



## Epiphany of the Lord

### Sunday, January 3, Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 **BW** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **BW** John Sullivan from Chris Ryan & Family

12:00 **BW** Bill Earls from The Family

### Monday, January 4, St Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

12:10 Howard Mushaben from Joe & Mary Anne Christmann

### Tuesday, January 5, St John Neumann, Bishop

12:10 Gabriele Graves & Family from Mary Fisher

### Wednesday, January 6, ST Andre Bessette, Religious

12:10 Jim Middendorf from Judy Thelen

### Thursday, January 7, St Raymond of Pernafort, Priest

12:10 Mary Dillon from Carol & Larry

### Friday, January 8

12:10 Mike Clauder from Sarah Edge

### Saturday, January 9

12:10 **PS** Barbara Jane Jones from Mary & Gary Massa

7:00 **SA** Charlie O'Leary from Julie & Randy Roeding

### Sunday, January 10, Baptism of the Lord

8:30 **SA** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **DE** Neal Wagner from Judy Thelen

12:00 **DE** William Keating Sr from Terri & Michael Hinckley

## From the Pastor's Desk

PUBLIC MASSES WITH RESTRICTIONS WILL BE HELD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

PLEASE REGISTER FOR SATURDAY EVENING AND SUNDAY  
MASSES at [strosecincinnati.org](http://strosecincinnati.org)

**ALL INDIVIDUALS MUST WEAR A MASK WHILE INSIDE THE CHURCH. Thank you for your understanding, patience and cooperation.**

**THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL WHO RESIDE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI CONTINUE TO BE DISPENSED FROM THE OBLIGATION OF ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS.**

To join us for mass on your computer, iPad, smart phone, or smart tv go to our website [STROSECINNATI.ORG](http://STROSECINNATI.ORG) and click on [WATCH LIVE](#). I want to thank everyone who continues to support us with their generous contributions. God Bless, Fr. Barry

**I want to thank Mary Jo Burke and all the volunteers who decorated for Christmas and made the church look beautiful.**  
**Fr. Barry**

## PRAYER AGAINST CORONAVIRUS

Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Coronavirus COVID-19 and all serious illness.

For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for those afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your infinite mercy. Amen. -Pedro de la Cruz

## HERE AT ST. ROSE

We feel it is important to celebrate anniversaries. If you and your spouse are celebrating your 25th, 50th or 60th anniversary in 2021 please call the office

**Give thanks (in all circumstances):** In these challenging times, this one may take a great deal of work on our part. But, as Pope Francis reflected, "Gratitude is always a powerful weapon. Only if we are able to contemplate and feel genuine gratitude for all those ways we have experienced God's love, generosity, solidarity and trust, as well as his forgiveness, patience, forbearance and compassion, will we allow the Spirit to grant us the freshness that can renew our life and mission."

**I have come that they have life, and have it in abundance... Eternal life is this: to know You, the only true God, and the One You have sent, Jesus Christ.**

**Jn 10:10;17:3**

**REFLECTION.** The life that is proper to the Christian soul as well as the Christian family is the Divine Life.

**PRAYER.** Almighty God, help me to do always those works that lead to true life. Let me share in the life of the Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) on earth and attain the fullness of that life forever in heaven.

## SUNDAY FUNNY

A man goes into a restaurant for a Christmas breakfast while in his home town for the holidays. After looking over the menu he says, "I'll have the eggs benedicts." His order comes a while later and it's served on a shiny chrome plate. He asks the waiter, "What's with the fancy plate?" The waiter replies, "Oh, there's no plate like chrome for the hollandaise!!"

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## Living Liturgy™



### 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

When we place the magi in our Christmas nativity sets, they are usually dressed in opulent robes and have black, yellow, and brown faces. For the number or the physical appearance of the wise men we have no biblical evidence, but the truth that their visit declares, and the symbolism that their presence in the crib proclaims, is the gospel truth that Jesus is king for all the nations of the earth. This is what we pray for in the words of the responsorial Psalm 72: the establishment of God's kingdom of justice and peace throughout the world so that the rights of the poor and helpless are respected and the cries of the needy are answered.

In the story of the revelation of Jesus to the magi, what is revealed to us about our own eagerness or reluctance to seek God? What is our own ability to listen to the Word of God, our own discernment of hypocrisy and hunger for power, in ourselves, our world, our church? What is our own attitude to strangers and our appreciation of their wisdom? Do we make the refugees and asylum seekers welcome in the parish or as neighbors, or do we regard them as a threat to jobs, property values, national security, our own comfortable and myopic spiritual wisdom? How do we respond to the young people who are searching for their own stars to guide them in their "where" and "when" of something more in their lives? Where and when must there be both a "birth" and a "death" in our Christian lives as we gaze on the Christmas Child and recognize the mystery of the adult Christ for adult Christians?

### Closing Prayer

God, light of the world, at all times worthy of praise and worship, in times when you seem furthest from us, help us to recall that faith is a journey, often to the presence of the Lord among and within, where we *too may go and do him homage*, your son, Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

### For Reflection:

• In all three of today's readings we hear of different nations and different faiths coming together. How does your faith community reach out to those of different religions and different nationalities?

### 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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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3, 2021

### 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.

### Readings for the week:

Sunday Epiphany	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday Baptism of the Lord
Isa 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matt 2:1-12	1 John 3:22-4:6 Ps 27:1c-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 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mark 6:45-52	1 John 4:19-5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15b, 17 Luke 4:14-22a	1 John 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Luke 5:12-16	1 John 5:14-21 Ps 148:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b John 5:22-30	Isa 42:1-4, 6-7 or Isa 55:1-11 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Isa 12:2-3, 4b, 5-6 Acts 10:34-38 or 1 John 5:1-9 Mark 1:7-11