
From the Pastor

The Epiphany of the Lord

The Feast of the Epiphany, or Manifestation of the Lord, has a threefold manifestation: first to the Gentiles at the manger; secondly to the Jews at the baptism in the Jordan; and thirdly to the disciples at the marriage feast in Cana of Galilee. These manifestations are brought out in the liturgy through the Divine Office, particularly Vespers with the beautiful antiphons that mention these elements. Our Lord came to save all and not just a chosen nation. To be saved one must be a part of His Church, the new chosen people. We must thank God for the gift of Faith, since by it "He has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1Pet 2:9).

Presently there are approximately 1.3 billion Catholics in the world with a total population estimated at 7.6 billion. That leaves a lot of people still sitting in darkness and the shadow of death (cf. Is. 9:2). Even if they possess some of the truth, they lack the fullness of truth and the incorporation into the Body of Christ. Therefore we must be zealous in our efforts for the propagation of the Faith. It is through our prayers and sacrifices that we can prepare hearts to enter the Church.

We must have faith like that of the Magi, who travelled a long way to see their Heavenly King and bring gifts. Our faith has to be pure as the gold they offered, not deviating from the Church's teaching. Our faith has to be like the myrrh, whose bitterness reminds us of the sacrifices necessary to win souls. We are going to suffer many things, be it from the world jeering at us or the temptations that we are daily confronted with, in order to bring about conversions. Let us remember in all these difficulties that it is an opportunity to suffer for Christ, Who suffered for us. Charity along with these sufferings will prepare the ground for our constant conversion and also for the conversion of those we meet. This way our Faith is manifested to those around us.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



There will be Vespers after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Announcements

Weekend church hours. The church is open for private prayer on Fridays-Sundays as noted below. Please consider committing to one hour of prayer at least one day a month.

Fridays & Saturdays, 4-7 p.m. Sundays, Noon-5:30 p.m.

Saturday work days, 10-4 p.m. If you can spare time on Saturday to assist on parish projects and grounds maintenance, please come at any time during these hours.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena, 6:40 p.m. every Wednesday

Legion of Mary, 7 p.m. every Thursday in the large meeting room, unless noted differently below

Please pick up your 2018 stewardship envelopes if you have not yet done so. If you registered with the parish and do not see a boxed set of envelopes in your name, please contact C.C. Grant or the parish office.

Epiphany Home Blessings. Blessed chalk and home blessing booklets are on the hall table for families that would like to conduct their own house blessings.

The Mass calendar is re-opened for Mass requests. Forms are on the hall table and the website.

No private 7 p.m. Mass on Mon., Jan. 8, to allow both priests to conduct evening home blessings

No private Masses Wed., Jan. 10-Thurs., Jan. 11. Frs. Van Vliet and Houck will be in Lincoln, leaving Wednesday morning and returning late Friday, Jan. 12. Fr. David Angelino of St. Jerome Catholic Church will celebrate the Thursday 7 p.m. and Friday 6:30 a.m. Masses. Please give him a warm welcome and pray for our priests to have a safe trip.

Overnight adoration before the Blessed Sacrament in preparation for Lent. Begins after Vespers, Sun., Feb. 11 and ends 7 p.m., Mon., Feb. 12. Please sign up for an Holy Hour at the hall table.

Save the Date! Bus trip to Nebraska for the FSSP ordinations to the priesthood and in support of Rev. Mr. Braun, known to many in the parish. Departing Fri., May 25, and returning Sun., May 27 after he celebrates his First Mass. Trip is in planning stages. Additional information will be released when available.

TODAY:

- ~ CCD classes resume
- ~ Little Flowers cookie sale after the morning Masses
- ~ Youth Group meeting in large room after the 10 a.m. Mass in lieu of Jan. 21 meeting
- ~ Sign up for overnight adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, Feb. 11-12. More information above.

Mon., Jan. 8, 7-8:30 p.m., Troops of St. George meeting. Open to boys, ages 6 and older

Sat., Jan. 13:

- ~ Altar Society meeting in the small room after the 7:30 a.m. Mass
- ~ Boys' altar server practice following the 7:30 a.m. Mass
- ~ Little Flowers meeting in the large room, 9-10:30 a.m. Open to girls, ages 5-11

Sun., Jan. 14, Blessed palms may be returned beginning today. Palms will be burned for use on Ash Wednesday.

Wed., Jan. 17, 6:30 p.m., Festival Committee meets in large room. All are invited to join. Committee members will meet throughout the year to plan, develop and implement the All Saints Festival in the fall, which will serve as a fundraiser for the parish.

January 7, 2018 - The Holy Family

Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

January 7 – 13, 2018

Sun., 1/7, The Holy Family

7:30 a.m., RIP Ruth & Arrel Carrier, requested by Cindy Limes

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Maria Truong, by Nhan Truong

Mon., 1/8, Votive Mass of the Holy Trinity

6:30 a.m., Tom Tigner Family, by the Grants

Tues., 1/9, Votive Mass of the Angels

7:00 p.m., Anna Maria, by Nhan Truong

Wed., 1/10, Votive Mass of St. Joseph

6:30 a.m., Anna Maria, by Nhan Truong

Thurs., 1/11, St. Hyginus

7:00 p.m., Joseph Nong, by Nhan Truong

Fri., 1/12, Votive Mass of the Holy Cross

6:30 a.m., Joseph Nong, by Nhan Truong

Sat., 1/13, Commemoration of the Baptism of the Lord

7:30 a.m., Paul Yu, by Nhan Truong



First Friday of each month, there is an additional public Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by First Friday devotion, which includes exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

First Saturday of each month, First Saturday devotion with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament follows the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

Private Mass Schedule

Tues., Sat. 6:30 a.m.

You are welcome to attend private Masses, but they are subject to cancellation if a priest is not available.

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Wed., Jan. 10, or Thurs., Jan. 11

Directory

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Parish Organizations

Men's Schola

Practice Wednesday nights, 7 p.m.
Contact: Mark Holt or Kyle Lartigue
schola@reginacaeliparish.org

Altar Society

Contact: Juana Maria Olvera
altarsoc@reginacaeliparish.org

Youth Group

Contact: Rev. Joshua Houck

Contacts for other groups

Please check the bulletin boards or go to the parish website and click on Groups/Ministries

Sacraments

Please check the parish website for more information.

Infant baptism—contact parish at least one month before due date.

Marriage—contact parish eight months before proposed date.



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Mass and Confession Schedule

Sundays	7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (High), 5:30 p.m.
Mon., Wed., Fri.	6:30 a.m.
Tues., Thurs.	7:00 p.m.
Saturdays	7:30 a.m.
Confession	30 minutes before each Mass; ends 5 minutes before Mass starts