

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-6 Matthew 2:1-12

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 55:1-11 1 John 5:1-9 Mark 1:7-11



The Wise Men in today's Gospel seek to understand the light of the star and come to understand the light of the world, Jesus. Notice first their **Journey**. God summons them by the star to seek him and they set out. A lot of folks follow movie stars or sports stars. What star are you following, is it Jesus? The Wise Men's journey is not an easy one. Travel was always difficult and dangerous in the ancient world. Next notice the **Jeopardy** they encounter. As they arrive in Israel two things threaten to misdirect their mission. First there are Sleepy Saints. As they arrive in Jerusalem the Wise Men expect to find wild celebration. But the town seems quite sleepy. And when Herod, who strangely knows nothing about the birth of a King, summons his religious leaders they rather sleepily give the prophecies and show little or no enthusiasm. The Wise Men could have been quite discouraged by this but they persevere. The second threat they face is that Herod is scheming to use them so that he can kill the child. This is surely not their mission and his secret scheme almost renders them dupes but they are later warned. Finally, in this Gospel we see the **Justification** of the Wise Men. Coming at last to Jesus the text says they worship him and offer him gifts. They also manifest conversion, for having been warned of Herod's plot, they take another route home. That is, they change how they have been walking, they make a course correction if you will. Praise God for the example of the Wise Men who journey to Christ, despite jeopardy, and thus they find justification.



Sunday, January 4 *The Epiphany of the Lord*

4:30pm (Sat) For the People
 8:00am Raymond Peter Ryabik †
 11:00am For the Intentions of the Giuffrida Family
 7:00pm For the Intentions of Ricky Coleman

Monday, January 5 *Saint John Neumann, Bishop*

7:00am For the Intentions of Renee Wood

Tuesday, January 6 *Saint André Bessette, Religious*

7:00am For the Intentions of Our HCSC Volunteers
 7:30pm Lorenzo Miller, Jr. (birthday—12/24) †

Wednesday, January 7 *Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest*

7:00am For the Intentions of the Winters Family

Thursday, January 8

7:00am For the Intentions of the Gadsden Family

Friday, January 9

7:00am Intentions of Rev. James Bradley & Family

Saturday, January 10

8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Bishop Leonard Olivier †

MASS INTENTIONS—It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a Mass for a friend or family, call 202-546-1885. Note that dates fill in quickly. The customary donation is \$5 per intention.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: 1 John 3:22—4:6 Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 John 4:7-10 Mark 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 John 4:11-18 Mark 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 John 4:19—5:4 Luke 4:14-22
Friday: 1 John 5:5-13 Luke 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21 John 3:22-30

Music Schedule

Processional
 "Angels We Have Heard on High" LMGM #246
Responsorial Psalm
 "Lord every nation on earth will adore you"
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 * "Praise to the Lord the Almighty" LMGM #439
 ** "Choral Praise"
Communion Hymn
 "Your Sacrifice" LMGM #761
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
 ** 11:00am Church Choir

Mass Attendance for December 28, 2014

4:30pm	45
8:00am	103
11:00am	235
Total:	383

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION—Our school roof needs to be replaced and we will incur some debt to make the repair to our building. Your generosity to the Christmas collection will allow us to replenish our Maintenance/Repair Account used for building upkeep. Please use your Christmas collection envelope to support this effort. Envelopes are also available in the rear of the church. Thank you.

END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be prepared **only upon request** beginning **Mon., Feb. 2, 2015**. Statements will not be automatically mailed. You must contact the rectory by phone or email to request your statement. You can have your statement mailed or left at the rectory for pick-up. Note that only cash donations (submitted in an envelope) and checks payable to Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian are included in your statement. Loose cash (not in an envelope) given at collection cannot be reflected on your statement.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (1/4) 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Thursday (1/8) 6:30pm Knights of Columbus
Monday (1/5) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (1/9) 7:00pm Sunday School Teachers 8:00pm NA
Tuesday (1/6) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:30pm Latin High Mass	Saturday (1/10) 9:30am Liturgical Dance 11:00am Holy Name mtg 4:30pm Mass
Wednesday (1/7) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 7:00pm Bible Study	

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, exists to evangelize and to uphold Christian values by promoting the teachings of the Church in Word, Sacrament and Witness.

OUR VISION STATEMENT:

A welcoming, embracing and joyful faith family richly rooted in the community today, tomorrow and forever.

PARISH LIFE

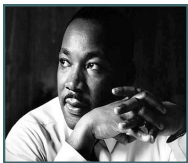


STEWARDSHIP INSIGHT—What gifts do you bring to the Lord this day? The Feast of the Epiphany helps us to reflect on what gifts we would bring. The gold symbolizes our wealth and strength. The frankincense symbolizes our worship. And, the myrrh (which is burial ointment) symbolizes the gift of our very self as we die to ourselves and live for Christ. Here then are some gift ideas for the King. What gifts do you plan to bring to the King in this New Year?

SOLEMN LATIN MASS FOR EPIPHANY—will be **Tues., Jan. 6th at 7:30pm**. The music will feature Gregorian chant and beautiful choral singing of the music by the Priest, Thomas Luis Victoria of the 1500s. This Mass will likely attract a number of people from around the city who appreciate both the old mass and the music of the Renaissance. You are encouraged to come experience the Mass as it was celebrated for over a thousand years.

YOUTH SUNDAY NEXT WEEK—Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. We invite all our youth to come and sit together at Mass. Please feel free to invite a friend!

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION—will resume in February to replenish our pantry following the generous contributions donated by HCSC parishioners for our Christmas basket distributions. **NOTE:** Canned Good Collections is held the 2nd Sunday of every month.



2015 MASS CELEBRATING REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.—The annual concert and liturgy celebrating the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is **Sat., Jan. 17th, at 3pm** here at Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Church. Concert features the Archdiocese of Washington Mass Gospel Choir directed by our own Kenneth Louis. Cardinal Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, is the celebrant and homilist for 4:30pm Mass.

APPRECIATIONS

Thank You—to HCSC parishioners for their generous support of the **Oblate Sisters of Providence** during their Christmas sale.

Thank You—The **Ladies of Charity** wish to thank everyone for the overwhelming support of the Bake Sale. A special Thank You to our chairperson, Gracie Harris and to the Freeman Family for their continued participation.



BLOOD DRIVE—Parishioners and friends can begin to register for the upcoming Blood Drive coordinated by the American Red Cross in conjunction with HCSC Sodality. The Blood Drive is **Sun., Jan. 18th** from 9am to 2pm in the rectory basement. **To donate you must sign up prior to the event and we need a minimum of 50 people to participate before we can hold the blood drive.** Sign-up after each Mass. For information, contact Natleen Chance at 202-526-7202 or ngchance@comcast.net. For American Red Cross info visit www.pleasegiveblood.org/gcp or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. Please consider donating blood, the gift of life.

Youth Ministry News

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ESSAY/DRAWING CONTEST—The Sodality Union of the Archdiocese of Washington invites all youth between 8-18 to respond to the question: **“What can I do to preserve the earth?”** **Entries must be received by January 20th.** Please contact the HCSC Youth Director or Mrs. Brown at 301-899-8995 for more details.

ANNUAL YOUTH RALLY & MASS for LIFE—at the Verizon Center is **January 22nd.** There are a limited number of tickets for youth for the event. Please contact the Youth Director for further information.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

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to the HCSC community for your contributions to the **CARING FOR OUR HOMELESS** project, to the Young Adult Ministry and volunteers who helped with the distribution, and to HCSC for the use of the church. Hopefully this will become an annual project. Please keep the homeless in your prayers.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—meets every Monday evening at 8pm in the rectory. For info contact Stephanie Keene at sakeene@gmail.com.

We'd like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40^{ish})! Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook**. Follow us on Twitter **#HCSCYoungAdults!**

THE WORD AMONG US—January issues are available in the Candlelight Store for \$2 each. This publication is designed to help Catholics find genuine renewal and refreshment in God's grace, encouragement to read the Word of God, and offers daily meditations based on the Mass readings. *Limited supply!*



CALENDARS FOR 2015—A variety of 2015 calendars will be available after Mass in the rear of the church. *Limited supply!*

WIN ACTION—Join the Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) and fellow parishioners as they meet with Mayor Bowser on January 8th from 7-9pm at St. Augustine Catholic Church to present issues relating to Jobs, Housing, Homelessness and others. See the flyer for information on how you can support these efforts.

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If you want to know more about our parish community or are interested in joining, call the rectory at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org.

Mass Schedule: Monday thru Friday at 7:00am (Chapel)
Saturday at 8:00am (Chapel) and 4:30pm
Sunday at 8:00am, 11:00am, and 7:00pm
Office Hours: Monday thru Wednesday, 9:00am—8:00pm, Thursday, 9:00am-5:00pm; Friday, 9:00am-8:00pm; Saturday, 9:00am—1:00pm; and Sunday, 9:00am—2:00pm.

For information on sacraments & funerals call the rectory office.
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