

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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January 3, 2016

Mass Schedule:

Mon., Tues. & Fri.—12:00 Noon

Saturday Vigil—4:00 pm

Sunday—9:00 am & 11:00 am

Reconciliation: Fri. 11:30am. Or by appointment.

Office Hours for SJB/HT

Mon.-Thurs. 9:00am-4:30pm

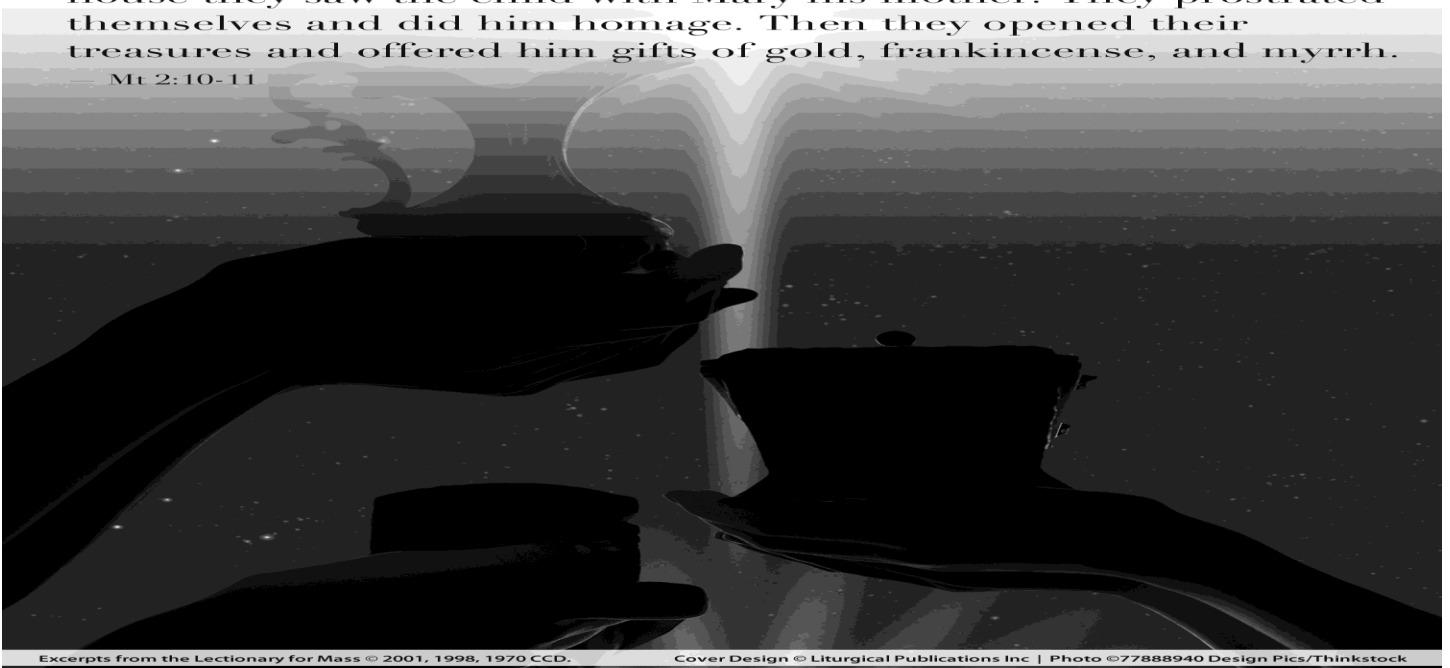
Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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Epiphany of the Lord

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

— Mt 2:10-11



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The Epiphany Of The Lord

"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." These Magi did not know the person they were seeking to honor. They had not met Jesus, but had embarked upon a long and arduous journey in order to come into his presence. Although they were not from among the Jewish people who had received the ancient promises of a Messiah, they were nonetheless anticipating his arrival. And when they found him, "they were overjoyed." Their quest had come to its moment of fulfillment when "they saw the child with Mary his mother."

For those of us who have been raised Christian since our infancy, it's important to reflect on the joy of the Magi. They found Christ as a result of great effort and expense. The very trials of their journey, and the hope that was fulfilled when it was successful, made them appreciate their encounter with Jesus in a profound way as "they prostrated themselves... and offered him gifts." Converts to the faith may have a kind of advantage in comprehending the experience of the Magi. But cradle Catholics may need to exert a bit more effort to share in the wonder. Even when Jesus has always been a part of someone's life, it is still important to stand in awe of him. On the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, we meditate on what it means to "find" Jesus. For some of us, this means remembering a conversion experience, but for others it means imagining what life would be like without him, and then rejoicing in the fact that he is truly with us. No matter how we found the Lord, we too should fall down on our knees in adoration and offer him the precious treasures of our lives: our fervent devotion and our will to serve him.

SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

Temporary Administrator Father Daniel Caruso **Office Assistant** Mary Olmsted

Secretary/Bulletin Nancy Bergeson

Organist Melissa Berthelot

Religious Education Catherine Mackey

Cantor Jonathan Howell

Call the Rectory to arrange for Marriages, arrangements made six months prior to date. Contact our organist and cantor directly. Baptisms and hospital/home visits.

Saturday, Jan. 9th and Sunday, Jan. 10th

LECTORS:

4:00PM ~ Annette Marchbanks

9:00AM ~ David Viggiano

11:00AM ~ Marissa and Claire Hayden



ALTAR SERVERS:

4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

9:00AM ~ Nicholas & Matthew Lorenzo
and Noah & Lucas Smith

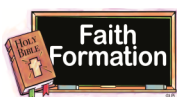
11:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Mary Elizabeth Cusano

EUCCHARIST:

4:00PM ~ R. Bartorillo, T. Bartorillo, G. Larkin, J. LaVergne, M.E. Cusano, P. Serio, L. Weir

9:00AM ~ K. Fekete, P. Walters, R. Elderbroom, J. Barra-
co, Michele Dykeman, Michael Dykeman, E. Warren

11:00AM ~ L. Sanzone, F. Sanzone R. Flores, M. Flores



Faith Formation News

Classes are resuming this week. Reminder that First Reconciliation will be January 24 at 10:00AM. A parent meeting with Father Dan will be upcoming. Date and time TBA. The next Confirmation class will be January 16 from 3:00-5:00PM.

Sharing The Gospel

Isn't God amazing? He made all the stars and planets to move, so every night the sky looks a little different. When God created the world, he planned exactly when the wise men would see the star. He wanted them to find Jesus.



Prayer

Dear God, thank you for making the planets and stars so the wise men could find Jesus.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of stars and planets shining in the night sky.

Mission for the Week

Visit a planetarium to learn more about the star of Bethlehem.



Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord, at the beginning of this New Year, I remember that you are a God of beginnings and endings. You created the world, with all its eternal patterns. Winter begins in frost, and ends in Spring's thaw. Spring begins in new, green life, ending in Summer's heat. Summer begins in sunshine, and ends in Autumn's breezes. And Autumn's color leads to the white of Winter again. As another year ends and begins in our lives, help us to remember that you have made a world of cycles. When fortune turns to trials, or hardship turns to joy, help me take delight in the life I've received from you. Remind me that I will one day pass from this world and enter a new life like those who've gone before me. Amen.

HOPE Appeal 2015 has ended. Please do not send further donations. Thank You.



Thank You

Thank you to all who brought gifts for the **Giving Tree**. There was an amazing amount of gifts donated that we gave to Catholic Charities. And, they were so grateful for the two car loads of gifts. They will be given to over 300 well deserving children who otherwise would not have had any gifts under their tree.

Thank you to our **Church Volunteer Decorators** for their time this Christmas. Our maintenance staff, tree light stringers and the flower crew. Without all the helpful hands our SJB/HT parish would not be a beautiful Church this Christmas.

Thank You to the **Altar Rosary** for purchasing the new outfits for Baby Jesus statue. Baby Jesus has already been in the purple dress for Advent and now is in the White for Christmas. There is also Green for Ordinary Time and Red for Palm Sunday and Pentecost. Also a heartfelt Thank You to Missy Batuk who stitched a white insert for the crown to match the new outfits.

Besides The Wise Men, What Is Significant About The Epiphany?



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?



**A Family Perspective
Family Life Education**

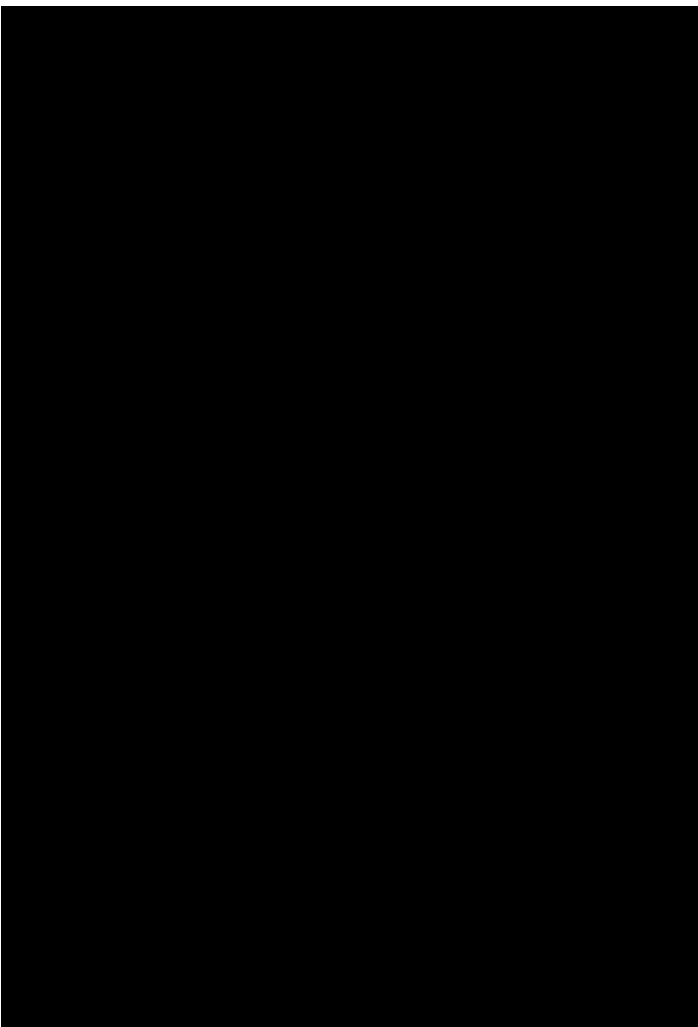
After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way." What in your family needs to be done "another way?" Do you need "another way" to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from some wise men, there's always "another way."

Reminder: As of January 17, 2016 we will no longer have the 11:00AM Mass at SJB/HT.



Rectory Closed

The Rectory will be closed on Monday, January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. There is **NO NOON MASS** as well.



- Sun. Jan. 3** Group 3 Money Counters
- Sun. Jan. 10** Group 4 Money Counters
- Sun. Jan. 17** Group 1 Money Counters
- Sun. Jan. 24** Group 2 Money Counters
- Sun. Jan. 31** Group 3 Money Counters

- Mon. Jan. 4** Parish Council Meeting Rectory 7:00PM
- Thurs. Jan. 14** Parish Life Committee Meeting 7:00PM
SJB/HT Parish Center
- Mon. Jan. 18** Office Closed - No Noon Mass
- Thurs. Jan. 21** TNT Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7:00PM
SJB/HT Parish Center
- Wed. Jan. 27** Catholic Golden Agers Meeting 7:00PM
SJB/HT Parish Center

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Christmas Envelope collection \$4,210.00
Loose Collection \$1,183.94

Sunday Collection Dec. 26th & 27th

Regular Envelope collection \$3,033.02
Loose collection \$498.00
Poor collection \$116.00



World Marriage Day Celebration

The 30th Annual World Marriage Day will be celebrated on February 7, 2016 at 2:30PM at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, downtown. The Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham will celebrate the Mass and witness the renewal of marriage vows of all couples in attendance. He will specially honor those couples celebrating their 25th (silver anniversary), 50th (golden anniversary), and those celebrating an anniversary beyond their 50th year. Contact SJB/HT rectory to register and for more information by the end of December.

Prayer Of Mercy

Extraordinary Jubilee Of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the visible face of the invisible Father, who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, that we may encounter and extend the mercy of Jesus who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

adapted from Pope Francis' prayer for Jubilee of Mercy



Serving Our Country Always keep in prayer all servicemen and women. From our parish: **Ben Saucier, Rob Smith and Bryan M. Oakes.**



Remember: Christopher Aldrich, Judy Banky, Albert Bleskoski, Antonietta Briggs, Lorna Dodge Burton, Rosaria Campolo, Mike Cannavino, Robert Capria, Ken Castle, Paul Collins, Catherine Cushman, Grayce Costantini, Linda Deapo, Frank DeYulio, Peter DiBello, Anthony Direnzo, Joan Dominic, Norma Foody, Beverly Frey, David Galvagno, Gladys Graham, Jeanne Hammond, Alan "Butch" Hierholzer, Mary Isgar, Dory Jones, Shirley Kerr, Jane Kwasigroch, Rosemary Lane, Kay Ledermann, Carolyn Longo, Joanne Loughney, Diane Mackey, Bernice McClelland, Carol McGuire, David Miccinelli, Peggy Miccinelli, Helen Mnich, Darlene Noyes, Shelby Ohstrom, Jean Padden, Nancy Pompo, Patty Schramm, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Timothy K. Suppes, Reita Suppes, Sister Theresa Thayer IHM, Barbara Traino, Richard Ventrone, Shelly Visco, Pat Wall and Eileen Weir.



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