

THE EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3, 2021

“All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.”

— Psalm 72:11

PROMISE FULFILLED

Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel. **Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and 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 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, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory Development

Last Week's Collection	\$3,796.00	\$2,859.00
Number of Families contributing	85	74
Total Pledge for 2020	\$167,031.00	\$162,408.00
Pledged to Date (52 Weeks)	\$160,531.00	\$160,408.00
Received to Date	\$185,377.00	\$143,617.00
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$24,846.00)	\$18,791.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$202.00	\$19,037.00

Eighteen ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$260.00	\$24,037.00

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

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$63,780.00

POOR BOX totaled \$130.00.

14 **CHILDREN** contributed \$85.00.

BAA totaled \$235.00.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION totaled to \$1,937.00

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Though even thinking on the subject of **TIME** may prove discomfoting, it is not a bad idea – especially at the beginning of a new year.

As we look into 2021 we look at a block of time. We see 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, 8,760 hours, 525,600 minutes, 31,536,000 seconds. And all is a gift from God. We have done nothing to deserve it, earn it, or purchased it. Like air we breathe, time comes to us as a part of life.

The gift of time is not ours alone, it is given equally to each person. Rich and poor, educated and ignorant, strong and weak – every man, woman and child has the same twenty-four hours every day.

Another important thing about time is that you cannot stop it. There is no way to slow it down, turn it off, or adjust it. Time marches on.

And you cannot bring back time. Once it is gone, it is gone. Yesterday is lost forever. If yesterday is lost, tomorrow is uncertain. We may look ahead at a full year's block of time, but we really have no guarantee that we will experience any of it.

Obviously, time is one of our most precious possessions. We can waste it. We can worry over it. We can spend it on ourselves. Or, as good stewards, we can invest it in the kingdom of God. The New Year 2021 is full of time.

As the seconds tick away, will you be tossing time out the window, or will you make every minute count.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Wife and Family of Maul's Jim in loving memory of him on the 9th Anniversary of his death;
2. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES begin this Monday, January 4, 2021. All classes will be from 4:00pm to 5:00 pm **Classes will be on Monday and Thursday only.** The classes will be as follows:

MONDAY, January 4th – Grades 8th thru 5th

THURSDAY, January 7th – Grades 4th thru - 1st

All children are asked to bring a box of disposable face masks and hand sanitizer. Also all children are encouraged to bring \$1.00 for the needy and a non-perishable food item

NEW YEAR'S THOUGHTS

- Tomorrow, is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one!
- New is the year, new are the hopes, new is the resolution, new are the spirits, and new are my warm wishes just for you. Have a promising and fulfilling New Year.
- May you discover everything you are looking for in the New Year right inside yourself!
- As you pursue your hopes and dreams, may this year bring you much success and may your journey be wonderful.

JOKE OF THE WEEK Jemima was taking an afternoon nap on New Year's Eve before the festivities. After she woke up, she confided to Max her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a diamond ring for a New Year's present. What do you think it all means?"

"Aha, you'll know tonight," answered Max smiling broadly. At midnight, as the New Year was chiming, Max approached Jemima and handed her a small package. Delighted and excited she opened it quickly. There in her hand rested a book entitled: *'The Meaning of Dreams.'*

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to the Holy Spirit, Sacred Heart, Precious Blood and St. Expedite; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Mother Teresa and St. Raphael; a member for a donation in honor of the Holy Spirit; a member for a donation in honor of St. Michael; a member for their donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

RECIPE FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

I will:

1. **Like Enoch** – walk in daily fellowship with my heavenly Father.
2. **Like Abraham** – trust implicitly in my God.
3. **Like Job** – be patient under all circumstances.
4. **Like Joseph** – turn my back on all seductive advances.
5. **Like Moses** - choose to suffer rather than enjoy the pleasures of sin.
6. **Like Caleb and Joshua** – refuse to be discouraged because of numbers.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Tuesday: St. John Neumann
Wednesday: St. André Bessette
Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** For the repose of the soul of Tommy Taylor on his Birthday.
Tuesday: In thanks to the Sacred Heart.
Wednesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus for the sick and the Holy Souls.
Thursday: In honor of the Precious Blood of Jesus for the Suffering Souls.
Friday: For the repose of the souls of Ed and Susie Sherlock.

CHOICE

Every new day brings us a choice.
 It is God's will, or just our own.
 And fruit of our short lives,
 depends on the seeds we have sown.

If we sow in selfish pleasure,
 It will come to no good end,
 But if we serve the Lord Jesus,
 One day He'll greet us as a friend.

Thus we must each choose daily,
 To deny self and pick up our cross,
 Forsaking this life's pleasures,
 and letting Jesus be our **BOSS!**

READERS

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| Sat. Jan. 2nd, 4:00 P.M.
Reed & Christian | Sat. Jan. 2nd, 7:00 P.M.
Skyler & Heidi |
| Sun. Jan. 3rd, 10:00 A.M. | Jimmy Joseph & Rose Marie |
| Sat. Jan. 9th, 4:00 P.M.
Leah & Dana | Sat. Jan. 9th, 7:00 P.M.
Carolyn & Natalie |
| Sun. Jan. 3, 10:00 A.M. | Jimmy Joseph & Rose Marie |

READERS – WEEKDAYS

- Monday** - Marilyn
Tuesday - Mary Ashley
Wednesday - Julie Ann
Thursday - Dayna
Friday - Pamela

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

- Monday** - Cathy Pole
Tuesday - Kim Gallon
Wednesday - Rosie Cat
Thursday - Mary Cat
Friday - Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

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| Saturday 4:00 P.M. | January 2nd |
| Front | Mary Margaret |
| Right | Cathy Pole |
| Left | Kim Gallon |

Saturday 7:00 P.M.

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| January 2nd | January 9th |
| Rose Melissa | Mary Cat |

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

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| December 27th | January 3rd |
| Rose Marie | Rose Marie |
| Mary Cat | Mary Cat |

SAD TRUTH

Fifty -five percent of Americans keep their New Year's resolutions for one month, 40% for six months, and 19% for two years.

THANK YOU LORD!

What a precious privilege to wake up again and be alive! Each moment of our life is a picture we have never seen before and which we will never see again. May we begin this day with a smile, calmness of mind, coolness of emotion, and a heart filled with gratitude to God. May God seal, protect and free you & your family from harm and danger.

THIS IS THE GIFT FROM THE LORD, ENJOY IT!

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

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

Lord, You make all things new, You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank You for this new year for all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame. So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise Your glorious name. Amen