

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

2020

Sunday, January 5 Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 BW Special Intentions of the Parishioners & Friends of St. Rose
10:30 BW Special Intention of Mary Wright from Tom and George Ann
12:00 BW Barry Savage from Mickie Cowan and her children

Monday, January 6

St. Andre Bessette, Religious

12:10 Jack Macke from Martha Leonard

Tuesday, January 7

Saint Raymond of Perafort, Priest

12:10 David Evans from Linda Kohlhepp

Wednesday, January 8

12:10 Purgatorial Society

Thursday, January 9

12:10 Barry Savage from Patricia Sayre

Friday, January 10

12:10 Joan Custer from Joan Muchmore

Saturday, January 11

12:10 Judy Stanley from Carol and Larry

7:00 BW Hilda Wedekind from the Mohr Family

Sunday, January 12

8:30 BW Special Intentions of the Parishioners & Friends of St. Rose

10:30 BW Thomas Fischer from Chris Ryan

12:00 BW Barry Savage from Barbara Juengling



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."

Matthew

Rev. Barry Windholtz

Pastor

This Weekend's Hymns

All hymns can be found in the Seasonal Missalette.

Opening Hymn: #322

Communion: #222

Closing Hymn: #205

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From the Pastor's Desk

I want to thank Patty Savage and all the volunteers who decorated for Christmas and made the church look beautiful.

Fr. Barry

Vocation Night—Mt. St. Mary's Seminary is hosting a Vocation Night on Wednesday, January 29 from 5:00 pm.—9:00 p.m. The night is for men college age and older who are discerning who God wants them to be. For more information or to register, see the website at www.cincinnati vocations.org or call Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer at 513.263.3390.

Eleanor Adelaide Allison and Evelyn Rose Allison were welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism December 29th here at St. Rose Church.

Dylan North and Emily Kitzmiller were united in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony December 31st here at St. Rose Church.

We would like to welcome Julie Roeding as a member of the St. Rose Parish staff.

We feel it is important to celebrate anniversaries. If you and your spouse are celebrating your 25th, 50th or 60th anniversary in 2020 please call the office

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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 11th and January 12th

7:00 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 McMahan, 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 story of the Epiphany, or the visitation of the magi, is told only in Matthew. It's easy to read into the story, however, imagining that *three kings* bring the infant Jesus presents. But in reality, the number of magi is not given. We typically imagine three because of the number of gifts they brought. Also, the three are thought of as "kings," even though that word doesn't appear here either. Matthew calls them "magi," which were a class of Zoroastrian priests from Persia (modern-day Iran).

The magi in today's gospel represent all those who are not part of the "in" crowd. These foreigners who do not know Jesus come to worship him before anyone else. They recognize in the signs of nature that something significant has happened, and they seek it out. Those who should know their own Scriptures missed something that Zoroastrian priests perceived.

What might we miss when signs are right in front of our eyes? What is God doing in our midst? Is it something that others—foreigners, those not part of the "in" crowd—notice, but it escapes our attention? This story might also open us up to the "other," those who come to the truth and to the person of Jesus on their own accord or by following their own stars. We know that by the end of the gospel this is Jesus' intention too, that his teachings are not restricted to a few but are open to all. This is the same gospel that will tell us that not everyone who says "Lord, Lord" will enter the kingdom of heaven. God is doing something new. There is an epiphany under way. May we have eyes to see and ears to hear.

Closing Prayer

Lord God of the universe, you make your presence known in the wonders of nature. Give us eyes to see your works in the world around us, so that we might be attentive to your creation in all its goodness. We ask this in the name of your Son, through whom the world was made. Amen.

Gospel 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.

For Reflection:

• For the magi in today's gospel, nature itself, in the form of a star, proclaims the birth of Jesus, the Son of God. From your own encounters with the natural world, what have you gleaned about the God of creation?

Suggestions for group and individual uses

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 Prayers."

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Readings for the week:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Epiphany Isa 62:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matt 2:1-12	1 John 3:23-4:6 Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a Matt 4:12-17, 23-25	1 John 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 Mark 6:34-44	1 John 4:11-13 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mark 6:45-52	1 John 4:19-5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 Luke 4:14-22a	1 John 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-30 Luke 5:12-16	1 John 5:14-21 Ps 148:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 8b John 3:22-30	Baptism of the Lord Isa 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10 Acts 10:34-38 Matt 3:13-17