

IN GREENWICH VILLAGE



SAINT JOSEPH'S
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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekly Newsletter
Epiphany of the Lord
January 2, 2022

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MASS TIMES:

MONDAY-SATURDAY: 12:10 PM
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 5:30 PM
SUNDAY: 9:00 AM/ 11:30 AM/ 6:00 PM

CONFESSION:

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 11:30 AM-12:00 PM
SATURDAY: 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM |
4:30 PM to 5:30 PM
SUNDAY: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM |
11:00 AM to 11:30 AM | 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM

Dear St. Joseph Parish,

Our fearless leader, Fr. Boniface is away in Ohio this week visiting his father and brother. Fr. Baptist and I remain behind to celebrate the Christmas season with you.

While most of us know that there are 12 days of Christmas from having been made to sing about them, living in a Protestant country as we do, it is easy to be confused about when those days are. Saturday marks the 8th day of Christmas and therefore end of the Octave of Christmas. Really important celebrations (now only Christmas and Easter) get stretched out for a whole week, this “week” last 8 days because it begins and ends on the same day of the week. Many of these days also include ancient feast days, culminating (on the modern calendar) with the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God.

In America this year, we fast forward from the 8th day of Christmas to the 12th and celebrate Epiphany on Sunday instead of its traditional place on January 6th. Epiphany commemorates the arrival of the Magi to venerate the Infant Jesus. Epiphany means appearance since the arrival of the Magi represents the appearance of the Messiah to the gentiles and their incorporation into the covenant. Two other appearances are now joined to the coming of the Magi: the Baptism of the Lord and Miracle at Cana.

Since most of us Christians in American are not descended from the Israelites, this feast day takes on special significance. The revelation of Jesus Christ is meant for all nations and not just chosen people. Christ is the savior for the whole world. His Gospel is meant to bring light to everyone.

There are three unique customs Catholics practice for Epiphany that you will get to experience this weekend. (1) Epiphany water, (2) Epiphany Chalk, and (3) the announcement of the movable feasts.

Epiphany water is Holy Water consecrated on the vigil of Epiphany. We blessed a large quantity of Epiphany Water at **4:45 on Saturday, January 1**. Like ordinary holy water, Epiphany water is a sacramental that may be used to bless people, houses, and other places. Unlike normal holy water, the blessing for Epiphany water can only be done once a year and is fairly elaborate. Exorcists say that Epiphany water is especially potent for protecting against demons. If you have a small container, you will be able to take some home with you.

Epiphany Chalk is used to mark the lintels of the doors to Catholic homes with the inscription 20+c+m+b+22. The letters have two meanings: (1) they represent the initials of the three Wisemen (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar) and (2) they abbreviate the phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat* (May Christ bless the house.) **Chalk will be blessed at the same time we bless Holy Water, and will be available all week in the narthex.** Chalking your doorways as a part of this blessing is a way to make your home a sacred space.

By long-standing custom, the **movable feasts of the year are announced at Epiphany**. A number of feasts of the Church year are fixed to the date of Easter, which follows a moon-based Calendar rather than the normal solar calendar. Since most people would not have been able to calculate the date of Easter for themselves, the announcement at the beginning of each year gave them a chance to prepare.

I hope the celebrating this great feast together at the beginning of our year, make 2022 a holy year for us all.

God Bless,



Fr. Clement Dickie, O.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah rejoices over the light and glory that will shine upon Jerusalem. He describes how the wealth of nations will be brought to Jerusalem, and travelers will arrive bearing gifts and praising God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul explains to the Ephesians that the Gentiles are now co-heirs with the Jews. Through Jesus, they became members of the same body. Therefore, they would receive everything God had promised the Jewish converts if they followed Christ's teachings.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Astrologers from the east came looking for the newborn king of the Jews, which greatly disturbed King Herod. Herod wanted to kill Jesus, and asked the astrologers to return and tell him where Jesus was. The astrologers found Jesus and brought him gifts, but received a message in a dream telling them not to return to Herod.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD DAILY READINGS

First Saturday

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Sunday

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday

1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday

1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday

1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday

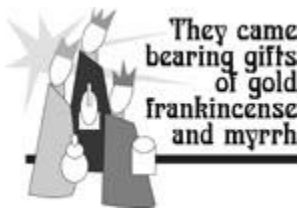
1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22

Friday

1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday

1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

12:10 am Cesidio Abruzzi

5:30 pm Leslie Joliet

Sunday, January 2

Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 am Jose Salvante Ante

11:30 am Elizabeth Sweeney

6:00 pm People of the Parish

Monday, January 3

Holy Name of Jesus

12:10 pm

Tuesday, January 4

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

12:10 pm Robert Stone

Wednesday, January 5

Saint John Neumann, bishop

12:10 pm Colleen Carney

Thursday, January 6

Saint André Bessette, Religious

12:10 pm Antoinetta Pascarella

Friday, January 7

Saint Raymond of Peñafort, Priest

12:10 pm

Saturday, January 8

12:10 pm Vincent McDonnell

5:30 pm Brooke Biondi

Prayer Requests

Please pray for:

| Lynn Barr | Anna Basquez | Susan Bonn | | Martha Catel
| Anne Marie Couto | Shayla Decker | Colleen Eren |
| Elena Fratta | Rhe Kennedy | Dana Legate |
Carlos Lozada | Linda Jones | | Patrick Mercado |
Bryan Mercier | Constance Pradelli | Ramirez Family |
Rosanna Ronin | John Thomas | Dan Schoenbrun |
Bernadette Windhausen

If you would like to include someone on our prayer list, please call the church office to submit their names. Names on the prayer list will remain for four (4) weeks. If you wish to leave them on longer, please call the church office, weekdays 8am – 4pm.

Parish Office

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday
8:00 am – 4:00 pm
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Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday January 17th for Martin Luther King Day.

Second Collections

Please note there will be **two** special collections coming up the weekend of January 9th and 10th

The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) helps the Church spread the Gospel message through the media locally and nationally.

Catholic University Campaign

You will help support over 6,000 students who are seeking a faith-filled education. Your donation will also enable the continuance of The Catholic Project. The Catholic project is an initiative of the University that aims to help Clergy and the lay faithful develop a deeper understanding of the lay vocation and the principles for effected action in the wake of the recent Catholic crisis.

CatholicNYC Holy Hour January 12th @ 7pm

Spend an hour with Jesus as we welcome the New Year and with other young adults of the Archdiocese of New York.

This is a great way to pray and to celebrate the birth of Jesus as a parish community. Confessions will be available. A social will follow after.

Epiphany Water and Chalk Blessing

Every year on Epiphany we do a water and chalk blessing at St. Joseph's.

There is Epiphany Holy Water for you to take in Holy Water fount in hall way of the church.

Blessed chalk can be found in the back of the Narthex. Please take some home to bless the doorways of your home.