

# *The Epiphany of the Lord*

*January 3, 2021*

The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the gospel.

—Mk 1:15



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*Mass Times:*

*Saturday at 4:00 p.m.*

*Sunday at 12:00 Noon*

*Confession Times:*

*Saturday before Mass*

*Sunday after Mass*





Week of January 3, 2021



The Epiphany of the Lord

1st Reading:  
Isaiah 60:1-6

2nd Reading:  
Ephesians 3:2-3A, 5-6

Gospel Reading:  
Matthew 2:1-12

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If you see or suspect child abuse...  
Call PA Childline at 1-800-932-0313 or  
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#### PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Susan Cubbage  
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#### Collection Counters

##### January 2021

1/3/2021 Ed & Karen Leisinger  
1/10/2021 Marlene Joyce and Naomi Marcus  
1/17/2021 Carol Babinsack and Kathy Lake  
1/24/2021 Karen & Ed Leisinger  
1/31/2021 Marlene Joyce and Naomi Marcus

#### Collection December 27th

Regular/Weekly	\$1,005.00
Christmas Offering	\$836.00
Energy	\$70.00
Maintenance	\$80.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$75.00
Immaculate Conception	\$10.00



12/31/2020 Thursday +Tommy Bolt req. by Joe and Janice Wolfe  
 1/2/2021 Saturday + Sister Celeste req. by Karen & Jeff Croft  
 1/3/2021 Sunday +Audrey Bafile req, Bafile Family  
 1/9/21 Saturday +Ray Tremel req. by Children and Grandchildren  
 1/10/21 Sunday +Ray Tremel req. by Millie Tremel



January 2021

God Bless and  
Happy New Year!

Tuesday, January 12th @ 6:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting in the Church Social Hall

Please pick up your 2021 Church Calendar and Offering Envelopes located in the Gathering Space of the Church. If you do not see your offering envelopes, please call the parish office or email Donna Fisher at [dfisher@dioceseaj.org](mailto:dfisher@dioceseaj.org).

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER FAIRMAN

To all parishioners: Thank you for your generosity this year. It has been a difficult year this 2020, but I appreciate your continued generosity to the parish and to each other during these past few months. I am encouraged that we are doing what the bishop asks, wearing masks and keeping the appropriate distance. I am also encouraged that so many of you are continuing to support the parish's financial needs during this time.

None of us could have imagined last Christmas what would be happening now. This Christmas, we can be thankful for what the Lord has done, for His mercies during this time and for all the mysterious ways that He has come into our lives.

Be sure that I continue to pray for everyone, that the Newborn King will bring peace and joy into everyone's hearts.

January Birthday Blessings



- 1/3 Peggy Hoffman
- 1/4 Janice Wolfe
- 1/6 Steve n Roman
- 1/6 Chris Trembl
- 1/8 Henry Babb
- 1/10 Roey Martz
- 1/11 Jennifer Jansen
- 1/14 Deb Chafardon
- 1/14 Mary Monninger
- 1/24 Bobby Snyder
- 1/28 Joanne Evans
- 1/30 Brad Dukehart

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (January 3, 2021)

Saint Paul spoke to the Ephesians of the "stewardship of God's grace."

God has entrusted us with so many gifts and talents, the breath of life, and the very means by which we can sustain our existence. As disciples of Jesus we are called to use these things to build the kingdom of God; to make the Body of Christ strong; to change the world. (*Stewardship: A Disciple's Response Response in a Nutshell*, Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, [www.4LPi.com](http://www.4LPi.com))

The three magi from the east paid homage to the Infant Jesus with their "first fruits and gifts" of gold, frankincense and myrrh. What



Happy Anniversary to all Couples  
Celebrating their Anniversary  
In the Month of January

## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, Heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
You take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
You take away the sin of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One;  
you alone are the Lord.  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God, the Father.  
Amen

## PROFESSION ON FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
*and by the Holy Spirit (please bow) was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,*  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day,  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.  
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen

## Reading 1

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.  
See, darkness covers the earth,  
and thick clouds cover the peoples;  
but upon you the LORD shines,  
and over you appears his glory.  
Nations shall walk by your light,  
and kings by your shining radiance.  
Raise your eyes and look about;  
they all gather and come to you:  
your sons come from afar,  
and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.  
Then you shall be radiant at what you see,  
your heart shall throb and overflow,  
for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you,  
the wealth of nations shall be brought to you.  
Caravans of camels shall fill you,  
dromedaries from Midian and Ephah;  
all from Sheba shall come  
bearing gold and frankincense,  
and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R.(cf. 11) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

O God, with your judgment endow the king,  
and with your justice, the king's son;  
He shall govern your people with justice  
and your afflicted ones with judgment.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

Justice shall flower in his days,  
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.  
May he rule from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;  
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.  
All kings shall pay him homage,  
all nations shall serve him.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,  
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.  
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;  
the lives of the poor he shall save.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**



## Reading 2

Brothers and sisters:

You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace  
that was given to me for your benefit,  
namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation.  
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 gos-  
pel.

## Alleluia

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

We saw his star at its rising  
and have come to do him homage.

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## Gospel

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."  
When King Herod heard this,  
he was greatly troubled,  
and all Jerusalem with him.  
Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people,  
He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.  
They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea,  
for thus it has been written through the prophet:  
*And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
since from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.*"  
Then Herod called the magi secretly  
and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance.  
He sent them to Bethlehem and said,  
"Go and search diligently for the child.  
When you have found him, bring me word,  
that I too may go and do him homage."  
After their audience with the king they set out.  
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.  
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.  
Then they opened their treasures  
and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.  
And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod,  
they departed for their country by another way.