



OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

Weekly Prayer of the Faithful petitions

That God will provide us the strength to forgive those that have hurt us.

Due to poor weather conditions I sometimes have to cancel Mass in Hunter. The folks there have a system of letting each other know. For folks elsewhere who might want to attend Mass but not sure if it's cancelled, you should contact me directly (cell phone, call or text) Phone: 701-850-9708.

You can also check the website where I will post it.

Mon	1/4	OLP	No Mass
Tue	1/5	OLP	9:00am +Rev Henry Dahl
Wed.	1/6	OLP	9:00am +Rev Henry Dahl
Thur	1/7	OLP	9:00:am +Rev Henry Dahl
Fri	1/8	OLP	9:00am +Mark Lipsiea
Sat	1/9	OLP	5:00pm +Mark Lipsiea
Sun	1/10	OLP	10:30am +Mark Lipsiea
St. Agnes 8:30AM for the people			

OLP STEWARDSHIP 12/27

Adult envelopes	\$1470.00
Plate	\$166.00
Votive	\$ 28.85
Total	\$1664.85

This week's trivia

Q. Is the unity candle part of the Catholic Rite of Marriage?

A. No. The lighting of a "unity candle" is a relatively new custom in wedding ceremonies. There is no record of it in the bible or any Apostolic writings. The custom first became popular in the second half of the 20th century in American Christian weddings. The origins are unclear, however the use of a unity candle in a 1981 episode of General Hospital may have helped to popularize the practice. (Wikipedia)

Christmas

Adult Envelope \$812.00

Last Week's Trivia question:

When does the Christmas Season end?

Answer:

The Baptism of the Lord

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ST. AGNES PARISH



Life: An “Epiphany” of God

“Life is always a good. ... Why is life a good? This question is found everywhere in the Bible, and from the very first pages it receives a powerful and amazing answer. The life which God gives man is quite different from the life of all other living creatures, inasmuch as man, although formed from the dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7, 3:19; Job 34:15; Ps 103:14; 104:29), is a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory (cf. Gen 1:26-27; Ps 8:6). This is what Saint Irenaeus of Lyons wanted to emphasize in his celebrated definition: ‘Man, living man, is the glory of God’. Man has been given a sublime dignity, based on the intimate bond which unites him to his Creator: in man there shines forth a reflection of God himself” (The Gospel of Life, n. 34).

Poinsettias Memorials

MaryEllen Melander in memory of Dennis Melander and Donald Aune
 Margaret & John Olson in memory of Walter & Ruth Olson

Please keep in prayer

MaryEllen Melander
 Judy Pasek (mother of Michelle Thompson)

St. Agnes Stewardship 12/25 & 12/27

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If anyone has something to share that should be included in the bulletin, please contact Lois, 874-2144, 701-238-4380,

Dear Padre,

A friend who is a fundamentalist insists Epiphany happened exactly as it says in the Bible. I say there's no way it could have. Who is right?

Catholics believe each book of the Bible needs to be appreciated according to the principles of its own literary genre. We don't look to the Gospels for modern critical history or unbiased biographical/reportorial fact-telling.

The four Gospels were written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Each Gospel writer uses human skill to craft a true story, presenting the saving mystery of our Lord's life, death, and resurrection so that readers may come to know Christ, share his life, and be saved.

Every story in the Gospels is shaped to communicate saving truth, but not every story is told as a direct "just the facts, ma'am" report of sequential events. So there is a saving sense in which, yes, the Epiphany happened exactly as it says in Matthew 2:1-12. And there is a more literal sense in which, no, the Epiphany probably did not happen exactly as it's recounted.

What is most certain is the Gospel's saving message of the birth of our true king, the light to all nations, before whom we offer homage and who, when we encounter him, will change our lives and send us home in a new path.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

As we begin the New Year, may we discover anew that faith demands worship....For worship involves making an exodus from the greatest form of bondage: slavery to oneself. Worship means putting the Lord at the center, not ourselves.

EPIPHANY HOMILY, JANUARY 6, 2020

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,

Religious

1 Jn 3:22-4:6

Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday

JANUARY 5

St. John Neumann,

Bishop

1 Jn 4:7-10

Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday

JANUARY 6

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:11-18

Mk 6:45-52

Thursday

JANUARY 7

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:19-5:4

Lk 4:14-22a

Friday

JANUARY 8

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5-13

Lk 5:12-16

Saturday

JANUARY 9

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14-21

Jn 3:22-30

Sunday

JANUARY 10

Baptism of the Lord

Is 55:1-11

1 Jn 5:1-9

Mk 1:7-11

Do You See What I See?

Today's Gospel answers this question quite definitively: No! Not everyone saw the guiding star in the sky. Not even those who, presumably, knew the prophecy found in the reading from Isaiah. That ancient prophet announced to the people of Jerusalem: "Your light has come" (Isaiah 60:1). In fact, he promised them they would be so embraced by that light, they themselves would shine brightly with its radiance. But when the time came, not everyone saw it. Or, having seen it, they did not recognize it.

The people of Jesus' time were not ignorant of these prophecies. They knew what they meant and to whom they referred. Consequently, when the stargazers who saw the light inquired about it, those to whom they inquired knew where to send them. So what was the problem? Why were those men in Jerusalem not excited about the star? Very simply, a new king meant a rival king, and those who had power weren't eager to relinquish it.

We know that not everyone in Israel rejected Jesus. Shepherds had already thrilled at this birth. Someone in Bethlehem had opened his home to this child and his parents. Now we add to them the stargazers from another country. It seems the invitation to come to him is extended to all: political and religious leaders, the unsophisticated and marginalized, the established homeowner, the foreigners in their midst. They are all asked: "Did you see what I saw? What do you think of him?"

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ How open are you to new thinking?
- ★ God's invitation is offered to all. Is there any group of people you might have marginalized?



*All from Sheba shall come
bearing gold and frankincense,
and heralding the praises of the LORD.*

ISAIAH 60:6