



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 5, 2019

They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

— *Matthew 2:11b*

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus' coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations—Jews, Gentiles, and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the world. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the world was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews—Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Life hands us many epiphanies or "wake-up calls." A few years ago, a young couple adopted a two-year-old child in a morass of red tape, complications, and court hearings. At the baby's baptism, the priest suggested appending an "adoption blessing," wherein the new relationship was expressed and affirmed. There is a place in that rite for the child to speak, and instead the priest said, "Can you give Daddy a kiss?" Standing in the midst of his church, the young adoptive father suddenly welled up with tears as he embraced the child. Afterward, he explained that through all the hassles and legal struggles he never until that moment in church understood that he was the parent of this child. The ritual claimed them for each other, gave expression to their relationship that the legal documents never could, and firmly cemented this child into the heart of a community as everyone erupted into heartfelt applause. This assembly witnessed in a powerful way what happens in every baptism: the mystery of adoption, the free flow of grace, the overwhelming sense of God's presence at the heart of our life's journey.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY OFFERING

December 29th	
Budget	\$2100
Actual	\$1179
Christmas	\$1340.85
Over	\$419.85

Church Staff

Pastor: Fr. Anthony Onyekwe

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Mass Intentions

Jan 5th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

Jan 12th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

Liturgical Ministers

January 12, 2020

Lectors — Heather McKee

Gift Bearers — The Don Carlson Family

Eucharistic Ministers — Mary Alyce

Fiechtl, Johnny Wall, Heather McKee

Servers — Matthew Carlson, Carlos Limon

Sacristans — Mary Alyce Fiechtl

Altar Linens — Rose Huff, Patty Wall

Ushers — Men of the Parish

TODAY'S READINGS FOR YEAR A

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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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Parishioners

Grant Adams, Joe Bobak, Joyce Franckowiak, Ethel Huffman, Jean Stevens, Bob Storms

Relatives

Michel Amrhein, Kelli Blankenship, Thomas Blankenship, Austin Ernst, Emily Ernst, Jackie Donnett, Christine Hart and the twin boys Benjamin and Theodore, Nicholas Kirkpatrick, Jenny Moore, Andrew Morlan, Yu Youn Suk

Friends

Emma Cupples, Fr Robert Ponticello

Help Feed the Kids

The PRE students would like the whole parish to join them in bringing non-perishable food and placing it in the basket in the Narthex. It will then be distributed to our local schools to feed those kids who need a meal on the weekend. This is an ongoing project for the school year.

Have you checked out St Andrew's Facebook page:

Saint Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church

Web Site:

saintandrewcatholicchurch.org

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

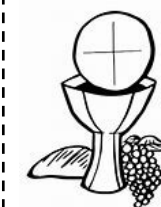
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

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; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

Mass Schedule



Friday: Communion Service at 11:30 am

Vigil on Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am

Coming Events

Father Anthony is on vacation. In case of an emergency, and you are needing a priest, please contact St Mary's at 731-668-2596

The Sunday Scripture study group will meet on Friday, January 10th, at 10:00 am.

HEROD AND THE EPIPHANY

Why impious Herod, vainly fear
That Christ the Savior cometh here?
He takes no earthly realms away
Who gives the crown that lasts for aye.

—Crudelis Herodes Deum, Tr. by J. M. Neale

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week

Monday: St. André Bessette

Tuesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;
Julian Calendar Christmas