

## The Church's Calendar This Week



### epiphany

Sunday, January 3

### Epiphany of the Lord

**Birthday of St. Damien (1840)**

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm

Monday, January 4

**Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, *religious***

**Cathedral Holiday**

**Mass at 12:00 noon**

*(Church will close after Mass)*

Tuesday, January 5

**Memorial of St. John Neumann, *bishop***

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 6

**Wednesday after Epiphany**

Sacrament of Reconciliation 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, January 7

**Thursday after Epiphany**

Friday, January 8

**Friday after Epiphany**

Saturday, January 9

**Saturday after Epiphany**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

St. Damien Prayer group at 12:30pm

Bible Study at 3:30pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, January 10

### The Baptism of the Lord

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm

Religious Education Class at 8:00am

Adult Bible Study at 10:30am

## Sign Up For Our Pilgrimage!

A Jubilee "Year of Mercy" Pilgrimage to The Holy Land in the Footstep of Jesus from April 11 – 22, 2016 Travel Arrangements via Delta Airlines. Please see Alike Cullen for more information or call Faith Journeys at 1-877-732-4845, Option 1 (Tell them you're from the Cathedral Basilica.)

## Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 11,791.58
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,051.81
Holy Day Collection	\$ 13,574.36
Coffers	\$ 567.86



**Total \$ 26,985.61**

## Cathedral Renewal Campaign

Year-End Giving

Are you feeling generous this holiday season? Are you considering your charitable giving as 2015 comes to a close? The Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace welcomes your gift in support of the Cathedral Renewal Campaign to renovate, restore and preserve the mother church of our Diocese. Gifts to the Cathedral Renewal Campaign are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Please contact the Cathedral's campaign office to discuss how you can help by pledging your support! (808) 536-7036 x357

## Facebook Friends

We would like to invite you to tag and share your Christmas photos on our Facebook page. We would love to see them. Mahalo!



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### Terra Nova Test Score!

The result from the Terra Nova test scores was sent home with your Child's report card on Thursday, December 17, 2015. An explanation of the HOME REPORT is given on the back side of the report. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions and/or concerns regarding your child's test scores. Please return and SIGN the envelope as assurance that you received the report by Friday, January 15, 2016.

### CCA on Winter Break

We will be on Winter Break from 12/18/15 – 1/10/16. The school office will be closed from 12/18/15 – 1/3/16 and reopen on January 4<sup>th</sup>. School resumes on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

### CCA in the National Light!

The School Improvement Network visited CCA last school year to film us in action and created a video of the hard work and progress that CCA has achieved! Please use this link on your browser to view video:  
<https://youtu.be/qN6FF3gs3yY>

# January 3, 2016 – The Epiphany of the Lord

## Exegesis on this Sunday'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*

The ideal kingdom proclaimed in today's Responsorial Psalm imagines a ruler who will care for the poor, deliver God's people from oppression, rule with justice, establish peace, and judge with wisdom. Isaiah says such a place would radiate like the light that pierces the darkness with the overflowing blessings of God's glory. What an appropriate Psalm for the solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord which celebrates the recognition and praise of Jesus, the newborn King as Messiah by the magi and his manifestation as Savior of the world! Such a ruler the psalm speaks about has come, born in the small, relatively obscure town of Bethlehem. The time has come for the entire world to rejoice.

Emmanuel has come among us and the magi, Gentile visitors from the East, make their pilgrimage and acknowledge the power of this moment in human history. The hope of the New Jerusalem is realized. The ideal kingdom where justice and righteousness will be practiced is present already in the Messiah. The hope of salvation for all people has dawned. God's glory will be seen over all the earth because the Messiah is born.

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### **Next Sunday's Readings**

*Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 | Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 | Acts 10:34-38 | Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 or*

*Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 | Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 | Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 | Luke 3:15-16, 21-22*

## **From the Rector's Desk**

Dear Cathedral Family:

As we continue to celebrate the birth of Christ, the Solemnity of the Epiphany proclaims that this child is truly the King of Kings and is to be made manifest to all people. By the coming of the magi, we are reminded that we are called to journey toward Jesus, to worship him, and to make his message and his love known to all.

We are called to journey toward Jesus. Like the magi, we find ourselves often travelling in the dark and wondering where we are going. But, God gives just enough light to find our way. We ask God to give us the perseverance and courage that we need so that we will not give up or get side-tracked and become lost or led away from God.

We are called to worship Christ, as the magi, did. We do this best when we offer to God what is most precious to us. It is not easy to honor God in this way. Often we hesitate to give God our best. We are willing to give God something, but not all that we could offer. We hesitate to surrender. We ask God to give us the willingness to let go of what we are holding on to that has gotten a hold of us.

We are called to make his message and his love known to all. The radiance of the star reminds us that we should be radiant with God's light and reflect it to all that we meet. The magi symbolize the fact that Christ did not just come for a few people in a particular place, but Jesus has come for all time and for all people. We can be guilty of being ashamed of our relationship with Jesus and unwilling to let others know about him. We ask God to set us on fire with his love and presence so that it will be evident to others.

At the end of the gospel, we are told that the magi returned to their country by another way. This reminds us that once we meet Jesus Christ the way that we travel must change. As we celebrate this new year, let us resolve to change the path of our lives in such a way that it leads us more directly toward God and toward making Jesus Christ known to all. On behalf of myself, our Cathedral priests and staff, I wish you a new year filled with the radiance of Christ. And thanks to all who worked so hard to make our Christmas celebrations so beautiful!

In Christ's love,  
Fr. Gary L. Secor, V.G.  
Rector