

# St. Joseph Catholic Church *Newsletter*

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## *January Mass Readings*

**January 3**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

*Is 60:1-6*

*Eph 3:2-3, 5-6*

*Matt 2:1-12*

**January 10**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

*Is 42:1-4, 6-7*

*Acts 10:34-38*

*Mark 1:7-11*

**January 17**

**Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*1 Sm 3:3-10, 19*

*1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20*

*John 1:35-42*

**January 24**

**Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*Jon 3:1-5, 10*

*1 Cor 7:29-31*

*Mark 1:14-20*

**January 31**

**Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*Dt 18:15-20*

*1 Cor 7:32-35*

*Mark 1:21-28*

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



*May all kings  
fall down  
before him,  
all nations  
serve him!*

## What is Epiphany?

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated either on January 6 or, according to the decision of the episcopal conference, on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. The young Messiah is revealed as the light of the nations.

Yet, as the antiphon for the *Magnificat* at Second Vespers reminds us, three mysteries are encompassed in this solemnity: the adoration of the Christ Child by the Magi, the Baptism of Christ and the wedding feast at Cana.

Extra candles and/or lamps may be placed around the sanctuary and in other parts of the church to honor Christ revealed as the Light of the Gentiles (*Ceremonial of Bishops*). It is customary to replace the images of the shepherds at the crib with the three Magi and their gifts. 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. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**Financial Report**  
**NOVEMBER 2020**



**Catholic Daughters**  
**of the Americas**  
**Court Our Lady of Victory, #564**

<b>RECEIPTS:</b>	
Collections	22,250.00
Second Collections	1,793.84
Fund Raisers	- 0 -
Cemeteries Funds	1.43
Other Income	706.24
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$24,751.51</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	
Salaries & Benefits	18,516.15
Rectory, Church & Offices	5,229.14
Budgeted Committees	127.00
Contributions/Aid	1,650.00
Scholarships	- 0 -
Second Collections	222.00
Cemeteries Expenses	826.83
Other Expenses	289.24
Diocesan Assessment	2,282.83
Parish Support-Seminarians	401.91
Capital Expenditures	- 0 -
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$29,545.10</b>
<b>EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	<b>(\$4,793.59)</b>

Due to COVID-19 and concerns regarding social distancing, the joint CDA/Altar Society Christmas party scheduled for December 12<sup>th</sup> was cancelled. Members of both organizations did do their charitable projects. CDA members donated money to buy items for shut-ins. Altar Society members donated toys and toiletries for CASA.

The next CDA meeting will be held on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, beginning at noon in Gallagher Hall.

**Pennies for Life**

A large baby bottle will be placed next to the collection basket for the Pennies for Life collection. The collection will be held the weekend of January 16<sup>th</sup>, the same weekend of the March for Life. Please be as generous as possible, monies collected will be donated to Birthright.



**Altar Society News**

We invite you to join us at the next St. Joseph Altar Society meeting on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. The men are cooking chili! Leonard Zell and Tim Boutwell are chairmen.



Our membership is open to all parishioners who are 18 years of age and older. Dues are \$15 each year. Come enjoy some good food and see how St. Joseph Altar Society helps care for our beautiful church.

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Happy New Year! What a crazy year 2020 was, I hope everyone ate their black-eyed peas and greens and made their resolutions.

With a new year, comes a new look for the newsletter. Remember, this is our parish newsletter and our way to connect with each other. If you have news you would like to share, please email me at [stjosephnews14@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephnews14@gmail.com). May the new year bless you with health and happiness!

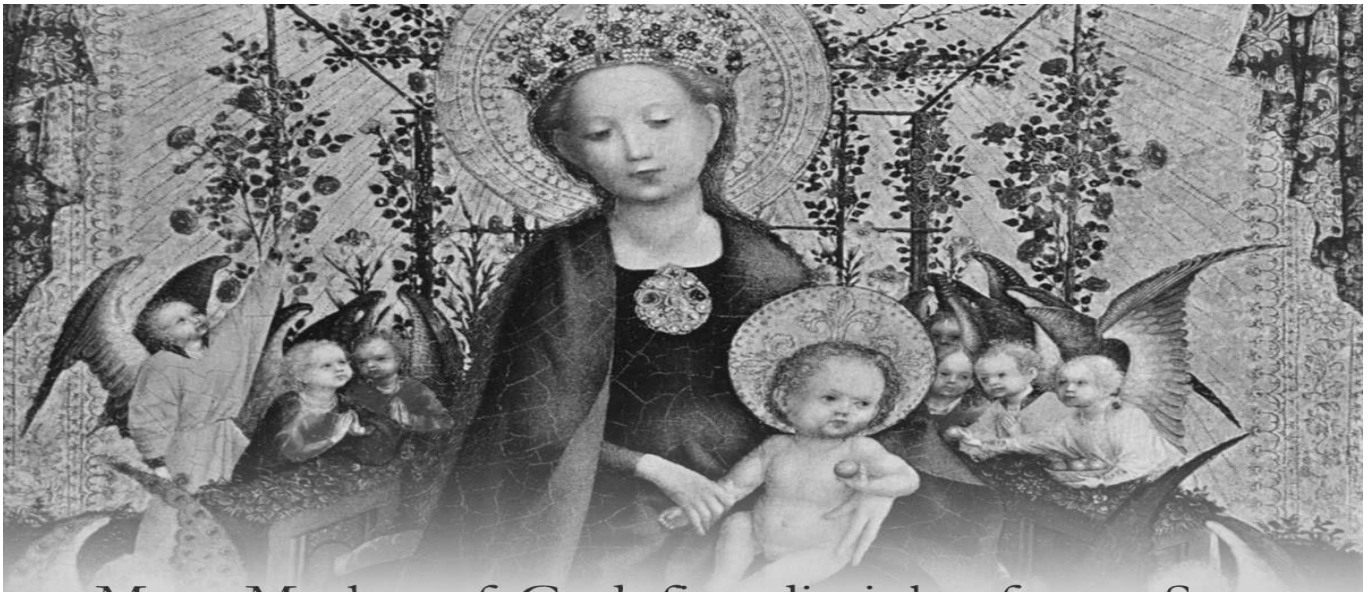
# JANUARY



01	Mildred Warfield	16	Gloria Aureli
03	Betty Bradshaw	16	Jan Patterson
03	Silvia Chavez	16	Dena Via
03	Eric "Buddy" Smith	18	Brooke Braden
04	Jaycie Clay	19	Janie Culpepper
05	Linda Oster	19	Donna Smith
06	David Wilbert	20	Christopher Coody
07	Rhonda Gustek	21	Rowland Barthet
08	Gabriel Chavez	22	Richard Campbell
08	Judee Lybrand	22	George Dickson, Sr.
09	Lauren Zell	22	Lisa Kosmitis
10	Roger Luna	22	Jimmy Via
12	Mary Ives	23	Noel "Bud" Bryant
13	Erin Koenig	26	Mary Daggett
14	Judy Erstine	26	Clinton Jacinto
14	Margaret Mary Reginio	28	Michael Roberts
15	Amor Bruce	30	Melinda Courtney

10	Richard & Kay Burleigh
16	Jason & Amy Dean
20	Charles & Glenda Stahr
21	Noel "Bud" & Gail Bryant
24	Vincent & Jeanette Smith
30	Jimmy & Dena Via





Mary, Mother of God, first disciple of your Son, and spiritual Mother of us all, pray for us that we will say yes to life with the same readiness you did.

Lay us at the feet of Jesus, and inspire us to treasure and ponder your Son with you. Amen.

January 1st: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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