



St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 03, 2021**

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

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Parish registration

Newcomers to the parish are asked to register with the office as soon as possible. We would like to meet you and give you a welcome packet!

BAPTISM

Classes are scheduled by appointment through the Church Office.

***Baptism packet/registration must be picked up in advance, please stop by the Church Office.***

MARRIAGE

Contact the church office at least six months in advance.



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 4th

9:00am — + Joe Reilly & Family

Tuesday, January 5th

9:00am— Special Intention

Wednesday, January 6th

12:10pm— +Irene Gallagher

6:00pm—+Peter Dandrea

Thursday, January 7th

9:00am—+Deacon James Burns

7:00pm (San José)

Friday, January 8th

9:00am—+Margaret Dorneden

Saturday, January 9th

5:00pm—+Alvaro Vega

Sunday, January 10th

7:30am —+Christine Stewart

9:30am—+Richard Nijem

12:00pm —+Isidro Limon

2:00pm (Spanish)

People of the Parish

**CONFESSION:**

Wednesday 5:00—5:30pm

Saturday 4:00—4:45pm

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

Wednesday / 4:00-5:40pm

First Friday 9:30—11:00am

(January date is the 8th)

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2021

- SUN 1/03** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/  
Mt 2:1-12
- MON 1/04** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- TUE 1/05** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
- WED 1/06** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
- THR 1/07** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
- FRI 1/08** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
- SAT 1/09** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
- SUN 1/10** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk  
1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2021

- Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week
- Monday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
- Tuesday:** St. John Neumann, Bishop
- Wednesday:** St. André Bessette, Religious
- Thursday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
- Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord

## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Even the slightest flicker of a light helps to properly orient us when we find ourselves in total darkness. Being in darkness can be unsettling and even a bit unnerving. We lose our focus and struggle to find our bearings and achieve balance. On life's journey we may think we are walking in the light but are really lingering in darkness. We do not see the full picture, either because we are distracted, disinterested, or even apprehensive. Sometimes, we even choose to close our eyes when the light is readily available to illuminate our path. Do we really desire to know the truth of who we are? In Jesus Christ, a light has been given to those who dwell in darkness. God's revelation gives us the light to see where we come from, who we are and where we are going. It also tells us that this Good News is not meant for just a privileged few but is intended to go out to all the world. Is this something we want to see?



**SAINT  
ELIZABETH  
ANN SETON**

**FOUNDER OF AMERICAN  
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

*O Come,  
Let Us  
Adore  
Him*

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!  
Your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)



## PSALM

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



## SECOND READING

It was not made known to people  
in other generations  
as it has now been revealed  
to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:  
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members  
of the same body,  
and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus  
through the gospel. (Eph 2:5-6)



## GOSPEL

They were overjoyed at seeing the star,  
and on entering the house  
they saw the child with Mary his mother.  
They prostrated themselves and did him homage.  
(Mt 2:10-11)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"Where is that thing?" mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. "I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!" Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, "Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear." The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God's tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God's salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God's healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

# JOINED BY FAITH; CALLED TO SHARE

## OFFERTORY Week of December 13th

Offertory	\$	11,066.00
Online	\$	4,163.00
Parish Missions	\$	821.00
Online	\$	30.00

Please consider online giving:  
<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1566>



## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Parish Target: \$76,802.00  
**Total Given: \$73,999.56** (as of 12/23/20)  
Percent of target: **96.35%**  
Parishioner Participation: 23.94%  
Number of donors: 170

Please consider a donation to the ACA if you have not already done so: <https://diosav.org/baa>

Please make note: At this time we are not able to offer missalettes for distribution. These disposable missalettes, along with the hymnals, come with a three year contract which we have determined is not economical or environmentally friendly. We are planning to eventually provide permanent hardbound hymnals with readings for years A, B and C. These will be ordered and placed in the pews when it is determined it is safe to do so. In the meantime we do have available the monthly subscription to Word Among Us. The combined edition for January and February has been placed out and we have ordered more to distribute as soon as possible. You may use the Word Among Us for daily Mass and Sunday Mass. Also, readings are available on our parish app and through the USCCB.org website.

23RD ANNUAL  
**REVERSE DRAW**  
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

**HAVANA Nights**

**Saturday, February 13 2021**  
**Rainwater Conference Center | Valdosta**

Music | Dancing | Full Cash Bar | Silent & Live Auctions | Steel's Jewelry Raffle

**A CHANCE TO WIN**  
**\$10,000!**

The poster features a background of palm trees and a building facade. A yellow starburst graphic is in the top right corner. The text is primarily in white and yellow, with some blue accents.

## Prayer intentions

### For our sick

*Together let us pray for our loved ones...*

#### Parishioners

Beatriz Agudelo, Mickey Kelly, Julie Nickeson, Jeannine Becton, Charles McFarland, Mary Padgett, Doug Henderson, Bob Consolini, Betty McElwain, John Waite, Wynette Dobard, Brigitte Carter, James Dabney, Nerma Dave, Carol Hill

#### Family and Friends of Parishioners

Cathy Chamberlain, Linda Haymen, Linda Barrett, Joseph C. Wink, Jr., Dan Chase, Sandy Darden, Mike Eddington, Jerry Stophel, Andrew Meissner, Debbie Lorence, Janet Starling, Joe Sheer, John Gutermuth, Lucy Davis, Marge Gannaway, Freddy Stalby, Kristian Ann Roberts, Kathleen Valasek, Rhonda Hoffman

### For Those Who Have Died

*Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:*

Ransom F. Gladwin,  
father of Randy Gladwin

Susan Markwell

Ray Hamel

Bobby Dugger

Sr. Joan Harrington

David Dennis

Janet Curaso, sister of Richard Pye



## COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The Council of Catholic Women will have their monthly meeting on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the parish center. Let's get the new year off to a good start. Masks and social distancing will be in place.

## COAT DRIVE

St Francis Center needs gently used winter jackets, all sizes men, women and children also men's shoes and sneakers. Please place your donations in the container in the foyer of the Church. THANK YOU!

## RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

RCIA will continue following the 9:30 Mass (10:45-11:45 AM) in the Parish Center Conference Room. These sessions are open to everyone (even those who are already Catholic). It is requested that masks be worn. For more information contact Deacon Paul at 229-263-5659 or e-mail [deaconpaul@stjohnnevang.org](mailto:deaconpaul@stjohnnevang.org)

Topic for Jan 3—Universal Salvation

Topic for Jan 10—The Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation

Topic for Jan 17—Vocation; Sacrament of Matrimony



### ST. NICHOLAS VISITS SCHOOL

L— St. Nicholas visited first grade students to share his story of generosity and love.

R—St. Nicholas and his helper place treats in the shoes of students to celebrate an old custom.





## PARISH MISSION IN FEBRUARY!

Gus Lloyd, host of *Seize the Day* on the Catholic Channel Sirius XM 129, will be returning for a Parish Mission on Friday evening, February 5th and Saturday, February 6th.

Full details about the schedule and how you can participate will be forthcoming!

You won't want to miss his inspirational talks!



## ANNUAL CHILI SUPPER!

Wednesday, January 27th

More details AND tickets coming soon!

## Thank You and New Year Wishes

Words are not adequate to express my appreciation for your generosity, kindness and support given to St. Francis Center not just this Christmas but throughout 2020. ( look out for report in January.) Due to the pandemic we have seen an increase in unemployment, evictions, homelessness, domestic violence, food insecurity and emergency utility assistance. We were able to assist many more of our vulnerable brothers and sisters because of your generosity. Thank you for your Christ like response and for recognizing Jesus in our downtrodden, wounded, homeless and hungry brothers and sisters.

As we enter the New Year of 2021, I wish you a renewed sense of Hope, a deeper Awareness of God's presence in our midst, especially in all the chaos, confusion, suffering, pain and deaths that continues due to COVID 19.

With a heart full of gratitude, I share this blessing with you:

Let the Star of Hope blaze through discouragement, doubt and disgruntleness.

Let the Star of Kindness radiate through what you think, feel and do today.

Let the Star of Remembrance glitter in thoughts of good people and good deeds.

Let the Star of Laughter sparkle in your eyes and in your smile.

Let the Star of Joy dance in the corners of your heart that have forgotten to sing.

Let the Star of Patience permeate that which you find difficult and irritable.

Let the Star of Love encompass your heart, a ray of welcome for everyone you meet.

( Taken from book *Out of the Ordinary* by Joyce Rupp)

Peace and blessings!

Sr. Nuala