



St. Benedict Catholic Church

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The Epiphany of the Lord

A Trip Called Life

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One way to pray with sacred Scripture is to ask, “How is this biblical story my story?” So then, how is the story of the Magi our story? Like those journeyers from the East, we may sense there is more to our lives than what is now. Some inner angst can send us on a life search without really knowing where it will take us or even what we are really seeking. Yet through it all we are led by an inner star that lures us on. Some might call it a spiritual journey. Like the Magi who stopped in Jerusalem and asked if anyone knew something about what they were seeking, we begin asking around. Some people we ask aren’t sure what we are asking, like

Herod. Others seem able to offer suggestions, but for our purposes it is not an answer but only points the way. Then one day we happen to stumble on what we’ve been looking for all along. Some people call it a religious experience. To describe it to someone else, we might be at a loss for words. Yet it touches us so deeply that it seems to change our lives. We begin to let go of what we once thought was so important—the gold, frankincense, and myrrh of our lives. And like the Wise Men, we journey on with our lives, except by a different route, sensing that the path we had thus far traveled was no longer a safe journey home. ●

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** Is anything of the Magi story also your story? If so, reflect on yours.*

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading: ...all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense... Is 60:1-6

Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.

Second Reading: ...that Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel... Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: ... they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Mt 2:1-12

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The office is closed on holidays and weekends.

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ALOHA AND WELCOME HOME!

Updated Covid-19 Liturgical Directives and Cold & Flu Guidelines

All remaining Covid-19 liturgical restrictions are lifted except for the suspension of the distribution of the Precious Blood to the congregation.

As always, you are reminded to use common sense for your health and safety during the annual cold and flu season. If you are feeling ill or think you may have been exposed to a virus, you should refrain from coming to Mass. In the same way, you should refrain from offering your hand to others at the sign of peace. A smile and a heartfelt "Peace be with you" should suffice. All of us must be aware of such sensitive matter in the intimate life of the Christian community and we should expect that some will refrain from a physical expression of the sign of peace out of care of our well-being and not out of unkindness or lack of piety.

SACRAMENTS

Funerals Please contact the office for information about available dates *before* making arrangements with the mortuary or cemetery.

Baptisms may take place according to the same guidelines as weekend Masses. They will be done in such a way that the same water is not poured on more than one person or stored in the font after use.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

At this time Father Sieg is available for Confessions by appointment, observing all proper precautions. Call the office 328-2227.

Eucharist to Homebound and Hospitalized

Call the office to arrange for a visit from a priest or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

How many foreigners, including persons of other religions, give us an example of values that we sometimes forget or set aside! Those living beside us, who may be scorned and sidelined because they are foreigners, can instead teach us how to walk on the path that the Lord wishes.



HOMILY, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, OCTOBER 9, 2016

AN EPIPHANY PRAYER

**LORD JESUS,
MAY YOUR LIGHT
SHINE OUR WAY,
AS ONCE IT GUIDED
THE STEPS OF THE MAGI;
THAT WE TOO MAY BE LED
INTO YOUR PRESENCE
AND WORSHIP YOU,
THE CHILD OF MARY,
THE WORD OF THE FATHER,
THE KING OF NATIONS,
THE SAVIOR OF MANKIND;
TO WHOM BE GLORY FOR EVER.
AMEN.**

SAINT OF THE WEEK– FEAST DAY JANUARY 13 BLESSED VERONICA OF BINASCO 1445-1497



Blessed Veronica was born into a peasant family and named Giovanna Negroni in Binasco, Milan, Italy. She joined the monastery of Saint Martha in Milan at age 22 where she took the name Veronica as she had great devotion to the Lord's passion. She cared for sick sisters in her community and ministered also to the people of Milan. She had an intense spiritual

life, devoted to the Eucharist and the Passion of Christ. Several messages were given to her in prayer, by Christ, which she carried to such influential people as the Duke of Milan and Pope Alexander VI. Throughout her life she remained humble. At her death, January 13, 1497, she was so admired that they delayed her burial for a week for people to pay their respects and many were cured of disease by just touching her body.



**NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Revival**

DIOCESE OF HONOLULU TEACHING MASS

Beginning this week there will be special inserts from our Diocese in line with the ongoing National Eucharistic Revival. Please read them each week as you should find them to be very informative. The purpose of the Revival is to "Inspire, Educate, and Unite" Catholics in the Holy Eucharist.



STEWARDSHIP

MAXIMIZING GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR HIS GLORY



**And as they fell to their knees
before the small, poor
and vulnerable Infant,
the unexpected and unknown
Child of Bethlehem,
they discovered the glory of God.**

-Pope Francis Homily for Epiphany 2017

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

We praise and glorify You, O Lord our God, for you have called us to serve you in love. Bless those who are ill so that they may bear their illness in union with your Son's passion and suffering. Restore them to health, and lead them to glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH, KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Bernie Sacilowski, Clifford Chow Jr., Patsy Sabarre, Bernard Labasan, Azarias Dosdos, John Herman, Janet Katakura, Merton Ogata, Carol Crusat, Henry Borges, Jim Shrewsbury, Emily Griego, John Sanchis, Rafael Ramirez, Jeffrey Crusat, Robin Crusat, William Anderson, Linda Adkins, Gloria Grapa, Tamayo Hanato, Caroline Smith, Hilda Sebastian, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Johnny Koene, Ruby Best, Jimmy Best, Keiki San Filippo.

Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus,
I believe that
You are present
In the Most Holy
Sacrament.*

*I love You
above all things,
and I desire
to receive You
into my soul.
Since I cannot
at this moment
receive You
sacramentally,
come at least
spiritually into
my heart.*

*I embrace You
as if You were
already there and
unite myself
wholly to You.
Never permit me
to be separated
from You.*

Amen

*Thank God...
for the gift of Jesus
in the Eucharist!*

PRAYER

CALENDAR

MONDAY January 9 Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38 Mt 3:13-17

TUESDAY January 10 Week-day Heb 2:5-12 Mk 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY January 11 Weekday Heb 2:14-18 Mk 1:29-39

THURSDAY January 12 Weekday Heb 3:7-14 Mk 1:40-45

FRIDAY January 13 Weekday Heb 4:1-5, 11 Mk 2:1-12

SATURDAY January 14 Weekday Heb 4:12-16 Mk 2:13-17

SUNDAY January 15 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 49:3, 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

Pray the Rosary Daily

*I know God has a plan.
I pray for direction to
follow it, patience to
wait on it, and
knowledge to know
when it comes.*





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Treasure Hunt

1. The word **E** _____ describes the "manifestation" of God in the person of Jesus.
2. What is the **word** Matthew used to describe Herod's mood when he heard that a new king had been born?
3. **How** did the magi know **where** to find Jesus?
4. The magi's gifts represented Jesus' **divinity, sacrifice/humanity, and royalty**. Which of these is connected to each gift?
 - ◇ gold = _____
 - ◇ frankincense = _____
 - ◇ myrrh = _____
5. **Why didn't** the magi return to Herod after seeing the child Jesus?

BONUS:

- a- It used to be a tradition to serve **I** _____ on the occasion of the Epiphany in honor of Jesus, the **P** _____ **L** _____.
- b- **Where** are the bones of the magi supposedly contained?

Answers to last week's Treasure Hunt

The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

-1- solemnity; -2- Holy Mother of God, divine, human; -3- the naming of Jesus and His circumcision; 4- Yes, faith, reflection; -5- slaves, sons, heirs. **BONUS:** -a- Hail Mary, Hail Holy Queen, Rosary, and others; -b- Lovely Lady Dressed in Blue.

I encourage all of you to discover ever more fully in the Eucharist, the sacrament of Christ's sacrificial love, the inspiration and strength needed to work ever more generously for the spread of God's Kingdom and the growth of the civilization of love.

- Pope Benedict XVI

Dear Padre

I've been asked to be a godparent. I'm honored but also a little hesitant. What does a godparent have to do?

Congratulations. It is an honor to be a godparent. Hesitancy is appropriate, too, as it is also a responsibility. The Church takes baptism very seriously. As a godparent/sponsor, you represent the larger Catholic community into which the child is being received. Church law requires several qualifications for being a godparent/sponsor. As a Catholic, you should have been baptized, confirmed, and received the Eucharist. You must be a practicing Catholic and at least sixteen years old (though some dioceses may have other age requirements). You should understand the meaning of baptism and the responsibilities that you will undertake on behalf of the Church. Parishes often include godparents in the baptismal preparation programs they offer to parents. This baptismal instruction might challenge you to examine your life. The power of your good example cannot be emphasized enough. A child may not understand the behavior of adults, but the child sees their actions. You cannot tell a child to pray if you yourself don't pray. Don't be scared off by all this. You are being invited to participate in the most important day of this child's life and to continue being involved as the child lives and grows. Don't let it be just a day of pictures and a party. If you let it, this day may change your life, too.

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"Christ said, "I am the Truth"; he did not say "I am the custom."

-St. Toribio

SERVICE

MAHALO FOR THE FRUIT!

Thank you to all who share their abundance of fruit with our Painted Church visitors. We can always use more!

ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY

The **regular** St. Benedict Food Pantry schedule continues to be the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. **Next Distribution will be on Friday January 13, 2023.**