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*Our Lady of the Rosary*  
Italian National Parish



*Epiphany Prayer*

Epiphany Prayer God of light, shining in darkness, through a little child, born in Bethlehem, you open to us the treasure of your grace. Help us to search diligently for him, so that we may offer our lives to you with thanksgiving, joy, and praise; through Jesus Christ, the rising star.

*Amen.*

In Matthew's Gospel today we see two extremely different perspectives, two different reasons for searching for Jesus. In some ways, this resembles the polarization of our nation in today's time. What one group sees as good for the nation, those with opposing views think will wreck the country. The Magi were astrologers who saw a vision in the sky and were trying to find a way to follow it and discover the new king of the Jews. Herod heard about this king, and his reaction was dark and negative. He saw the birth of such a king as a threat to his power as the Roman leader of the country and wanted the Magi to pass on to him what they knew about this Christ child. Similarly, on a more personal level, we can either feel threatened or excited by changes that may come, depending on our perspective.

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## Mission Statement of Our Lady of the Rosary

We, the Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, are a pilgrim church. Under the mantle of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we grow as a people of God following Jesus, celebrating the Eucharist, living apostolic service, continuing faith formation and Marian devotions.

We strive to bring the joy of the gospel and imitate Jesus through compassion, mercy and love, especially for the poor and marginalized. We seek to be faithful stewards providing a heart and home for all.

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### Monday to Saturday

7:30 am (live streamed)  
& 12:00 pm

### Sunday

7:30 am\*, 9:00 am,  
10:30 am\* 12:00 pm  
\*(live streamed)

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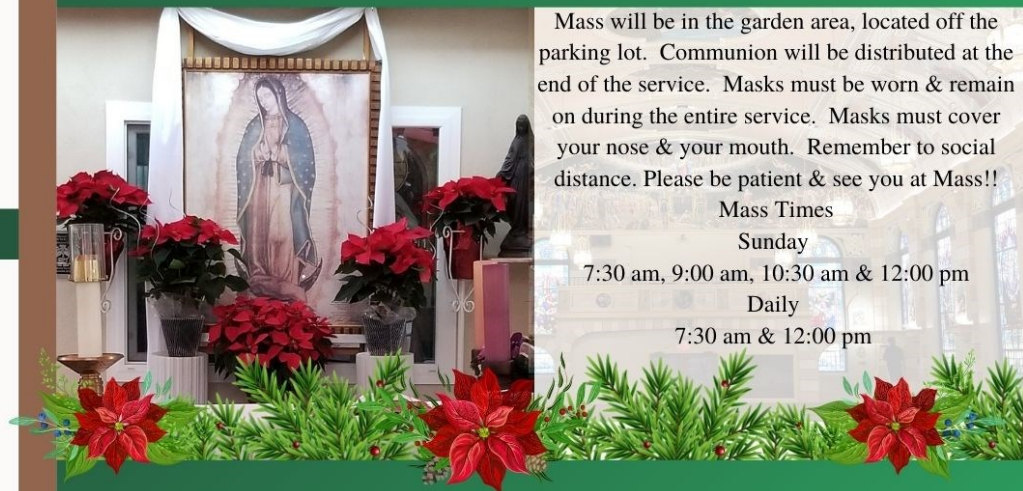
MAGI FROM THE EAST ARRIVED IN JERUSALEM, SAYING,  
"WHERE IS THE NEWBORN KING OF THE JEWS?  
WE SAW HIS STAR AT ITS RISING  
AND HAVE COME TO DO HIM HOMAGE."

MATTHEW 2:1-2



# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3, 2021



Mass will be in the garden area, located off the parking lot. Communion will be distributed at the end of the service. Masks must be worn & remain on during the entire service. Masks must cover your nose & your mouth. Remember to social distance. Please be patient & see you at Mass!!

### Mass Times

#### Sunday

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 pm

#### Daily

7:30 am & 12:00 pm



The magi fell to the ground and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Mt 2:11

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## Mass Intentions

WEEK OF JANUARY 3 - JANUARY 9

### Sunday, January 3

7:30 am Dan & Deborah Angel (Int) Oakley Family  
9:00 am People of the Parish  
10:30 am Sherry Thurston † OLR Choir  
12:00 pm Societa del Santo Rosario Society

### Monday, January 4

7:30 am Arcelia Lorona † Reina Caeli Families  
12:00 pm Travis Teramae Montavon † Amanda Lo Coco

### Tuesday, January 5

7:30 am Paul DiMarco † Andra Yousif  
Maha Jabre (Int) Felicia Phillips  
12:00 pm Kim King †

### Wednesday, January 6

7:30 am Dr. F. Garland † Dr. Cedric Garland  
12:00 pm Roger Detty † Joseph Gioello

### Thursday, January 7

7:30 am Jenny Durante † Pat Sakover  
12:00 pm Florence Sanfilippo † Larry & Susan Zuanich

### Friday, January 8

7:30 am Kim King † Felicia Phillips  
12:00 pm Dr. E. Gorham † Dr. Cedric Garland

### Saturday, January 9

7:30 am Perpetual Membership  
12:00 pm Julius Zolezzi † Rose LiMandri  
5:30 pm Josephine Scarcella † Sal & Maria Zizzo

## SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Jan 3:** The Epiphany of the Lord;

**Jan 4:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

**Jan 5:** St. John Neumann

**Jan 6:** St. André Bessette

**Jan 7:** St. Raymond of  
Penafort; Julian Calendar  
Christmas

## Confession

SCHEDULE UNTIL OTHERWISE NOTED



Wednesday, Friday & Saturday  
11:00 am to 11:30 am



Located in the Parish Parking lot at  
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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK January 3 - January 10

Sunday, January 3: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8,  
10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday, January 4: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps  
2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 5: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4,  
7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 6: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-  
2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday, January 7: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:  
1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday, January 8: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15,  
19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday, January 9: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-  
6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday, January 10: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is  
55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3,  
4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-  
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## The Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2021

All kings shall pay him  
homage, all nations shall  
serve him.

— Psalm 72:11

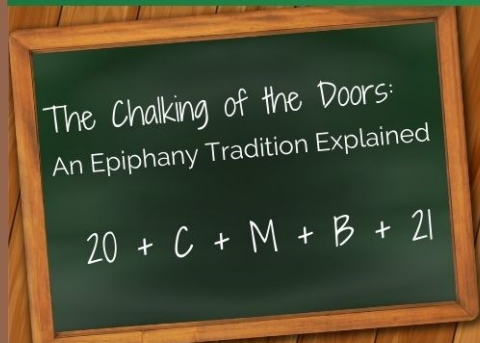


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promise  
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Christ Jesus  
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Gospel.  
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## Christmas at Home



Have you ever noticed a mysterious series of letters and numbers, looking for all the world like an equation, inscribed in chalk over a doorway at your parish, or at the home of a friend. Maybe you thought you could figure it out. Maybe you were too embarrassed to ask, “What the heck is that?”

If you don’t know what the chalk is all about, don’t be ashamed. You’re certainly not alone.

Epiphany (also known as Twelfth Night, Theophany, or Three Kings Day) marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of “chalking the doors.” The formula for the ritual — adapted for 2021 — is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home: 20 + C + M + B + 21.

### The Meaning of the Letters

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: “May Christ bless the house.” The “+” signs represent the cross, and the “20” at the beginning and the “20” at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.

The chalking of the doors is a centuries-old practice throughout the world, though it appears to be somewhat less well-known in the United States. It is, however, an easy tradition to adopt, and a great practice whereby we dedicate our year to God from its very outset, asking His blessing on our homes and on all who live, work, or visit them there.

### When to Chalk your Door

The timing for the chalking of the doors varies somewhat in practice. In some places, it is done on New Year’s Day. More commonly, it is performed on the traditional Feast of the Epiphany — the Twelfth Day of Christmas. Most often the chalking takes place after Epiphany Mass, and can be done at any church, home, or dwelling. Traditionally the blessing is done by either a priest or the father of the family. This blessing can be performed simply by just writing the inscription and offering a short prayer, or more elaborately, including songs, prayers, processions, the burning of incense, and the sprinkling of holy water.

20 + C + M + B + 21

Practicing traditions like the chalking of the doors helps us to live our Faith more concretely and serve as an outward sign of our dedication to Our Lord. Our homes are also the place where many of us will make the greatest strides in our spiritual growth, through observance of daily prayer, spiritual reading, and work offered as an oblation to God.

The chalking of the doors of a home encourages Christians to dedicate their life at home to God and to others. Seeing the symbols over our doors can help to remind us, while passing in and out on our daily routines, that our homes and all those who dwell there belong to Christ. It also serves as a reminder of welcoming the Magi gave to Jesus. We should strive to be as welcoming to all who come to our homes to visit us!

- onepeterfive.com Steve Skojec contributed to this article. Originally published on January 5, 2016.



## The Epiphany of the Lord "Little Drummer Boy"

Did you know that the only reason we say that there were three wise men is that they brought three gifts? The Bible never says their number or their names. The gifts tell us about the givers. And these special gifts--gold, frankincense, and myrrh--tell us much.

When one king visited or sent an ambassador to another, he would give a gift of gold to show that he acknowledged the kingship of the other.

So the first gift of the wise men tells us they recognized Jesus as King. The second gift is a type of incense, which was used in Jesus time to worship God. So this gift shows the wise men paying homage to Jesus' divinity. The gift of myrrh is oil used to anoint the dying. It reminds us of Jesus suffering and death on the cross.

So what gifts do we have for Jesus?



Maybe we can take a hint from the wise men. If we acknowledge Jesus as king, maybe a better gift than gold would be to pledge our obedience to him. Each day we can promise to live our vocation as best we can, to love those around us, and forgive those who hurt us.

A better way than burning incense to pay homage to Jesus' divinity is to take time to pray throughout the day. Some people are able to attend daily Mass, others spend time in adoration before the Eucharist, or even a few minutes of their lunch break to say the rosary.



Myrrh



As for the gift of myrrh, we can give Jesus the crosses we bear each day. When we accept suffering in our lives, especially that caused by our sins, we give ourselves to Jesus as he gave himself for us on the cross.

So what gifts do you have for Jesus?



The song "Little Drummer Boy" reminds us that the best gift is not necessarily the most expensive. Instead, it is the simple gift that only we can give. Let Epiphany remind us to offer our lives to Jesus each day.

### Lyrics to "Little Drummer Boy"

Come they told me  
Pa rum pum pum pum  
A new born king to see  
Pa rum pum pum pum  
Our finest gifts we bring  
Pa rum pum pum pum  
To lay before the king  
Pa rum pum pum pum,  
Rum pum pum pum,  
Rum pum pum pum  
So to honor him  
Pa rum pum pum pum  
When we come  
Pum pum pum pum  
Pa rum pum pum  
Pum pum pum pum  
Little baby

Pa rum pum pum pum  
I am a poor boy too  
Pa rum pum pum pum  
I have no gift to bring  
Pa rum pum pum pum  
That's fit to give our king  
Pa rum pum pum pum,  
Rum pum pum pum,  
Rum pum pum pum  
Shall I play for you  
Pa rum pum pum pum  
Pa rum pum pum  
Pum pum pum pum  
Mary nodded  
Pa rum pum pum pum  
The ox and lamb kept time  
Pa rum pum pum pum

I played my drum for him  
Pa rum pum pum pum  
I played my best for him  
Pa rum pum pum pum,  
Rum pum pum pum,  
Rum pum pum pum  
Then he smiled at me  
Pa rum pum pum pum  
Me and my drum  
Come they told me  
Pa rum pum pum pum  
A new born king to see  
Pa rum pum pum pum  
Me and my drum  
Me and my drum  
Me and my drum  
Rum pum pum pum

Source: LyricFind Songwriters: Harry Simeone / Henry V Onorati / Katherine Kennicott Davis / Lorenzo Definti Little Drummer Boy lyrics © International Korwin Corp

## Epiphany House Blessing

Materials: a piece of chalk and a small container of holy water. Gather with family members, friends, and perhaps some neighbors at the front door.

**Leader:** In the (+) name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We sign this doorway with four crosses and the numerals of the new year. [20 + C + M + B + 21]

Let us pray: May Christ bless this house!

**ALL:** Amen!

Each room of the house is sprinkled with holy water.

### Living room:

Where two or three are gathered in your name,  
Lord, you are present. Bless this room, O Lord.

**ALL:** Amen!

### Kitchen:

Give us this day our daily bread.  
Bless this room, O Lord.

**ALL:** Amen!

### Dining room:

Prepare us for the heavenly banquet.  
Bless this room, O Lord.

**ALL:** Amen!

### Bedrooms:

Stay with us Lord, when night has come.

Bless this room, O Lord.

**ALL:** Amen!

### Bathroom:

Cleanse us from all sin. Bless this room, O Lord.

**ALL:** Amen!

All return to the front door to pray together.

**Leader:** Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father . . .

The leader sprinkles all present with holy water.

Bless this household through all days to come,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

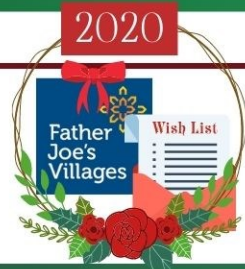
**ALL:** Amen!





### Remember Our Loved Ones Who Went Home This Year

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 Nina Balistreri  
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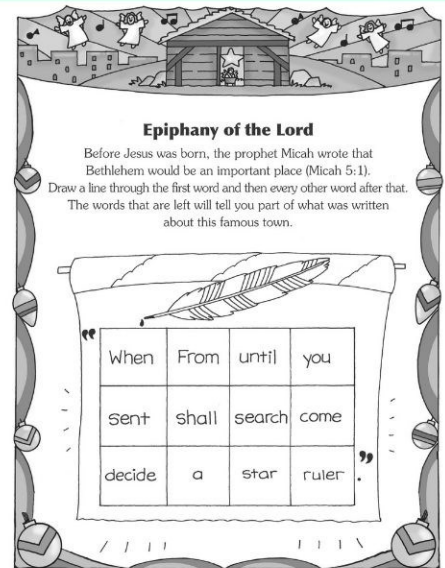
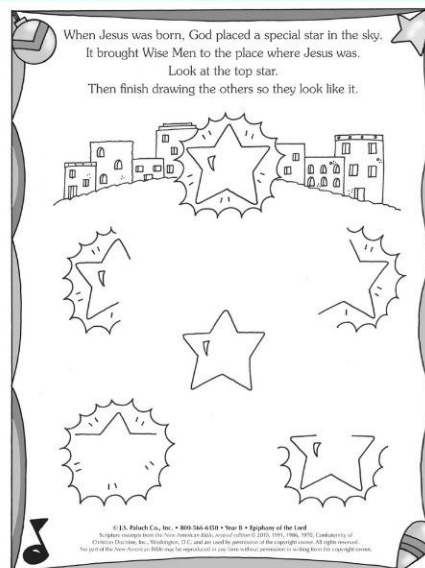


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 The Barelli Family & Fr. Joe



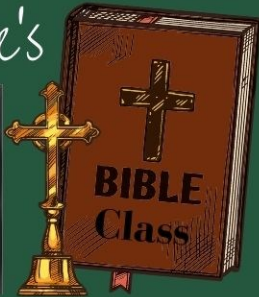
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 the items arriving in  
 the mail.

### God's Word for Children





Fr. Louie's



Wednesdays at 7:00 pm  
on Facebook Live - Louis Solcia

## Prayers for the Sick



Michela Johansson  
Giuseppe Scire-Cireneco  
Patricia Kaszas  
Xavier Tan  
Debbie Thompson  
Margarita Martinez  
Shirley Pearson



saint snippets

Our least action,  
when done for God,  
is precious to him.

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

Mother of five children who established an orphanage;  
the first American-born citizen to be canonized



January 4



### ALL SHALL COME BEARING GIFTS

The prophet Isaiah foresaw that knowledge of the Messiah would spread to foreign lands.

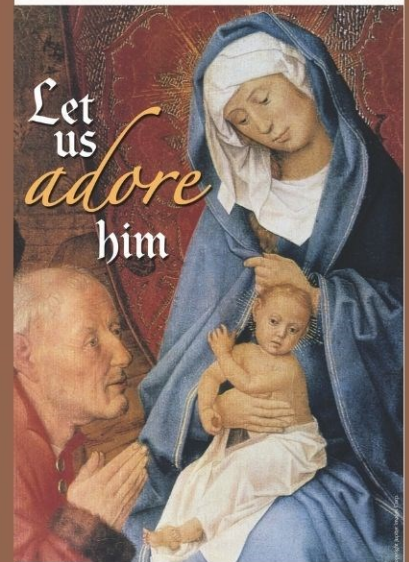
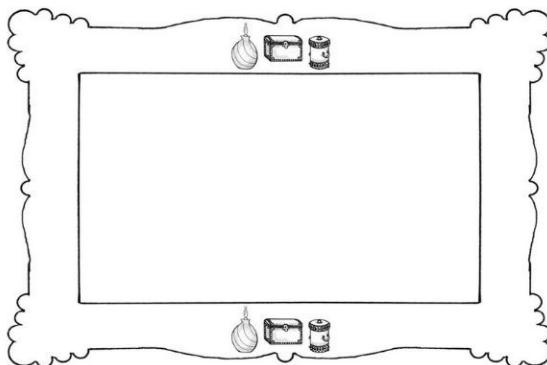
*Caravans of camels shall fill you,  
dromedaries from Midian and Ephah;  
All from Sheba shall come  
bearing gold and frankincense,  
and proclaiming the praises of the LORD. (Isaiah 60:6)*

Many different people heard the news about the Messiah. Some called him a new king. Wise men from the East went searching for him. They stopped in Jerusalem to ask where they could find the newborn king. They brought gifts, just like the ones Isaiah mentioned. Isaiah knew that when the Messiah came he would be for all people. Jesus came to give his life for everyone for all times.

If you had a chance to travel with the wise men, what gift would you bring? Think about the many gifts you have. Your gift might not be something you can carry or see. It might be something inside you that you can share with Jesus and with others, like your sense of humor. Draw a picture of your gift. Remember, you do share your gift with Jesus each time you share it with another person. Add the picture to your booklet.

The Christmas season ends today.

Keep your booklet with your Christmas decorations so you can look at it again next Advent.



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