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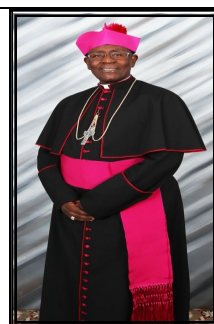
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – YEAR B JANUARY 07, 2024

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BAPTISM: 3rd Sunday of each month. Call for appointment

MARRIAGE: Call four (4) months before any arrangements are made.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Call anytime

FUNERAL: Tuesdays through Fridays
Please call prior to final arrangements.

MASS SCHEDULES

Weekend

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m.

Sundays: 7:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

CONFESSION: Saturdays: 3:30 p.m.
or by Appointment

Weekday

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 12:15 p.m.

Wednesdays & Fridays 7:00 a.m.

HOLY HOUR

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
FRIDAYS IMMEDIATELY
AFTER THE 7:00 AM MASS



“TOGETHER BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD.”

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INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

Darkness covers the earth, and heavy clouds hang over the people. But the light has come, and the glory of the Lord shines bright.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

In Christ Jesus, Gentiles and Jews are co-heirs of the family fortune and co-sharers in the saving promise.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi from the east followed the star until it stopped still over the house. They entered, found the child with Mary, prostrated themselves, and did Him homage.

When Isaiah wrote the poem that we hear today, the Israelites had just returned from decades of exile in Babylon. Judah was devastated and left desolate, but Isaiah saw it through eyes of faith. The Magi must have seen with eyes of faith as well in order to present a newborn in a feeding trough with expensive gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. As members of the one body of Christ, let us listen to God's Word with ears of faith, recognizing ourselves in those who come to praise and worship the Lord.

Daily Scripture Readings For The Week Of January 07, 2024

08- Monday The Baptism Of The Lord

1 Sm 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mk 1:7-11

09 - Tuesday St. Adrian Of Canterbury, Abbot

1 Sm 1:9-20; (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Mk 1:21-28

10 - Wednesday St. William, Bishop

1 Sm 3:1:10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39

11 - Thursday St. Paulinus, Patriarch of Aquileia

1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 25-26; Mk 1:40-45

12 - Friday St. Benedict Biscop (Bennet), Abbot

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

13 - Saturday St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor Of The Church

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:1-7; Mk 2:13-17

14 - Sunday 2nd Sunday In O.T.

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

MASS INTENTIONS

4:00 p.m.: Saturday January 06, 2023

- Souls In Purgatory

7:00 a.m.: Sunday January 07, 2023

- B'day Blessing Lawrence Philogene rb Family

9:30 a.m.: - +Marcel Lance Felix rb Family

Monday, January 08, 2024

- 7:00 a.m.** - Baptism of The Lord - All Priests in the Diocese

12:15 p.m.: **Tuesday January 09, 2024**

- St. Ann's Parish Family

7:00 a.m.: **Wednesday January 10, 2024**

- Spl. Int. for the homeless and hungry

12:15 p.m.: **Thursday January 11, 2024**

- Spl. Int. Religious Education Teachers and Students

7:00 a.m.: **Friday January 12, 2024**

- Spl. Int. His Excellency Bishop Jerome Feudjio

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY CANDLE

ST. JOACHIM CHURCH: +Marcel Lance Felix rb Family

ST. ANN CHAPEL: +Marcel Lance Felix rb Family

SHRINE: +Marcel Lance Felix rb Family

ALTAR FLOWERS: +Marcel Lance Felix rb Family

▪ **Church Maintenance:** Abundant blessings and thanks to our Altar Society Group "C" that cleaned and prepared the Lord's house for church services this past Saturday. Group "D" is scheduled to clean on Saturday, January 13, 2024. Please think and pray about giving just one hour each month to this ministry.

▪ **Offertory Envelopes:** Most Offertory Envelopes have been picked up. Only a few still need to be picked up. Thank you. Please don't forget to make a generous Christmas donation as the Lord loves a cheerful giver. *(Luke 6:38-NAB: "Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure, will in turn be measured out to you.")*

▪ **Gentle Reminder:** 2024 is here, hence let us fulfill our final payment for the impact doors, window shutters and the stain glass windows. No matter how small the payment might be, "little by little, we will fill the basket."

▪ **Bookstore Announcement:** Bookstore is open after 7:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. masses. We have lots of Christmas gifts for the entire family at reasonable prices. Free wrapping is available. Come See! Come Browse!

▪ **Martin Luther King Jr. Fun Day:** Please be reminded that after a six year hiatus, the Martin Luther King Jr. Fun day, sponsored by the St. Ann's Stewards of Christ will be held on January 15, 2024. Kindly remember to turn in your sheets with the list of donated items requested for this event. Thank you.

▪ **Donations:** St. Ann's Church has implemented another method of making donations through PayPal which allows for credit/debit card usage. This can be accomplished by scanning the QR Code provided on St. Ann's Website and Bulletin.

▪ **Baptism Of The Lord:** A Mass will be celebrated in honor of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, January 08, 2024 at 7:00 a.m.

▪ **Funeral:** St. Ann's Parish Family extends sympathy to Mark Smith and family on the passing of his brother Egbert A. Smith, Jr. on December 20, 2023. The funeral service for Egbert A. Smith, Jr. is scheduled for Friday, January 12, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

2024 — 2025

◆ *Classes will resume on Saturday, January 13, 2024*

Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.

Classes for ALL LEVELS - 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9

PLEASE BE ON TIME AND ALSO PICK UP THE STUDENTS IMMEDIATELY AFTER CLASSES



The Epiphany Of The Lord

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 528) explains to us that:

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (Magi) from the East, together with His baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the Gospel, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Magi, see the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The Magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship Him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs", and acquires Israelitica dignitas (is made "worthy of the heritage of Israel").

On this feast, the Church celebrates the manifestation (epiphany) of Christ to the Nations (Gentiles) in the persons of the Magi—also known as the Wise Men or the Three Kings. In earlier times, this feast combined two other manifestations, that which took place at the Lord's Baptism, and that which took place in Cana at the Wedding feast. This is still the custom in Eastern Christianity. Although the date of the Epiphany on the General Calendar of the Church is January 6th, in the United States and some other countries it is celebrated on the Sunday after January 1st so more Catholics can participate. Thus, in 2024 the Solemnity of the Epiphany is Sunday, January 7.

“Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die.” — St. Peter Chrysologus.

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PRAYER CORNER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God, our Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. We praise and thank you for Your protection during the Hurricane Season. We ask again to guide us through a new year, free of any earthquakes, floods, natural disasters and all acts of terrorism. Bless our families, bring peace to all nations, and protect us from the Coronavirus and all other sicknesses. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and Ever. Amen!

FATIMA PRAYER

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I ask forgiveness for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee. Amen!

FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF PRIESTS

Divine Savior, Jesus Christ, who has entrusted the whole work of Your redemption, the welfare and salvation of the world, to priests as Your representatives, I offer You through the hands of Your most Holy Mother, Mary this present day, whole and entire, with all its prayers, works, and sacrifices, its joys and sorrows, for the sanctification of Your priests, and for all those preparing for the priesthood. Give us truly holy priests, inflamed with the fire of Your divine love, who seek nothing but Your greater glory, and the salvation of souls. And You, Mary, good Mother of priests, protect all priests from dangers to their holy vocation, and with the loving hand of a mother, lead back to the Good Shepherd, those unfortunate priests who, unfaithful to their exalted vocation, have gone astray. AMEN!

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meditate and pray*
Entrance Through The Marian Hall

Please pray for the members of our Parish who are sick or suffering...

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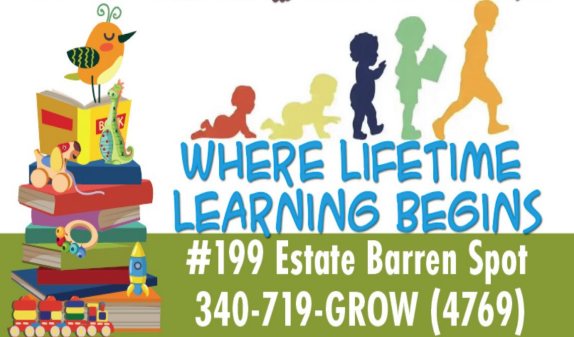
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