

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
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JANUARY 7 – SATURDAY

1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11

Vigil Readings: *see Sunday*

4:00 PM – Fr. Jim *English* – Intention of Artie Hughes

6:00 PM – Fr. Rudy *Spanish*

JANUARY 8 – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

9:00 AM – Fr. Rudy *Spanish*

11:00 AM – Fr. Pat *English* – Intention of the Parishioners

12:30 PM – Fr. Rudy *Spanish*

JANUARY 9 – BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

7:30 AM – Fr. Pat *English* – Dolores “Dodie” Meehan

JANUARY 10 – TUESDAY

Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

7:00 PM – Fr. Rudy *Spanish*

JANUARY 11 – WEDNESDAY

Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

7:30 AM – Fr. Rudy *English* – Ed LeSaint

JANUARY 12 – THURSDAY

Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

7:00 PM – Fr. Rudy *Spanish*

JANUARY 13 – FRIDAY

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

7:30 AM – Fr. Pat *English* – Intention of the Parishioners

JANUARY 14 – SATURDAY

Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

Vigil Readings: *see Sunday*

4:00 PM – *English* – Ken Horn

6:00 PM – *Spanish* – Black Jesus of Esquipulas

JANUARY 15 – SUNDAY

Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

9:00 AM – *Spanish*

11:00 AM – *English* – Deceased members of the Harris and Tribbe families

12:30 PM – *Spanish*

Ministry Schedule: January 14-15

Lectors: 4:00 PM – R. Ogden

11:00 AM – K. Gillespie

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

4:00 PM – B. Burns/K. Fahey/M. Sonenschein/
Volunteer

11:00 AM – L. Washam

Servers: 4:00 PM – B. Browning/M. Sonenschein

11:00 AM – M. Crosby

Offertory Family: 4:00 PM: Welz

11:00 AM: N/A

FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Sunday offering Goal to-date: \$225,000

Offerings received to-date: \$180,050

Amount needed to catch up: \$44,950

Our Weekly Goal is \$8,000

Thank you for your generosity.

Make it easy on yourself. *Use our direct debit system for your Sunday Stewardship offering.*

To take advantage of this convenience, please call 541-1563.

FOUR GRAND CLUB:

Congratulations to Eileen Durban, Fred Hubbard, and Adam Erickson. They are the week 19 winners and each won \$25.

Happy Birthday!

CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Doug Mercer (09), John Schwierling (10), Mary Jo Danzinger (10), Helen Dunbar (10), Jerry Finke (10), Mary Kramer (12), Remmy Dsouza (12), Joyce Appel (13), LuAnn Beiderbeck (14), Christopher Mulvaney (14), Connie Smith (15), John O'Bryan (15).

FROM THE DESK OF FR. RUDY:

My Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Lord,

Throughout the ages, the journey of the Magi to Bethlehem to pay homage to the Christ Child remains one of the most beautiful stories of the Christmas season, resplendent with radiance, mystery, and excitement. It is one of the most remembered stories from Scripture, as we have reflected on the imagery of this dramatic scene from the time of our childhood. A guiding star—the light of Christ—compels a group of foreigners, likely astronomers or learned men of the East, to travel hundreds of miles over rough terrain with only a light in the night sky pointing the way.

Why did they do this? Because these courageous men believed that at the end of their journey they would find “the way, the truth, and the life” in Christ the Lord, just as we are called to do in our lives today (John 14: 6). According to Saint Pope John Paul II, the Magi represent the peoples of the whole earth who, in the light of the Lord’s birth, set out on the way leading to Jesus and, in a certain sense, are the first to receive that salvation inaugurated by his birth and brought to fulfilment in the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection. Through their eyes, ears, and voices, they became our first missionaries to proclaim the fullness of light only Jesus can bestow upon us.

As part of this story, when the Magi are united with this child, they fall to their knees to worship and present to him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These gifts symbolically describe the mission of Christ here on earth. Gold symbolizes a gift fit for a king, frankincense signifies the presence of a priest, and myrrh is a gift for to anoint the body to preserve and protect its integrity. We should remember the Epiphany is both an *event*—the Magi’s arduous journey to adore the newborn King—as well as a

symbol of the *Word made flesh* who dwelt for a time in the midst of mankind and changed lives and hearts for the world’s ultimate and promised salvation.

Today the journey of the Magi continues to guide all nations and people on their *own* journey toward the Lord, and in homage for his sacrifice and love, offer their own treasures and gifts of themselves. His light, his love, and his enduring presence guide and inspire our lives. And if we look up beyond ourselves *to him*, we find just what we are looking for.

A blessed Epiphany to all.

Yours in Christ,
Father Rudy

THE CHRISTMAS BOOTH: As you put away your Christmas decorations, see if there are any nice pieces or ornaments you aren’t planning to use in the future. Our Fall Festival 2023 is on the Parish calendar and the Christmas booth is one of the top features. And since all the items are donated, this booth is clear profit with 100% going to the Parish. You can drop off your gently used items at the Parish Office during regular office hours or on Saturday mornings. The more we have donated, the more successful our Festival will be this coming year.

THE BID & BUY BOOTH: Another clear profit booth and a favorite for all is the Bid & Buy. Again all items are donated. So as you clean out those closets or the attic or just want something new and different as you begin the new year, think about donating the smaller items to St. Boniface.

BLACK JESUS OF ESQUIPULAS: On Saturday, January 14th, the Mass at 6:00 P.M. will celebrate the Black Jesus of Esquipulas. The Black Christ, or Cristo Negro, of Esquipulas is one of the most famous and revered images of Christ in Central America. The wooden statue, located in the Cathedral Basilica of Esquipulas in Guatemala, is believed to be miraculous since it has contributed to the healing of numerous people. Each year, in January, a large-scale festival honoring Cristo Negro is held. Thousands of people crowd outside the Cathedral Basilica of Esquipulas, lining up to venerate the sacred image. Most pilgrims are natives of the country, but many visitors from various parts of the world gather too. Please join us in this celebration.