

Sunday, January 3, 2021

St. John of the Cross Parish

Served by the Carmelites



Happy Epiphany and Happy New Year!

Holy Mass Schedule:

Monday to Saturday at 9am

Sunday Mass is celebrated at 5pm on Saturday. The livestream link for Sunday Mass is emailed to parishioners who are in the parish email list.

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DAILY MASS READINGS

January 4	1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17,23-25
January 5	1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44
January 6	1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52
January 7	1 John 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
January 8	1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16
January 9	1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30
January 10	Isaiah 55:1-11; 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

The triple reactions: The Epiphany can be looked on as a symbol for our pilgrimage through life to Christ. The feast invites us to see ourselves in the Magi – a people on a journey to Christ. Today’s Gospel also tells us the story of the encounter of the Magi with the evil King Herod. This encounter demonstrates three reactions to Jesus’ birth: hatred, indifference, and adoration: **a)** Hatred: A group of people headed by Herod planned to destroy Jesus. **b)** Indifference: Another group, composed of priests and scribes, ignored Jesus. **c)** Adoration: The members of a third group -- shepherds and the magi -- adored Jesus and offered themselves to Him.

Life Messages: (1) Let us make sure that we belong to the third group. a) Let us worship Jesus at Mass, every day if we can, with the gold of our love, the myrrh of our humility and the frankincense of our adoration. Let us offer God our very selves, promising Him that we will use His blessings to do good for our fellow men. b) Let us plot a better path for our lives. Just as the Magi chose another route to return to their homes, let us choose a better way of life, abstaining from proud

and impure thoughts, evil habits and selfish behavior. c) Let us become the Star, leading others to Jesus, as the star led the Magi to Him. We can remove or lessen the darkness of the evil around us by being, if not like stars, at least like candles, radiating Jesus love by selfless service, unconditional forgiveness and compassionate care.



(2) Like the Magi, let us offer Jesus our gifts on this feast of Epiphany. (a) The first gift might be friendship with God. After all, the whole point of Christmas is that God’s Son became one of us to redeem us and call us friends. God wants our friendship in the form of whole-hearted love and devotion. (b) A second gift might be friendship with others. This kind of friendship can be costly. The price it exacts is vulnerability and openness to others. The good news, however, is that, in offering friendship to others, we will receive back many blessings. (c) A third gift might be the gift of reconciliation. This gift repairs damaged relationships. It requires honesty, humility, understanding, forgiveness and patience. (d) The fourth gift of this season is the gift of peace: seeking God’s peace in our own lives through prayer, the Sacramental life and daily meditation on the Word of God. It is out of humble gratitude that we give Him from the heart our gifts of worship, prayer, singing, possessions, and time. As we give our insignificant, little gifts to God, the good news is that God accepts them! Like the Magi offering their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, we offer what we have, from the heart, in response to what that Child has given to us - Himself. Let us conclude with a 19th century English carol, Christina Rossetti’s *A Christmas Carol*, which begins, “In the bleak midwinter.” The carol sums up, in its last stanza, the nature of “giving to the Christ Child.” “What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I could give a Lamb. If I were a wise man, I could do my part. What I can I give Him? Give Him my heart!”
(Fr. Antony Kadavil, Vatican News)

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 4, 9am

- 1. For the souls in purgatory, requested by Doris Rodrigues

Tuesday, January 5, 9am

- 1. For the soul of Odette Sookram, requested by the Sookram Family
- 2. For birthday thanksgiving and blessings for Jacob Yap, requested by the Yap Family

Wednesday, January 6, 9am

- 1. For the soul of Theresa Carvalho, requested by Doris Rodrigues

Thursday, January 7, 9am

- 1. For the soul of Raymond D’Cunha, requested by Anne D’Cunha
- 2. For the soul of Nury Andrews, requested by the Andrews Family
- 3. For the 25th Wedding Anniversary blessings for Kevin and Crystal Fernandes, requested by the Rodgers Family

Friday, January 8, 9am

- 1. For the souls of the Tavares Family, requested by Doris Rodrigues

Saturday, January 9, 9am

- 1. For the soul of Raymond D’Cunha, requested by Anne D’Cunha

Lord, hear our prayers.

Email-Transfer Steps



- 1. Use email: admin@sjocross.org
- 2. Write your First & Last name
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 The church is on lockdown and the building is closed until further notice.
 Someone will be in the office from 9:30am to 12noon to answer your calls or to let you in if you have any appointment.

POPE FRANCIS 2021 NEW YEAR MESSAGE



In the homily he wrote, Pope Francis returned to themes from his World Peace Day message—“A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace”—and a recent general audience talk about prayers of blessing.

“This year, while we hope for new beginnings and new cures, let us not neglect care,” the pope wrote. “Together with a vaccine for our bodies, we need a vaccine for our hearts. That vaccine is care. This will be a good year if we take care of others, as Our Lady does with us.”

“The Lord knows how much we need to be blessed,” the pope wrote. “The first thing he did after creating the world was to say that everything was good and to say of us that that we were very good.”

But with the birth of Jesus, he said, “we receive not only words of blessing, but the blessing itself: Jesus is himself the blessing of the Father.”

“Every time we open our hearts to Jesus, God’s blessing enters our lives,” he said.

The example of Mary, blessed in a special way, he wrote, “teaches us that blessings are received in order to be given.”

“The heart of the Lord began to beat within Mary; the God of life drew oxygen from her,” the pope wrote. “Through Mary, we encounter God the way he wants us to: in tender love, in intimacy, in the flesh.”

As 2021 begins, he said, people should make a commitment to finding time for others.

“Time is a treasure that all of us possess, yet we guard it jealously, since we want to use it only for ourselves,” he wrote. “Let us ask for the grace to find time for God and for our neighbor—for those who are alone or suffering, for those who need someone to listen and show concern for them.”

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