

January 3, 2021 – The Epiphany of the Lord

Welcome to the University Parish Newman Center. We cherish your presence among us and invite you to enter wholeheartedly into our worship. As Catholics, we understand our worship as our community's grateful response to God's goodness and love. Thus our liturgy is not a "spectator" experience; participation in prayer and in song is everyone's responsibility and privilege. Please do not be a stranger. Pray and sing with us as members of God's human family.

News and Noteworthy

The Parish Office will be closed December 24 – January 4. Normal hours will resume on January 5, 2021

ACME's Community Cash Back – Last Call! Save all receipts dated August 6, 2020 through December 26, 2020 and drop them off or mail them into the parish office.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Sunday, December 27 \$1,860

Thank you for your generosity!

A Year of Saint Joseph

On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis released an Apostolic Letter about Saint Joseph and has declared a "Year of Saint Joseph" to be observed from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. The letter, Patris corde ("a Father's heart") was released on the 150 th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as patron of the Universal Church.

The Pope writes: "After Mary, the Mother of God, no saint is mentioned more frequently in the papal magisterium than Joseph, her spouse. My predecessors reflected on the message contained in the limited information handed down by the Gospels in order to appreciate more fully his central role in the history of salvation. Blessed Pius IX declared him "Patron of the Catholic Church," Venerable Pius XII proposed him as "Patron of Workers" and Saint John Paul II as "Guardian of the Redeemer." Saint Joseph is universally invoked as the "patron of a happy death." A full text of the letter can be found at: http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/a\_post\_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap\_20201208\_patris-corde.html.

Mass Schedule

Sunday, January 3 Epiphany of Our Lord 9:00 am Mass - Jim & Ellen Moore

Sunday, January 10 9:00 am Mass - James San

Sunday, January 17 9:00 am Mass - Josephine Colecchi Benjamin Hu

Readings for the Week of January 3, 2021

- Sunday The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Monday Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72; Lk 4:14-22
Friday 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38; Mk 1:7-11

Masses to be held virtually

As you are certainly aware, the Corona Virus pandemic has intensified and is overloading the capacity of our health care systems. Our resumption of Mass following the initial stay-at-home order has always been predicated upon the county remaining at a moderate risk of spread. We are now consider to be at a severe risk of exposure and spread.

In response to this all masses will held virtually. We will reevaluate the risk level for Masses in January.

This decision has been made with the safety of our community and our staff in mind. Please remember that the Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days has been suspended indefinitely. However, all Catholics are strongly encouraged to attend Mass virtually and pray the Act of Spiritual Communion.

Campus Ministry

As we enter finals week, the Newman Center staff would like to wish all of our students a safe and peace-filled winter break and Christmas season. We look forward to seeing you in January!

Ongoing Events

Bible Study will continue next semester. Thank you to AJ Darby for leading our sessions!

Rosary will continue next semester. Thank you to Colleen Cosgrove for leading Rosary each week!

Social Media

Follow us on Twitter and Instagram @ksu\_csa. Like us on Facebook at @KSU.Catholic.Student.Association For more information about CRS Ambassadors, like us on Facebook @KSU.CRS.Ambassadors and follow us on Twitter @crs\_ksu

E-Giving Reminder:

Thank you to all who use electronic giving to support the parish! Visit https://kentnewmancenterparish.weshareonline.org to set up your payments for 2021. Contact the parish office if you need assistance.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton – Feast Day January 4

Raised Episcopalian in colonial New York City, Elizabeth married William Magee Seton, a merchant. The couple had 5 children. William died in 1803 in Italy, where Elizabeth learned about Catholicism from the family who gave her hospitality. Wars had bankrupted the family's shipping business. After becoming a catholic in New York in 1805, the now-poor Elizabeth was abandoned by old friends, but accepted the offer of a Baltimore priest to open a school for girls there. In 1809 she founded the U.S. Sisters of Charity, whose school and orphanages grew in number. She became the first native-born U.S. saint in 1975 and is the patron of converts.

St. John Neumann – Feast Day January 5

A native of Bohemia, John entered the seminary and was nearing ordination when he departed for the United States. He joined the Redemptorists and served as a priest in New York, Maryland and Pennsylvania. In 1852 he was named the forth bishop of Philadelphia. He founded more than 50 churches and greatly expanded Catholic education. John had a fondness for immigrants and knew six languages. His pastoral zeal was evident up to his last moments of life. He collapsed and died in the street at age 48.