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SUNDAY JANUARY 6TH, 2019

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

THE LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday - 5:00 p.m. Sunday - 10:00 a.m.

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY: The Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated either on January 6 or, according to the decision of the episcopal conference, on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. The young Messiah is revealed as the light of the nations. Yet, as the antiphon for the Magnificat at Second Vespers reminds us, three mysteries are encompassed in this solemnity: the adoration of the Christ Child by the Magi, the Baptism of Christ and the wedding feast at Cana. Extra candles and/or lamps may be placed around the sanctuary and in other parts of the church to honor Christ revealed as the Light of the Gentiles (Ceremonial of Bishops). It is customary to replace the images of the shepherds at the crib with the three Magi and their gifts. — Ceremonies of the Liturgical Year, Msgr. Peter J. Elliott, Ignatius Press. The feast of St. Andre Bessette, which is ordinarily celebrated today, is superseded by the Sunday liturgy.

WE BEGIN A NEW YEAR: The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus, which is celebrated on January 3. The first eight days of January fall during the liturgical season known as Christmas which is represented by the liturgical color white. The remaining days of January are the beginning of Ordinary Time. The liturgical color changes to green — a symbol of the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of glory.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION: for the month of January is that young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT: can be easily setup using our parish Automatic Sunday Giving service. Father Steve personally completes the transactions, whether they be made weekly or monthly. In a busy world, it is easy to support the parish, even if one has to be away. A registration form can be picked up at Ann Marie's office or can be printed from our Parish website: www.sorrowspetawawa.com. Look for the heading that says "Automatic Sunday Giving". With a completed registration form we will also need a VOID cheque from the account you wish to use. Registrants can start or stop this service at any time.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS: Place a stamped, self-addressed envelope in the collection basket & it will be mailed out to you as soon as possible.

SUNDAY OFFERING: totalled \$2,990.40, Initial Offering \$243.00, New Year Offering \$1,220.00. Thank you for your generosity.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

NOTE: Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday	Jan. 8	10:00 a.m.	<i>Corrie Haas- Bev Yakabuskie</i>
Wednesday	Jan. 9	10:00 a.m.	<i>Beatrice St. Amand – Michael, Marilyn Lee & Chloe St. Amand</i>
Thursday	Jan. 10	10:00 a.m.	<i>Special Intentions McIntyre family</i>
Friday	Jan. 11	10:00 a.m.	<i>Adam & Bryan Burke – Lise Dion & John Barszczewski</i>
Saturday	Jan. 12	5:00 p.m.	<i>Michael O'Malley – Ambrose Dwyer</i>
Sunday	Jan. 13	10:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of All Parishioners – Fr. Steve</i>

UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

Saturday January 12	First Reconciliation Retreat (Parish Hall 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)
Saturday January 12	Confirmation Class (Parish Centre 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m)

FAMILY LIFE AS SACRAMENT - FR. RON ROLHEISER, O.M.I.

God is not just a person, but also a certain flow of life, a flow of receptivity and gratitude between three persons.

Inside of God there is a kind of family life going on and Jesus has assured us that when we give and receive from each other within a family, when we break open our lives and hearts, our joys and frustrations, our egos, agendas and finances and share these with each other, we are letting the life of God flow through us.

In that sense, family life is a sacrament and, for many of us, the most important sacrament of all because it is the one that in fact touches our lives and transforms us the most deeply.

But all of this should not to be unduly romanticized. To say that family life is a sacrament is not to say that it will not be fraught with pettiness, frustration, anger, jealousies, selfish concern, pathology, and even at times real sin. Our families are never the holy family!

Our families are never the romanticized stuff of our adolescent or pious dreams. Nor are they ever the idealized families of literature and movies, where people are still attractive, interesting, and worthy of our understanding and sympathy even when they are petty, selfish, jealous, unfaithful, and sinful.

As we know, understanding and sympathy in the midst of the muck and grime of real family life is considerably harder to crank up. All of that notwithstanding, however, unless there is present the kind of abuse that violates the soul, family life remains a sacrament – sometimes indeed because of its imperfections rather than simply in spite of them.

It is in forming hearts that are big enough to love and forgive within imperfection that we ready ourselves for heaven.

For many of us, coming home from the hospital to join a family will be our first baptism, our family dwelling will be our primary church, our family table our primary place of Eucharist, our living room our first sanctuary, our marriage bed our deepest experience of Eucharist, and our reconciliation with each other after the pettiness and hurts of family life our ongoing sacrament of reconciliation.

It is there that the flow of the life that originates within God, and finds its perfection there, will flow through us.

A KING TO BEHOLD

Dr. Scott Hahn (St. Paul Centre for Biblical Theology)

An “epiphany” is an appearance. In today’s readings, with their rising stars, splendid lights, and mysteries revealed, the face of the child born on Christmas day appears.

Herod, in today’s Gospel, asks the chief priests and scribes where the Messiah is to be born. The answer Matthew puts on their lips says much more, combining two strands of Old Testament promise—one revealing the Messiah to be from the line of David (see 2 Samuel 2:5), the other predicting “a ruler of Israel” who will “shepherd his flock” and whose “greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth” (see Micah 5:1–3).

Those promises of Israel’s king ruling the nations resound also in today’s Psalm. The psalm celebrates David’s son, Solomon. His kingdom, we sing, will stretch “to the ends of the earth,” and the world’s kings will pay Him homage. That’s the scene too in today’s First Reading, as nations stream from the East, bearing “gold and frankincense” for Israel’s king.

The Magi’s pilgrimage in today’s Gospel marks the fulfillment of God’s promises. The Magi, probably Persian astrologers, are following the star that Balaam predicted would rise along with the ruler’s staff over the house of Jacob (see Numbers 24:17).

Laden with gold and spices, their journey evokes those made to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba and the “kings of the earth” (see 1 Kings 10:2, 25; 2 Chronicles 9:24). Interestingly, the only other places where frankincense and myrrh are mentioned together are in songs about Solomon (see Song of Songs 3:6; 4:6, 14).

One greater than Solomon is here (see Luke 11:31). He has come to reveal that all peoples are “co-heirs” of the royal family of Israel, as today’s Epistle teaches. His manifestation forces us to choose: will we follow the signs that lead to Him as the wise Magi did? Or will we be like those priests and scribes who let God’s words of promise become dead letters on an ancient page?

MINISTRIES NEXT WEEKEND – BAPTISM OF THE LORD JAN. 13, 2018

5:00 pm.	Eucharist Theresa Sabourin	Cup Mark Conrad Don Richard	Reader Ambrose Dwyer
10:00 am.	Greg Lubimiv Julie Turcotte	Lorraine Tremblay Margie Galway	Julie Mallory
5:00 p.m.	Greeters Len & Anita McGean	Gift Bearers Don & Barb Richard	
10:00 am.	David Howard	Jacques & Lucy Caron	