

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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. - Mt 2:10-11



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Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

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This weekend ~ January 2 & 3

Saturday 4pm Sr. Adriana—Larry & Anita Bastien  
 Sunday 11am Juliette Levesque—friend  
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 Frank Samarco—Toukatly Family  
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During this time of COVID,  
 there are no communion services.



**The Epiphany of the Lord**

“Where is that thing?” mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. “I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!” Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, “Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear.” The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

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“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.” The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God’s tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God’s salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God’s healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

Parish Business* July 2020 / Oct. 2020	2020-2021 Budget	2020-2021 Actual
Total Income	\$67,022	\$56,739*
Total Expenses	\$73,517	\$68,158*
Loss		(\$11,419)

\*If you have any questions, contact Rob Sherman.

Sacrificial Giving...Dec. 26/27 (This amount includes \$685.00 from E-Donations)	\$2,540.00
Hope Appeal	\$1,451.00
Christmas	1,888.00
Religious Ed	95.00
Building Fund	110.00
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Sacrificial Giving...Dec. 19/20 (This includes \$670.00 from E-Donations)	\$3,764.01
Christmas	710.00
Religious Ed	170.00
Hope Appeal	1,160.00
Donations	2,000.00



Help us fulfill our commitment to Hope House by signing up to assist at their soup kitchen on the 1st Sunday of the month from 3:30-5:30pm. You help distribute meals as take-out to those in need. The sign-up sheet is in the back of church. If you have any questions, contact Rob Sherman.



# FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

There is a Parent/Student Confirmation Meeting Next week.

## Get Ready for Next Sunday

A good prayer practice to get into is to reflect on the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday.

Here are next Sunday's readings:

Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7 ~ Ps 29: 1-4, 9-10  
Acts 10: 34-38 ~ Mark 1: 7-11

Take some time out, read them slowly and prayerfully, & ask yourself what God might want you to get out of them. Want to read them online? Go to: [usccb.org/bible/readings](http://usccb.org/bible/readings)



If you want a report on your donations for this past year, please sign the sheet in the back of church, or Email your request to Nick Mayer at [nmayer@syrdio.org](mailto:nmayer@syrdio.org).

### Praise & Prayer Line: In need of prayer?

Call Joyce Bojdak at 315-839-5099



Please note that you DO NOT need to give names or full details.

If you are interested in Baptism of your child, please call Dcn. Jim Henck or Kathy in the Parish Office. at 315-507-2528 to make arrangements.



These individuals need our prayers....

- Kate Longley, Judy Cragnolin,
- Jane Collins, Vincent Levesque, Elizabeth Taylor,
- Charles-Laurent Levesque, Carol Kelsey, Claudio Garay,
- Jean Paul DuJardin, Alison Kinney, Bernice Malysa,
- (8/18) Nancy Jaquish, Clarence Lallier, Jackie Crowe

Call Kathy at #315-507-2528 to add anyone to this list. (5/18)



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