

THE EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 2, 2022

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

— Isaiah 60:1

JOURNEY TOWARD GOD

In our celebration of the Epiphany, two interwoven themes are present in the readings today. God is beginning something new, and God gathers all of humanity to participate. For Isaiah, God's bright light, manifested in the people of Israel, attracts and summons people from many nations to Jerusalem. In the letter to the Ephesians, God's grace makes the Gentiles co-heirs and co-partners in the gospel. Matthew tells the story of the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel through the birth of Jesus, and simultaneously leading foreigners to share in these same promises. With the birth of Jesus, God chose a particular people, in a particular time and place, to enter most directly into the human story. Today's readings teach that God did this in order to gather all people, all cultures, into unity with God. Like the magi, we are drawn into a journey toward God, becoming co-partners in God's work.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$5,178.00	\$2,276.00
Number of Families contributing	100	82
Total Pledge for 2021	\$161,051.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (52 Weeks)	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Received to Date	\$157,690.00	\$126,371.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$2,685.00	\$36,921.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$306.00	\$9,989.00

Fourteen ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$31,712.00	\$228,837.00

Nine people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$69,865.00

POOR BOX totaled \$197.00.

9 **CHILDREN** contributed \$34.00.

BAA totaled \$0.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

As the old year ends and a new one begins, it's only natural to think about the past, and especially the future.

Here's something First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt wrote in one of her newspaper columns during the Great Depression: "I wish for those I love this New Year an opportunity to earn sufficient; to have that which they need for their own and to give that which they desire to others; to bring into the lives of those about them some measure of joy; to know the satisfaction of work well done, of recreation earned and therefore savored; to end the year a little wiser, a little kinder, and therefore a little happier."

May each of us use the turn of the New Year 2022 to resolve to try each day to seek and strive for our own true welfare and the welfare of others.

Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? (Luke 6:41)

Bless us, Father of all, as another year begins.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Wife and Family of Maul's Jim in loving memory of him on the 10th Anniversary of his death;
2. The Family of Matt Michael Sherlock and Mary Butts in loving memory of them on the Anniversary of their deaths;
3. and a Parish Family member in thanks to St. Expedite.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for Jim Bosco Sherlock and Cameron Riley.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will resume this Monday, January 3rd.

THANK YOU to a parish member for their donation in thanks to St. Raphael, St. Mother Theresa and Padre Pio; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite and St. Joseph for the needy; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite; and a parish member for their donation in thanks to St. Jude

FEAST OF ST. CHAVARA will be celebrated on this Tuesday at 10:00a.m. Mass. The Young Girls Organization will take care of the celebration.

INSPIRING NEW YEAR'S QUOTE

- "I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past." —Thomas Jefferson
- "Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending." —Carl Bard
- "The first step towards getting somewhere is to decide you're not going to stay where you are." —J.P. Morgan

5 POWERFUL WORDS

1. **BELIEVE IN YOURSELF**
BELIEVE YOU CAN AND YOU WILL
2. **NEVER GIVE UP**
A LITTLE PROGRESS EACH DAY ADDS UP TO BIG RESULTS
3. **BE GRATEFUL**
A GRATEFUL HEART IS A MAGNET FOR MIRACLES
4. **STAY HUMBLE**
WORK HARD IN SILENCE, LET SUCCESS MAKE THE NOISE
5. **BE KIND**
KINDNESS MAKES YOU THE MOST BEAUTIFUL

JOKE OF THE WEEK A guy goes to see his grandmother on New Year's Day and takes one of his friends with him. While he's talking to his grandmother, his friend starts eating the peanuts that are on the coffee table, and finishes them off.

As they're leaving, the friend says, "Thanks for the peanuts." The grandmother says, "Yeah, since I lost my dentures, I can only suck the chocolate off 'em."

BE THE FIRST

The first to **APOLOGIZE** is the **BRAVEST**.
The first to **FORGIVE** is the **STRONGEST**.
The first to **FORGET** is the **HAPPIEST**.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week
Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Wednesday: St. John Neumann
Thursday: St. André Bessette
Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Friday

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of the soul of Al on the 8th Anniversary of his death.
Tuesday: For the repose of the souls of Ed and Susie Sherlock.
Wednesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory and for the repose of the soul of Tommy Taylor on his Birthday.
Thursday: For the repose of the soul of Maggie Butts.
Friday: For the repose of the souls of Big Coat and Lillie.

POEM FOR A NEW YEAR

*Something's moving in,
I hear the weather in the wind,
Sense the tension of a sheep-field
And the pilgrimage of fins.*

*Something's not the same,
I taste the sap and feel the grain,
Hear the rolling of the rowan ringing,
Singing a change.*

*Something's set to start,
There's meadow-music in the dark
And the clouds that shroud the mountain slowly,
Softly start to part.*

READERS

Sat. Jan. 1 st , 4:00 P.M. Christina & Julie Ann	Sat. Jan. 1 st , 7:00 P.M. Dayna & Natalie
S Sun. Jan. 2 nd , 10:00 A.M.	Jersey & Bridgette Anna
Sat. Jan. 8 th , 4:00 P.M. Cathy Lisa & Reed	Sat. Jan. 8 th , 7:00 P.M. Natalie & Mary Martha
Sun. Jan. 9 th , 10:00 A.M.	Jersey & Christian Apple

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	-	Skylar
Tuesday	-	Gwen
Wednesday	-	Christina Apple
Thursday	-	Mary Ashley
Friday	-	Dayna

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	-	Kim Gallon
Tuesday	-	Nora
Wednesday	-	Catherine Ann
Thursday	-	Mary Cat
Friday	-	Rosie Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Front
Right
Left

January 1st

Winnie Ann
Cathy Pole
Catherine Ann

Saturday 7:00 P.M.

Right
Left

January 1st

Blue
Bridgette Anna

Sunday

January 2nd
Rose Marie
Mary Cat

Sunday

January 9th
Rose Marie
Mary Cat

SAD TRUTH

Fifty percent of Americans keep their New Year's resolutions for one month. Forty percent for six months and nineteen percent for two years.

WRINKLES

Wrinkles should merely show where smiles have been.

GOD IS LIKE SOFTWARE

**He ENTERS our life, SCANS our problems,
EDITS our tensions, DOWNLOADS solutions,
DELETES all our worries, and SAVES us.**

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

A PRAYER FOR NEW DAYS AHEAD

Heavenly Father, thank You for making all things new! As another new year begins, help me live each day for You. May I continually have a new song in my heart to sing to You, no matter what comes my way. I trust in You because I know that Your mercies are new every morning, and nothing ahead of me will take You by surprise. In Jesus' name. Amen.