

# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

## The Epiphany of the Lord Sunday, January 3, 2021

Pastor: Fr. Robert Rodgers  
Deacon: Mike Martinson

*Lord every nation on earth  
will adore you. Ps 72*



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**When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." Mt 2: 1-2**

### Daily Mass Schedule, Mass Intentions & Readings for the Week

<b>Monday, January 4, 2021</b>	1 Jn 3:22-4:6
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
No Mass	
<b>Tuesday, January 5, 2021</b>	1 Jn 4:7-10
St. John Neumann	Mk 6:34-44
No Mass	
<b>Wednesday, January 6, 2021</b>	1 Jn 4:11-18
No Mass	Mk 6:45-52
<b>Thursday, January 7, 2021</b>	1 Jn 4:19-5:4
No Mass	Lk 4:14-22
<b>Friday, January 8, 2021</b>	1 Jn 5:5-13
Mass: 4:30 p.m.	Lk 5:12-16
Intention: Intention of Pastor	
Holy Hour of Adoration: 5:00 p.m.	
<b>Saturday, January 9, 2021</b>	1 Jn 5:14-21
Mass: 5:30 p.m.	Jn 3:22-30
Intention: Christopher Reed	
Confession: 4-5 p.m.	
<b>Sunday, January 10, 2021</b>	Is 55:1-11
Mass: 8:30 a.m.	Ps 12:2-6
Intention: Bruce Valletta +	1 Jn 5:1-9
Spanish Mass: 10:30 a.m.	Mk 1:7-11
Intention: Pro Populo	

Deceased +

**Our world is changing daily but the one constant is your marriage.** Keep it strong to help you endure the challenging times with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience.

Upcoming dates: Jan 29-31, Feb. 19-21 or a virtual experience Sundays 2-5 pm and Tuesdays 7-9 pm Feb 28 – March 23. For more information and to apply visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org), email [montana.dooleys@gmail.com](mailto:montana.dooleys@gmail.com), or call Dan & Clare Dooley 406-697-3275.

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#### OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Bulletin Information Deadline: Wednesday at Noon

#### Weekend Lay Ministry Schedule:

	<b>January 9</b>	<b>January 10</b>
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Lectors:</b>	Jane Wostenberg	Shawn Ala
<b>Musicians:</b>	Dave/Amy/Willie	Cecile/Lisa

From Fr. Robert. . .

Merry Christmas! Yes, Merry Christmas... still! While the rest of the world is taking down their Christmas decorations, we Catholics are still relishing the glory of the Newborn King, and we will continue to do so until January 10th, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord! So keep your Christmas tree up at least till then! Today we focus the Christmas spotlight on the Epiphany of the Lord. Historically, this day has been considered the greatest Solemnity in the church, second only to Easter and Christmas. The reason for this is not necessarily just the visitation of the three wise men to the baby Jesus, although that's pretty awesome in itself, but because on Epiphany we celebrate the *manifestation* of Jesus to the world -- that's what "Epiphany" means. We might consider it a celebration of Jesus's *light*. Holy Mother Church invites us to focus on Jesus being manifested on three specific occasions: 1) to the three wise men, as a glorious sign of the fact that Jesus came not only for the Jews, but for everyone, the Gentiles included; 2) to those gathered at His baptism by John in the Jordan, manifested as the Son of God ("this is my beloved son"); 3) to the wedding guests at Cana when he showed His divine power by performing His first miracle of turning water into wine. These events convey the glorious mystery of Jesus's manifestation by showing that Jesus came for a *purpose* -- to bring His salvation, light, love, power, and divinity to a broken world. And he desires to be manifested to you and to me -- not just to remain a far-off sentiment or abstraction, but to be for us GOD, who is truly present to us and for us. So, in light of this awe-inspiring reality, once again, Merry Christmas! I also want to take this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to those who shared your Christmas cheer with me by giving me cards, gifts, and goodies. I have read each card multiple times and offered a Mass specifically for you on 12/28. God bless you all for your kindness and generosity!

¡Feliz Navidad! Sí, Feliz Navidad ... ¡todavía! Mientras el resto del mundo está quitando sus adornos navideños, los católicos seguimos disfrutando de la gloria del Rey Recién Nacido, ¡y continuaremos haciéndolo hasta el 10 de enero, la Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor! ¡Así que dejen puesto su árbol de Navidad hasta a lo menos hasta entonces! Hoy enfocamos el foco de la Navidad en la Epifanía del Señor. Históricamente, este día ha sido considerado la mayor solemnidad de la iglesia, solo superada por Pascua y Navidad. La razón de esto no es necesariamente solo la visita de los tres reyes magos al niño Jesús, aunque eso es bastante asombroso en sí mismo, sino porque en la Epifanía celebramos la manifestación de Jesús al mundo, eso es lo que significa "Epifanía". Podríamos considerarlo una celebración de la luz de Jesús. La Santa Madre Iglesia nos invita a enfocarnos en la manifestación de Jesús en tres ocasiones específicas: 1) a los tres reyes magos, como signo glorioso de que Jesús vino no solo para los judíos, sino para todos, incluidos los gentiles. 2) a los reunidos en su bautismo por Juan en el Jordán, manifestado como el Hijo de Dios ("este es mi hijo amado"). 3) a los invitados a la boda en Caná cuando mostró Su poder divino al realizar Su primer milagro de convertir el agua en vino. Estos eventos transmiten el glorioso misterio de la manifestación de Jesús al mostrar que Jesús vino con un propósito: traer Su salvación, luz, amor, poder y divinidad a un mundo quebrado. Y desea ser manifestado a ti y a mí, no solo para permanecer como un sentimiento o abstracción lejana, sino para ser para nosotros DIOS, que está verdaderamente presente a nosotros y para nosotros. Entonces, a la luz de esta asombrosa realidad, una vez más, ¡Feliz Navidad! También quiero aprovechar esta oportunidad para agradecer enormemente a quienes compartieron conmigo su alegría navideña dándome tarjetas, regalos y golosinas. He leído cada tarjeta varias veces y ofrecí una misa específicamente para usted el 28 de diciembre. ¡Dios los bendiga a todos por su amabilidad y generosidad!

**Last Chance to get your  
Knights of Columbus  
Meat Bundle Raffle**

Three drawings to be held January 7, 2021

1<sup>st</sup> – 36 lb Beef and Pork Bundle \$160

2<sup>nd</sup> – 20 lb Beef Bundle \$94

3<sup>rd</sup> – 16lb Pork Bundle \$66

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from  
Knights member or at the parish office.

Funds will be used for Scholarships.

**Thank You for your generous donations to Food  
for the Poor. The \$844 collected will provide  
about 2000 pounds of beans and rice for families  
in desperate need after Hurricanes Eta and Iota.**

**"OUR RETURN TO THE LORD"**

**Last Weekend's Collection: \$3,986**

**Christmas Collection: \$3,731**

**Building Fund: \$15,458.29**

**Living and Giving Goal: 36,065**

**Remaining Balance: 8,451.76**

*We are grateful for your generosity and appreciate  
your loyalty to our parish. Thank you for embracing  
the biblical vision of stewardship and tithing.*

**Attention parents of 6th & 7th graders!** CCD resumes next Wednesday (1/6/21). As I mentioned in my October letter to the parish, beginning Wednesday, January 6th, attendance will be required at Confirmation classes for anyone wishing to be confirmed by the bishop in 2022 (This year's 6th and 7th graders will be confirmed as 7th and 8th graders). Mr. Tommerup has given a good introduction to those already attending since September, but will transition now into the formal Confirmation curriculum. We realize that Covid and Covid precautions can complicate things, so if your family needs special accommodations, please contact me or Mr. Tommerup. Mr. Tommerup is willing to set up a Zoom meeting in his classroom for anyone who might not feel comfortable yet attending in person.