

January 5, 2025

THEY WERE OVERJOYED
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— MATTHEW 2:10 —

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sat., January 4, 2025 *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*
 4:30 p.m. at OLOM
 4:00 p.m. at St. B

Sun., January 5, 2025 *The Epiphany of the Lord*
 8:30 a.m. at St. A Richard Dillon +
 9:00 a.m. at CC
 10:30 a.m. at St. B Mike Painter +
 11:00 a.m. at QM Susan Shorter +

Mon., January 6, 2025 *(No Mass or Communion Service) St. Andre Bessette, Religious*

Tues., January 7, 2025 *St. Raymond of Penyafort. Priest*
 8:30 a.m. at CC

Wed., January 8, 2025
 8:30 a.m. at OLOM

Thurs., January 9, 2025
 8:30 a.m. at QM

Fri., January 10, 2025 *(No Mass or Communion Service)*

Sat., January 11, 2025
 4:30 p.m. at OLOM
 4:00 p.m. at St. B

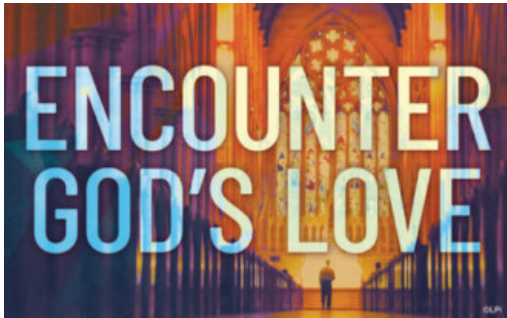
Sun., January 12, 2025 *The Baptism of the Lord*
 8:30 a.m. at St. A
 9:00 a.m. at CC
 10:30 a.m. at St. B
 11:00 a.m. at QM

Saturday, January 11, 2025 4:30 p.m. at OLOM
Presider: Fr. Benoit
Lector:
Eucharistic Ministers:
Server:

Saturday, January 11, 2025 4:00 p.m. at St. B
Note: New time Change
Presider: Fr. Sabastian
Lectors/Readers:
Petitions: Eucharistic Ministers:
Sunday, January 12, 2025 8:30 a.m. at St. A
Presider: Fr. Sabastian
Lector: Tim Pheiffer
Eucharistic Ministers: Marie Klotz, Mary Hickle,
 Joan Cameron, Susie Stewart
Server: Sam Mersch

Sunday, January 12, 2025 9:00 a.m. at CC
Presider: Fr. Benoit
Lectors:
Eucharistic Ministers:
Server:

Sunday, January 12, 2025 10:30 a.m. at St. B
Presider: Fr. Sabastian
1st Reader – Jim Lorow
2nd Reader – Sharon Hairston
Petitions – Deacon Victor O’Basuyi
Extraordinary Ministers –
 Tracy Henderson, Sylvia Orr, Dominique Akpore (R);
 Emmett Orr, Mary O’Basuyi, Annette Young (L)
 Deacon Victor O’Basuyi (C)
Sunday, January 12, 2025 11:00 a.m. at QM
Presider: Fr. Benoit
Lector: 1-Cathy Hall 2– Tom Carter
Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Miller / Charlotte Minelli
Server: Carl Meyer



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Sacrament of Reconciliation
*Saturdays before the 4 p.m. Mass at SB,
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 or by appointment.*

Parish Council for Holy Spirit Family of Parishes
Chair: Randall Klotz **Vice Chair:** Consuella Wilson

HOLY SPIRIT FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY January 6, 2025		
11:00 a.m.	St. Benedict the Moor Rosary In the sanctuary and Dial-In on Phone	Dial-In Number: 6677701427 Access Code: 556136
9:00—noon	Eucharistic Adoration	QM
TUESDAY January 7, 2025		
9:30 a.m.	Charismatic Prayer Group	CC Madonna Room
4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Meal	CC Madonna Room
WEDNESDAY January 8, 2025		
9:30 a.m.	QM Bible Study	QM Church Narthex
6:30 p.m.	St. Augustine Rosary	SA
6:00 p.m.	St. Benedict Bible Study	Virtual Sessions See info on right
THURSDAY January 9, 2025		
6:30 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration	SB
7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration	SA
January 12, 2025		
10:30 a.m.	Queen of Martyrs Rosary, before Mass	QM Church

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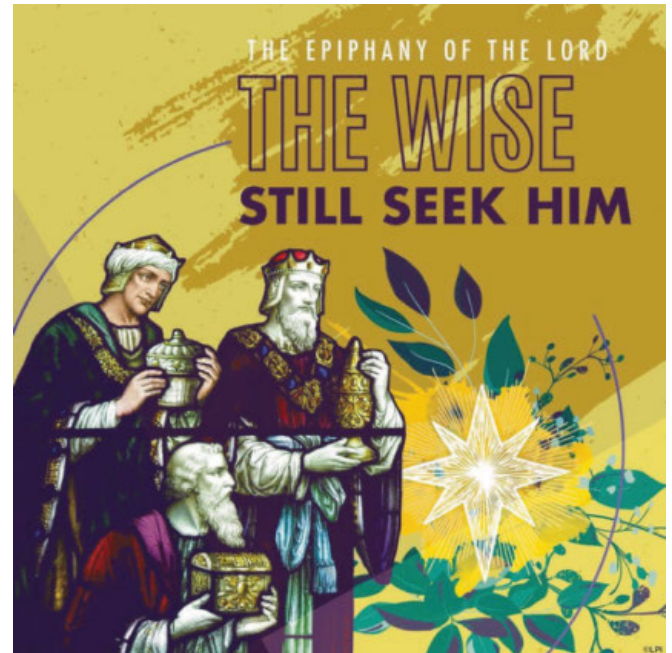
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Weekend Collections

To Be updated next week



Bible Studies

St. Benedict Bible Study Beginning October 2nd we will go to a “Virtual” Bible Study session. We will continue virtual for the fall & winter months. We plan to return to “in person” Bible Study after Daylight Savings begins in March 2025

We will use Google Meet as our virtual meeting tool, below is the link information. Start time remains 6:00pm, Wednesday evenings. Holiday seasonal break from Bible Study begins November 20th through 2nd week January 2025.

Hangouts Meet joining info
<https://meet.google.com/hpy-pmvp-fvt>

Or dial: +1 402-921-2290 PIN: 708 666 706#

Queen of Martyrs Bible Study Wednesday Mornings
9:30 am to 11:00 am. McAuley Hall. Year round.

Join your church family in praying the Rosary for the community and each other.

St. Benedict Rosary is every Monday at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary **Dial-In Available at:**

New Dial-In Number: 6677701427 Access Code: 556136

St. Augustine Rosary is in person every Wednesday a 6:30 pm. Holy Hour every First Thursday of the month

Queen of Martyrs Rosary is in person every Sunday at 10:30 a.m., just before the 11:00 a.m.. Mass

PASTOR'S CORNER

The Epiphany of the Lord

Matthew 2:1-12

Have you ever wondered why the magi had gold, frankincense, and myrrh? Matthew's Gospel tells us, "Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matt. 2:11). Why are these things their "treasures"? One possible answer is they were magicians and astrologers, and these three items were the tools of their questionable trade. In offering them to Christ, they demonstrate that they will cease using such items to predict or control life. They place this baby-king, the God of Israel, at the center of their lives, and not their own devices of control, manipulation and prediction.

Isn't that what we need to do, too? Consider, for example, the magical power of money, symbolized by the magi's gold. Seemingly whatever we ask of money, it does. It wields a god-like power over the world. It can predict the future by guaranteeing better outcomes for us — which is why it is such a tempting alternative to trusting in God. The problem is such absolute trust in money enslaves us to the economic forces that make money so powerful. In paying homage to Jesus with "gold" (i.e., tithing), we participate in his authority over (and therefore freedom from) the magical sway of money.

What things in your life do you use to predict or control your future? What in your life seems to give you power over the world? Those are your treasures. Are you tired of feeling enslaved to them? Find a way to open them and give them to Christ, and you will be freer.

— Father John Muir

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: The journey of the magi would have been treacherous and uncomfortable. Imagine the peace in their hearts as they approached the young Messiah and fell to their knees. The new, vibrant awareness of what their own purpose was. It was an epiphany for them. It can be the same for us.

The Answer

Have you ever had an epiphany?

I'll confess that I've never spent much time reflecting on the term "epiphany." In my head, there has always been a strict separation of church and state when it comes to this word. I think of the religious feast of the Epiphany, when we celebrate the magi's encounter with the Christ Child, as totally distinct from our modern understanding of the ancient Greek word *epipháneia*, which means "manifestation" or "appearance."

"I've had an epiphany," I have said many times before, and what I mean is that I have come to a long-awaited realization. I have received the answer to a question which has perplexed me, perhaps troubled me. I now know what course of action I must take.

"Today is the Epiphany," I say to my children when we make a king cake and bring the little magi figures to our Nativity beneath the Christmas tree (which will, after today, be put back into storage, for the Christmas season has come to its fulfillment).

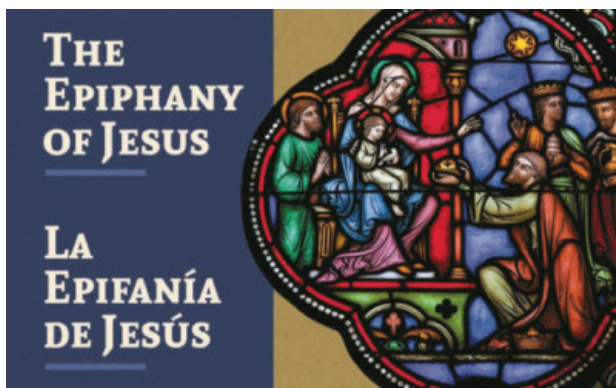
And I've always thought I meant I was saying two very different things.

But today, I ponder the journey of the magi, one that must have often been treacherous and uncomfortable. I think about their meeting with Herod, a situation that certainly was fraught with tension and fear. And I imagine the feeling in their hearts as they approached the young Messiah and fell to their knees. I think of the peace they must have felt. The new, vibrant awareness of what their own purpose was.

It was an epiphany for them — a discovery of truth. An answer.

It should be the same for us.

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Prayer of Rejoicing
Fill our hearts, Lord, with rejoicing
as we seek and discover You.
Your ways are full of wonder, glory,
surprise, and joy.
Amen.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS:

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Keno Hampton, Sherman Mosley, Juanita Newell,
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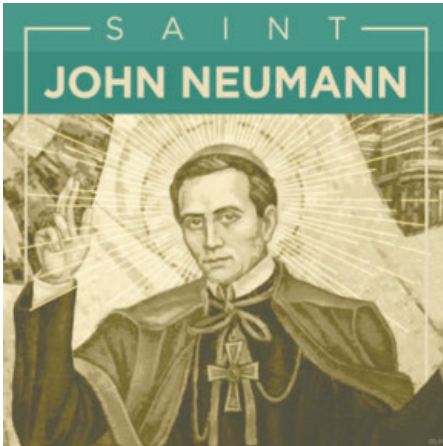
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DO YOU NEED PRAYERS?

Please call Pat Wilson at 937-836-2006
and she will pray for you.



ENRICH YOUR FAITH



St. John Neumann is the patron saint of educators, immigrants, and, due to the miracles that secured his canonization, sick children. This is a fitting patronage as he was a lover of education and learning from a very young age. In fact, when he was a child, his mother called him

“my little bibliomaniac” due to his preoccupation with reading. Born in 1811 Bohemia, in what is now the Czech Republic, he attended the university in Prague preparing for ordination. However, his local bishops were not ordaining new priests at the time because Bohemia was overstocked with priests. He inquired about ordination all over Europe but received the same answer everywhere. Not one to be deterred, John then applied to several United States dioceses. Receiving no immediate responses, the saint took a leap of faith and decided to just immigrate to the United States in 1836, during his 25th year, with only \$40 in his pocket. This risk paid off when he was ordained in New York a month later.

Early in his priesthood he worked primarily as a missionary to German immigrants in Buffalo. His missionary work also created an opportunity for him to spend time in Maryland, Virginia, Michigan, and Ohio. When he was 29, he joined the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists), a congregation of priests and brothers dedicated to helping the poor and most abandoned. He was their first member to profess vows in the United States.

In 1852, at the age of 41, Neumann became the fourth Bishop of Philadelphia. During this time, he organized the individual parochial schools in his region into a diocesan system. This change allowed Catholic schools to quickly increase the number of pupils enrolled by almost twentyfold. Over the course of his ministry, St. John expanded the number of Catholic schools in his diocese from 2 to 100! His passion for education extended to immigrants, like himself, and his love for learning languages made it possible for him to hear confessions in English, Spanish, French, Italian, Dutch, and Gaelic!

A man of the people, he could often be found outside the church walls visiting people who were sick, staying in taverns and public houses to teach, and celebrating Mass in people’s homes at their kitchen tables. He was canonized on June 19, 1977, following three miracles, two of which regarded the healing of youth from grave illnesses. St. John Neumann was the first American man to be canonized a saint.

A PRAYERFUL
NEW YEAR'S
RESOLUTION
IDEA:

**KEEP A
GRATITUDE
PRAYER JOURNAL
AND SAY
A PRAYER OF
THANKSGIVING
EVERY EVENING.**

*Spend time
with Jesus
in
Adoration*

A PRAYERFUL
NEW YEAR'S
RESOLUTION
IDEA:

**COMMIT TO
SAYING THE
ROSARY
EVERY DAY.**

*Join a new
Ministry*

A PRAYERFUL
NEW YEARS
RESOLUTION
IDEA:

**JOIN YOUR
CHURCH'S
MUSIC
MINISTRY.**

*Explore and
pray
Novenas
all year
long*

Our Lady of Grace Make & Take Project Series 2025

- Rock Painting January 12
- Friendship Soup in a Jar February
- King Cakes March 2
- Palm Creations April 13
- Lip Balm for Mom May 4

Epiphany of the Lord

The song "We Three Kings" details the gifts of the Magi, but do you know what you're singing? "Born a king on Bethlehem's plan, gold I bring to crown Him again." This one is the most straightforward - gold symbolizes the Kingship of Christ. "Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom." Myrrh is an embalming spice. Already at Christ's birth, we have the symbolic reminder of his death. "Frankincense to offer have I. Incense owns a deity nigh." In many religious traditions, incense symbolizes prayers rising to heaven. In some pagan traditions, it is thought to help "call down" the deity. The gift of frankincense symbolizes Jesus' role as the Great High Priest, sanctifying the world through his sacrifice.

Question:

Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

Answer:

Epiphany means "manifestation," or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew's infancy narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact? ©LPi

Save the Date!

Saint Benedict the Moor Location will be hosting a Movie Day on Saturday January 18, 2025.
From 12-3:30pm in the multipurpose room.
You are invited to stay for Mass, which starts at 4pm.

Save the Date!

Queen of Martyrs Location will be Hosting a Movie Night on Monday January 13, 2025.
6:30 pm in McAuley Hall
We are currently watching Season Two of *The Chosen*

Happy New Year!

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: According to tradition, who were Balthasar, Melchior, and Casper?

Answer: The three kings who visited baby Jesus.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS 2024 at Queen of Martyrs



Thank you to those who donated funds for our beautiful Christmas flowers at Queen of Martyrs! We are honoring and remembering the following family members and loved ones: Deacon Skip Royer, Helen and Al Geglein, Debbie Merrick, Alvena and William Zimmer, Evelyn Miller, Nancy and Ralph McEldowney, Paul Wood, Dorothy and Chester Phillips, William McCallister, Truman Baker, Deceased Members of Queen of Martyrs, Tim Williams, Joseph Kolakowski, Glaser and Wolfe Family Members, Mrs. E. Frantz Bud Minnelli Lucy and Nick Minnelli, Herb and Leora McKinney, John McKinney, Kristin Cheesman McKinney, Meyring Family Members, Shirley Noeth, Elaine Mescher, John and Johnnie Robison,

St. Benedict's Thanks You for the Donations for the Christmas Flowers



Altar flowers for the 2024 Christmas season were made possible by the generous donations of the Emmett Orr, Gracious Lady Evelyn Chargois Chapter 46; David & Sharon Hairston (In memory of the deceased members of the Hairston, Orr, and Dunn families); Naomi Underwood; the Kline Family; the Brown Family (in memory of L. Christine Brown); Rhonda Miller (from Edgemont Community Coalition); Dorian Choice (in memory of her parents, Lois & Thomas Choice); Robert Odon (in memory of his mother, Ann Craft); Judy Baker; Gwynn Richardson; Ron McDonald; Jacques Glover; Corliss James; and Arvilla Crawford. Additional donations made possible by the generous donations of Emmett Orr; Carolyn Day; Joan Gagan; Karen Johnson (for the family of Gloria Dennis); Susan and Jimmy Smith; and Rhonda Miller who donated two 10-inch poinsettias in memory of Stephen Roberts and Janet Harden. Thank you all for your donations to decorate the church with beautiful poinsettias for the Christmas season from St. Benedict's



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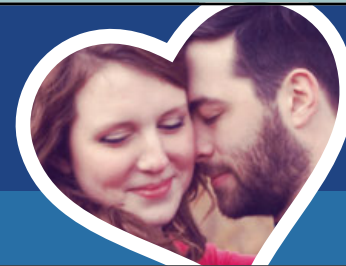
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