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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD January 5, 2025

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 4:00 PM St John Evangelist
Saturday, 6:00 PM Infant Jesus
Saturday, 7:30 PM (Brazilian) Infant Jesus
Sunday, 8:30 AM St John Evangelist
Sunday, 10:30 AM Infant Jesus
Daily Mass (Tue/Thu), 8:30 AM Infant Jesus
Daily Mass (Wed/Fri), 8:30 AM St John Evangelist

CONFESSION

Saturday, 3:30 PM St John Evangelist
And after daily Mass, or by appointment.

BAPTISM

Parents must attend a Parent Baptism Class before the baptism of their child. The class is offered on request.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the office at least six months prior to the wedding date. The diocese requires Marriage Prep.

VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND AND SICK, ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the office to request home or hospital visitation.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

RCIA is the process of formation offered to those who seek to become Catholic. For information, please call the office

LIGHT TO THE NATIONS

Rise up in splendor! Your light has come ... Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. —Isaiah 60:1-3

The following is an excerpt from Pope Benedict XVI's homily on the Feast of Epiphany (6 Jan 2006), the first full year of his pontificate. Italics added.



JOURNEY OF THE MAGI
by Stefano di Giovanni (d. 1450)

IN the liturgy of the Christmas season this verse of Psalm 98 frequently recurs as a refrain: "The Lord has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice" (v. 2).

These are words that the Church uses to emphasize the "epiphanic" dimension of the Incarnation: the Son of God becoming human, his entry into history, is the crowning point of God's revelation of himself to Israel and to all the peoples. In the Child of Bethlehem, God revealed himself in the humility of the "human form", in the "form of a slave", indeed, of one who died on a cross (cf. Phil 2:6-8). This is the Christian paradox.

Indeed, this very concealment constitutes the most eloquent "manifestation" of God. The humility, poverty, even the ignominy of the Passion enable us to know what God is truly like. The Face of the Son faithfully reveals that of the Father. This is why the mystery of Christmas is, so to speak, an entire "epiphany". The manifestation to the Magi does not add something foreign to God's design but unveils a perennial and constitutive dimension of it, namely, that "in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are now coheirs ... members of the same body and sharers of the promise through ... the Gospel" (Eph 3:6).

At a superficial glance, God's faithfulness to Israel and his manifestation to the peoples could seem divergent aspects; they are actually two sides of the same coin.



In fact, *according to the Scriptures, it is precisely by remaining faithful to his Covenant of love with the people of Israel that God also reveals his glory to other peoples.* Grace and fidelity (cf. Ps 89:2), "mercy and truth" (cf. Ps 85:11), are the content of God's glory, they are his "name", destined to be known and sanctified by people of every language and nation.

However, this "content" is inseparable from the "method" that God chose to reveal himself, that is, absolute fidelity to the Covenant that reaches its culmination in Christ. The Lord Jesus, at the same time and inseparably, is "a light revealing to the Gentiles the glory of your people Israel" (Lk 2:32), as the elderly Simeon was to exclaim, inspired by God, taking the Child in his arms when his parents presented him at the temple. The light that enlightens the peoples—the light of the Epiphany—shines out from the glory of Israel—the glory of the Messiah born, in accordance with the Scriptures, in Bethlehem, "the city of David" (cf. Lk 2:4).

The Magi worshiped a simple Child in the arms of his Mother Mary, because in him they recognized the source of the twofold light that had guided them: the light of the star and the light of the Scriptures. In him they recognized the King of the Jews, the glory of Israel, but also the King of all the peoples.

The mystery of the Church and her missionary dimension are also revealed in the liturgical context of the Epiphany. She is called to make Christ's light shine in the world, reflecting it in herself as the moon reflects the light of the sun.

The ancient prophecies concerning the holy city of Jerusalem, such as the marvelous one in Isaiah that we have just heard: "Rise up in splendor! Your light has come. . . . Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance" (Is 60:1-3), have found fulfillment in the Church.

This is what disciples of Christ must do: trained by him to live in the way of the Beatitudes, they must attract all people to God through a witness of love: "In the same way, your light must shine before men so that they may see goodness in your deeds and give praise to your heavenly Father" (Mt 5:16). By listening to Jesus' words, we members of the Church cannot but become aware of the total inadequacy of our human condition, marked by sin.

The Church is holy, but made up of men and women with their limitations and errors. It is Christ, Christ alone, who in giving us the Holy Spirit is able to transform our misery and constantly renew us. He is the light of the peoples who has chosen to illumine the world through his Church (cf. *Lumen Gentium*, n. 1).

"How can this come about?", we also ask ourselves with the words that the Virgin addresses to the Archangel Gabriel. And she herself, the Mother of Christ and of the Church, gives us the answer: with her example of total availability to God's will—"be it done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38)—she teaches us to be a "manifestation" of the Lord, opening our hearts to the power of grace and faithfully abiding by the words of her Son, light of the world and the ultimate end of history.

So be it!

EPIPHANY PROCLAMATION

In accord with ancient custom, the date of Easter is formally announced on the Feast of Epiphany. The number of Sundays that follow Epiphany, the date of Ash Wednesday [the beginning of Lent], and the number of Sundays that follow Pentecost are all computed in relation to Easter.



Dear brothers and sisters, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return. Through the rhythms of times and seasons let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall the year's culmination, the **EASTER TRIDUUM OF THE LORD**: his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial, and his rising celebrated between the evening of the 17th day of April and the evening of the 19th day of April, **EASTER SUNDAY** being on the 20th day of April.

Each Easter—as on each Sunday—the Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed by which Christ has for ever conquered sin and death. From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy.

ASH WEDNESDAY, the beginning of Lent, will occur on the 5th day of March.

The **ASCENSION OF THE LORD** will be commemorated on Thursday, the 29th day of May.

PENTECOST, joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on the 8th day of June.

And, this year the **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** will be on the 30th day of November.

Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the Passover of Christ in the feasts of the holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.

To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history, be endless praise, for ever and ever.

Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 4 (Sat), 10:30 AM	George & Evangeline Nadeau
Jan 5 (Sun), 10:30 AM	Sr. Alice Breault, CSC (req. by Ladies of Ste. Anne)

The Code of Canon Law confirms the practice of offering Mass(es for particular intentions is ancient: "The Christian faithful who give an offering to apply the Mass for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by that offering share its concern to support its ministers and works" (945 §2).

UPCOMING

Jan 7 (Tue), Parish Council
6:30 PM, Rectory

Jan 13 (Mon), Finance Committee
6:30 PM, Rectory

OFFERING

22 Dec '24 (4th Sunday Advent): \$2,349.00
25 Dec '24 (Christmas): Not Available at Press Time

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK

<http://popesprayerusa.net/>

The "Apostleship of Prayer" (AP) was begun in 1844 by Father F. X. Gautrelet, S.J. who'd encouraged his students—seminarians, impatient with their studies and eager to be sent abroad to begin their missionary work—to begin their missionary work while they were preparing for it. In sum, *by prayer*. He said:

"If each one infuses his labors [studies] with the spirit of prayer and makes of them an offering; if several jointly direct themselves in the same way, there would be a convergence of power capable of lifting up mountains! Be missionaries already through your prayer, by the offering of your daily life. Your mission is here and now, in your studies and the little things of every day. In fulfilling it through being open to the will of God, you are already apostles who are helping the entire Church. Pray for the people you will meet tomorrow."

The AP was recognized in 1849 by Pope Pius IX. And beginning with Pope Leo XIII in 1890, all papal prayer intentions have been entrusted to it. All of the faithful are invited/encouraged to join with the Holy Father and AP in prayer for the concerns of the Church and needs of the faithful throughout the world.



The JUBILEE YEAR will offer the faithful opportunities to participate in various jubilee events at the Vatican and in their own dioceses. The great tradition of opening the Holy Door will begin when Pope Francis opens the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica on December 24, 2024. Other holy doors will be opened at the Rome basilicas of St John Lateran, St Mary Major and St Paul Outside the Walls. For pilgrims who cannot travel to Rome, bishops around the world are expected to designate their cathedrals or a popular Catholic shrine as special places of prayer for Holy Year pilgrims, offering opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences and other events intended to strengthen and revive faith.

For activities within the diocese:
<https://www.catholicnh.org/>

NOTES

1. THANKS to everyone who've served on one of the counting teams! In accord with diocesan guidelines, we will soon need to reorganize how and when we count the weekly offering. More to follow after the January 7 Parish Council meeting.
2. If anyone would be willing to LECTOR at Mass, please let me know. Likewise, if anyone would be willing to serve as a GREETER at Mass, please let me know.
3. A reminder: For those who are gluten intolerant, Low-Gluten Hosts are available at every Mass.
4. If anyone desires to take Holy Communion to a home-bound family member or neighbor, please see me. The parish will provide a pyx and burse and Rite of Communion Outside of Mass.

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