

January 3, 2021

The Epiphany of the Lord

Merry Christmas!

St. Patrick's: "A community of Christian stewards living in faith, hope and love."

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PARISH OFFICE, by appointment.

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass—Tuesday and Thursday 5:30 PM

Wednesday and Friday 12:00 Noon

Communion to follow for those attending and those who watch the livestream.

Saturday—5:00 PM, Mass in the Church and Hall

Communion to follow for those attending and those who watch the livestream.

Sunday—8:30 AM and 11:00 AM, Mass in the Church and Hall

Communion to follow for those attending and those who watch the livestream.

Adoration—Thursday, 6:00-8:00PM

Confessions—Thurs., 6:00-7:00PM, Sat, 3:00-4:00PM

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Revealing Christ to the Nations

Merry Christmas, Day 10!

Traditionally, the Epiphany is celebrated on the 12th day of Christmas, January 6th, but here it is on the second Sunday after Christmas. The readings we have are from Matthew's gospel which tell the story of the Magi from the East coming to pay the child Jesus homage as "the newborn King of the Jews."

Who were these guys anyway? Magi were interesting characters. Just as in the present day, there was a fascination with the exotic, mystic arts of the East in Persia and India. These magi would have been court advisors or mystics who looked to the heavens for portents and omens. (Incidentally, they did not become kings until 1863 when John H. Hopkins wrote his famous carol by that name.) But they would have been astute enough to notice at that time that Jupiter, the royal planet, moved into Aries, the constellation that represented Israel. The conclusion was that a new king had been born to the Jews. At least that is one theory.

What is important for Matthew is that they are important, exotic, and *foreigners*. Astrology was forbidden in the Law of the Moses. Our trust is in God alone.

That the magi, who represent the wisdom of the nations, would come to pay homage to Christ shows for Matthew that even they recognize the universal impact that he will have. Even from his earliest days, Matthew says, Christ's mission was not just for the house of Israel, but for all the nations. So, first the nations came to Christ in the guise of the Magi. In time, through the Church, Christ will be made known to all the nations.

This revealing of Christ, this manifestation, this Epiphany, is not a static phenomenon, but something that continues into the present day. We each have a role in making him known to that part of the world in which we live. When they look at us? Do they see Christ? When they listen to us, do they hear the good news? When they watch us, will they learn what it means to be redeemed by Christ?

We have a message and a wisdom far beyond what the Magi possessed as they traveled. When they saw the Christ child, they left rejoicing. I pray that we may have the same impact on those who encounter our St. Patrick's Parish family here in this part of the world.

- Fr. Leo



New to the Parish?

Welcome! Please take a moment to call the office! We would love to meet you and show you around...in a safe and sanitary way, of course! Thanks for coming!

PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

Stewardship of Treasure December Goal \$51,700.00

Sunday, December 6	\$12,801.12
Sunday, December 13	\$11,629.12
Sunday, December 20	\$11,902.23
Sunday, December 27	\$16,364.23
<u>Total Collected</u>	<u>\$52,696.70</u>
Over the Goal!!!	\$996.70

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank You for Your Generosity!

During these odd times, we offer many ways to give.

In Person: Drop your donation in the basket at the back after Mass, or

Drop your donation through outer doors of the Deacons Hall.
Give Online: Go to the parish website, www.st.patsak.org and click on the DONATE button at the upper right. You can donate through a credit card or bank account, and you can use the "Quick Give" option if you don't wish to set up a user name and password.

By Mail: Send your donation via U.S. Mail

Thank you for your continuing support of your parish family during these difficult times!

Parish Calendars for 2021

Our parish calendars for the new year have arrived! Pick up yours in the gathering area after Mass today -- one per family please.

Additional Documents Online at www.st.patsak.org

January Parish Calendar
USCCB Moral Considerations on COVID Vaccines

The Year of St. Joseph!

According to the decree issued by the Apostolic Penitentiary on Dec. 8, there are 15 ways to receive a plenary indulgence in the Year of St. Joseph:

- 1) Participate in a spiritual retreat for at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph.
- 2) Pray for St. Joseph's intercession for the unemployed that they might find dignifying work.
- 3) Recite the Litany of St. Joseph for persecuted Christians. Byzantine Catholics have the option of an Akathist to St. Joseph.
- 4) Entrust one's daily work and activity to the protection of St. Joseph the Worker.
- 5) Follow St. Joseph's example in performing a corporal work of mercy. These include feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting the imprisoned, visiting the sick, and burying the dead.
- 6) Perform one of the spiritual works of mercy, such as comforting the sorrowful, counseling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, admonishing the sinner, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving injuries, and praying for the living and the dead.
- 7) Pray the rosary together with one's family in order that "all Christian families may be stimulated to recreate the same atmosphere of intimate communion, love and prayer that was in the Holy Family."
- 8) Engaged couples can also receive an indulgence from praying the rosary together.
- 9) Meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer, because St. Joseph "invites us to rediscover our filial relationship with the Father, to renew fidelity to prayer, to listen and correspond with profound discernment to God's will."
- 10) Pray an approved prayer to St. Joseph on St. Joseph Sunday, the Sunday after Christmas in the Byzantine Catholic tradition.
- 11) Celebrate the feast of St. Joseph on March 19 with an act of piety in honor of St. Joseph.
- 12) Pray an approved prayer to St. Joseph on the 19th of any month.
- 13) Honor St. Joseph with an act of piety or approved prayer on a Wednesday, the day traditionally dedicated to St. Joseph.
- 14) Pray to St. Joseph on the Feast of the Holy Family on Dec. 27.
- 15) Celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1 with an act of piety or prayer.

ARCHDIOCESAN AND PARISH NEWS



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➔ Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany

Begin with the sign of the cross. Read a passage from Luke 19:1-9.

Leader: The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him. We pray... *R/*. **Stay with us, Lord.**

Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head. We pray... *R/*.

Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing. We pray... *R/*.

Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory. We pray... *R/*.

Pray the Lord's Prayer and a closing prayer:

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this household all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Conclude with the sign of the cross and sing "We Three Kings."

You may also use chalk to mark your entryway doorframe with "20+C+M+B+21," invoking the three kings (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar). The Latin phrase "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" that uses the same initials means "May Christ bless this home."

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One "Beard" One Body

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Nice!

About \$27,000 is coming back to the parish!



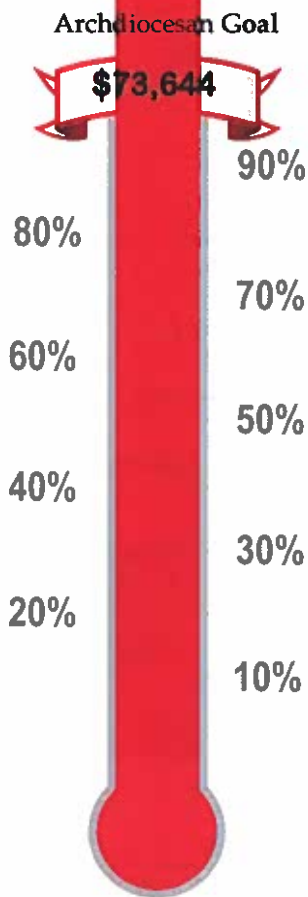
Beard or no Beard?

Alas, the good people at the chancery take a well deserved rest from Christmas to New Year's, so we won't know if we made it to our 250 pledges until later this week. At last count we were at 226.

Stay tuned!

All proceeds at this point go directly to the parish. A pledge or donation in any amount counts.

St. Patrick, pray for us!



The Parish Cow

Back in the days when St. Pat's was in the Anchorage Borough, there were about a dozen farm animals on the property. When the pastor left on vacation, he told his associate to "take care of the cow." When he returned, he found that the associate had done just that. The cow was in nice packages in the freezer, courtesy of Mr. Prime Beef!

Do you have a story to share? Let us know!

Our 50th anniversary is October 4, 2021.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Saturday, January 2 - Vigil - The Epiphany of the Lord

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Confessions, Day Chapel
5:00 PM, Mass in Church and Hall, Communion follows

Sunday, January 3 - The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 AM, Mass in Church and Hall, Communion follows
11:00 AM, Mass in Church and Hall, Communion follows

Monday, January 4

Office Closed—No Public Mass today

Tuesday, January 5

5:30 PM, Mass in Church, Communion follows
6:15 PM, Legion of Mary, via Zoom

Wednesday, January 6

12:00 Noon, Mass in Church, Communion follows

Thursday, January 7

10:00 AM, Adult Bible Study, Deacons Hall
5:30 PM, Mass in Church, Communion follows
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Confessions, Day Chapel
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration, Church

Friday, January 8

12:00 Noon, Mass in Church, Communion follows

Saturday, January 9 - Vigil - The Baptism of the Lord

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Confessions, Day Chapel
5:00 PM, Mass in Church and Hall, Communion follows

Sunday, January 10 - The Baptism of the Lord

8:30 AM, Mass in Church and Hall, Communion follows
11:00 AM, Mass in Church and Hall, Communion follows

All liturgies are livestreamed, then posted on
www.facebook.com/@stpatsak

READINGS

January 3, 2021 - The Epiphany of the Lord

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

January 4 - Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

January 5 - Saint John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

January 6 - Saint André Bessette, Religious

1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

January 7 - Saint Raymond of Penyafort

1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

January 8 - Friday after Epiphany

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

January 9 - Saturday after Epiphany

1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

January 10 - The Baptism of the Lord

Is 55:1-11; (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 3, 5-6; 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

MASS INTENTIONS

January 2, 2021 - January 8, 2021

Sat.	5:00pm	Vocations for the Home Missions
Sun.	8:30am	People of the Parish
	11:00am	Home Missions
Mon.	(private)	Home Missions
Tues.	5:30pm	Home Missions
Wed.	Noon	Home Missions
Thurs.	5:30pm	Ralph Cargo, R.O.S.
Fri.	Noon	Jerry Witt, R.O.S.

ATTENDANCE LIVE AND VIRTUAL

Mass Date & Time	Church/Hall	Live stream	Mass Total	Total
Thurs, Dec 24 - 6 PM	122	698	820	
Thurs, Dec 24 - 9 PM	84	399	483	
Thurs, Dec 25 - 12 AM	68	681	749	
Fri, Dec 25 - 11 AM	60	380	440	2492
Sat, Dec 26 - 5 PM	55	579	634	
Sun, Dec 27 - 8:30 AM	40	406	446	
Sun, Dec 27 - 11 AM	75	342	417	1497

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