



# Blessed Trinity

Weekend Magazine

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January 2, 2022 ▪ The Epiphany of the Lord

## The Epiphany invitation: What gifts can we offer Jesus?



*As the Christian church worldwide celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany, what can we resolve to offer Christ?*

The three kings are laden with gifts that are not merely precious and expensive. With their offerings, they are recognizing the dignity of the newborn Child: He is King, He is God, He is man. But what gifts can we offer Him on Epiphany, traditionally celebrated on January 6 in many parts of the world?

### **Gold, frankincense and myrrh**

To the king belongs **gold, a symbol of wealth and splendor**. The holy of holies in the Temple of Jerusalem was covered with gold, a way of worshiping God, King of the world:



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### **MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **Weekday Masses**

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

#### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM  
Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Follow the Sunday Mass on our  
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Confessions can be arranged with  
Fr. Wayne. Call his private  
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“Solomon overlaid the inside of the house with pure gold. And he drew chains of gold across the front of the inner sanctuary, and he overlaid it with gold. He overlaid the whole house with gold, until all the house was finished. Also the whole altar which was by the inner sanctuary he overlaid with gold” (1 Kings 6:21-22)

**Incense is a symbol of prayer** that goes up to God comes back to him:

“May my prayer rise up to you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice” (PS 141:2)

And elsewhere:

“Then another angel with a gold incense burner came and stood at the altar. And a great amount of incense was given to him to mix with the prayers of God’s people as an offering on the gold altar before the throne” (Rev 8:3)

**Myrrh is both the fragrance of anointing —**

“Your God has anointed you, pouring out the oil of joy on you more than on anyone else. Myrrh, aloe, and cassia perfume your robes. In ivory palaces the music of harps entertains you.” (PS 45:8-9)

**— and the announcement of the suffering of the Lord,** true man among us. It is written in the Song of Solomon (1:13):

“My beloved is like a fragrant pouch of myrrh spending the night between my breasts.”

Regarding this verse, St. Bernard said:

“Ever since my conversion, I have taken care to hold this bouquet of all the Lord’s sufferings close to my heart. Among all the branches of the fragrant myrrh, I have been careful not to omit either the myrrh that he was watered with on the cross or the myrrh that was used to anoint his body before burial. The whole of Jesus’ life is perfumed with myrrh, from that of the Magi to that of Nicodemus, who “came with a mixture of myrrh and aloes.” (Jn 19:39)

**We, too, on this day can bow down and worship Jesus by offering Him gold (almsgiving with our material goods); incense (a renewal of our prayer life); and myrrh (our faith in His humanity that saved us).**

*Claire Patier*

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THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

January 2, 2022

## The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6 | Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Mt 2:1-12

**GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

My husband is a bird watcher by day and a stargazer by night. I confess it drives me a little bonkers on our evening dog walks. I tend to want to keep moving; between him and our dog (who seems to want to sniff every mailbox), it's the pedestrian equivalent of stop-and-go traffic. Hearing about the journey of the Magi, however, reminds me to pause and look, too. Just as they saw the star rising and followed it to Jesus, we, too, can seek God in our surroundings, our relationships, and the beauty of creation – the next step is to follow where God leads us. As Pope Benedict XVI wrote, the Magi represent “the journeying of humanity toward Christ.” (*Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives*) We may falter from the path from time to time, but Isaiah's prophesy reminds us of our destination: “You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow.”

**GO EVANGELIZE**

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The Epiphany is early this year, falling right on the heels of New Year's Day. If we haven't made our New Year's resolutions yet, now is a good time to do so. In addition to typical resolutions such as reducing clutter or getting fit, we can set some spiritual goals as well. The definition of epiphany (lower case) is “a moment in which you suddenly see or understand something in a new or very clear way.” As we reflect on today's readings, let us ask the Holy Spirit to provide us an epiphany – into how we can grow closer to Jesus during this year ahead. Just as their encounter with the infant Jesus caused the Magi to be transformed from outsiders to faithful believers, and to take a different route home, our encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist is meant to transform all of us, and set us on a new path to light and life.

**RESOLVE** New Year's resolutions are great! Why not add a couple of spiritual resolutions to the list – perhaps to pray the rosary more often, spend time in eucharistic adoration, or go on that retreat you have been meaning to attend. Ask the Holy Spirit for inspiration and see where it leads.





## Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

### Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Geneux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

### Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Geneux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

### Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4  
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### Website Mass

The church is open for our regular schedule of Masses. Recognizing that many will still be unable to attend Mass we will continue to record the Mass and upload it to the website. To view the Mass go to our website: [btsp.org](http://btsp.org) and click on the red words to start the video. The recorded Mass is from the Saturday vigil.

We are very grateful to Brent Beauchamp who has been volunteering his services to record the Mass each week. Thank you Brent for your continued support!

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 1,** Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

The Mother of God

4:00 p.m.

Jim Lawler and Pat Sullivan (Dec)

**Sunday, January 2,** The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 a.m.

Oscar Jose Klein (Dec)

9:30 a.m.

For Our Parishioners

11:30 a.m.

Gerald Hayman (Dec)

**Monday, January 3,** Monday after Epiphany

8:00 a.m.

Joe Feehan (Dec)

**Tuesday, January 4,** Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00 a.m.

Pauline Horan (Dec)

**Wednesday, January 5,** Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop

8:00 a.m.

For Vocations

**Thursday, January 6,** Thursday after Epiphany

8:00 a.m.

Trudy Murray (Dec)

**Friday, January 7,** Friday after Epiphany

8:00 a.m.

Agnes Flisakowski (Dec)

**Saturday, January 8,** Saturday after Epiphany

8:00 a.m.

Byron Mays (Dec)

4:00 p.m.

Terry Ray (Dec)

**Sunday, January 9,** Baptism of the Lord

8:00 a.m.

Trudy Murray (Dec)

9:30 a.m.

For Our Parishioners

11:30 a.m.

Maria Carmen Zille (Dec)

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## Scripture Class

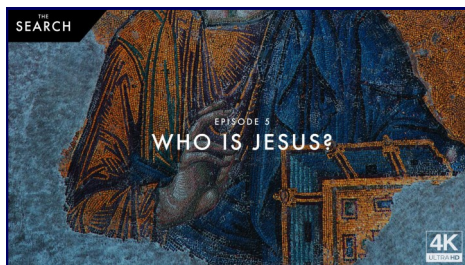
Blessed Trinity Scripture Classes will resume January 11, 2022 with a new series "Our Catholic Life", Tuesday mornings 9:30am to 11:00am in the Faith Formation Room.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Barbara Townsend at 727-867-3605.

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 or drop in the offertory basket.*

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

## Weekly Giving

### Online Giving December 13-19

Offertory	\$ 1,230
Building Fund	\$ 20
Employee Appreciation	\$ 150
APA	\$ 25
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 50

### December 19, 2021

Offertory	\$ 8,845
Building Fund	\$ 100
Employee Appreciation	\$ 130
Immaculate Conception	\$ 45
Christmas Flowers	\$ 135
Gift Shop	\$ 91
Retirement for Religious	\$ 210
Christmas	\$ 40
Funeral	\$ 730
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 573

**Thank you for  
 your generosity!**



## Calling All Musicians and Singers

Adult Choir ▪ Wed. 6:30pm ▪ Bell  
 Choir ▪ Thurs 5:30pm

Contemporary Choir ▪ Fri. 3:00pm  
 There is still time to join! See Vincent at the organ after Mass, or simply show up to the ensemble of your choice.

Questions? Contact Vincent, (727) 867-3663, ext. 309, or by email, [vjs@btspp.org](mailto:vjs@btspp.org). We look forward to seeing you!

## Called to Communion



The Catholic Church is journeying together to grow in communion, participation and mission as we look towards the future. This process, called for by Pope Francis, is known as the Synod on Synodality. Synodality enables the entire People of God to walk forward together, listening to the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, to participate in the mission of the Church in the communion that Christ establishes between us. To learn more visit [www.JourneyingTogether.org](http://www.JourneyingTogether.org).



### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton | January 4

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821, was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

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## Prayer for the Synod

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right..

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.

## Catholic Days at the Capitol, Feb. 1-2, 2022

*Make the trip. Make a difference.*

Join Catholics from around Florida as they gather in Tallahassee for Catholic Days at the Capitol. This annual advocacy event will be held on February 1-2, 2022. The event includes a briefing on key legislative proposals, a breakfast with the Bishops of Florida, legislative visits with the offices of state Senators and Representatives and the Red Mass of the Holy Spirit.

This is a great way to bring your voice and your values to the political process.

Learn more and register at [dosp.org/life/catholic-days-at-the-capitol/](http://dosp.org/life/catholic-days-at-the-capitol/)



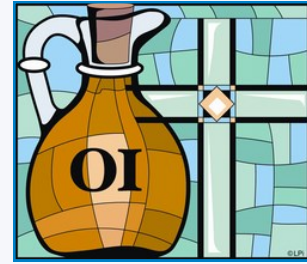
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## **Anointing of the Sick**

To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

If you or a close family member would like to be added or removed from our prayer list, please contact the parish office at 727-867-3663.