



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 2017

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: JAN. 07 TO JAN. 15

(L) indicates a living intention

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| Saturday | Jan. 07 | The Epiphany of the Lord | |
| 4:30 pm | Terry Hayes | | Denyse Fournier |
| Sunday | Jan. 08 | | |
| 9:00 am | Our Parishioners | | |
| 11:00 am | Dominic Mancini | | Dawn & Gerry Richardson |
| Monday | Jan. 09 | The Baptism of the Lord | |
| 8:30 am | Albanese family | | |
| Tuesday | Jan. 10 | | |
| 8:30 am | Rosa Pulice | | Rina Reda & family |
| Wednesday | Jan. 11 | | |
| 8:30 am | Jack Scimone | | Mary Scimone |
| Thursday | Jan. 12 | St. Margurite Bougeoyo | |
| 8:30 am | Jean Mack | | Becket Seniors |
| Friday | Jan. 13 | | |
| 8:30 am | Joe Ortuso (L) | | The Donaghy family |
| Saturday | Jan. 14 | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| 4:30 pm | Our Parishioners | | |
| Sunday | Jan. 15 | | |
| 9:00 am | Mrs. Palmira D'Silva | | Atwell D'Souza & family |
| 11:00 am | Dorotea, Joseph & Vito Marcario | | Rina Della Rocca |

SANCTUARY LAMP

Week of:

Jan. 08: In thanksgiving to St. Anthony

Jan. 15: Chris Kolodnicki, requested by Willy & Alf Kolodnicki

CELIAC DISEASE, GLUTEN SENSITIVITY?

If you or someone you know is avoiding receiving Holy Communion because of Celiac disease or gluten sensitivity, keep reading. Did you know that it is possible to receive the Eucharist from low-gluten hosts (99.99% gluten-free) approved by the Vatican? There is an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion with low-gluten hosts standing near the tabernacle at every weekend Mass.

Other parishioners who can tolerate a little gluten request a small portion of the host when they approach the priest or another Communion minister (Christ is fully present—body, blood, soul and divinity—in whatever amount of the consecrated bread and wine). Reception of the Eucharist is central to our faith and is a source of strength and spiritual nourishment. Communion should be received unless you have serious sin on your conscience and have not received absolution in individual confession. For more information, contact Fr. Sabbath at the parish office or at psabbath@gmail.com



SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The feast of the Epiphany is traditionally celebrated the 12th day after Christmas, January 6. In Canada this feast has been moved to the Sunday between January 02 and January 08 (this year it is Sunday, January 08.) Epiphany has long been overshadowed by that of Christmas. But unless we realize the significance of this great day, we see only one side of the mystery of the Incarnation. Now after contemplating the staggering fact that God has become a human child, we

turn to look at this mystery from the opposite angle and realize that this seemingly helpless Child is, in fact, the omnipotent God, the King and Ruler of the universe. The feast of Christ's divinity completes the feast of His humanity. It fulfills all our Advent longing for the King "who is come with great power and majesty." We see that whereas Christmas is the family feast of Christianity, Epiphany is the great "world feast of the Catholic Church."

The first idea of the feast is the manifestation of Christ as the Son of God. The feast unites three events in the life of Christ when His divinity "shines through" His humanity: the adoration of the Magi; the baptism of Christ in the Jordan; and the first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. Moreover, at Epiphany the Church looks forward to the majestic coming of Christ on the "youngest day" when His manifestation as God will be complete.

A second important idea in Epiphany is the extension of Christ's kingship to the whole world. The revelation of Christ to the three kings at Bethlehem is a symbol of His revelation to the whole of the Gentile world. Epiphany presents to us the calling of not merely a chosen few, but all nations to Christianity.

A third idea running through the Epiphany feast is that of light. During Advent, the world was in darkness. At Christmas the Light shone forth, but dimly, seen only by a few around the crib: Mary and Joseph and the shepherds. But at Epiphany the Light bursts forth to all nations.

Epiphany lifts our eyes from the family celebrations and demands that we should include in our vision "all the ends of the earth." It demands that, like the three wise men, we should have the courage to follow the light of the star we have seen, however hazardous the journey; that the light of our faith, like that of the wise men, should be so strong that we are able to see and recognize our Lord and Ruler in however unexpected a way He may present Himself to us; and that having recognized Him, we should bow down and adore Him, offering Him our total loyalty, radiating that light in the darkness of our own world.

~ by Elsa Chaney

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