

# PARISH CALENDAR

Solemnity of the  
Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 2017

See His star and do Him homage!

Saturday, January 7	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, January 8	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... <b>10:45 a. m.</b>	<b>Religious Education Classes (Gr. 1-8)</b>
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
	..... <b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Remove Christmas Decor</b>
Monday, January 9	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, January 10	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... <b>7:00 p. m.</b>	<b>LEADERSHIP MEETING - CHURCH</b>
Wednesday, January 11	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, January 12	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, January 13	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, January 14	..... 4:00-4:45 pm	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Isaiah:49:3, 5-6: The servant will bring salvation.**

**1 Corinthians: 1:1-3: All who call upon the name of Jesus are called to be holy.**

**John:1:29-34: John proclaims Jesus as the Son of God and the Lamb of God.**

### **Living Catholic in the 808! In Need of Epiphany**

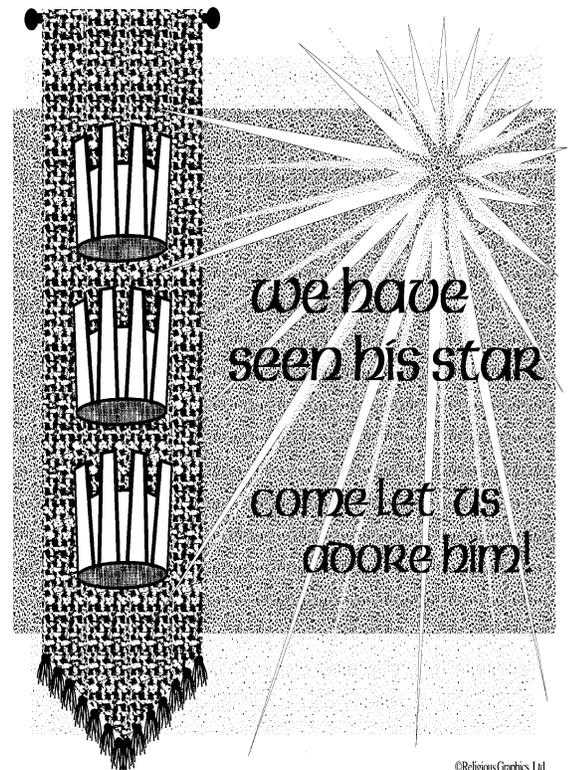
*I was working on my laptop at a neighborhood McDonalds. I seated myself along a row of tables beside a homeless man. I was so proud of myself, smug even – smiling and offering him warm eyes, even a helping hand when he got up to leave and dropped his belongings.*

*Later, in my car, I couldn't find my cell phone. It wasn't in my usual purse pocket. As I began to search more frantically, I quickly decided the homeless man had stolen it when I got up to refill my soda. How wrong I was! (It was in my computer bag where I put it, of course.)*

*Now, I've walked with God my entire life. I know him and love him. But, without a second thought, I blamed the least of my brothers for my own carelessness.*

*The truth is I still need the Epiphany in my life, for God to make himself known. The Epiphany is not simply a long ago event. It's today. Jesus breaks into my life and reveals himself to me every single day. Yet I still need Jesus to break into my little world so I will change, truly change – to become the person who doesn't automatically jump to bad conclusions about others – or even myself.*

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kings by your shining radiance*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING:** There will be a Leadership Team meeting this Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p. m., in the church. All are invited to hear updates on our building project and ministries.

**POVERTY AWARENESS:** *In the spirit of the three wise men, how do you offer your gifts to help bring forth God's kingdom on earth? Green Street Park and Drop by Drop are children's books about young people using their gifts to help others.*

**“MAKING ALL THINGS NEW” “ STEWARDSHIP AND NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS:** *Stewardship of Health:* Resolve to get those medical and dental checkup. Adopt healthier eating habits. Add exercise and other physical activity to your daily routine. *Stewardship of Possessions:* Resolve to possess a little more “lightly” this year. Consider ways you can reduce the amount of all the stuff you own. Distinguish between those items that are necessary and those that are considered luxurious and unnecessary. (*International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin*)

**PRO-LIFE:** Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces fo God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live for ever, and deserving fo the utmost reverence and respect. (Pope Francis)

**WORD OF LIFE:** “To be actively pro-life is to contribute to the renewal of society through the promotion of the common good. It is impossible to further the common good without acknowledging and defending the right to life, upon which all the other inalienable rights of individuals are founded and from which they develop.” –“Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 101 © 1995 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission.([www.goo.gl/jsTM18](http://www.goo.gl/jsTM18))

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Jan 8 Sun: Epiphany of the Lord**

Is:60:1-6; Ps 5; Eph:3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-2

**Jan 9 Mon: Baptism of the Lord**

Is: 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps: 29: 1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

**Jan 10 Tue: Ordinary Weekday**

Heb:2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:21-28

**Jan 11 Wed: Ordinary Weekday**

Heb:2:14-18; Ps: 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mk:1:29-39

**Jan 12 Thur: Ordinary Weekday**

Heb:3:7-14; Ps: 95: 6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mk 1:40-45

**Jan 13 Fri: Ordinary Weekday**

Heb:4:1-5, 11; Ps:78: 3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mk 2:1-12

**Jan 14 Sat: Ordinary Weekday**

Heb:4:13-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

## NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

*In today's second reading we hear the teachings of Saint Paul to the members of the Church at Ephesus. He proclaims that he, and they, are stewards of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and therefore stewards of God's loving, unifying and inclusive grace. He also proclaims that the Holy Spirit is a work within each of them, if only they would be open to the Spirit. Today, our world races by with intolerance, violence, desperate poverty, fear and division. At the beginning of this New Year, perhaps it is appropriate to reflect on Saint Paul's words and ask ourselves how we can be good stewards of the Gospel today. How will we allow the Holy Spirit to work within us? How can we be better stewards fo Christ's justice and peace? (*International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin*)*

### A DAWNING EPIPHANY

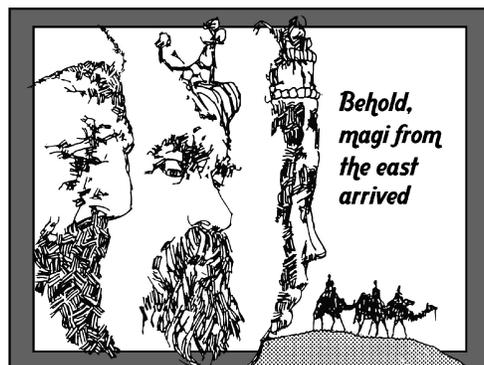
*“It suddenly dawned on me!” We have all had experiences when, on hearing a joke, we laugh along with everyone else at the punch line, only at some later moment to actually “get” the joke. We feign understanding so that no one will think less of us. Having something suddenly dawn on us is very much like what we celebrate today. The Church's yearly celebration of Epiphany is a reminder and an elaboration of what we celebrated at the feast of Christmas—just in case we didn't get it the first time. Today's “punch line” is contained in the second reading, where Saint Paul writes, “It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel” (Ephesians 3:5-6).*

### CULTIVATING EXPECTATION

*Some non-Catholics complain that our religious expression is dull and boring. They might ask, “How can you say the same prayers week after week—doesn't it just put you to sleep?” Our three-year cycle of readings, our codified prayers, and our liturgical calendar continue to repeat over and over again throughout our Catholic journey of faith. Today's feast reminds us that all along the way, epiphanies can pop up out of nowhere. A prayer or reading that washed over us last week or last year suddenly has a tremendous impact and reveals God's presence in our lives. This happens because it is we who are different each time we come to Mass. We should cultivate an attitude of expectation, just as the three magi did. They followed the star expecting to find the Savior of the world. Let us be ready to welcome the Savior today and each day of our lives.*



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