

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, January 6

The Epiphany of the Lord

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

Monday, January 7

Monday after Epiphany

Tuesday, January 8

Tuesday after Epiphany

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 9

Wednesday after Epiphany

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, January 10

Thursday after Epiphany

Friday, January 11

Friday after Epiphany

Saturday, January 12

Saturday after Epiphany

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Ss. Damien/Marianne Prayer Group at 12:30pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, January 13

The Baptism of the Lord

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:6).

Young Adults

Join the Young Adults ages 18-39 for fun and learning together on Sunday, January 6 at 1:00pm at the Rectory. Contact Dcn. Joe and Easter at EasterAlmuena@gmail.com

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation will meet on Sunday, January 13 at 11:30am. Continuing education covers learning about Saints and growing in joyful Faith in the new year. Contact Deacon Joe and Easter at EasterAlmuena@gmail.com

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Sunday Collection \$ 10,080.03

Weekday Collection \$ 144.36

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Holy Day Collection \$ 16,050.41

Total \$ 26,874.38



Living the Liturgy

- In a group or with your family, name some people who have given witness to God's grace and salvation in the world. How does the journey of these witness? Find out something about their life and witness.
- Read the Isaiah reading for today. You might read it in conjunction with the Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 72). Discuss your observations or responses to these questions with another person or group. What images do you hear in these passages? What is Isaiah's message to Jerusalem? What does the psalmist say about God? How does the Isaiah passage give the people of Jerusalem hope? What does God promise to do for justice, for peace, for the poor? What does that mean for us today? How are we called to act so that others see God's message in us?

Sharing Faith

- What does it mean to be a partner or coheir with someone? How does it affect your thinking if that person is someone with whom you don't get along or don't like?
- How do you think God's grace works in the world?
- Who are the magi in your life, the people who might surprise you with their gift of life and witness?

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January 6, 2019 – 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: "The Baptism of the Lord"

*Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 | Psalm 29:1a,1-2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9b-10 | Acts 10:34-38 | Luke 3:15-16 21-22 or
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 | Psalm 104:1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30 | Titus 1:11-14; 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,

Very Rev. Msgr. Gary L. Secor, V.G.

Rector