

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

January 3<sup>rd</sup> to January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**FIRST Saturday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> – SS. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church**

4:15-4:30 p.m. – All Saints – Confessions  
 5:00 p.m. – All Saints – Jean-Noël & Claude Desautels by Noëlla

**Sunday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> – The Epiphany of the Lord**

7:30-8:00 a.m. – All Saints – Confessions  
 8:15 a.m. – All Saints – For The People of our Parishes  
 10:00-10:20 a.m. – St. Isidore – Confessions  
 10:30 a.m. – St. Isidore – Holy Souls in Purgatory by Colin Wood

**Mon., Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

8:30 a.m. – All Saints – Ann Choate by Linda Olio

**Tues, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> – St. John Neumann, Bishop**

5:00 p.m. – All Saints – Adoration with Confession  
 6:00 p.m. – All Saints – Holy Souls in Purgatory by JAN

**Wednesday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> – St. André Bessette, Religious**

8:30 a.m. – All Saints – Janice J. J. William & Mabel Maynard by The Estate

**Thurs., Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> – St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest**

5:00 p.m. – All Saints – Adoration with Confession  
 6:00 p.m. – All Saints – Conversion of Loved Ones by JAN

**Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Weekday**

8:30 a.m. – All Saints – Danny Farrar by Anonymous

**Saturday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Weekday**

4:15-4:30 p.m. – All Saints – Confessions  
 5:00 p.m. – All Saints – Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary by JAN

**Sunday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> – Baptism of the Lord**

7:30-8:00 a.m. – All Saints – Confessions  
 8:15 a.m. – All Saints – Jean-Noël & Claude Desautels by Noëlla  
 10:00-10:20 a.m. – St. Isidore – Confessions  
 10:30 a.m. – St. Isidore – Clealand Blair, Rita Blouin & Henry Laroche

**Please Pray For:** Erica Johnson, Joan Hahr, Christine Scanlon, Joe Noonan, Sarai Tirado, Sandy Morriell, Michael Daley, Mary Latimer, John Young, David Lindsey, Joel Rasco, Deborah Cuesta, Cecilia Fatzinger, Kristin Lotane, Dena Cassidy, Caroline Elkins, Ryan Skochin, Danielle Desnoyers, Dora Hurtubise, Russell Hilton, William Harlow, Cheryl McMurphy, David Robert, Christopher Martel, Leslie Garvey, Ann Twohig, Deborah Kneen, Caroline Daberer, Sue Rhodes, Alice Kinney, Terry Kneen, Joel Rivera, Pat Carroll, Joseph Adams III, Liza Farrar, Mary Parent, Jerry Tatro, Denise Brier, Scott Patterson, Jackey Garrow, Kelly Nuovo, Annie Button, Amber Kneen, Richard Ploof, Jessica Pomerleau-Honlon, Kaida, Father Jordan, a Parishioner, the recently deceased, Betsy Snider, Peter Fournier, Tara Stubbs, Gloria Weld, Steven Tracy, Gerry Seewaldt, Alexander Walter, and all Soldiers.

To add someone to the prayer line please call Suzanne Lavalla @ 848-7462

**Receipts: December 25 & 27, 2020**

<b>All Saints</b>	Amount needed in Sunday Offertory	\$1,440.00
Christmas Day Collection		1,641.00
Offertory		730.00
Energy		320.00
Food Shelf		110.00
Donations		85.00
Good Shop		50.07
Votive Candles		151.55

<b>St. Isidore</b>	Amount needed in Sunday Offertory	\$705.00
Christmas Day Collection		1,116.00
Offertory		410.00

***Thank you to all who are supporting our parishes with your monetary gifts and offerings. God bless you ever more!***

**Second Collection:**

January 3: Food Shelf \*\*\*  
 January 10: Energy

**Calendar of Events:**

~Friday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>: Rosary Cenacle at All Saints at 6pm  
 Please come. Our world needs our prayers  
 ~Sunday Mornings @All Saints: Recitation of the Holy Rosary

**Christ Our Hope Campaign**

To our *Christ Our Hope* campaign supporters, we offer a sincere thanks during this giving season. We cannot carry out our mission and realize our dreams without your help.

We are continuing our fundraising efforts as we try to reach our campaign goals. If you are still praying over your decision and discerning how you might help, please know that soon you will receive a follow-up mailing asking to consider a gift.

You can return your completed pledge form or go online to christourhopevt.org/donate to make a gift. Your donation of any size will help address our needs at our parishes but also support fellow Catholics across the state.

**Our Parish Goals and Progress: (updated 12/23/2020)**

All Saints – \$13,300 raised toward goal of \$77,643 ~ 17%  
 St. Isidore – \$9,085 raised toward goal of 40,539 ~ 22%

**THANK-YOU NOTES:**

*Thank you for all of your support, kindness, goodies, and gifts to us during this Christmas Season! You are all quite generous! Thank You! Thank you also for your understanding, patience and care during this most unique of Christmases in this pandemic year! May 2021 be a more joyful year!*

*Fr Dan and Fr Richard*

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*Thank you to the many volunteers who answered my plea to help clean and decorate our Church for Christmas. You will be blessed for your kind heart and charity. With gratitude, Linda*

***Congratulations to the Newly Baptized Member of the Parish:***



*Henry Peter Waibel, Baptized on December 27<sup>th</sup> at All Saints Church  
 Welcome to the Roman Catholic Church!*

***Thank you for supporting our bulletin:***

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## The Feast of the Epiphany

“Epiphany” is the “Christmas of the Gentiles,” a feast which popularly outranks Christmas in certain Catholic nations and predated it on the Church’s calendar. In Latin America and Europe gifts and sweets were given to children on this day not December 25, by Santa Claus but, rather, by the three kings. Traditionally, we remain in Epiphanytide until the feast of Candlemas, February 2.

Epiphany, which means “manifestation,” actually celebrates three mysteries of Our Lord’s life — in Roman liturgical order, they are: the adoration of the Magi, the Baptism of Christ in the Jordan, and the wedding feast at Cana. Each of these events is a public manifestation of Christ to the world. The principal one of these mysteries commemorated in the Roman Rite is the visit of the Magi, the first gentiles to respond to the light of God’s revelation and follow His star. In the Eastern Rites, however, the Baptism of Christ is considered the greater Epiphany.

The Roman Church summarizes these three mysteries thusly in her liturgy for the Epiphany: “We celebrate a holy day adorned with three mysteries: this day the star led the Magi to the manger; this day wine was made from water at the wedding; this day Christ willed to be baptized in the Jordan by John in order to save us, alleluia” (Antiphon for the *Magnificat*, Second Vespers).

“Every Mystery of Christ,” wrote Blessed Abbot Marmion, “not only constitutes an historical fact that has occurred in time, but also contains its own special grace upon which souls ought to be nourished so as to live by it.”

The grace of Christmas is the grace of divine adoption, of spiritual childhood. It is the birth of Christ in our souls, made possible by the birth in time of Him who is eternally generated in the bosom of the Father. The grace of the Epiphany makes explicit what is implicit in Christmas. It proclaims to the nations what has occurred in Bethlehem, and what that divine occurrence has made possible, namely, the union of the Heavenly Bridegroom with His Bride, the Catholic Church, which, being *catholic* will embrace both Jews and Gentiles.

Just as we speak of the three births at Christmas (the Word’s birth in eternity, Jesus’ birth of Mary, and the birth of Christ in our souls by faith and baptism) we speak of a trinity of mysteries in the Epiphany. The first was a manifestation of the Savior of the world to the gentiles in the persons of the Magi. The second was a manifestation, via the descent of the Holy Ghost and the Voice of God the Father, of the Holy Trinity, and of Christ’s Divine Sonship. It was also a revelation of the means by which men might be united to God, as the sacrament of Baptism was instituted on this occasion. The third was a manifestation of Christ’s power in a public way, the miracle at Cana being the “beginning of miracles” that “manifested his glory” (John 2:11). It showed forth not only Christ’s power, but also His blessing of holy matrimony, which is itself a symbol of the union of Christ and the Church.

Being made living members of Christ’s Body, the Church, the faithful are assimilated into this great nuptial union with God. Harkening back to the mystery of Christ’s Baptism in the Jordan, Saint John the Baptist was the “Best Man” at Christ’s wedding with the Church. In a reference to Jewish marriage customs, he tells us as much when he describes himself as the “friend of the bridegroom,” who rejoices at the voice of the bridegroom singing to his spouse (John 3:29).

In the antiphon for the *Benedictus* in the feast’s office of Lauds the nuptial theme is woven into these three Mysteries: “Today the Church hath been joined to her heavenly Spouse, for Christ hath washed away her sins in the Jordan; the Magi hasten with gifts to the royal nuptials, and the guests are gladdened with wine made from water, alleluia” (Antiphon for the *Benedictus*, Lauds). This is none other than “the mystery which hath been hidden from eternity in God” (Eph. 3:9), namely, “that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and co-partners of his promise in Christ Jesus, by the gospel” (Eph. 3:6). It is the expression of the Father’s will to “recapitulate all things in Christ” (Eph. 1:10).



*“Today the Bridegroom claims his bride, the Church, since Christ has washed her sins away in Jordan’s waters; the Magi hasten with their gifts to the royal wedding; and the wedding guests rejoice, for Christ has changed water into wine.”*

### Quotes from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton ~ Feast Day Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>



Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton was a wife and mother of five children, who was widowed at a young age. She was given by God a deep longing for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, which led her to convert to Catholicism from Episcopalian faith. After her husband’s death she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States.

She also began St. Joseph’s Academy and Free School, planting the seeds of Catholic education in the United States. She died on January 4, 1821 and is the first native born American to be canonized a Saint.

“If I had to advise parents, I should tell them to take great care about the people with whom their children associate ... Much harm may result from bad company, and we are inclined by nature to follow what is worse than what is better.” ~ Elizabeth Ann Seton

“The gate of heaven is very low; only the humble can enter it.” ~ Elizabeth Ann Seton

“I will go peaceably and firmly to the Catholic Church: for if Faith is so important to our salvation, I will seek it where true Faith first began, seek it among those who received it from God Himself.”

~ Elizabeth Ann Seton

“What was the first rule of our dear Savior’s life? You know if was to do His Father’s will. Well, then, the first purpose of our daily work is to do the will of God; secondly, to do it in the manner He wills; and thirdly, to do it because it is His will.” ~ Elizabeth Ann Seton

## January 6<sup>th</sup>: Feast of St. Andre Bessette

Alfred Bessette was born in Quebec on August 9, 1845, and he was orphaned by the time he was 12. He had to work to support himself and had little formal education, but from an early age he had a lively faith and a strong devotion to St. Joseph. After a few years trying to find work in the United States, he returned to Quebec. There, his childhood pastor encouraged him to consider a vocation to religious life. He sent Alfred to the Congregation of Holy Cross with a note that said, "I am sending you a saint."

Initially, Holy Cross did not accept Alfred because of his poor health. He had been baptized right after birth because they had been afraid that he might not live more than a few days, and he was sickly all his life. Alfred, however, was not discouraged, with the assistance of the Archbishop of Montreal, received entrance into the Holy Cross Novitiate on December 27, 1870.

Upon entering the Novitiate, Alfred took the name André, which was the name of his childhood pastor. Given his frail health and lack of a formal education, Brother André was assigned as doorkeeper of Notre Dame College in Montreal. He continued this assignment as a professed brother. Among his many duties, he greeted visitors and tended to their needs.

Many people began to experience physical healings after praying with Brother André, and his reputation as a healer began to spread. So many people flocked to see him that the Congregation allowed him to see sick people at a trolley station across the street. Through it all, Brother André remained humble, often seeming confused that people would lavish such praise on him. He knew that the real source of these miraculous cures was St. Joseph's intercession.

His desire to increase devotion to St. Joseph inspired him to found a shrine to his favorite saint across the street from Notre Dame College. He saved the money he earned from giving haircuts at five cents apiece, eventually earning the \$200 he needed to construct a simple structure. The Oratory attracted large numbers of pilgrims, and plans were made to construct a large basilica. Brother André's full-time ministry for the rest of his life was to receive the long lines of sick visitors who flocked to the Oratory to see him. He became known as the "Miracle Man of Montreal," and thousands of miraculous healings were attributed to his intercession over the following decades.

Brother André died on January 6, 1937 at the age of 91. During the week that his body lay in state outside of St. Joseph's Oratory, an estimated one million people braved the bitter Montreal winter to pay their respects. St. Andre was canonized a Saint on October 17, 2010.

"God chose the most ignorant one. If there was anyone more ignorant than I am, God would have chosen him instead of me."

~ St. Andre Bessette

"God is love and he loves us; that is the heart of the Christian faith. God gave us the commandments and it is in observing them that we show whether we love God. Pray that you may obtain a true love of God. God loves us so much. He wants us to love Him."

~ St. Andre Bessette