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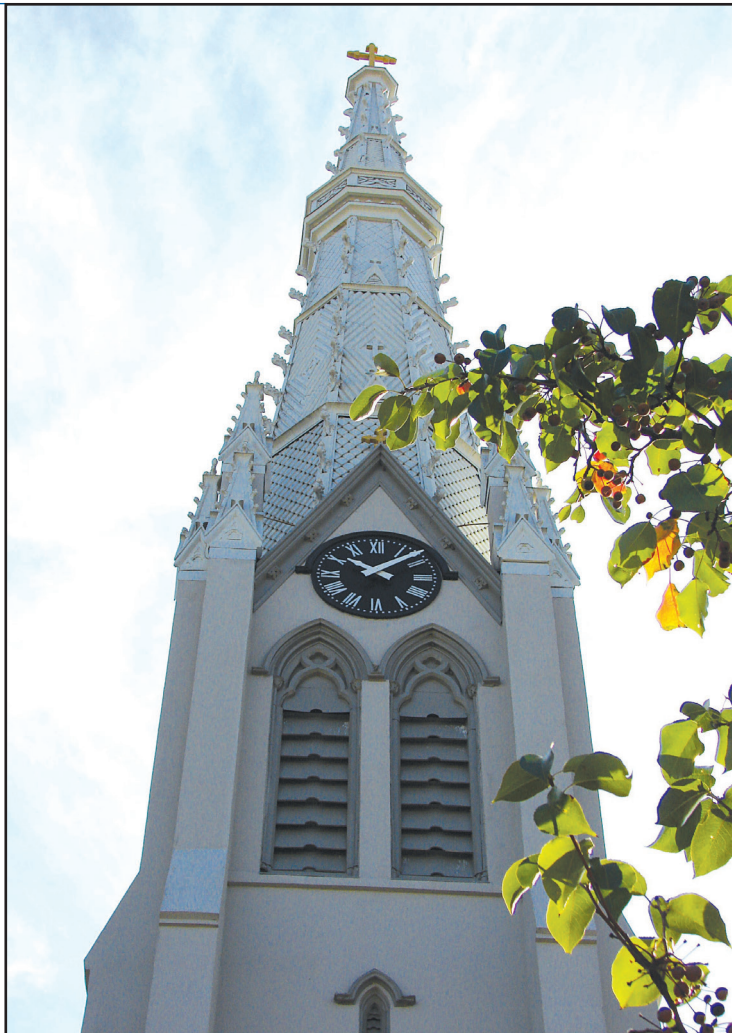
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Mission Statement

The Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception is the only African-American Basilica in the United States and the cornerstone of Catholicism in Tidewater. Our mission is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people, regardless of race, language or culture. Nourished by the Eucharist, we seek to accomplish this by drawing on our rich African-American heritage of Spirit-filled worship, Christ-centered service, and fellowship that recalls our common Father.

This is our call. This is our mission.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm

Sundays

9:00 am and 12:00 Noon

Tuesday-Friday

12:10 pm

Holy Days

12:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Religious Education

Sundays

September through May

10:45 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays

4:15 pm or by appointment

Marriage

Contact priest 6 months prior to proposed wedding date.

Ministry to Sick

and Homebound

Please contact Church Office to arrange for communion, anointing of the sick or when someone is ill, in the hospital, or in need in any way.

Baptism

Parents who present children to be baptized are expected to be registered members of the parish for 6 months. Parents must attend a baptismal preparation session prior to baptism 3rd Saturday of the month. Please contact the Church Office.

Interested in the

Catholic Faith?

The RCIA process is for you. Please contact the Church Office.

The Ministry of Consolation

meets on the last Saturday of each month in St. Joseph's Chapel at 3:00 pm. If this is your time of grief and pain because of the loss of a loved one, this ministry encourages you to join us at a meeting where you will meet others who have suffered a loss.





WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, January 3

The Epiphany of The Lord

Is 60:1-6

Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

Monday, January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,

Religious

1 Jn 3:22-4:6

Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a

Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 5

St. John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 4:7-10

Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8

Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 6

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:11-18

Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13

Mk 6:45-52

Thursday, January 7

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:19-5:4

Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17

Lk 4:14-22a

Friday, January 8

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5-13

Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

Lk 5:12-16

Saturday, January 9

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14-21

Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b

Jn 3:22-30

Access Daily Readings from
the New American Bible, Revised Edition
(NABRE) online at <https://bible.usccb.org>

LESSONS FROM THE EPIPHANY

Reflection on Matthew 2:1-12

In their search for the “newborn King of the Jews,” the “magi from the east” in Matthew’s story are expert stargazers. Reading the signs in the heavens, written by God, these Gentiles embark on an uncertain journey to encounter the surprise to which God is leading them. Surprise, indeed! A King, who is a simple baby, not living in a palace, but residing in a humble dwelling.

There are so many lessons, insights, spiritual truths and treasures presented in the Epiphany story! By what light is Jesus revealed to you? Where has your journey taken you? What treasures do you place in the service of Christ? Do you recognize Christ in His humble dwelling place, especially in the poor and vulnerable?

Epiphany also reveals the universal nature of God’s plan. Isaiah envisions all the nations streaming to Jerusalem, God’s holy city. Paul affirms that the revelation of God’s grace in Christ is meant for the Gentiles, who are “coheirs” and “copartners” with the Jews in Christ’s promise. The Psalmist echoes this theme: “Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.” More treasure to contemplate: How do you affirm and further the inclusivity of God’s plan?

~ Fr. Jay



SAINT GENEVIEVE

Feast Day: January 3 • Patron Saint of Disasters

Represented in art as a shepherdess because of her protective spirit, Genevieve prophesied dramatic events in Paris, from military invasions to natural disasters, and shielded the city through prayer. It was believed that she could read the consciences of those around her and offer peace to those possessed by the devil. When the Franks attacked the famous French city, Genevieve strove to get food to those in need and arranged for a network of prayers to be said for protection. In 1129, over six hundred years after she died, her relics were transported through Paris, and many believed the event ended an epidemic of disease at the time.

*Shepherdess of Paris and imploring protector,
Please use your petitions to defend against catastrophe.
Shield us from natural and man-made disasters
Through the glory of your words to God.
Keep us safe from all that could harm us
In the scope of Heaven and Hell.
Pray for the safety of the masses in the name of the Lord.
Amen.*

*Philip Lief Group, Inc. (2004). Sainly Advice: A Prayer for Every Problem.
Capodanno, J. (Ed.). Kansas City, MO: Barnes and Noble*



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