

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 6, 2019

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

— 1 John 3:2a

FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us. We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route. We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalms — 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	\$2,192.00	\$1,657.00
Number of Families contributing	68	52
Total Pledge for 2018	\$118,199.00	\$167,136.00
Pledged to Date (52 Weeks)	\$167,131.00	\$162,928.00
Received to Date	\$165,994.20	\$128,572.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$1,136.80	\$34,356.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2018
\$259.00	\$9,810.00

Thirty-two ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2018 Parish Goal	\$25,705.00
Amount Received to Date	\$14,998.94
Amount Outstanding	\$11,153.06

Four people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2018
\$1,840.00	\$92,430.00

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

PARKING LOT totaled \$6.00.

17 **CHILDREN** contributed \$74.00

NEW YEAR'S COLLECTION totaled \$447.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass was 110, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 130 and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 105.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Dee's life seemed to be crumbling around her. After 35 years and two children, her marriage was over. While she battled through a messy, nasty divorce, Dee faced also the death of a beloved aunt who had been a second mother to her. And then, when the divorce was final, her youngest child, who had two children of her own, was diagnosed with cancer.

Dee struggled to be there for her daughter, but, she confessed to co-workers one afternoon, "Sometimes I just need a hug." Maggie immediately stepped up and gave her one. In fact, she told Dee to stop by her office daily for just such an embrace — and even gave her three on Fridays to last through the weekend.

Paying attention and responding to the needs of others works miracles of healing — and hope.

Thus says the Lord...as your mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.

—Isaiah 66:12,13

Lord, I turn to you in my suffering, knowing You will either heal me or help me to bear it.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of Little Tony Carroll in loving memory of him on his 36th Birthday;
2. a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

DIVINE CHILD JESUS NOVENA Beginning this Sunday, January 6th a Novena to the Divine Child Jesus will held in the Church for nine Sundays. The Church will open at 2:00 P.M.

PARISH MISSION The Parish Mission was held last week. Fr. Jim Blount preached wonderfully. All who attended were filled with the blessings of this spiritual banquet.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A climber fell off a cliff. As he tumbled down into a deep gorge he grabbed hold of a branch of a small tree. "Help" he shouted, "Is there anyone up there?"

A deep majestic voice from the sky echoed through the gorge. "I will help you, my son. But first you must have Faith in me."

"All right, all right. I trust you," answered the man. The voice replied, "Let go of the branch." There was a long pause and the man shouted again, "Is there anyone else up there?"

INCREASE THE DOSE

A wise physician said, "The best medicine for Human is *care and love.*"

Someone asked, "If it doesn't work?"

He smiled and answered, "*Increase the dose.*"

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in honor of St. Bridget of Ireland and also to four members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

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 2019.

FOUR GREAT CONFUSIONS STILL UNRESOLVED

1. At a movie theater, which arm rest is yours?
2. If people evolve from monkeys, why are monkeys still around?
3. Why is there a "D" in fridge, but not in refrigerator?
4. Who knew what time it was when the first clock was made?

THINK POSITIVE

**If you think positive...
Sound becomes music...
Movement becomes dance...
Smile becomes laughter...
Mind becomes Meditation...
Life becomes a celebration.**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord;
Blessing of Home;
National Migration Week
- Monday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** For a Special Intention.
- Tuesday:** For a Special Intention.
- Wednesday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for the sick, St. Joseph and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.
- Thursday:** In honor of St. Expedite, Infant of Prague and St. Joseph and the Blessed Mother for a special intention.
- Friday:** For a Special Intention.

THE ESSENCE OF CHRISTMAS

**Follow the road to Bethlehem
This holy Christmas season
Let the love of the newborn Babe
Embrace your hart's delight.**

**Treasure the endearing sight
Of Jesus and His mother
In your humble heart, so warm,
And trade it for no other.**

**Hope anew will light the way
To paths of inspiration
Through the birth of Jesus Christ
The way to sweet salvation.**

READERS

- Sat. Jan. 5th, 4:00 P.M.** Duggan's Mary & Cathy Ann
- Sat. Jan. 5th, 7:00 P.M.** Jay & Carolyn
- Sun. Jan. 6th, 10:00 A.M.** Jimmy Joseph & Mary Cat
- Sat. Jan. 12th, 4:00 P.M.** Christina & Natalie
- Sat. Jan. 12th, 7:00 P.M.** Jay & Mary Melissa
- Sun. January 13th, 10:00 A.M.** Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	-	Joy
Tuesday	-	Rose Marie
Wednesday	-	Theresa Maria
Thursday	-	Natalie
Friday	-	Christina

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	January 5th
Front	Bridget Ann
Left Cup	Winnie Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

January 6th	January 13th
Pete Man's Nora	Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie	Rose Marie

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	Mary Cat
Tuesday	Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday	Rosie Cat
Thursday	Betty Jo
Friday	P.A.'s Ann Marie

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.**

NEVER LOOK DOWN ON ANYONE

**The razor blade is sharp but can't cut a tree;
The axe is strong, but can't cut the hair.
Everyone is important according to his/her own unique purpose...
Never look down on anyone unless you are admiring their shoes.**

JUDGE

**Those who judge will never understand –
And those who understand will never judge.**

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

LORD JESUS

Lord Jesus Christ, fill me with the power of Your Holy Spirit and let me grow in the knowledge of Your great love and truth. Let Your Spirit be aflame in my heart that I may know and love You more fervently and strive to do your will in all things. Amen.