

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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The Epiphany of the Lord

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CCD Information – Please contact the Rectory Office

St. Joseph Parish Outreach – 301-373-2692

Parish Secretary – Mrs. Nancy M. Russell

Office Assistant – Mrs. Pam McCutchen

Rectory Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday

Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses: 8:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday

Saturday Evening Mass: 5:00 p.m. (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Confessions:

Sunday:

7:15 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.—Before and after 8 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.—Before 10 a.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.—Before 6 p.m. Mass

6:50 p.m.—Immediately following 6:00 p.m. Mass

Mon. thru Fri. (school days):

7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.—Before & after 8 a.m. Mass

Mon. thru Sat. (non-school days):

7:15 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.—Before & after 8 a.m. Mass

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.:

4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. During Eucharistic Adoration

Mon., Wed., Fri.:

8:00 p.m. to 8:20 p.m.

Sat.:

4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.—Immediately prior to Mass

Baptisms: Please call the Rectory to make arrangements. Parents must be practicing Catholics in this Parish or able to provide a letter of permission from the proper parish for Baptism here. Godparents, if not St. Joseph parishioners, must provide a letter that they meet the requirements: a practicing Catholic, at least 16 years old, have received Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion and, if married, in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.

Marriages: Please contact the Pastor prior to making wedding arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick: Those hospitalized or home-bound to receive the Sacraments, call the Rectory.

Father's Thoughts

My Dear Parish,

There are two ways to respond to the birth of Our Savior that couldn't be more different. On the one hand there is the rejoicing, singing and glorifying God of the shepherds, the angels and the magi. On the other hand there is the deep disturbance and infanticidal outrage of the people of Jerusalem, particularly King Herod. In addition to the immediate reaction to the news of the birth of the Christ, these two responses represent heaven and hell. So here's a question, if our response to the reality of Christ's birth is largely one of indifference, with which of the two do we identify?

Let's obviously hope it's the response of joy and gladness. But indifference is a far cry from rejoicing. It's just as easy to fear that indifference could quickly turn to irritation, annoyance and hatred if we aren't careful. Just recall how quickly the crowd that later surrounded Jesus as he triumphantly entered Jerusalem would after only few short days be calling for his crucifixion. So let's be careful and be on the lookout against indifference towards the revelation of Christ's birth. Fortunately for us, the Church helps us by pointing out a few ways to spot indifference so we can avoid it.

If we catch ourselves neglecting or otherwise refusing to reflect on divine charity—how God loves us in sending us his newborn Son to rescue us, then we might be giving into indifference. If, after examining ourselves we find we hardly ever even think of how good our Savior's birth really is or outright denying its meaningfulness then we might be giving into indifference. If we notice in a lucid moment that we have forgotten, overlooked or even explicitly rejected that Jesus' birth has forged for us an intimate and vital bond with God then we might be giving into indifference.

Where do we spend our time? With whom do we closely associate ourselves? What thoughts, conversations, music, movies, and entertainment do we allow to fill up our minds? If it's true that few of these help us to contemplate the great and profound mystery of God becoming one of us, than let us turn to the example of the magi. The magi shook off their indifference and instead carefully discerned the meaning of Christ's birth. They removed themselves from the comforts of their homes and journeyed in search of the king who gives meaning to the universe. They made no allowance for the allurements of the evil king and instead, after worshipping Jesus went the other way.

The Feast of the Epiphany recalls for us that God can draw us to himself no matter how far away we find ourselves. This feast of hope shows that for those who are paying attention, even if there is great darkness God shines the light of life. May our celebration of Our Lord's Epiphany preserve us from indifference and lead us all the rejoicing of the children of God.

With paternal affection,



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<i>Mass Intentions for January 7th through 13th</i>		
Monday	8 a.m.	Eva Hall
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Baby Cayden Lyle
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Rev. Msgr. Michael F. Farina
Thursday	8 a.m.	Rev. An N. Vu
Friday	8 a.m.	Walter Fidelis Russell, Sr.
Saturday	8 a.m.	Those interred in St. Joseph Cemetery
	5 p.m.	Mary Ethel Bowles
Sunday	8 a.m.	Mary Lucille Young
	10 a.m.	Mary Rose Young
	6 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish especially, Agnes Baker, Alan Burch, John Keaton, Baby Reagan & Baby Cayden Lyle, Sister Alice Theresa Wood, Max Long, Francis Nelson (Mole), Virginia Raulerson, Frances L. Herbert (Tintsie), James Holt, Antoinette Nelson, Sandy Branson, Winnie Merson, Ann Young, Sara Custer, Thelma Russell, Gary Lewis, Yvonne Lennon, Elizabeth Adams, Bernadette Herbert and Thomas Lionel Herbert.

<i>Mass Schedule for January 12th and 13th</i>		
	<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Lectors</i>
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Owen D' Aurora	Sarah Richardson
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.		Brian Fenwick
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	James & John, Sam, William	Billy Benjamin

Offertory, December 23, 2018 – \$4,033.00

Christmas – \$10,155.00

Offertory, December 30, 2018 – \$4,229.00

Donations (including Online) for December – \$4,160.00

Solemnity of Mary – \$2,823.00

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Mother's Rosary Group – Join us for a weekly Mother's Rosary group. We will pray the Rosary with meditations focused on Mothers. Babies in arms & toddlers are welcome. We will meet each Monday at 10 a.m. in the Hall.

Mark your calendars now for the next St. Joseph's Events Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 22nd at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall. We'll be looking at the upcoming year, gathering any new ideas and setting the calendar for 2019. Come one, come all and be prepared for some great fellowship, fun, and food! Questions in the meantime can be directed to Christine Komar at 301.904.0036.

Eucharistic Holy Hour will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in the Church with the Rosary recited at 4:30 p.m.

Confession and the Divine Office: The Hour of Compline – Confession will now be available in the Church from 8:00 to 8:20 p.m., followed by the Hour of Compline, which will be sung in Latin, starting at 8:20 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. (No confession on Tuesday nights)

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Sunday, January 6th – Donuts & Coffee in the Hall after 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses.

Tuesday, January 8th – Catechism with Father Drew at 11 a.m. in the Rectory. CCD at MCA at 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, January 22nd – Events Committee Meeting in the Hall at 7 p.m. All are invited!