

The Epiphany of the Lord

Come, let us adore Him.



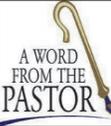
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 49:3,5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 John 1:29-34



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 journey. 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 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.



FUNERALS: Stacey Kornegay (January 11th)
Elizabeth Claggett (January 13th)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, January 8 *The Epiphany of the Lord*
8:00am Pope Benedict XVI
9:30am intentions of Mary Martinez
11:00am Barry Kann †
7:00pm intentions of Christina DeSousa

Monday, January 9 *Baptism of the Lord*
7:00am Rev. John Kinter †

Tuesday, January 10
7:00am intentions of Jessiah Rojas (B'day)

Wednesday, January 11
7:00am Rev. George Golden †

Thursday, January 12
7:00am Raymond J. Vanzego, Sr. †

Friday, January 13 *Saint Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*
7:00am intentions of Abraham Flores

Saturday, January 14
8:00am For the People
4:30pm intentions of Rev. Msgr. Eddie Tolentino

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Matt 3:13-17
Tuesday: Hebrews 2:5-12 Mark 1:21-28
Wednesday: Hebrews 2:14-18 Mark 1:29-39
Thursday: Hebrews 3:7-14 Mark 1:40-45
Friday: Hebrews 4:1-5, 11 Mark 2:1-12
Saturday: Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 2:13-17



FAITH DIRECT (Electronic Tithing): We offer electronic tithing through *Faith Direct*. Here are 3 ways to get info and register:

1. Scan the QR code to the right →
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This eGiving service is **FREE**. You can register to have your tithes automatically deducted twice a month or give a one-time gift. **Questions?** Contact Kim Peaks (pam@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885).

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MASS ATTENDANCE

December 25, 2022	
6:00pm (12/24)	151
12:00am	143
10:00am	124
Total:	418
January 1, 2023	
6:00pm (12/31)	30
11:15pm (12/31)	39
10:00am	124
7:00pm	71
Total:	264

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (1/9) 7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study **Friday (1/13)** 6:00pm Holy Hour w/confession

Wednesday (1/11) 7:15pm Adult Bible Study **Sunday (1/15)** 9:30am RCIA
9:30am Sunday School



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.



OUR CHURCH SANCTUARY IS OPEN FROM 8AM—8PM every day for you to come in for private prayer. Consider spending quiet, personal time in the presence of our Lord.

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.

EPIPHANY

PARISH LIFE



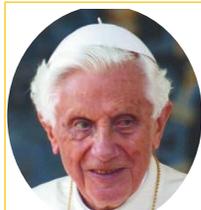
WHAT IS THE EPIPHANY?

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.



Prayer for Pope Benedict XVI: *Almighty ever-living God, who made Pope Benedict XVI a wise teacher of your people, a gentle shepherd of your flock, and a faithful pastor of your Church, grant in your kindness that your humble servant, who in this life believed in you and loved you, may now receive your mercy and rejoice*

in your presence for ever in the glory of the Saints. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

2023 SAINT JOSEPH MISSALS are on backorder. The publishing company has not produced additional copies at this time so we are awaiting a shipment. You can purchase a copy from the bookstore at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception since they have a larger stock. Please note that we do not have any control over the printing of these books. In the last couple of years, the publisher has been printing limited amounts of the missal and buyers have been restricted in the number they can purchase. We placed an order last month and it is still backordered. We will keep your posted on their arrival.

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

ATTENTION: January 2023 will be **final** month that copies of the *Word Among Us* will be available for sale at this church. You are welcome to subscribe to the *Word Among Us* and receive your monthly copy delivered to your home.

2022 HCSC YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION (TITHING) STATEMENTS—will be prepared **only upon request** beginning **Wed., Feb. 1, 2023**. Statements will **not** be automatically distributed. Please contact the rectory (202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org) to request your statement. It can be mailed, **emailed** or picked up from the rectory. **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 our parishioners who electronically tithe through Faith Direct will automatically receive their 2022 year-end giving statement directly from Faith Direct at no additional cost as part of the Faith Direct program.

As always, we are so grateful for our parishioners continual generosity to our parish community. Thank you!



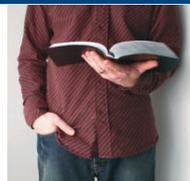
CHURCH RESTROOMS ARE BEING RENOVATED: For the next couple of weeks, the restrooms in the rear of the Church are under construction and will be closed. Please use the handicap and Church basement restrooms located up the ramp to the left of the Mary altar near the front of the church (near the Altar). We apologize for the inconvenience.



Join Msgr. Pope (via Zoom) for **Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 7:15pm** every week. Sign up to receive the weekly Zoom link and information at hscchurch.flocknote.com. **Questions?** Contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org

HCSC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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 for Young Adult Bible Study on hscchurch.flocknote.com.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION / HOLY HOUR is held **EVERY FRIDAY from 6—7PM** in the sanctuary. Parishioners are invited to attend a wonderful opportunity to gather and reflect in quiet prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions are also heard during the holy hour.



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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)

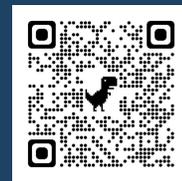
Rectory Office Hours:

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



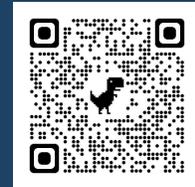
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