we sold out 2 weeks before the conference. We will have 5 speakers at the new, larger venue, confession, more vendors and ministries and the Vigil Mass with Archbishop Dennis Schnurr. Take some time to kick start a great Lent and enjoy a day of spiritual renewal. Bring a friend!

***The St. Vincent DePaul collection was \$2,408.66. Thank you for your generosity.***

*When they entered the house, they beheld the Child with Mary His Mother. Falling to their knees, they paid Him homage. —Mt. 2:9-11*

**Reflection.** *If we approach with faith, we too will see Jesus...; for the Eucharistic table takes the place of the crib. Here the Body of the Lord is present, wrapped not in swaddling clothes but in the rays of the Holy Spirit.* St. John Chrysostom

**Prayer.** *Lord, God, teach me to see the living presence of Your Divine Son in the Eucharist. Make my faith so vivid that I will gladly come to encounter Jesus in every Mass.*

### **Lectors/Lay Distributors for January 12th and January 13th**

7:00 Joe Christmann, M. Luehrmann, Mike Gregorio, W. Russ  
8:30 Jon Hemmer, Matt Howland, Tom Perrino, Michael Trotta, Lenny Diaspro  
10:30 Michael Alfieri, Roland Becker, Timothy McMahon, Bob Sheil, J. Sonnefeld  
12:00 Pat Burke, John Flick, Patrick Homan, Shawn Gillete



**Opening Prayer**

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Reflecting on Living the Gospel**

The feast of the Epiphany is celebrated in many cultures and often times more prominently than Christmas! This story of the visit from the magi is unique to Matthew's gospel and when read on its own terms it can be especially revealing. For example, the text doesn't say how many magi there were but because they gave three gifts (gold, frankincense, and myrrh) artists, preachers, and homilists through the centuries talk about there being three kings. Aside from fulfilling Scripture (e.g., Isa 60:6), the gifts are symbolic, as they were given to kings or divinities in antiquity. Gold is a precious element representing kingship, frankincense a perfume, and myrrh a costly balm or ointment.

And this leads to the term, "king," which is not used in the gospel text. Instead, the term is "magi," which designated the Persian (modern-day Iran) priestly caste. Thus, Matthew foreshadows the post-resurrection mission to the Gentiles by showing Gentiles (Persians) coming to worship the child Jesus. Ultimately, this is a story about who Jesus is and what his mission will be.

It is also significant that the magi worship the *child* Jesus. Matthew does not use the term infant here for Jesus is no longer an infant. And Mary is at her *house*, not at a manger as Luke would have it. Again, when we read these stories on their own terms without importing "what we know" from other stories, a different picture emerges, and that can be a picture that conforms more closely to the theology that the evangelist wanted to impart. So in today's gospel reading we see the mission to the Gentiles and the universal scope of salvation foreshadowed by the visit of the magi to worship the child Jesus. Salvation knows no bounds. This is a cause for celebration indeed!

**Closing Prayer**

Jesus Christ, our brother and Lord, your birth was made known by a sign in the heavens, and outsiders were the first to recognize this sign and worship you. Give us a spirit of wonder and openness to see signs of your presence too. Grant us hearts wide open to any and all who come to you and worship you. Amen.



**For Reflection:**

- The magi follow a star that leads them to Jesus, God with us. In your life, how has creation helped you to know God?

**Suggestions for group and individual use:**

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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**Gospel Matt 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.

**Readings for the week:**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Epiphany Isa 60:1-6	1 John 3:22-4:6	1 John 4:7-10	1 John 4:11-13	1 John 4:19-5:4	1 John 5:5-13	1 John 5:14-21	Baptism of the Lord Isa 40:1-5, 9-11
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13	Ps 27bc: 4, 10-12a	Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8	Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13	Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17	Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20	Ps 148:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b	Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matt 2:1-12	Matt 4:12-17, 23-25	Mark 6:34-44	Mark 6:45-52	Luke 4:14-22a	Luke 5:12-16	John 3:23-30	Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 Titus 2:11-14: 3-4-7 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22