



Most Holy Redeemer Parish

Mass Schedule

Weekend Liturgies

Saturday

4:30 p.m.

Sunday

8, and 11 a.m.

Weekday Masses

8:30 a.m.

Saturday

8:30 a.m.

Rosary

Recited daily after
the 8:30 a.m. Mass

Holy Cross

Adoration Chapel

3650 W. 96th Street

Monday, 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday, closed

Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday
9 a.m. - 12 noon

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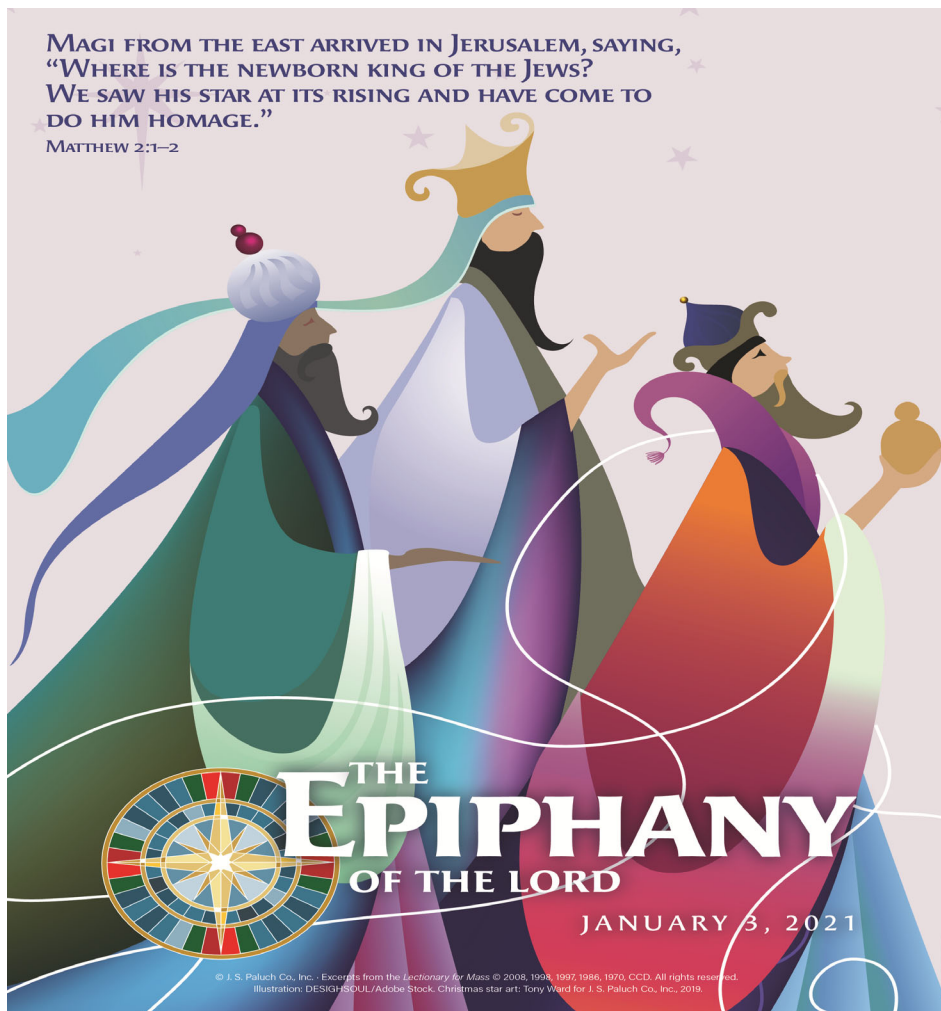


Today's Readings

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6)

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).



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WELCOME

If you are new to our Church or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a Church home, or your Church is not a home to you, we invite you to become part of our parish family. Our Church is open to anyone looking for a spiritual home. Contact the Parish Office at 425.5354 ext 203 to register.

We're glad you're here and hope you'll join us!

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Call 708-425-5354 to make arrangements with the Rectory for the Baptism and the Enrichment Program. Baptisms will take place on the first and third Sundays at 12 noon.

Marriage

Couples intending to marry should call the Rectory and speak to one of the priests.

Wedding Music Selections

Contact the Director of Music at lmaffiola@mostholyredeemer.org

Funeral Liturgy Information

Please visit the MHR parish website mostholyredeemer.org scroll down to the "Funerals" box to find the funeral guidelines, readings, music selections, and order of liturgy.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the family of Most Holy Redeemer Parish, commit ourselves to enriching our relationship with God by following the teachings of Jesus Christ. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we continue to build the Kingdom of God in our midst. Our vision is to foster the faith of all through prayer, service, education, and ministry.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

It has certainly been an unusual Christmas holiday season. While we celebrated, our celebrations certainly took a different form this year. We may have had smaller celebrations. We may not have seen all the people we usually see at Christmas. A lot of our normal holiday activities and events, such as Christmas concerts or Christmas pageants, did not take place this year. I'm sure we are all hoping that things will be back to normal soon, and our Christmas celebration next year will be more of our usual celebration.

While we might long for things to get back to normal and resume our accustomed ways of doing things, today's feast of the Epiphany challenges that way of thinking. We see this in the story of the magi. The magi, astrologers from the east according to the gospel, saw a new star appear in the sky. They interpreted its appearance to mean that a new king had been born to Israel. They follow the star to honor the newborn king. They don't find the new king in a palace. They find the new king in very humble surroundings. Even though it wasn't what they expected, they recognized the presence of God in the child they encountered. Their lives were forever changed because of it. We read that they went back to their country by another route. Another way to think of this is that they didn't go back the same way they came. That applies to more than just the road they took. It applies to the way they lived after that. In laying their gifts before Jesus, they were symbolically handing their lives over to Him. They could not return to their old way of life after encountering Christ.

While we will still be celebrating Christmas liturgically for another week, in many ways the Epiphany brings an end to our Christmas celebration. After all the excitement and hustle and bustle of Christmas, life will resume its routine. We will go back to school and back to our jobs. But how will we go back? Will we go back to the same way we were before Christmas? Or, like the magi, will we go back in a different way?

Will we be more loving towards others because of the love of God we have celebrated at Christmas, the love God showed in becoming one of us so that we could see what He is like? Will we be more forgiving and merciful to others, remembering that Jesus came so we could be forgiven of our sins and share in the life of heaven? Will we carry on some of the generosity we have shown at Christmas into the new year, remembering that people are in need not just at the Christmas holidays? Will we have a renewed faith in any way because of our celebration of Christmas?

We just started a new year on Friday. Part of welcoming a new year is to think about all the changes we would like to make in our lives. This year might be a little different. Rather than seeing things change, we may have a greater desire to have things go back to normal, back to the way they used to be. Let's keep in mind though, that while we long for many things to back to the way they used to be, we can't go back to the way we used to be. The magi changed their lives because they encountered Christ. Our lives too must change because we have encountered the Lord. May we become better and more faith-filled people in the new year because we have encountered our Lord in our Christmas celebrations.

Fr. Jim Hyland

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When I tell a story, I have a friend who prefers the “nutshell version” first. After that she’ll listen to me ramble, but she wants to know the main point right off the bat. When reading and hearing Sunday scriptures one may often find the nutshell by looking at the responsorial psalm or the Gospel acclamation. From Psalm 72 we hear “Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.” The verse for the Gospel acclamation is Matthew 2:2 “We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” As a weary world, we need to see the light, to follow with our actions and our words. This is the same hope that is echoed in Isaiah 60:2 “See, darkness covers the earth, / and thick clouds cover the peoples; / but upon you the Lord shines, / and over you appears his glory.” Don’t give up, friends. You must shine!

Do you know someone in the military and would like to add their name to our list? We would be happy to include their name and pray for them. Please call the Rectory at 425.5354 ext 203 or email bulletineditor@mostholyredeemer.org.

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If you have not been receiving email updates, please send your email address to ebrett@mostholyredeemer.org so we can keep you updated and encouraged!

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SEARCHING

In Matthew's Gospel today we see two extremely different perspectives, two different reasons for searching for Jesus. In some ways, this resembles the polarization of our nation in today's time. What one group sees as good for the nation, those with opposing views think will wreck the country. The Magi were astrologers who saw a vision in the sky and were trying to find a way to follow it and discover the new king of the Jews. Herod heard about this king, and his reaction was dark and negative. He saw the birth of such a king as a threat to his power as the Roman leader of the country and wanted the Magi to pass on to him what they knew about this Christ child. Similarly, on a more personal level, we can either feel threatened or excited by changes that may come, depending on our perspective.

In our minds, it is easy to mix up bits and pieces from Luke's account of the shepherds coming to see Jesus in the stable and the story of the magi. Clearly, it has taken the magi time to get here, and the reading speaks of them coming to the house where the star led them. Nevertheless, they "prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures . . ."

How do we do this? Do we continue looking for Jesus, even if it takes a while and he is not where we expect to see him? Are we paying attention to the signs showing us the way? What gifts do we have with which to pay him homage? After seeing him, the Magi were warned in a dream not to go back the way they came. But if we have seen the Christ child, how can we go back to where we were? We must continue to respond to God's call to move forward and grow in our lives. We must seek the right and just path and turn away from the "Herods" and inherent evils in our life.

Today's Readings: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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MHR St Vincent DePaul's mission is to assist people living in MHR Parish boundaries in times of need.

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All contact is strictly confidential.

MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday, January 3 ~ Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 The People of Most Holy Redeemer

11:00 James Cullen

Monday, January 4

8:30 Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, January 5

8:30 Dorothy Jordan

Wednesday, January 6

8:30 KevRev. James Brassil / Loretta Podhajski, Raymond Simons, and Geraldine Getz

Thursday, January 7

8:30 Bob Murray / Jim O'Reilly / James McNichols

Friday, January 8

8:30 Lawrence Cipolla

Saturday, January 9

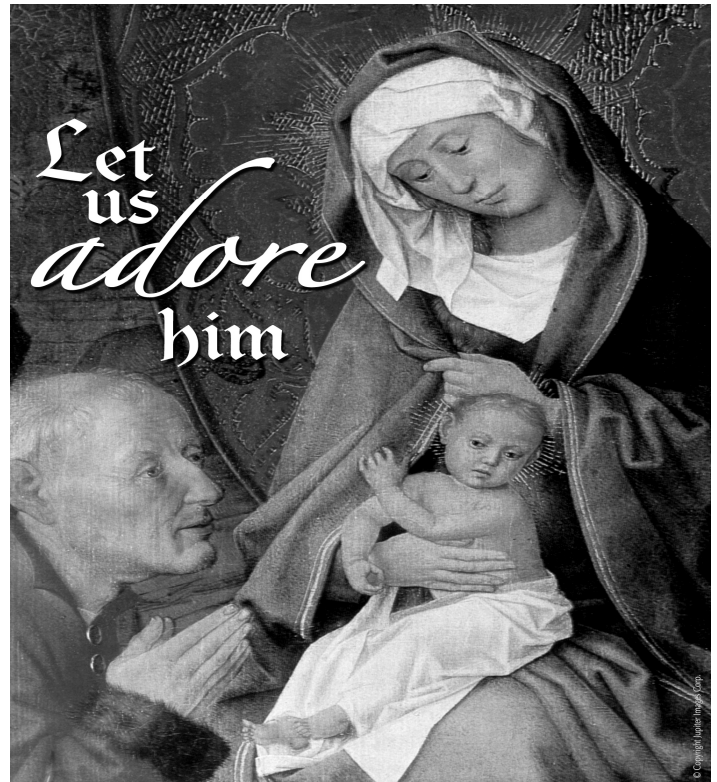
8:30 Jean and Robert Molnar

4:30 pm

Sunday, January 10

8:00 The People of Most Holy Redeemer / Robin Dayer / the Prim and Wiseman Families

11:00 Margarey Flaherty / Chester Garstka



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3, 2021

Behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

Matthew 2:9

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Our Finances

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Week of 12 / 20

In church and drop off envelopes	\$7,108
Electronic Offering	\$2,170
Total Offering	\$9,278
Budgeted	\$12,500
Amount under / over budget	(\$3,222)

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

Offering	\$264,679
Budget	\$313,500
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$48,821)

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