

January 2, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord

Reflection question:

What can I do this week to come to know God better?

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4,
3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Please pray for our parishioners & extended family:

Rest in Peace:

Judy Laxen, Dorle & Paul Gross, Josephine Small,
Martha Araj Ayoub, David Desch,
Pat Hoffman, Charlie & Dodie Vaszko, Dolores McGill, Tina Reinke, Jane Sachez, Former parishioner Lynn Gagan, Father Ken Westray of St. Vincent De Paul –SF, & Father P. Gerard O'Rourke

For Healing: Edith Bucoy, Tom Johnson, Maureen Francis, Joe Humphreys, Mike Marty, Patrick Lee, Teresa Hyatt, Estela Becerra, Lynette Castiglione, Muriel Scala, Mary Chris Vallario, Bob Gajewski & **all our parishioners that are sick...and a special reminder to pray for those we know now living in care facilities.**

Mass Intentions

December 31, 2021– January 6, 2022 (Fri. thru Thurs.)

Fri. PETER XAVIER (RIP+) 4:15 p.m.
Sat. POOR SOULS (RIP+) 4:15 p.m.
Sun. FRANCOISE CLOUTIER TREMBLAY (RIP+) 9:30a.m.
Sun. TOM CARR THANKSGIVING 11:30 a.m.
Mon. (RIP+) 12:10 p.m.
Tues. (RIP+) 12:10 p.m.
Weds. MICHAEL MCDONALD (RIP+) 12:10 p.m.

Give the gift of a Mass Intention. Intention for Birthdays, Memorials, RIP, Blessings, Marriage, and Get Well.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week
Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Wednesday: St. John Neumann
Thursday: St. André Bessette
Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Friday
Julian Calendar Christmas

JOURNEY TOWARD GOD

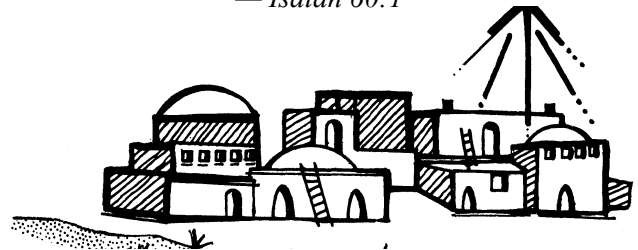
In our celebration of the Epiphany, two interwoven themes are present in the readings today. God is beginning something new, and God gathers all of humanity to participate. For Isaiah, God's bright light, manifested in the people of Israel, attracts and summons people from many nations to Jerusalem. In the letter to the Ephesians, God's grace makes the Gentiles co-heirs and co-partners in the gospel. Matthew tells the story of the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel through the birth of Jesus, and simultaneously leading foreigners to share in these same promises. With the birth of Jesus, God chose a particular people, in a particular time and place, to enter most directly into the human story. Today's readings teach that God did this in order to gather all people, all cultures, into unity with God. Like the magi, we are drawn into a journey toward God, becoming co-partners in God's work.

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Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

— Isaiah 60:1



NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES

DECEMBER 31st (Friday): 12:10 p.m.
JANUARY 1st (Saturday): 4:15 p.m.
JANUARY 2nd (Sunday) 9:30 a.m.
JANUARY 2nd (Sunday): 11:30 a.m.

I Can't Worry About Tomorrow

I can't worry about tomorrow;
There is much to do today,
And I must seize the moment
Before it fades away.
There are things I have neglected
And things I should have done,
And I'll try my best to do them
Before the setting sun.
"This is the day the Lord has made",
Has never been so true;
For He has granted me the strength
To do what I must do.
Every day is a gift from God
That's ours to shape and mold,
And we should strive to honor Him
As the hours unfold.
The past is but a stepping stone
On which we build today
The foundation for the future
And those who'll pass our way.
I will rise and seize the moment
Before it fades away.
I can't worry about tomorrow;
There's much to do today.
Clay Harrison

SEARCH FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Catholic Charities is one of the largest, oldest, and most comprehensive non profit human services organizations in Northern California, annually reaching up to 60,000 individuals of all faiths in San Francisco, San Mateo, and Marin Counties. Due to the resignation of Jilma Meneses, CC is searching for a CEO to replace Jilma as she moves to a position with the Washington State Governor. The new CEO will have a personal history of deep commitment to Catholic practice and social teachings of service to people in need, a passion for community service and possess exceptional leadership, fundraising and institution building abilities. For more information, please go to www.catholiccharitiessf.org

The Saint John of God Prayer

Dear God, through the intercession of St. John of God, patron of the poor and the sick, grant me the grace this day to greet every person that I meet with understanding and compassion. Reveal to me their needs and give me the means to inspire in my heart the humility and generosity of St. John so that I might be to them a revelation of God's Love.
Amen.- Rev. Fr. Thomas L. Seagrave

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

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At the Mass during the Day

O God, who on this day
revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star,
grant in your mercy
that we, who know you already by faith,
may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

AUDITIONS FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BOYS CHORUS

The San Francisco Boys Chorus offers a choral experience for boys throughout the Bay Area. The Chorus inspires young leaders, enhances focus, builds teamwork, strengthens community and creates lasting friendships through first rate vocal training and performance opportunities.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Boys aged 5-14 are eligible. No experience required. Boys in K-or Pre-K are automatically accepted into the Junior Chorus and do not need to audition. Boys accepted into the Chorus will be placed in an appropriate group based on age and skill.

SIGN UP FOR THE JANUARY 8 AUDITION or for more information: www.sfbc.org/auditions.

THE CHOIR AT SAINT JOHN OF GOD

St. John of God invites you to join the choir for the Christmas Holiday Season. Try and find your hidden talent by joining in with our Music Liturgy Group. The Choir will be having practice January 10, 2022. Covid Safety practices will be followed. We look forward to hearing you and seeing you! For more information, please contact Paul Riofski at (415) 517-4647. All are welcomed!

Coordinator of Religious Education

St. John of God is still looking for Religious Educators who would be willing to lead classes from K thru 8th grade. This is a volunteer position. Classes would start as soon as possible. If you love to work with the youth of the our parish and willing to share your faith and knowledge, then this would be a great volunteer experience for you.

Please contact our office here at St. John of God (415)-566-5610 or email us at stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net. We look forward to hearing from you.

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HOSPITAL MINISTRY