

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Readings: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

“We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”

MASS SCHEDULE					
Sun	Jan	5	9:00AM	Jim Tuite + By St. Jude Prayer Group	
Tue	Jan	7	9:00AM	Latin Mass	
Thur	Jan	9	9:00AM	- Available	
Fri	Jan	10	12:00PM (noon)	Barbara Ferguson + By Ted & Carol Johnson	
Sun	Jan	12	9:00AM	Bill Terwilligar + By Carol Tyre	

To Schedule a Mass Intension
Please contact the Church Office ... 828-743-5717

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Latin Mass Schedule
St. JudeTues: 9:00am
OLM Wed: 9:00am

SAINT JUDE - OFFERTORY

(The Weekend of December 29, 2019)

Offertory: \$14,840.00 Attendance: 138

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Christmas Day - December 25, 2019

Offertory: \$1624.00 Attendance: 152

The Ladies of St. Jude

The Ladies of St. Jude meet from March-November on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall at 10:00am. They support the Parish in their spiritual growth & outreach programs, assist with funerals, care for the sick and organize social and fellowship programs. For more information, please contact Mary Ann Massa at 919-605-4246.

Prayer Blanket Ministry

The Prayer Blanket Ministry's - Winter Schedule (November - May) meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month. They gather at 10:00am for a meeting in the upstairs classroom. You don't have to know how to sew, crochet or knit. If you need a prayer blanket, please contact the Church Office at 828-743-5717.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jim Barton, Denis Benardello, Patricia Blasi, Lane Bolmer, Tom Borzell, Marian Michel Boyd, J. Randy Brooks, Karen Cameron, Dr. Jay & Jana Carpenter & The Carpenter Family, Tom Carrasquillo, Fr. Hugh Chikawe, Daniel Coffey, Dottie Collier, Sherry Cook, Terese Crawford, Margaret Daniel, Christopher Day, Katherine DeLage, Pat Delaney, Linda Denny, Judi Eisnagle, Mike Ezzell, Sandra Fischel, Tom Fischel, Gina Galetti, Gretchen Giesey, Jerry Goldberg, Jerry Gordon, Laura Gregory, Walt & Judy Green, Jackson Hall, Donald Haug, Matthew Hite, Amy Hoyle, Jo Hoyle, Katie Hoyle, Daniel Jacobs, Dakota Johnson, Treba Johnson, Bill Keadle, Suzanne Keenan, Cathy Keir, Joe Knauff, George Lee, Trentha Mackey, Marinka, Camerron Martin, Conor McCall, Janet McClory-Presley, Betsy McCloskey, Michael Monti, Ron Nelson, Lyla Ruby Newton & Coen Michael Newton & The Newton Family, Sheila Rinker, Sherman Runions, Russell Sands, Brendan Scallon, Jr., Elaine Schmid, Bonnie Jean Small, Lennis Smith, Ava Snyder, Leonardo Suarez, Rosemarie Thompson, Kim Wagland, Cassie Watts, Meredith Worth.

Military Prayer List

Lt. Col. Fred Dufault (Afghanistan)
Captain Evan Shawler (Air Force Flight Surgeon)

St. Jude Prayer Group

The St. Jude Prayer Group meets on Fridays at 12:30pm following the 12:00(noon) Mass. We pray the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, spend some silent time in Adoration, and pray for the needs of our Church and of our world. For more information, please contact Jane Miller at janem@tampabay.rr.com or 813-230-3500.

Emaus Prayer Group

Emaus Prayer is a spiritual movement of faith that is called to prayer, obedience and adoration of the Holy Sacrament. They meet each Wednesday at 6:00pm. For information contact Yuliana Vargas at 828-226-5083 or Efrain Morales at 828-226-1045.

Spanish Prayer & Rosary

The Spanish Prayer & Rosary meets on Friday evenings at 7:00pm. For more information, please contact Isela Vazquez at 828-331-7892.

Today's Readings

First Reading: The last part of the book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet who lived after the Jews returned from exile in Babylon (which is modern-day Iraq). They found their temple destroyed and the city leveled. But with great faith the prophet envisions a wonderful future for Jerusalem.....*Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you* (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Second Reading: The Ephesians were a community in which Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity lived side-by-side. The author of this letter confirms that God's saving grace is available to everyone, whatever their ethnic or religious background. *The Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel*..... (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel: Magi from the east arrive looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

*For thus it has been written through the prophet:
"And you Bethlehem, land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
Since from you shall come a ruler,
Who is to shepherd my people Israel."*



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.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves and did him homage. They opened their treasure and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

And have been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

The Star Of Bethlehem

The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.

Knights of Columbus

The St. Jude Knights of Columbus meet at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Please contact Joe Vergo (Grand Knight) for information at 239-777-8606.

Ongoing Events - Knights

***Raffle Tickets** -on sale for **\$5.00** following Mass. Shared proceeds will support local charities.

Hispanic Ministry Calendar

Wednesday, Jan. 8, **Emaus**, 6:00pm

Friday, Jan. 10, **Spanish Prayer Group**, 7:00pm

General Church Calendar

Tues., Jan. 7, **Knights of Columbus**, 7:00pm

Thurs., Jan. 9, **Prayer Blanket Ministry**, 10:00am
Asheville Fieldtrip - All are welcome - Dutch Treat
Lunch @ Cracker Barrel—Shop @ Hobby Lobby

Friday, Jan. 10, **Prayer Group**, 12:30pm-1:30pm

Tues., Jan. 14, **Cabin Fever Night**, 5:30pm
(Mica's - Dutch Treat - RSVP...Mary Ann Massa)