



Holy Trinity

Catholic Church and School

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December 27

*The Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

2020

Taking the Journey TOGETHER

The Holy Family

"The child grew and became strong; filled with wisdom and the favor of God was upon him."

Luke 2:22-40



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NOTES FROM THE CHURCH DEC 27 2020

GREETINGS.

I hope everyone had a merry and Blessed Christmas. I know it was not a normal year by any means, but perhaps it gave us a chance to consider the true meaning of Christmas more deeply...that God has entered our world and our lives and is always by our side: in the good times and the difficult.

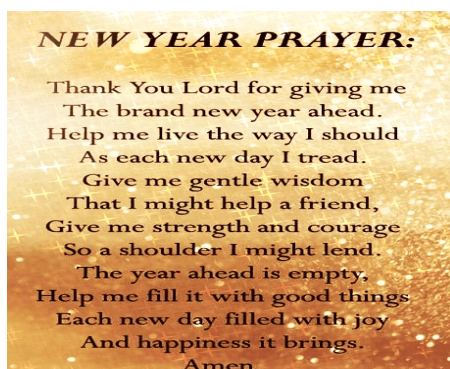
We continue working on a permanent livestreaming solution for the church. It is coming along but taking longer than we anticipated. I will keep the parish updated as we continue to progress.

With Bishop Joensen's approval, I will be taking a 30-day silent retreat for the month of January. I have never done this before and am looking forward to the opportunity. Fr. Vince Rosonke, one of our retired priests, will be covering here while I am away. My plan at present, is to leave Des Moines January 2nd and return to the parish on February 2nd.

Finally, I want to thank all those who sent such kind words and gifts at Christmas. They were much appreciated.

May God continue to bless us all and may God bless Holy Trinity.

Fr. Mark
Father Mark



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HELP PROVIDE LUNCH AT THE CONNECTION CAFÉ Holy Trinity has committed to serve lunch the last Thursday of each month. We'll start by providing sloppy joe sandwiches, fruit, chips and cookies for a sack lunch on Thursday, December 31. Lunch will be served at St. Johns Lutheran Church, 600 6th Ave, Des Moines, IA 50309. The entrance is off the alley. Please indicate what you can donate using this [link](#). Thank you so much for your support of The Connection Cafe.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED We can have 1 Altar Server at Weekend Masses. Eligible servers are students already trained with Parental Permission. Parents—email carolynr@holytrinitydm.org with student's name and Mass time availability. Monthly Server Schedule soon.

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FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF DEC 20 2020

Budget - July 2020 - June 2021	\$1,008,000	YTD Overage (Deficit)	\$(17,140)
YTD Actual Tithing through Dec 20	\$470,128	Tithing for the week ending Dec 20	\$31,849
YTD Budget through Dec 20	\$487,268	Number of Donations Received	313

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NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL DEC 27 2020

\$1500 TUITION GRANT

Families with children enrolled in non-Catholic schools may be eligible for a tuition grant at Holy Trinity. Tuition grants are available for each child (grades 1 – 7)

Current Families
get a \$500 Bonus for each
family that enrolls



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Más asequible de lo que cree ...

Las escuelas católicas son una inversión en el futuro de su hijo y ofrecen el mejor valor en educación. Además, ofrecemos opciones de matrícula flexibles, becas y asistencia para la matrícula según las necesidades. Visite www.dmdiocese.org/visit para programar su visita virtual o un tour personal de la escuela hoy.

100% of Catholic School students graduate high school and 96 percent go on to attend college. The 2020 graduating class earned more than \$13.2 million in college scholarships! Catholic schools are an investment in your child's future.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

PS3 Associate

Holy Trinity Catholic School is currently seeking a full time 3-year-old preschool associate for the 2020-2021 school year. This position reports Monday through Friday, 7:50AM – 3:20PM assisting a lead teacher. Paraeducator certification preferred but not required. Qualified candidates are able to assist in creating a supportive classroom atmosphere that nurtures students to recognize their gifts and talents through learning, faith, and collaboration.

4th Grade Teacher

Holy Trinity Catholic School is currently seeking a full-time 4th Grade Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. This position will be responsible for teaching a class of 4th Grade students by creating a supportive classroom atmosphere that nurtures students to recognize their gifts and talents through learning, faith, and collaboration.

For more information about either job, please contact Monica Morrison at mmorrison@htschool.org or apply at www.teachiowa.gov

HELP NEEDED The PTO is searching for a new Chair of the SCRIP Program. We are looking for a volunteer(s) who can devote a few hours each month to help ensure this vital fundraiser can continue. SCRIP raises approximately \$8,000 a year for Holy Trinity and is vital to the operations of our school. Please email Kaela Smith kaela.j.smith@gmail.com if you or someone you know can help lead this program.



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NOTES ON THE MASS DEC 27 2020

SPIRITUALITY OF THE READING

The Family as Church and Religious Community

"God is love and whoever abides in love abides in God and God abides in him or her." If that is true, and it is, then we can say the same thing about family: "God is family and whoever abides in family abides in God and God abides in that person." The theology of family roots itself here. Among other things, this means that a family is really a religious community, a church, the place where we participate in God's own life. What is meant by this?

It is easy to misunderstand this because we tend to romanticize it. To define God as love is not to say that God is romantic love and that we abide in God only at those times when we feel in love. Rather what is affirmed is that God is a community, a trinity, a flow of giving and receiving between three persons. God is a family and when we participate in a family we experience the very flow of God's life. Family life then is church life. To participate, in a healthy way, within a family is, in a manner of speaking, to go to church. But this too is often misunderstood.

What does it mean to live within a family? Too often we think of family mainly in terms of emotional intimacy. We imagine family (real family ... not like our own imperfect family!) as romance, warmth, like-mindedness, continual affirmation, deep mutual revelation, and constant support. In essence, we conceive of it in terms of our emotional and romantic needs. But those things, good as they are, are not ultimately what makes for family. What does make for family?

Someone once said that love is not two persons facing each other, but two persons facing in the same direction and living in the same spirit. Ultimately that is what makes family, both anthropologically and ecclesially. Ecclesially this is easy enough to explain: what makes for church is not, first of all, emotional intimacy (good as that is) but a gathering around the person of Christ and a common sharing of one Spirit—the spirit of charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, long-suffering, fidelity, gentleness, faith, and chastity.

Similarly, in terms of ordinary family, a marriage and the family it produces is not so much grounded on a man and a woman coming together sexually and emotionally as it is in a man and a woman coming together morally, that is, at a level that precisely has them facing in a common direction rather than narcissistically fixated on each other. Moral intimacy, more so than sexual intimacy, is the foundation of family, just as it is the foundation of church. What are the component parts of it?

This too shouldn't be falsely-romanticized. Moral intimacy is not, at its most important level, being kissed in the soul by that delicious feeling we sometimes get when we sense that another person holds as precious all the same things we do. There is value in this of course. To sense another person as a soulmate is to have family in a real sense because to be in family is to be at home and we are at home precisely when we are with another person who shares our deepest values.

However, family and home, as we well know, generally have more of an everyday face than a romantic one to them. Home and family are more than romance. They are the everyday, sometimes ordinary, business of staying together, eating together, praying together, sharing money and material things together, celebrating occasions together, being mutually accountable to each other, challenging and correcting each other, and carrying each others' pathologies and weaknesses. Such are the functions of home and family. Such too is the function of church.

In the end, family life and church life are part of the same thing; in both we participate in God's life. Among other things, this means that family life is not *like* church life, it is *part of it*. To participate healthily in a family is to be part of a church. The family is not secular while the church is divine, mundane while the church is holy, and the place of ordinary life while the church is the place of worship. To be in a family is to be in a church; perhaps the most important church many of us will ever experience. Every family is meant to be a religious community and is meant to do for us exactly what a religious community or church does for its members. And what is that?

It abides in family—by sitting down with each other around a kitchen table, by sharing the frustration of balancing a common checkbook, by celebrating each others joys and sorrows and everyday life, by offering each other consolation and correction, and by putting up with each others' coughs, phobias, and sins—we experience church. In both, family life and church, our lives break open beyond ourselves and God can enter.

Ron Rolheiser

family

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BRING THE GOSPEL HOME DEC 27 2020

READING I: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3(17B)

PSALM: 105:1-9

READING II: Hebrews 11:8-19

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Question for Children: Why is it important for you to obey your parents or guardians?

Question for Youth: God chose to be among us in the person of Jesus. How does having a God who knows what it means to be human affect the way you pray or think about God?

Question for Adults: Whether single, married, or divorced, how does Paul's advice ring true in your own life? Choose one of his suggestions and share how it touches your life.

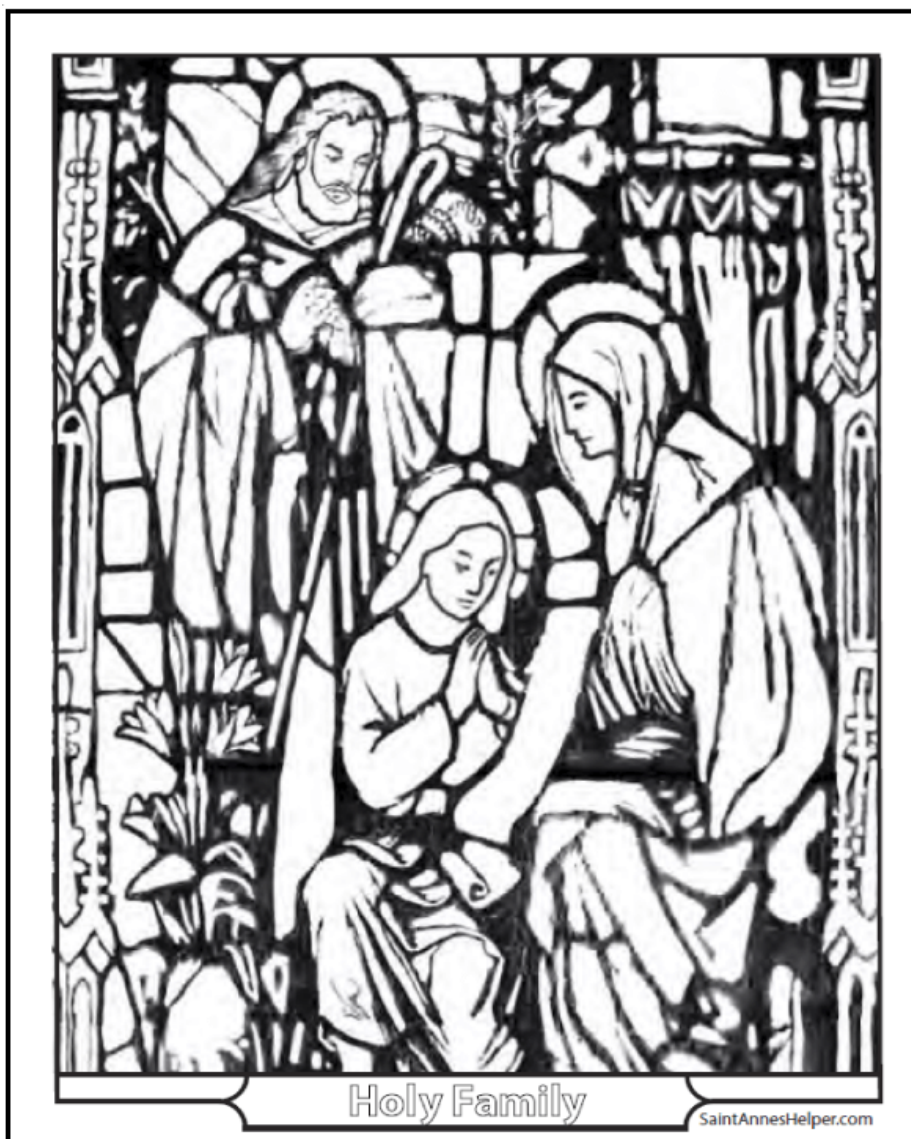
SAINT OF THE WEEK

Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

Thomas Becket was the son of the sheriff of London and was well educated. His parents died when he was twenty-one, and he went to work for a relative in London. Later, he joined the household of a local bishop, and was eventually ordained and then made Archbishop of Canterbury himself. As Archbishop, he gave up the rich lifestyle of England's rulers and adopted instead an austere life, centered in prayer. He was known for his generosity to the poor and greatly assisted King Henry in formulating the reforms in the justice system that were instituted during his tenure. He was forced by his own conscience to come into conflict with the King, who was later murdered Thomas in his cathedral at Canterbury.

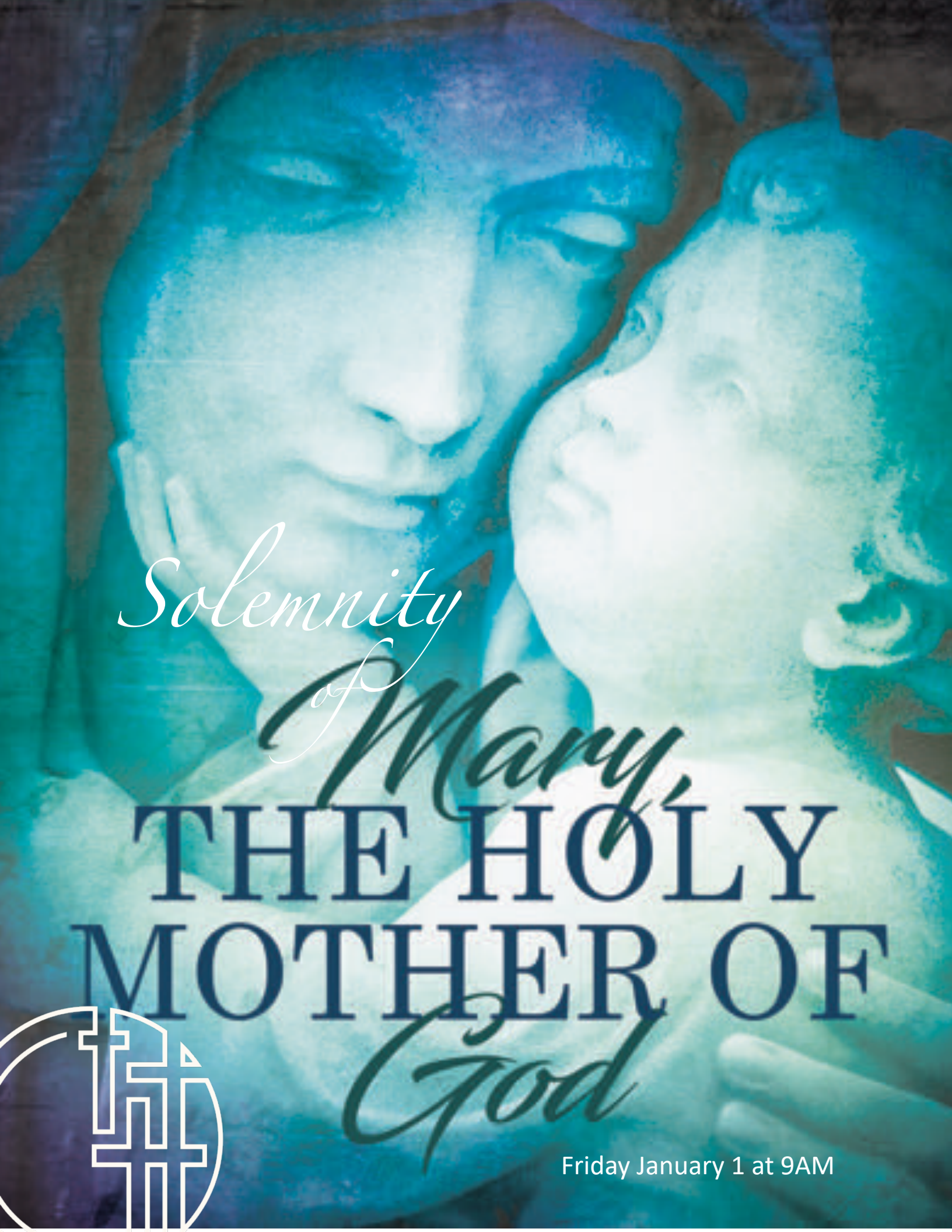
Thomas' message today: Thomas Becket is an excellent example of someone who made drastic life changes in order to follow his calling. Although his personality and methods could be offensive to others, he lived by what he believed was right.

What are the causes and issues in our times that you feel are worth fighting for?



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Solemnity
of Mary,
THE HOLY
MOTHER OF
God



Friday January 1 at 9AM



PARISH CALENDAR WEEK OF DEC 27 2020

	SUNDAY 12/27	MONDAY 12/28	TUESDAY 12/29	WEDNESDAY 12/30	THURSDAY 12/31	FRIDAY 1/1	SATURDAY 1/2
HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL		NO SCHOOL KC OPEN	NO SCHOOL KC OPEN	NO SCHOOL KC OPEN	NO SCHOOL KC OPEN	NO SCHOOL KC CLOSED	
FAITH FORMATION		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED		NO Faith Formation All Grades	PARISH OFFICE CLOSES 11AM	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	
ADULT FAITH FORMATION	Mass 8:30AM Mass 10:30AM	No Communion Service	NO MASS NO RCIA	Mass 8:30AM	Mass 8:30AM Adoration 11-3PM	Mass 9AM HAPPY NEW YEAR!	Mass 4:30PM
AND MORE	HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph					Solemnity of Mary World Day of Prayer for Peace	EPIPHANY of the Lord

CH: Church 101-106: Classrooms DC: Day Chapel K: Kitchen MC: Media Center PO: Parish Office SR: Social Room

MASS / LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Sunday Dec 27 Holy Family

8:30 AM Mass For the Parish

10:30 AM Mass Kathy Comito

Monday Dec 28

NO Communion Service

Tuesday Dec 29

8:30 AM Mass NO Mass today

Wednesday Dec 30

8:30 AM Mass Gertrude Cloutier

Thursday Dec 31

8 AM Mass Karin Bruin

11-3PM Adoration

Friday Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary/World Day of Prayer for Peace

9AM Mass Bill Hicks

Saturday Jan 2 Epiphany of the Lord

3-4 PM NO Reconciliation

4:30 PM Mass For the Parish

Sunday Jan 3 Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 AM Mass Pat Conway

10:30 AM Mass Evelyn Bisanti

NEXT WEEK LITURGICAL MINISTERS / ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, Jan 2 4:30 PM Epiphany of the Lord

Altar Server

Gabe Dushane

Lectors

Gary Thull

EMHC

Team 3

Musical Coordinator

Tom Quiner

Sunday, Jan 3 8:30 AM

Epiphany of the Lord

Altar Server

Jack Ernst

Lectors

Guy Leman & Steve Stimmel

EMHC

Team 2

Children's Liturgy

No Children's Liturgy

Musical Coordinator

Tom Quiner

Sunday, Jan 3 10:30 AM

Epiphany of the Lord

Altar Server

Max Fahnlander

Lectors

Mary Ellen Winston & Tammy Altman

EMHC

Team 1

Children's Liturgy

No Children's Liturgy

Musical Coordinator

Dr. Kevin Allemagne

WEEKEND MASSES Sat 4:30 PM / Sun 8:30 & 10:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES Tue, Wed & Fri 8:30 AM / Thurs 8AM

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January 3

Epiphany
of the Lord

2021

Taking the Journey TOGETHER



*"They opened their treasures
and gave him gifts of gold,
frankincense and myrrh."*

Matthew 2:1-12

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NOTES ON THE MASS JAN 3 2021

SPIRITUALITY OF THE READING

The feast of the Epiphany, which was kept in the East and in certain Western Churches before being observed in Rome, seems to have been originally a feast of the nativity; January 6, for those churches where it was kept, was the equivalent of Christmas (December 25) in the Roman Church. The feast was introduced at Rome in the second half of the sixth century and became the complement and, so to say, the crown of the Christmas festival.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him.

Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Savior.

The Church extends itself on Epiphany to the homes of the faithful. The custom of blessing the home probably grew up on account of the words in the Gospel, "And entering into the house, they found the Child with Mary, His Mother, and falling down they adored Him." The priest blesses the house if he can be present, but if not, the father of the family may do so. He leads the family (and any guests who may have been invited for the occasion) from room to room, blessing each and inscribing the initials of the three Magi (Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar) above the doors with the chalk that has been previously blessed. The doors are inscribed with the following:

20 + C + M + B + ____ (year)

The initials are separated by crosses and the year above the door. The initials CMB also stand for the words "*Christus Mansionem Benedicat*" which means "May Christ bless this house". This inscription above the entry of our house should be a reminder to us that we should be with and go to Christ in all our comings and goings.

A Twelfth Night Epiphany celebration invites "Three Kings": either members of the family, children or other guests. The children prepare for the "Kings" by creating crowns and perhaps royal capes to wear. If they are older, they can get involved in blessing the house by marking the "initials" over the doors. For refreshment, a Twelfth Night cake is baked in which are hidden three dried beans. The children who get the beans in their piece of cake receive a crown and are the "12th night Kings" during the remainder of the party. The kings distribute the gifts and select the songs and games.

INGREDIENTS

1 cup shortening
2 2/3 cups sugar
5 teaspoons baking powder
5 1/2 cups flour
1 1/2 cups milk
6 beaten egg whites
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons vanilla

DETAILS

Yield: 3 9" layers
Prep Time: 1 1/2 hours
Difficulty: ★★☆☆
Cost: ★★☆☆
For Ages: 11+

DIRECTIONS

Cream shortening and sugar. Add milk alternately with sifted dry ingredients. Fold in beaten egg whites. Add vanilla. Bake in three nine-inch greased layer tins in a moderate oven (375°) for about 30 minutes.

Recipe Source: *How to Make Your House a Home* by Rev. Bernard Stokes, O.F.M., Family Life Bureau, Washington D.C., 1955



BRING THE GOSPEL HOME JAN 3 2021

READING 1; Isaiah 60:1-6

PSALM: 72:1-13

READING II: Ephesians 3:2-6

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Question for Children: In your life, who helps you to see Jesus in other people such as a classmate or a friend?

Question for Youth: The star guided the Magi to Jesus. What are the people or events who have guided you in your relationship with Jesus?

Question for Adults: How this past week did you demonstrate God's love at home and at work?

SAINT OF THE WEEK

John Neumann, Bishop, 1811-1860

John Neumann was born in what is now the Czech Republic. At an early age, he was attracted to the religious life and entered the seminary. Unable to be ordained in Bohemia due to a surplus of priests, John went to the United States where he was ordained in 1836. The next few years were spent in missionary work, primarily among German-speaking Catholics in upstate New York. In 1840, he joined the newly established branch of the Redemptorists in Pittsburgh and became the first Redemptorist to take his vows in the United States. John continued his missionary work in Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, and in 1847, he was named superior of the American Redemptorists. In 1852, John Neumann was consecrated as the fourth bishop of Philadelphia. He now had an opportunity to make great inroads into what had become his passion: the education of poor German, French, Irish, and Indian Catholics. During his eight years as Bishop of Philadelphia, he reorganized the diocese, as well as opening eighty new churches and nearly one hundred schools. To staff these schools, John brought in many religious orders of priests and nuns. At the first national council of Catholic bishops, he helped to map out a plan of Catholic education for the whole United States. Although active in his support of education and busy with the duties of leading a diocese, John Neumann was never far from his people. By the time he became bishop, he spoke twelve languages and made it a point to address each of his people in their own language. At the time of his death, John was renowned for his holiness, charity, pastoral work, and his preaching. John Neumann was canonized in 1977 by Pope Paul VI, becoming the first American male saint and the first American bishop to be sainted. He is the patron of Catholic education.

John's message today: John Neumann's goal was to have a school in every Catholic parish. This was very nearly realized by the middle of the twentieth century. While the numbers of schools has fallen in the years since, the need for educating our children in their faith remains as strong as ever.

Consider how you could use your talents in the Faith Formation program in your parish. Could you teach a grade? Be a classroom helper? Coordinate instruction schedules?



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HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL		WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!					
FAITH FORMATION				Faith Formation All Grades 6:30PM Zoom			
ADULT FAITH FORMATION	Mass 8:30AM Mass 10:30AM	No Communion Service	School Mass 8:30AM Grades K-2 RCIA 6:30PM Zoom	School Mass 8:30AM Grades 3-5 Hosted by 3D	Mass 8AM Adoration 2-9PM Rosary 4:15PM	School Mass 8:30AM Grades 6-8	Mass 4:30PM Sunday Reading Group MEN'S 7:30AM SR WOMEN'S 8:30AM CH
AND MORE	EPIPHANY of the Lord				Knights of Columbus Mtg 7PM SR		BAPTISM of the Lord

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MASS / LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Sunday Jan 3 Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 AM Mass
10:30 AM Mass

Pat Conway
Evelyn Bisanti

Monday Jan 4

NO Communion Service

Tuesday Jan 5

8:30 AM Mass

Ruth & Jim Wright

Wednesday Jan 6

8:30 AM Mass

Beverly Poncin

Thursday Jan 7

8 AM Mass
2-9PM
4:15PM

Roger Cloutier
Adoration
Rosary

Friday Jan 8

8:30 AM Mass

Micky Dwyer

Saturday Jan 9 Baptism of the Lord

3-4 PM
4:30 PM Mass

NO Reconciliation
Souls in Purgatory

Sunday Jan 10 Baptism of the Lord

8:30 AM Mass
10:30 AM Mass

For the Parish
Michael & Julia Fonfara

NEXT WEEK LITURGICAL MINISTERS / ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, Jan 9 4:30 PM

Altar Server
Lectors
EMHC
Musical Coordinator

Baptism of the Lord

Owen Wolfe
Erin Grillot
Team 1
Tom Quiner

Sunday, Jan 10 8:30 AM

Altar Server
Lectors
EMHC
Children's Liturgy
Musical Coordinator

Baptism of the Lord

Cody Heikes
John Goode & Scott Flood
Team 3
No Children's Liturgy
Tom Quiner

Sunday, Jan 10 10:30 AM

Altar Server
Lectors
EMHC
Children's Liturgy
Musical Coordinator

Baptism of the Lord

Josh Spencer
Tom Green & Lisa Rea
Team 2
No Children's Liturgy
Dr. Kevin Allemagne

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