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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - JANUARY 2, 2022

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Thursday Morning, In-Person, 8:30-10am*

Thursday Morning, Virtual, 9-10am

*For fully vaccinated women

Register at www.holysouls.org until December 27th
Beholding Your King (Spring Study) \$20

If you would like to apply for a scholarship to cover the cost of the study, please email wwp@holysouls.org. Participants from the fall who ordered both books, do not need to register again.



THEY OPENED
THEIR TREASURES
AND OFFERED HIM GIFTS
OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE,
AND MYRRH.

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THE Epiphany of the Lord

JANUARY 2, 2022

GIFTS

Gifts are everywhere at this time of year. Christmas gifts. Hostess gifts. Hidden gifts. Wrong-size gifts. Unexpected gifts. Unwanted gifts. Unreciprocated gifts. And in today's readings we hear about even more gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But we know intuitively (or, one hopes, eventually!) that gifts are symbols of something much deeper and less tangible. The gift of God's Son is, of course, at the heart of our Christmas festivities. We are not—and never—alone, because "God is with us." (Thus the name Emmanuel.) But wait, that's not all! The liturgy reminds us over and over that this is a "holy exchange." As Christ came to share in our humanity, we come to share in his divinity. The full significance of that mystery is a gift we have yet to unwrap completely.

WHAT KIND OF GOD IS THIS?

Christmas is a season of abundance. Christmas cookies and carols. Parties and presents. Mangers and mistletoe. The same is true in our church. Within a period of nine days we celebrate Christmas, the Holy Family, Mary Mother of God, and today the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Truly an embarrassment of liturgical riches. (And we are not finished yet!)

However, for many people, Christmas is already over. Trees litter the curbside or make their way back to the attic. Presents are put away or returned. We prepare to go back to school or work. But as Christians we have barely dipped our toes into the profound mystery of a God who walks among us. What kind of a God is this whose kingdom is not limited by our borders, fears, expectations, or imaginations? Today's psalm reminds us, "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you." Diversity and inclusion are not new to God's agenda.

TRADITIONS UNCOVER MEANING

Two traditional rituals, one liturgical and one domestic, help underline the meaning of the Epiphany. The Proclamation of the Date of Easter is an option for inclusion at Mass today. This text which formally announces the dates of the upcoming major feast days reminds us that Christmas is best honored in the context of the whole story of salvation that culminates in Easter. Or as writer Nathan Mitchell reflects, the wood of the crib becomes the wood of the cross.

The second tradition connected to Epiphany is the blessing of the door of one's home with chalk. It includes a prayer for protection for all who enter therein. One explanation of this tradition ties it to the Passover in the Book of Exodus: the marking of the doorposts with the blood of the lamb kept the Israelites safe. This tradition too offers a connection between Christmas and Easter.

As we continue to mine the richness of this season we hum along with the angels, *Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 60:1–6
Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13
Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6
Matthew 2:1–12

*Come, Sit With Jesus
on Wednesdays*



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a special opportunity to sit with Jesus Christ in a more powerful way. We, as Catholics, believe in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist and he is present in the consecrated host within the monstrance on the altar. Come, spend an hour with him and see the power of God make a difference in your life.

Holy Souls offers Adoration on **Wednesdays from 9am to 5:00pm**.

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Grateful Stewards of God's Gifts . . .

*Laura Humphries,
Parish Life & Stewardship Director*

Whose Life Is It, Anyway?

*None of us lives for oneself,
and no one dies for oneself.*

Rm 14:7

We come into this world alone, the saying goes, and we go out the same way. But what about the time in between? As Christians, we recognize those precious minutes or days or years or decades are on loan from the Lord, to be used for his glory and to share his Good News. We do that in the way we reflect Christ to our family, friends and total strangers. Every interaction presents an opportunity—and a choice: To comfort or to afflict? To love or to ignore? To heal or to injure? To accept or to judge? We know what God desires. The way we use that gift of time with the rest of humanity is up to us, knowing that ultimately we will be called to account for our choices. An excerpt from Living Faith

What we do with the time we have on this earth is very important to our eternal life. The choice of where we want to spend eternity is essentially up to us and how we live. Living a life of stewardship, using our time and talent to benefit God's people are good choices. Of course, there are lots of other choices too. It is early in the year and there is still time for New Year's resolutions, make one of them spending more time using our time and talents as God desires.

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Mass attendance, December 4 & 5	696
Mass attendance, December 11 & 12	749
Mass attendance, December 18 & 19	604
Diocesan Collections –	
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 7,212
Weekend Collections –	
December 4 & 5	\$ 30,849
December 11 & 12	\$ 53,174
December 18 & 19	\$ 29,715
Total December Collections	<u>\$ 113,738</u>
Total Dec. Budgeted Collections	<u>\$ 250,000</u>
Actual Collections (7/1/21 - 11/30/21)	\$ 551,399
Budgeted (7/1/21 - 10/31/21)	<u>\$ 520,000</u>
Amount in excess of Budget	<u>\$ 31,399</u>
Maintenance Fund	<u>\$ 1,109</u>

The Attendance & Collection figures for December 26 will be printed in the next bulletin.

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Senior CYM Meeting

(For youth in 9th to 12th Grades)
Wednesday, January 12th
6:00 p.m. - Benedict House

Junior CYM Meeting

(For youth in 7th & 8th Grades)
Thursday, January 13th
6:30 p.m. - Benedict House

For more information, contact Andrew Baka, Youth Minister, at 501-663-8632 or abaka@holysouls.org.

COMING SOON TO A BLOOD DRIVE NEAR YOU

NEW COVID-19 antibody test for donors!
Test detects natural or vaccine response.

Holy Souls Catholic Church Blood Drive

Sunday, January 16
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Allen Center

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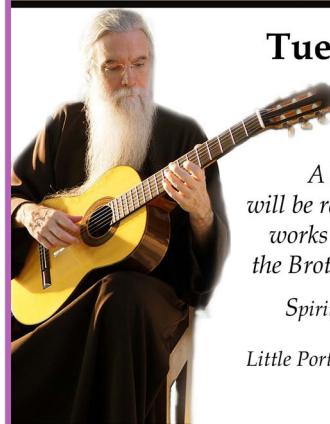
Mount St. Mary Academy in Little Rock is hosting its annual Open House on Monday, January 10, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. All girls grades 6-11 and their families are invited to attend. Guests will learn more about Mount's faith-based college-preparatory curriculum, discover the advantages of its Catholic all-girl learning environment, meet teachers and administrators, chat with current students and their families, and tour the school. Staff will also be available to answer questions about the admissions process and provide information about tuition assistance opportunities. You may register in advance at mtstmary.edu/open-house.

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Please welcome the following newly baptized child of God
into our church community:

Harrison Richmond Clemons
son of
Chase & Mary (Richmond) Clemons

Responding to the Word This Week

The Magi left their familiar environment
to seek and honor a Jewish king.

**How am I being drawn to discover God
in new places and situations?**

Jesus, lead me . . .

*To reflect on this Sunday's readings online, go to
www.usccb.org/bible/readings/010222.cfm

Around the Diocese . . .

Eucharistic Procession & Mass for Life: On Sunday January 16, 2022, Bishop Anthony Taylor will preside at our annual diocesan Mass for Life. The Mass will be celebrated in the Wally Allen Ballroom of the Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock at noon. Bishop Taylor will lead the Eucharistic Procession for Life, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on the plaza in front of the DoubleTree Hotel (Broadway and Markham Sts), through the Riverfront Park in downtown Little Rock, approximately 3/4 mile. There will be Eucharistic Adoration before Mass. Join hundreds of Catholics at this event as we give public witness to our faith and hope in Jesus Christ! Please contact the Respect Life Office 501-664-0340 ext. 326 or email cphillips@dolr.org for more information.

Hearts for Life Conference: The Hearts for Life Conference will be held on Saturday January 15, 2022 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at St. John Center, 2500 N. Tyler, Little Rock. This conference is will explore pro-life issues and will include dinner. The conference is free, but preregistration is required. Registration deadline is January 7, 2022. To register, please call 501-664-0340 ext 326 or email the Respect Life Office cphillips@dolr.org.

March for Life: On behalf of Arkansas Right to Life, the Respect Life Office invites everyone to participate in the 44th annual March for Life at the State Capitol in downtown Little Rock. This rally against the grave evil of abortion will be held on January 16, 2022 beginning at 2:00 p.m., after the Mass for Life. The staging area is behind the Capitol building on W. Capitol St., between Battery & Wolfe Sts. For more information please contact Arkansas Right to Life 501-663-4237 or email artl@artl.org.



Petitions of the Ministry of Praise

January, 2022

Pope Francis' Intentions:



Let us pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



In order to keep our bulletin prayer list up-to-date for the sick, names will remain on the list for four weeks. **Then their name will be written in the Book of Intercession where they will be remembered during every Mass.** To continue for another four weeks, please call the church office.

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OUR SEMINARIANS – especially Joseph Jones and Colton Ketter.

REGISTRATION FOR NEW MEMBERS

Registration for new members is completed in the church office or online by visiting our web page, www.holysouls.org. Please contact the church office or go online at www.holysouls.org if you have moved, changed your telephone number, or email address. When parishioners reach 18 years of age, they should register separately from their family.

RCIA

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Susej Thompson at 501-663-8632 or sthompson@holysouls.org.

RETURNING CATHOLICS

If you are interested in returning to the Catholic Church, please contact Susej Thompson at 663-8632 or sthompson@holysouls.org.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 2:30 to 3:30pm and Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:00pm or call the church office for an appointment.

CHURCH VISITS

The Church is open for private prayer time on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday from 7:30am-3pm and on Wednesday from 7:30am -5:15pm. Please enter through the door on Harrison St. side by piano or the handicapped door in the front of church.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are scheduled on an individual basis. Please call the church office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the church office a minimum of six months in advance.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



To read the daily reading online, go to www.usccb.org/nab/today.shtml

Monday, January 3

No Mass

Tuesday, January 4

7:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, January 5

5:30 p.m. Mass

Thursday, January 6

7:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, January 7

No Mass

Saturday, January 8

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 9

8:00 a.m. Mass

10:30 a.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Mass

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS - 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON - 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Huey Crisp by Holy Souls Men's Club

ST. JOHN NEUMANN j- 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Mary Lee by Anita Creviston

ST. ANDRE BESSETTE - 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Dalton & Ellen Dailey by Kathy & Ray Hightower

ST. RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT - 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Mary Keogh by Pat Kirchner

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Al Treadway by John & Christina Bohannon and Chuck & Deborah Johnson

Intentions of Parishioners

Eamon McManus by Breda McManus

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