

## THE EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 5, 2020

*They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.  
— Matthew 2:11b*

### LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus' coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations—Jews, Gentiles, and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the world. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the world was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews—Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God.

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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*).

**Psalms** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (*Psalms 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

<b>Last Week's Collection</b>	\$3,417.00	\$2,057.00
Number of Families contributing	91	66
Total Pledge for 2019	\$167,031.00	\$163,188.00
Pledged to Date (52 Weeks)	\$167,031.00	\$161,888.00
Received to Date	\$142,015.00	\$113,040.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$25,016.00	\$48,848.00

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2019
\$84.00	\$8,420.00

Twelve ladies made a contribution last week.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2019
\$12,164.00	\$82,888.00

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

### BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$208,330.00
Total Received	\$14,247.00

**PARKING LOT** totaled \$5.00.

8 **CHILDREN** contributed \$32.00.

**POOR BOX** totaled \$41.00

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass was 150; Saturday 7:00 P.M. was 130 and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 115.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

At the age of 44, Carlo Carretto became a monk and lived a life of prayer in the Arabian desert. In his book *Letters from the Desert*, he tells how he rediscovered God's glory in the starry night skies of Arabia:

"How dear they were to me, those stars....I had come to know them by their names, then to study them...Now I could distinguish their color, their size, their position, their beauty. I knew my way around them, and from them I could calculate the time without a watch."

To what extent do I experience nature as God's finger motioning to me, or God's voice speaking to me?

*I love to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting system through which God speaks to us every hour, if we only tune in.* —George Washington Carver

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Wife and Family of Maul's Jim in loving memory of him on the 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
2. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

**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 Theresa and St. Raphael; and a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** Before takeoff an elderly woman passenger said to the pilot, "I've never flown before and I'm nervous. You will bring me down safe, won't you?"

"All I can say Ma'am," replied the pilot, "Is that I've never left anyone up in the sky yet."

### INTERESTING QUOTES

- We cannot change the things which are not in our control, but we can change the way we react to them.
- When life is SWEET say THANK YOU and CELEBRATE. When life is BITTER say THANK YOU and GROW.

### THINK & THINK

**Over the triple doorway of the Cathedral of Milan, there are three inscriptions spanning the splendid arches. Over one is carved a beautiful wreath of roses, and underneath is the legend 'All that pleases is but for a moment.'**

**Over the other is sculptured a cross, and these are the words beneath: "All that troubles is but for a moment." But underneath the great central entrance in the main aisle is the inscription "That only is important which is eternal."**

### PATH OF HONESTY

**THE BIGGEST ADVANTAGE OF WALKING ON THE PATH OF HONESTY IS THAT THERE IS NO CROWD. ENJOY THE PEACEFUL JOURNEY OF LIFE WITH ALMOST NO TRAFFIC IN 2020.**

## **HE STANDS UP FOR YOU**

**WHEN YOU KNEEL BEFORE GOD,  
HE STANDS UP FOR YOU.  
AND WHEN HE STANDS UP FOR YOU,  
NO ONE CAN STAND AGAINST YOU.**

## **TWO BELIEFS**

**Almost every successful person begins with two beliefs:**

- 1. The future can be better than the present.**
- 2. I have the power to make it so.**

## **THE CHURCH IS CATHOLIC**

*The Church is Catholic, that is, universal:*

- First with regard to place...The Church has three part, one on earth, a second in heaven, a third in purgatory.*
- The Church is universal with regard to all conditions of human beings; nobody is rejected whether they be masters or slaves, men or women.*
- It is universal in time, and those are wrong who allow it a limited span of time, for it began with Abel and will last even to the end of the world. (St. Thomas Aquinas)*

## **BEST LISTENER**

*God is the best listener, you don't need to shout.*

*No cry out loud, because He hears even the very silent prayer of a sincere heart.*

## **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

*Sunday:* The Epiphany of the Lord

*Monday:* St. André Bessette

*Tuesday:* St. Raymond of Penyafort

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

*Monday:* In thanksgiving.

*Tuesday:* For Theresa, Bridget Catherine and Rosemary.

*Wednesday:* In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for all the sick and St. Joseph for all the holy souls in purgatory.

*Thursday:* In honor of St. John Paul II.

*Friday:* For the repose of the souls of Speck's Bryan and Susie Frances.

### **THE SUNSHINE OF YOUR LOVE**

*I long to be in Your presence  
My God and my King.  
To reap all Your blessings  
Only Your grace may bring.*

*Basking in the sunshine  
Of Your precious love,  
I feel the warmth of Your smile  
Reigning from above.*

*My day is filled with joy  
More precious than pure gold,  
And I realize Your love is mine,  
Forever to behold.*

## **READERS**

Sat. Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.

Grace & Rita Riley

Sun. Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.

Sat. Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.

Joy & Leah

Sun. Jan 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.

Sat. Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.

Bridgette Anna & Carolyn

Jimmy Joseph & Mary Cat

Sat. Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.

Christina & Natalie

Jimmy Joseph & Mary Cat

## **READERS – WEEKDAYS**

Monday	- Joy
Tuesday	- Skylar
Wednesday	- Cathy Lisa
Thursday	- Rose Marie
Friday	- Christina

## **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Front

Left Cup

Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>

Bridget Ann

Winnie Ann

### **Sunday 10:00 A.M.**

Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Pete Man's Nora

Rose Marie

Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>

Pete Man's Nora

Rose Marie

## **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY**

Monday	Cathy Pole
Tuesday	Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday	Margaret Butts
Thursday	Betty Jo
Friday	Mary Cat

## **THINK POSITIVE**

**If you think positive...**

**Sound becomes music...**

**Movement becomes dance...**

**Smile becomes laughter...**

**Mind becomes Meditation...**

## **~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~**

### **PRAYER FOR RENEWED FAITH**

*Lord, my faith has always been important to me.  
For much of my life I have gone to church and prayed, ever  
confident in Your power and presence in my life.*

*At times, however, my faith is not as strong as I  
would like it to be. I find it more difficult to apply the  
message of the Gospel to my daily life.*

*I ask for your help and guidance. Help me to  
overcome any doubts in faith I might have and to emerge a  
stronger and better Christian because of it. May my mind  
and heart be open to Your power, and may I find  
encouragement in Your word. Guide me always towards the  
people and resources that will ease my confusion and  
strengthen my faith. Amen.*