

## The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

. . . *magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw its star at its rising and have come to do him homage."*

*Matthew 2: 1-12*

### Faith in the journey

At the age of 13, her world darkened. Her happiness disappeared; she no longer found joy in her classes where she excelled or in playing her beloved clarinet; she was becoming more and more withdrawn. By the time her family and friends realized she was struggling, she was very sick. At school, counselors and therapists confronted her about her detachment; her friends collectively decided that she was not worth their concern. Everything and everyone she turned to for love and acceptance were missing when she most needed it. Something "broke" inside of her. She didn't care if she lived or died.

So, desperate for a change, she transferred to another school - a Catholic high school. She was the daughter of a non-practicing Methodist and a nonpracticing Presbyterian. They left the decision of church and religion to her and her siblings - as long as they identified as "some sort of Christian." She didn't know whether she believed in God or not.

"I found I was searching for something that refused to make itself known," she remembers. "If God existed, I concluded, God was not interested in my soul. God did not include me, but my too-cool-for-religion friends did. That is, until they didn't."

At her new school, signs of God were pretty much everywhere she looked. That first day she felt like an invader. She wasn't interested in a new beginning; she simply wanted to put in her time. She wasn't interested in new friends, either. She was far from convinced that she would succeed in this new school - she just knew that her last school left her defeated.

But that's when the unexpected happened.

"It took time and patience, but new friends found me. They did not give up on the moody and disconnected new student. Nothing was easy, but I was taught how to assimilate. It was a new form of love I had not yet known . . .

"I was 18 years old when I was baptized into the Catholic Church. The first person I was introduced to on my first day of class stood next to me at the baptismal font as my chosen godmother. Since then, I have decided that my faith lies in my journey. I do not fear a lack of acceptance because I know God has a plan in motion. With God, I am no longer an outsider looking in. With God, I have found my missing community.

[From "Through the Motions: My patient journey with depression" by Nicole Bazis, America, November 28, 2016.]

***Today's solemnity of the Epiphany centers on the journey that every one of us travels, the journey that is ultimately a search for God: finding God in our life's meaning, finding God in belonging to family and community; finding God in the satisfaction of doing good. As the magi experienced, God sets "stars" ahead of us - for this student, the star was a group of teachers and classmates who would not let her be lost to the darkness of her depression. The understanding and support of family and friends, the forgiveness we extend and receive, the meaning we come in know in giving and serving those in need, are all "epiphanies" of God's presence in our own Bethlehems. In the new year before us, may our hearts and spirits behold these many epiphanies in which we re-discover the love of "Emmanuel" - God in our midst.***

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# Sacred Heart Parish

## A Stewardship Parish in Love with Christ



### Parish Information

Parish Administrator: Monsignor Jim Robertson

Office Hours: Mon, Wed, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11:00 am

Reconciliation: Wednesday after Mass, or by request

Mass During the Week: Tues at 7:00 pm Wed, Thurs, Fri at 10:00 am

First Fridays - 2:00 pm at the Lohnes Complex

Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

Holy Hour of Adoration: Third Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m.

Marriages: Six months' notice is required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

## January 7, 2018

## The Epiphany of the Lord

**RECEIVED WITH THANKS** (Dec. 24 & 25)

Regular Collection	1550.75
Christmas Collection	2786.80
Pastoral Dues	130.00
Envelope Cost Contributions	20.00
Building Fund	40.00
Advent Folders	745.25
Sunday Missals	25.00
Calendars	65.00

**RECEIVED WITH THANKS** (Dec. 31 & Jan. 1)

Regular Collection	1783.10
Pastoral Dues	455.00
Envelope Cost Contributions	105.00
Building Fund	65.00
New Years Day (Solemnity)	626.00
Christmas Collection	680.00
Advent Folders	40.00
Votive Candles	106.10
Sunday Missals	10.00
Mass Stipends	110.00
St Vincent de Paul	130.00
Calendars	30.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Jan 6	The Deceased Gerald McHugh The Deceased Dr. Denis O'Connor
Jan 7	Parish Community
Jan 8	No Mass
Jan 9	The Deceased John McCarthy
Jan 10	The Deceased Thomas & Brian Griffin
Jan 11	The Deceased Ted & Mike Hackett
Jan 12	The Deceased Bernadette & Anthony George
Jan 13	The Deceased Dennis Bruce & Theresa Tompkins

**PARISH COUNCIL** The next meeting takes place on **January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.**

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>January 6</b>	
Dennis Bruce Lynette Taylor	John Carroll Barbara Neville Art Hall
<b>January 7</b>	
Patsy Payne Amelia Dicks	Donna Eldridge Calvin Gillis Hedy Kenny
<b>Communion to the Sick – Joan Penney</b>	

**PERSONAL THANKS**

I would like to personally thank everyone in Sacred Heart Parish and Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish for their tremendous kindness to me over the Christmas Season. Your gifts and generosity are greatly appreciated. Your goodness to me has been humbling and almost embarrassing as it is far more than I could ever merit. Thank you and may God continue to work with us and our parishes.

**2018 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES**

These are now available at the rear of the church. Please note that some numbers have changed. To avoid confusion, please discard any unused envelopes from previous years.

**WINTER WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.**

**HUMOUR**

My three-year-old daughter stuck out her hand and said, "Look at the fly I killed Mommy." Since she was eating a juicy pickle at the time, I thrust her contaminated hands under the faucet and washes them with antibacterial soap. After sitting her down to finish her pickle, I asked, with a touch of awe, "How did you kill that fly all by yourself?" Between bites she said, "I hit it with my pickle."

**RELIGIOUS CALENDARS**

We have 2018 calendars featuring beautiful religious artwork available for \$5. All monies received will be donated to Catholic Missions.

**CLERGY MOVES ANNOUNCED****BY BISHOP HUNDT**

Rev. Jaison Varkey Cherumadathil, C.F.I.C., a member of the Indian Province of the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception and a confrere of Father Mathew George, C.F.I.C. is scheduled to arrive in our diocese on Tuesday January 9th at which time he will be appointed to ministry and enculturation at the Cathedral of the Most Holy Redeemer and of the Immaculate Conception. Reverend Ricardo Rossi will be appointed as the Administrator of Our Lady of Grace Parish in Bird Cove. We welcome Father Jaison in our diocese and we pray for God's blessings upon Father Jaison and Father Rossi as they begin their new appointments.

**4YOUTH**

On the Feast of the Epiphany, which the Church celebrates today, we commemorate the visitation of the Magi to the Baby Jesus. These men travelled a great distance guided only by a star and brought with them gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to honour Jesus. This is a good time to think about our own journey of faith. How are we called to grow closer to Christ? What gifts do we have that we can bring to the Lord today to share with him? Remember, the best gifts come from the heart!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Archbishop Howley Council 2581 will meet at All Hallows on Tuesday January 9, 2018 at 7:45 P.M This meeting will take place after 7:00 P.M mass at All Hallows. All Knights are asked to please attend.

**BINGO BINGO BINGO!**

We will be holding our first Bingo of the year on **Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm** in the school cafeteria. All are encouraged to come out in support of our church.

**BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

On Monday, January 8, the Church marks the end of the Christmas season with the celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During the season of Christmas, the Church celebrates three feasts which mark the revelation of God to humanity: **Christmas** as the Incarnation of God, **Epiphany** as the revelation of God to the Gentiles through the visitation of the Magi and the **Baptism of Jesus** as the revelation of the Trinity (Jesus Son of God present at the baptism, the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove and the voice of God the Father announcing that this was His Son in whom He was well pleased). For more about the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, visit [www.rcchurch.com](http://www.rcchurch.com)

