

Our Lady of the Valley Church

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“The Church is Holy, not just because all are welcome.
The Church is Holy, because all belong.”

*Timothy M. Matovina
University of Notre Dame
(paraphrased by Pope Francis at General Audience)*



January 7, 2018

Schedule of Masses

Weekdays

Monday - Saturday 7:30am

Weekends

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am
and 12:00 Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00-4:30pm

Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage & Personal Appointments

Please call the Parish Office

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Weekend Collection

December 31, 2017

Figures not available
Due to early holiday printing



Thank you for your continued generosity!

Presider Schedule

Weekend of January 13 – 14:

Our Lady of the Valley

5:00pm	Father Peter
8:00am	Father Wells
10:00am	Father Peter
12:00 Noon	Father Peter

Holy Cross

5:00pm	Father Wells
10:00am	Father Wells

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 7	8:00am	Sonia Mulrooney Eileen T. Pascrell
	10:00am	Caroline Connell Rose Loffredo Alessandro Pucino Anthony Salvatore
	12:00pm	Jean Hulst Diego Repice Kevin Tinney Mary Vandenburg
Monday, January 8	7:30am	For the People
Tuesday, January 9	7:30am	For the People
		<i>Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday</i>
Wednesday, January 10	7:30am	Paciencia Derecho John Siegrist
Thursday, January 11	7:30am	For the People
Friday, January 12	7:30am	For the People
Saturday, January 13	7:30am	Josephine Maratta
	5:00pm	Carmen Di Paolo Irene King
Sunday, January 14	8:00am	Joseph Caputo Gaetano & Angelina Ferraro Kristine Yarmula
	10:00am	Teresa Gaffney Anthony Giannini Ruggerio Giardiello Virginia Loreda
	12:00pm	Carmen La Vorgna Ciro Spinella Kevin Tinney

Expectant Parents

The blessing of expectant parents will take place after all Masses next weekend, January 13-14.

Please meet the priest or deacon at the baptismal font following Mass for this special blessing which occurs monthly.



Epiphany of the Lord - January 7, 2018

Morning Mass and the Weather

Now that the winter weeks are upon us and we have already had snow twice, it is time to remind our parishioners: If the Wayne School District cancels school or has a delayed opening due to inclement weather of snow and/or ice, the 7:30am Mass here at Our Lady of the Valley is canceled.



Winter Clothing Drive

The weekend of **January 20-21** we will have our annual Deacon Ray Kucinski Winter Clothing Drive.

After every Mass that weekend you can drop off your gently used winter clothing **in Father Rugel Hall**.

Now is the time to look in your closets to see what you have and no longer use and share those items with our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Thank you for your generosity and sharing with those who are in most need!

Help Wanted: Ushers

The Ministry of Usher (also known as hospitality) is an important ministry of the parish. It is more than just taking up the collection (which in itself is important). Ushers act as welcomers and direction givers and assist with “traffic flow” at the time of the reception of Holy Communion. They assist our parishioners with whatever is needed at Mass. They also help keep the church “tidy” after Mass.

Ushers are needed at all of our Masses. Any man or woman or teen is welcome to become an usher. If interested please contact Joseph Campbell at 973-997-6208.

Welcome to the WeShare family!

WeShare aspires to provide the highest level of security to safeguard the online information of you and your parishioners.

With the migration of ParishPay financial data to WeShare we are asking your parishioners to validate their account to ensure the security of that information.

Please note their current account settings and scheduled donations will continue without validation. However, they will need to validate to:

- Make any adjustment to their current account, including adding donations, changing their scheduled donations or changing credit card numbers (new payment source, expires or reissues).
- Refresh their passwords.
- Provide valid email addresses to support password resets as required.
- Receive email confirmation of successful transactions or any declined transactions.
- Conform to recognized security best practices.

Validating their account online is a simple process but it does require the parishioner to know specific information about their account.

We will also provide support to your parishioners at 800-950-9952 select *Option 1* or email **WeShare@4lpi.com**. However we cannot assist them with validation if they can't provide the requisite information.

If your parishioner does not have access to information needed to validate their account you may validate for them. Security protocols require that each parishioner be validated individually. You can do so by:

- Working with donors while they're in the User Validation Tool to help enter the appropriate information.
- You can also validate your parishioners within their account and send them a password reset (with a valid email address)
 - Go to Manage Users within your WeShare site.
 - Click on member's name to open account.
 - Click on Change Email Address if needed to add email.

The Announcement of Easter

The Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts

On the Epiphany of the Lord, after singing of the Gospel, a Deacon or cantor, in keeping with an ancient practice of Holy Church, announces from the ambo the moveable feasts of the current year according to this formula:

Know, Dear Brethren, (brothers and sisters,) that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the 14th day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the 1st day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 10th day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 20th Day of May, the Feast of Pentecost.

On the 3rd day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the 2nd day of December, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

(From the Roman Missal, Third Edition, Appendix I)

Cards and Prayers for Military

Is a member of your family currently serving in the military? (father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandchildren, niece, nephew)

Our Women's Cornerstone Group would like to know. We want to keep them in our prayers, and also, we would like to send them cards and gift packages to show them our appreciation for their service to our country. We want them to know that their parish community remembers them and cares about them and that they are in our thoughts and prayers throughout the year.

Print their name and military address on a piece of paper (and also their relationship to you). You can deposit the name in the box on the back porch of the parish center or just drop it in the collection basket on the weekend when you come to Church.

Epiphany

Epiphany – We Remember the Manifestation of the Lord

So what about these Magi and camels? How many were there and where did they come from?

Yes, every nativity scene usually shows three Magi seated on stately dromedaries, or leading their beasts of burden by bit and rein. But, honestly, the story of the Magi that we celebrate this weekend never tells us how many there were or exactly how they got there. It is simply custom and tradition that numbers them at three since there were three gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh. Even their names are part of tradition: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar.

It is also worth noting that the Magi only appear in Matthew's gospel. In the Christmas story Matthew has Magi, but no shepherds; while in the Christmas story in Luke's gospel, we have shepherds, but no Magi.

There could have been more, or less. They could have traveled on foot, in chariot, or by camel, on horseback, even on an elephant – we just do not know.

The reason we keep putting them on camels in our art is because of Isaiah's prophecy. He predicted, as our first lesson proclaims this weekend, that caravans of camels would fill Jerusalem, and that people from the east would come bearing gold and frankincense.

"Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!" Isaiah proclaims. "Your light has come."

In Matthew's story, the Magi, realize that Jerusalem's light has come. They follow the star and bring their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. By telling about these gifts, Matthew turns our attention back to Isaiah. Reading that prophecy, we realize that the light Isaiah mentioned is the Light of the world, Jesus the Christ, the promised one.

When we see the Magi seated on camels, we are remembering Isaiah. When we remember Isaiah, we remember the Light that came to shatter the darkness of our world. Those camels carry not only the Magi, they carry hope. Christmas is about remembering, Christmas is about hope, our hopes for the future.

Father Wells



Spiritual Reflection

Into the Hands of Love

On this Epiphany Sunday we hear a classic story about innocence in the midst of evil, innocence betrayed by those who should have cared.

The Gospel begins by referring to the fact that a guiltless child has been born. Angels in their rapture paint the sky with song. Shepherds hear and come a-running. The star pulls magi out of far lands to run and see. A beautiful, humble scene, giving such joy to all created beings.

Or at least to most of them. Our story contains another reaction as well. Jealousy. Herod feels a spasm of it when the magi ask their simple, trusting question.

Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.

Newborn king? Star rising? Herod, like the magi, should have been filled with joy at this news. But no. Instead, he is “greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.” I suppose it would be like envoys from outer space visiting the White House to tell the president that they had selected a different ruler to take his place.

Cunning Herod does not show his distress to the magi but instead hatches a plan. He has never been very interested in his people, so now he seeks only information. He rushes the Jewish chief priests and scribes together and demands to know where this Messiah person is supposed to be born.

“In Bethlehem of Judea,” they answer. “God promised that a ruler would come from there, one who is to shepherd his people Israel.” It was the very good shepherd that God had been pledging for ages. Innocent hearts rejoice.

But Herod acts quickly. He oils his way back to the magi and suckers them with a story about Bethlehem. Oozing charm he lures them into a promise of information about the child. He wants to give homage too, he lies, whereas his aim is simple: get rid of the competition.

The magi travel on to Bethlehem and give true homage to Jesus. Herod finds out nothing from them because they go back home by a different route, warned by God in a dream.

That is the story. What are we to learn from it?

For myself, I wonder if you or I can retain something of innocence in today’s world? If “darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples” (First Reading), maybe Herod’s plan is the only smart way out. Lie, cheat, kill.

Isn’t the Church today engulfed in sins of priests and bishops and lay persons, who betray the youths they vowed to protect? Isn’t the world steeped in self interest? What makes us so sure we would not follow Herod’s example in detail if the opportunity presented itself? Where is our hope?

You will find it in the First Reading. Yes, it is dark outside, that reading says, but light shines into the darkness. If we bother to look at the light, at the child in a manger, we will take on some of the Godly glow we will find there. Our lives will settle down and our goals will become simple. By putting ourselves into the hands of love, Christ’s light will stay alight, sheltered like a candle in the wind.

Innocence in the midst of evil. Innocence betrayed by those who should have cared. But now you see why the Epiphany is actually a story of great hope.

John Foley, SJ