

The Epiphany of the Lord

Come, let us adore Him.



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-14

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Message from the Pastor

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? Their 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, the 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 your will. Praise God for the example of the Wise Men who journey to Christ despite jeopardy and thus they find justification.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday, January 2 Epiphany of the Lord

9:00am Intentions of Catherine Chandler

11:00am Larry Elgin †

7:00pm Norm Weigel †

Monday, January 3

7:00am Thomas H. Riehle †

Tuesday, January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

7:00am Lawrence Jones (B'day)

Wednesday, January 5 St. John Neumann, Bishop

7:00am Esther Rose Muse (B'day) †

Thursday, January 6 St. Andre Bessett, Religious

7:00am Coulter Nakamura †

Friday, January 7 St. Raymond of Benafort, Priest

7:00am Intentions of Fr. Michael Bryant

Saturday, January 8

8:00am Intentions of Seyoum Gebrehiwot

4:30pm Intentions of Gerry Counihan

MASS INTENTIONS: It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a Mass in memory of a friend or family, call 202-546-1885. The customary stipend is \$10 per intention.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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 5:14-21-7	JOHN 3:22-30



2021 CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: This year, our parish designated our Christmas collection to benefit the St. Joseph Society of the Sacred Heart (The Josephites) and the Oblate Sisters of Providence (OSP) in gratitude for their many years of service to this parish community. This will also assist with their continued mission to spread the Gospel of the Lord to all, with a special focus on minority communities. Please use your Christmas Collection envelope included with your tithing envelopes. Additional Christmas Collection envelopes are available in rear of the church or rectory office. **To learn more about the mission of these two communities, visit:** oblatesisters.com and josephites.org. Thank you for your donation!

NOTE: Due to the Christmas holiday, the publisher required early submission of this bulletin and our offices were closed. Thus, we are unable to provide data on the Mass Attendance. Stay tune for an update.



FAITH DIRECT (Electronic Tithing): For the New Year, consider electronic tithing to make it easier to send your tithes. Many of our parishioners currently use Faith Direct. By enrolling, you have one less thing to remember each week—no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass or checks to write. Pick up a brochure in the rear of the church or go online to faith.direct/DC59 for more information and to register for this **FREE** service. Your tithes will be automatically deducted from your bank account or credit card. And, you can change your deduction with an email or phone call. **Questions?** Contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org. Thank you for your support.

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THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (1/3) Rectory office closed	Friday (1/7) 6:00pm Holy Hour
Wednesday (1/5) 7:15pm Bible Study (Zoom)	

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.

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PARISH LIFE



WHAT IS THE EPIPHANY?

Epiphany isn't an everyday Christian word like sin or salvation. It comes from the Greek word *epiphainen*, a verb that means "to shine upon," "to manifest," or "to make known." Thus, the

feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ:

- ◆ the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12),
- ◆ the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and
- ◆ the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11).

The visit of the Magi (or Three Kings) is emphasized on Epiphany Day, and Christ's baptism is celebrated the first Sunday that follows. The miracle at Cana will be the gospel reading on January 16th (which is the Sunday following the Baptism of the Lord). Other names for Epiphany Day are Three Kings Day, Twelfth Day, Theophany, and Little Christmas. Epiphany commemorates the manifestation of God to the world through Jesus Christ. The feast day of the manifestation, or Epiphany, is traditionally celebrated the 12th day of Christmas, January 6th. In the dioceses of the United States this feast has been moved to the Sunday between Jan 2nd and January 8th.

RECTORY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Monday, January 3rd—rectory office closed.
We will reopen on Tuesday, January 4th at 10:00am.



Thank you to all who made this Christmas season such a beautiful and special celebration of the birth of our Lord. We are grateful to the many people who helped decorate/clean the church, served, proclaimed, ushered and sang at our liturgies throughout the season of Advent and Christmas. This is a challenging time in our history and we are so appreciative of your support.

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

UPDATE: As of Dec. 20th, the Mayor has reinstated the indoor mask mandate. You **MUST** wear a mask when entering the church and rectory buildings. Please keep the mask on while in the buildings. If you forget your mask, please ask an usher. The following safety protocols will also remain in place:

- ◆ To allow for some social distancing, every other pew will remain roped-off until further notice.
- ◆ Automatic hand sanitizing units are available at doors.
- ◆ Wearing of masks and sanitizing of hands by minister's will remain in place for safe reception of Holy Communion.

We kindly ask everyone to be respectful of each other as we continue to navigate these changing policies.

SAINT JOSEPH 2022 SUNDAY MISSALS are available in the Candlelight Store and the rectory office. **COST: \$3 each.** This missal is a companion guide for the Church year's Sunday masses and includes all mass readings.



CALENDARS FOR 2022: A variety of **FREE** 2022 calendars will be available after Mass in the rear of the church. Limited supply!

FREE COVID-19 VACCINES & BOOSTERS AVAILABLE:

If you are 12 years of age or older and need a COVID-19 vaccine or booster (Pfizer or Moderna), come to the FREE clinic at Maya Angelou Public Charter School (5600 E. Capitol St., NE, WDC) on **Tuesday, January 4, 2022 between 1—4pm.** For more information, contact Tammy Holley (HCSC parishioner) at 202-213-7229.

THE WORD AMONG US: January 2022 issues are available in the Candlelight Store. Cost: \$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!*

HCSC YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS—will be prepared **only upon request** beginning **Tues., Feb. 1, 2022.** Statements will **not** be automatically mailed. You must contact the rectory during office hours to request your statement and have it either mailed or left at the rectory for pick-up. **NOTE:** only cash donations (submitted in an envelope) and checks payable to Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian are included in your statement. Your statement will **not** reflect loose cash donations not placed in an envelope.

FAITH DIRECT YEAR-END STATEMENTS for HCSC parishioners who tithe through Faith Direct will automatically receive their 2021 year-end giving statement directly from Faith Direct at no additional cost as part of the Faith Direct program.

HCSC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

OUR YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets in-person on **Mondays at 7:30pm** in the rectory basement, preceded by a short social at 7:00pm. To receive email notifications, sign up at hscchurch.flocknote.com.



Join Msgr. Pope (via Zoom) for **Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 7:15pm.** Sign up to receive the Zoom link and information at hscchurch.flocknote.com. The bible study will resume on Wed. Jan. 5, 2022.

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Mass Times: **Saturday** 8am & 4:30pm (vigil);
Sunday 8am, 9:30am, 11am and 7pm;
Weekdays Mon—Fri: 7am (8am on holidays)

Rectory Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 10am—6pm
Thursday, Saturday & Sunday: Closed

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