



MASSES FOR THE WEEK  
January 5—January 11  
EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR  
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE  
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 5**

- 4:00 p.m. Ree Alario; Elizabeth Coleman; Christopher Graythen; Richard Graythen; Marlene Morris; Father Anton Phan; John Sparck  
5:30 p.m. Loretta Doussan; Bill Haber; Alvena Lupo; Leona O'Dwyer; Patricia Pilie; Barbara Rush

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 6**

- 8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church (Propopulo)  
9:15 a.m. Roberta W. Bruley; John J. Clesi; Reverend Monsignor L. Earl Gauthreaux; Mark Harlan; Reverend Stanley Klores; Leah Lefchik; Craig Leible; John Maherd; Roscoe McClave; Norma McClellan; Marc Molyneux, Jr.; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Ray Senner; Virginia Swartz; Joseph I. Vidal; Ann-Marie Wingerter; Corinne Wingerter; Michael Wingerter; Veronica Wingerter  
11:00 a.m. Loretta Doussan; Lt. Peter Hand; Eric G. Hansen; Cynthia Hemelt; Beverly Hogan; John A. Hogan; Beverly Orillion; Patricia Pilie; Lynne Richter; Karl Snyder, Jr.  
5:30 p.m. Francis Gatti; Adriane Haber; Wanda Paprocki; James W. Rhoads; Barbara Rush

**MONDAY, JANUARY 7**

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List  
12:00 p.m. Dolly Chastant; Leona O'Dwyer; Patricia Pilie; Cloe Roesler

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 8**

- 11:30 a.m. Dolly Chastant; Loretta Doussan; Barbara Rush  
12:00 p.m. Thaloc Alfirez; Leona O'Dwyer; Patricia Pilie; Elisabeth F. Robert

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9**

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List  
12:00 p.m. Dolly Chastant; Tommy Fayard; Stephen A. Losee; Jan Mann; Patricia Pilie; Della Springman; Jon Springman; Milton Springman

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 10**

- 11:30 a.m. Loretta Doussan; Barbara Rush  
12:00 p.m. Dolly Chastant; Leona O'Dwyer; Elisabeth F. Robert; Natalie Tatje

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 11**

- 11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List  
12:00 p.m. Reverend Byron Miller, C.Ss.R.; Stephen A. Losee; Leona O'Dwyer; Natalie Tatje; Hannelore L. Woeste;

**TRIDENTINE LATIN MASS—Sunday at 9:30 a.m.**

*Epiphany of Our Lord*

**Solemn High Mass—First Sunday of the month.**

**Benediction—Third Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENECTION**—Every Sunday, 3:00pm—5:00pm

**SUNDAY OFFERING**—December 30, 2007

First Collection \$ 34,741

Second Collection\* \$ 2,025

\* Restoration and Maintenance

**ANNUAL PARISH BUFFET**

*Everyone is cordially invited  
to attend the annual parish buffet  
Sunday, January 6, 2008  
10:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.  
St. Patrick's Church Rectory*

**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY—THE CORONATION MASS**

Sunday, January 6, 2008, **Feast of the Epiphany**, St. Patrick's Choir with orchestra will perform Mozart's *Mass in C, KV317 (Coronation Mass)* at the **9:15 A.M. Mass**. Prelude music will begin at **9:00 A.M.** Please note the time change for this Mass.

**EPIPHANY CHALK—TO BLESS OUR HOMES**

The blessing of Epiphany chalk, to be used in the blessing of our homes, will take place after all Masses this weekend. Everyone is invited to take a packet of blessed chalk, with instructions and special prayers.

**HOME-SCHOOL FAMILIES**

St. Patrick's Church extends a warm welcome to the home-schooling families from the diocese who are celebrating with us this weekend.

**IN MEMORY OF LISTING—LAST WEEK**

Closing date for submitting names to the *In Memory Of* listing on the back of the Sunday Bulletin is **Friday, January 11, 2008**. At that time the new listing will be sent to the printer. To ensure proper spelling, recording, etc., all requests are to be made by completing the designated envelope form that can be found in the vestibule of the church. The completed form should be hand delivered to the rectory office, or it can be placed in any collection basket. Please do not rely on the United States Postal Service as they are quite often heavily burdened with the amount of mail.



The office staff appreciates your prompt attention and cooperation in assisting with this annual project.

**MAGNIFICAT—A MINISTRY TO CATHOLIC WOMEN**

*Magnificat* is offering its prayer series "Lord Teach Me to Pray", based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, beginning February 6, 2008.

For more information: Marilyn Ducasse 504 833 3470.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

Christmas poinsettias were also offered in memory of Elwin Bourgeois, Sr., Delta Lazaro, Leona Wallace, and Versie Wallace.

**PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL**

For the sick of our parish and those who have asked for our prayers especially: Tom Alexander; Brett Bradley; Sara Cashio; Tony Clesi; Rene Crane; Ralph DeBlanc; Raymond DeBlanc; Ann Clair Duplech; Rose Fee; Reverend Stan Klores; Lolita Lannan; Stephen Losee; James Martello; Betty McArthur; Lucille Ogden; Stephanie Summers; Hugh Ramsey; Tom Roach; Elisabeth Robert; Diane Sikes; Adele Silva, Mary Silva; Special Intention; Turkington Family

**SECURITY PROVIDED AT ALL EVENING SERVICES**

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

## EPIPHANY, OR THE MANIFESTATION OF THE LORD

The feast of manifestation, or Epiphany, is traditionally celebrated the 12th day after Christmas, January 6th. In the dioceses of the United States this feast has been moved to the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.

The Epiphany is the feast of the manifestation of the majesty and divinity of the newborn Savior. As early as the third century, the Eastern Church, in celebrating the birth of the Redeemer, viewed it primarily as the manifestation of God to man. Hence the name Epiphany, which means manifestation, was given to the feast. Toward the end of the fourth century, as the feast gradually came to be known and celebrated in the West, the adoration of the Christ-Child by the Magi or Wise Men was stressed. Soon these sages were looked upon as the Three Kings.

In the West, Christ's birthday had already been celebrated for some time on December 25. But with this feast was associated all the poverty and helplessness of the cave of Bethlehem; Mary and Joseph watched beside the crib in poverty, and the shepherds that came to offer their humble worship were equally poor. This aspect was lost sight of in the Feast of the Epiphany. It is true that the Magi found a poor, weak child, attended by poor parents. But through their faith they recognized and acknowledged the helpless Infant as the Redeemer and King of the world, and as such they adored Him. In the Feast of Christmas Christ is shown as man to a few of His chosen souls; in the Feast of the Epiphany, on the other hand, He appears to the whole world as God.

In order to strengthen and reinforce this divine manifestation to the Magi, the Church commemorates on this feast two other incidents, both of which strongly testify to the divinity of Christ: His baptism in the Jordan and the first miracle at the marriage feast in Cana. In this way, the Redeemer, whose coming was known imperfectly at Christmas, is made known to the whole world.

While the Mass of the feast concentrates entirely on the coming of the Magi and their adoration of their newfound King, the \*Breviary abounds in references to the two other "manifestations." The antiphon of the *Magnificat* or second Vespers summarizes the threefold significance of the day in words that are unmistakable: "Three miracles glorify this sacred day: today the star led the Magi to the crib; today at the wedding feast water was changed into wine; today Christ willed that John baptize Him in the Jordan so that He might become our Redeemer, Alleluia." Thus we have three supernatural interventions: the star that guided the Magi from the East, the wine miraculously brought into being from water, and the voice of the father ringing out from the heavens, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matt. 3:17).

Various interpretations have been given for the gifts which the Magi offered the Christ-Child. In the responses at Matins the Church says that the gold represents kingly power, incense the great High Priest, and myrrh the burial of the Lord; and so she depicts the Wise Men offering their gifts to Christ as His threefold character of King, High Priest, and Man. In his homily for the third day within the octave, St. Gregory looks at the gifts from the viewpoint of the givers, and so sees in the gold, wisdom; in the incense, the power of prayer; and in the myrrh, the mortification of the flesh. Both interpretations are worthy of consideration, and some little reflection on them should prompt us to bring all the powers of our intellect to our King, the incense

of our prayers to our great High Priest, and the myrrh of our sufferings and labors to our Man-God.

The Epiphany is the high point of Christmas and the fulfillment of Advent. It is the ancient Feast of Christ the King. Its dignity in the liturgy is superior to that of Christmas, because the feast commemorates the baptism of Jesus, its vigil has long been a day for solemn Baptism. In the present division of the Church year, the baptism of our Lord in the Jordan is commemorated on the octave day of the Epiphany.

If the Feast of Epiphany is to be fully understood as the Church sees it, it will have to be viewed from two aspects; that of God who manifested Himself to man, and that of man, typified in the Magi, who responded with wholehearted faith and love. It is, therefore, a day of faith and grace on which no other prayer ought to take precedence over that petition of the Our Father, "Thy Kingdom Come!"

Excerpted from *With Christ Through the Year*,  
Reverend Bernard Strasser, O.S.B.

\* To read the Breviary on line: [www.breviary.net/](http://www.breviary.net/)

## POPE AFFIRMS FAMILY AS AGENT OF PEACE

The family is the principal agent of peace, and whoever disrupts the family, disrupts peace. We have begun a new year and I wish that it will be for all peaceful and prosperous.

In Bethlehem, in the fullness of time, Jesus was born of Mary: The Son of God was made man for our salvation, and the Virgin truly became Mother of God. This immense gift that Mary received was not reserved only for her, but for us all.

It is in the name of Mary, Mother of God and of mankind, that for the past 40 years, on the first day of the year, the Church has celebrated the World Day for Peace. The same love that builds and maintains unity in the family, the vital building block of society, favors these relationships of solidarity and of collaboration among the peoples of the earth, who are members of the single human family.

There is a close relationship, therefore, among family, society and peace... Whoever, even unknowingly, circumvents the institution of the family, undermines peace in the entire community, national and international, since he weakens what is in effect the primary agency of peace...

In a prayer to Mary, Mother of the Prince of Peace and all mankind, the Pontiff asked the Virgin to help the Church in its service for peace, and aid all nations "to begin on a path of authentic solidarity and of stable peace."

Benedict XVI

### A SINCERE "THANK YOU"

Father Stan Klores extends a sincere thank you for all the many prayers, cards and gifts that have been kindly bestowed upon him during this Christmas season. This past year has been especially meaningful to Father and every remembrance is deeply appreciated.