



Blessed Trinity

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WEEKEND MAGAZINE

The Epiphany of the Lord

Let the Magi's arrival sink into your heart
with this meditation



Phillip Kosloski

Sometimes we need to stop and use our imagination to gain a fresh understanding of the Epiphany.

Frequently we hear of the Magi and their long journey to Judea to seek the King who was born. Unfortunately, often we can swiftly pass by their story because of our familiarity with it. We dismiss it and move on with our lives.

Yet, it is one of the most important parts of the Christmas story and contains a great many spiritual truths embedded in it. One way we can tap into this spiritual treasure is to pause for a few mo-

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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
website, btsp.org.

Confessions can be arranged with
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A New Year Full of Hope and Anticipation

COVID-19 prevented us from planning for our future. However, in 2021 we will make every effort to bring our hopes and dreams to fruition. All of us have an opportunity to be lights in the darkness to a restless searching humanity groaning in the hope of redemption. In this New Year, we have the opportunity to renew our parish and become Dynamic Catholics, Reinvigorating our Faith, and Courageously Living the Gospel. This was the hope of the Jubilee Year of Faith that we began last year. Certainly not everything we hope to achieve now in 2021 will bear fruit in 365 days. But there are already some very promising signs that I hope to share with you by the end of January. However, I implore you to make every effort to at least begin the process for a new beginning. In the days ahead we will be making our renewal a priority once again in 2021. We will bring together the Trinity Group to begin the planning to be completed by the Solemnity of Pentecost. Despite the challenges of the COVID-Pandemic we have learned a lot, and we will be a better Church because of the experience. What we can achieve as a parish community is limitless regardless of our ages. We have the potential of the human spirit to redirect our energies toward making Blessed Trinity a light of hope to all our parishioners, and our wider community.

As we cross the threshold of the New Year, I bring to each of you, my cordial best wishes for a Happy New Year in the light which shines out from Bethlehem to our parish and wider community.

I wish you a year that will bring you closer to God, and filled with peace. I wish you a year filled with serenity and

happiness: May you always be certain of God's love for us. As he did over 2000 years ago, Christ comes today with his saving Gospel to guide the uncertain and faltering steps of peoples and nations, leading them towards a future of true hope.

I ask him to bless this moment of festivity and good wishes, that it may be the promise that brings us new opportunities and a bright future for Blessed Trinity that will fill us with joy and peace. Let us enter the year 2021 with our eyes fixed on the saving mystery of the Incarnation.

I entrust this year of Faith to Mary Mother of God that we celebrate on her Solemnity on New Year's Day. Through her intercession I pray that we will realize a New Year filled with many possibilities.

Christ, yesterday, today and forever. To him belong time and the ages. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever, Amen.

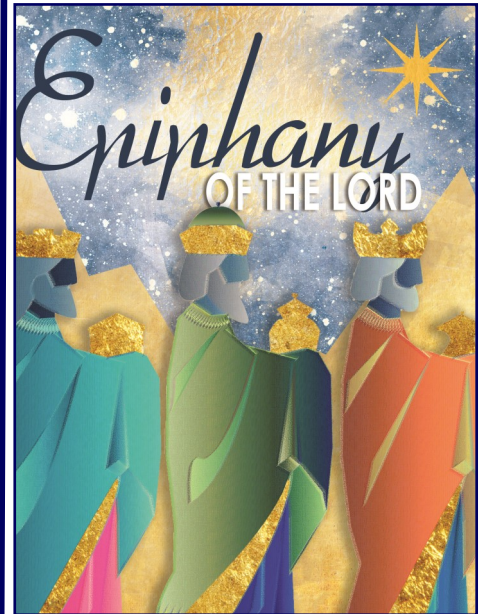
Fr. Wayne C. Genereux, Pastor



Office of Communications

New Video: Year in Review

The Diocese of Petersburg invites you to take a look back at this unforgettable year and to thank God for the grace to stand firm in the faith, courageous and strong. We've produced a video with some of the most compelling photos of 2020. To view the video, go to www.youtube.com/diocesepet. To view the top news stories of 2020, visit www.dosp.org/news.



Stewardship Prayer

O Divine Giver of all gifts, grant us the daily graces we need to follow closely in the footsteps of Jesus in the way we live out our lives and make use of our gifts.

Daily, may we renew with You our small part of the world by allowing Your will to be accomplished in and through us.

Help us to trust in Your love for us and to grow in our fidelity and relationship with You.

We thank You for the trust You place in us as stewards of our personal gifts. May the Holy Spirit guide us in placing our time, talent and treasure at the service of each other so that together we may faithfully witness the Christian message and thus become Your holy people.

Amen

Are You Looking 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 Gene-reux, 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 Genereux, 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 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 2, Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

4:00 p.m. Francesco Sclafani (Dec)

Sunday, January 3, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Marika Thalia Elliott (Dec)

9:30 a.m. For Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Sal Garofalo (Dec)

Monday, January 4, Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:00 a.m. Anne Watson (Liv)

Tuesday, January 5, Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop

8:00 a.m. Verna Morin (Dec)

Wednesday, January 6, Saint André Bessette, Religious

8:00 a.m. For Vocations

Thursday, January 7, Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

8:00 a.m. Lionel Roberts (Liv)

Friday, January 8

8:00 a.m. Byron Mays (Dec)

Saturday, January 9

8:00 a.m. Lionel Roberts (Liv)

4:00 p.m. Jim Lawler (Dec)

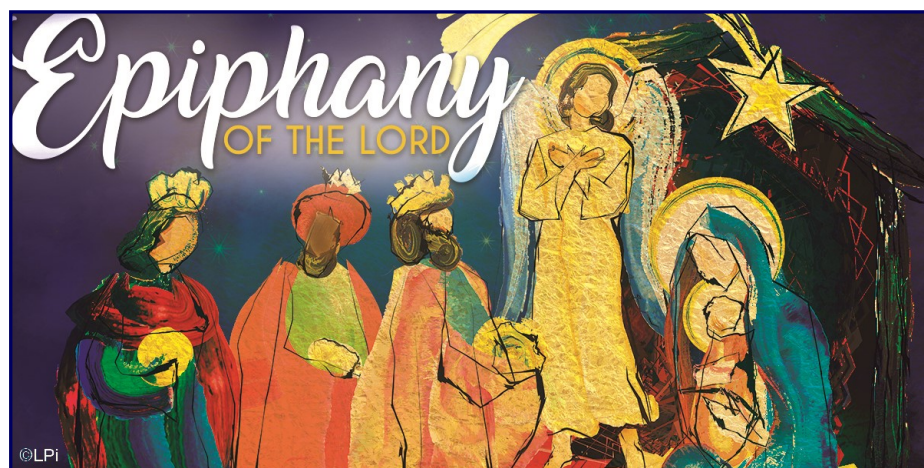
and Patricia Sullivan (Dec)

Sunday, January 10, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Doug Watson (Dec)

9:30 a.m. For Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Floyd Passardi (Dec)





Christmas Flowers

Thank you to those listed below for their donations for Christmas Flowers. We were unable to include these names in the Christmas bulletin due to printing deadlines.

Mrs. Mary Cesarano

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kroha

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cadigan

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Weekly Giving

Online Giving December 14—27

Offertory	\$ 5,525
Christmas	\$ 695
Building Fund	\$ 40
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 375

December 20, 2020

Offertory/Donations	\$ 6,196
Special Donations	\$103,000
Christmas	\$ 4,505
Christmas Flowers	\$ 220
Holy Day	\$ 125
Retirement for Religious	\$ 80
Thanksgiving	\$ 100
Employee Appreciation	\$ 357
Gift Shop	\$ 149
Other	\$ 105

December 27, 2020

Christmas Masses	\$13,535
Offertory	\$ 4,601
Holy Day	\$ 100
Gift Shop	\$ 245
Funeral	\$ 365
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 367
Other	\$ 64

Thank you for your generosity!

Winter Residents

The boxed offertory envelopes for 2021 can be picked up in the parish office during regular office hours Monday-Friday or can be picked up after Mass in the church on the weekend.

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ments and imagine the scene in our mind. St. Ignatius of Loyola was a big promoter of using imagination during meditative prayer and believed it was one method to unlock the mysteries of God.

Here is a beautiful meditation from *The little book of the most holy child Jesus*, a prayer book published in 1876. It can act as a springboard for further pondering and lead to a deeper experience of the mysteries of the Epiphany.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are again in the poor stable-cave. The faithful shepherds have come, have worshiped, and have gone back to their flocks with a great strong joy in their souls. The people of the city of David heed not. It is, as it were, nothing to them that the Son of David, David's Lord, is born amongst them: that God, the eternal Word, has become flesh, and dwells amongst them. The thoughts and cares and short-lived joys of this world fill their hearts. Now behold a strange sight to make one wonder. Over the place where the young Child lies there shines a star of mild bright ray in the mid air. Around the door of the rude abode stand the camels and servants and horses of the rich and great. Three wise men, grave and noble to behold, have alighted. Three Kings from the far-off East, bearing rich and costly presents. They bow down low to the ground, and offer rare gifts: bright gold to the Infant King; sweet frankincense to God, who has come on earth; bitter myrrh to the Son of Man, who is to die for men. Far have these brave hearts traveled. Over hill and plain they followed the star which guided them. They heeded not the ties of home, nor hung back from the toil and danger of a long winter's journey. Nothing could keep them back. Not the jeers of friends who thought them mad. They have seen the star of the holy Child; it is enough. It told of the Light of the world, the Light of God, which was to shine in Israel, in the midst of a dark drear world; and now they are come. They have found the Light. It is Jesus, who is the Light of heaven. He is in a rude stable, but they heed not its poverty. His Mother is a poor maiden; she wears no silk nor fine linen, no golden gems; but what matter! She is the Maiden-mother, and in her arms lies Jesus. And in their souls His light shines, and will shine for ever, evermore.



911 Program

Our Parish Family is invited to carry on the effort to save the lives of the most vulnerable in society, those helpless unborn babies who are scheduled to die at All Women's Health Center, 4131 Central Avenue. Our "911 PROGRAM" simply means praying for those little ones during the hours of 9-11 every Saturday morning, in front of the clinic.

No written commitment is required, this is a very informal get-together where Parishioners can pray individually or with a group. You are invited to be comfortable while praying, please bring a lawn chair.

Need A Ride? Questions or comments, please contact Rich or Lynn at 727-258-7406 or rmalo-ney67@gmail.com
Cyndee and Larry at 239-218-7798; Cathy at 646-552-8015; Marilyn at 727-867-2390

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If you wish to put anything in the weekly parish magazine, please email any items to be published to Anne at: bulletinbt@gmail.com.

Please Pray for Our Sick and Homebound

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