

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel."*

- Mt 2:6b

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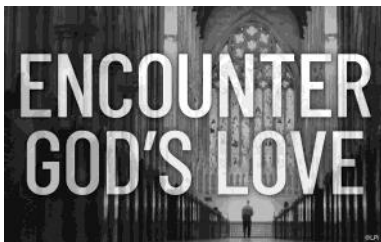
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In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.



Parish Stewardship "Treasure Report"

December 19, 2021

Envelope Total: \$ 8,398

Electronic Giving: \$ 3,204

Week Total: \$11,602

2020—Dec. 20 \$11,731

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Dec. 26th & Jan. 2nd collections will appear in the Jan. 9 Bulletin.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. KAJ....

Many faces in human life can shatter families and ruin friendships. But we can defuse explosive situations by showing gentleness and patience, speaking the truth in love, and forgiving others as Christ has forgiven us.

The Bible speaks about the unexploded bombs of human life. The story of the wise men going to Bethlehem. They traveled from the East to Jerusalem looking for the child who has been born king of the Jews. King Herod is frightened of this and asks the wise men to find the baby so he can also pay him homage. Because he was threatened by Jesus, he attempted to manipulate the wise men.

When they found the baby Jesus, they knelt before him, offered him their treasures. They were warned in a dream not to report to Herod so they returned home by another road. They defuse the unexploded bomb of Herod's manipulation by avoiding him.

An angel appears to Joseph in a dream and says, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child to destroy him." This is the second unexploded bomb; Herod's plot to kill Jesus.

As you start this New Year, think of one person that you need to forgive. Someone who has hurt you, someone who has caused you some lasting damage. Offer them the gift of forgiveness because Jesus has already offered you the gift of forgiveness. When you let go of your anger through a decision to forgive, you will feel as though a bomb has been defused.

Unexploded bombs are found everywhere—they are around us now, and we will encounter them in the year to come. But we can defuse them by giving soft answers, by bearing with one another, by speaking the truth in love and by forgiving each other, just as Christ has forgiven us.

Happy New Year to all! We begin 2022 full of different emotions—hope, fear, anxiety, gratitude to name a few. Together with God we must work hard on making good decisions and pray—pray for ourselves, our family and friends, our parish, the whole Church and the world. May 2022 bring peace in the world and to each one of us. Let us all put our best foot forward—even when we don't want to—and be the best person we can be. Thank you to all who spent time with the Blessed Sacrament during our 24-hour Adoration.

Let us make an effort to get more involved with the parish—give of your time and talent. Think about joining a ministry. Together we can make all things possible with God. Just as he has given us the blessings of a New Year, we need to act upon those blessings. We are in need of new Ushers and will be looking for new Altar Servers. Pray upon what you can do as a "thank you" to God.

The Synod Listening Session is January 18th at 7pm. All are encouraged and invited to join and have your voices heard.

God Bless,
Fr. Kaj



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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—

Please note the following:

- ♦ **Adoration is held in the Adoration Chapel.** Adoration will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1pm to 11pm.
- ♦ **Adorers are needed for the following times: Mondays at 8pm; Tuesdays 3pm & 4pm**

If you would like to become an Adorer and spend an hour in prayer, please contact Diane Calabrese at (201) 288-7732.

"Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the Living Heart of each of our parishes." St. Pope Paul VI

The Parish Center and Adoration will be closed
Monday, January 3

The Light of the Moon - Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

SAVE the DATE!

Cardinal Tobin will be the main celebrant at the 12nn Mass on Sunday, February 13th.



**Would you like a say
in our future Church?
Attend the Synod Listening Session!**

Synod means "walking together". Pope Francis is asking for our opinion on what is expected of today's Church. This is your chance to have a voice in the process! Are you going to pass on this calling?

When: Tuesday, January 18, 7-9:30pm

Where: Corpus Christi School Cafeteria

Register: at cchhsynod@gmail.com

With name and phone number

Questions: Contact Bob Weingartner
(201) 753-8304

MINISTRY UPDATE....

Corpus Christi is in need of Ushers, particularly for the 5pm & 6pm Masses. Any man or woman in the parish that may be interested, please contact Dennis Buttacavoli at (201) 288-8812. This ministry falls under those members requiring Protecting God's Children certification which includes completing a Volunteer Application, Code of Ethics, Criminal Background Check and attending a PGC Workshop.

CALLING NEW CHOIR MEMBERS....

What better way to praise God than by singing to Him, and praising Him! The Adult Choir is looking for new members. If you can sing and would like to join, please come to rehearsal which is every Thursday at 7:00pm in the Church. If you have any questions, contact Joanna, Music Director, at 201-421-0900. Your voices are needed....

THE IMPORTANCE OF REGISTERING

Registering is a very important part of being a parishioner of Corpus Christi. Our communication with you is made easier once we have your information in our database. **In order for families to receive a tuition discount at Corpus Christi School, they need to be registered and using their envelopes/electronic giving as proof of their support for our parish.**

The occasion may arise when you are asked to be a sponsor for Baptism and/or Confirmation. The church in which the sacrament is being held may ask you for **proof that you are a registered, practicing Catholic.** We can only provide such documentation if the priests or staff recognize you as a regular Sunday attendee and registered in the parish. **There is a three-month evaluation period for new parishioners of your participation before determining if a Sponsor Certificate is issued.** Please use your contribution envelopes or electronic giving to indicate your participation.

Formal registration is the best way of communicating with you and showing that you wish to be a part of our parish family.





MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

- 8:00 AM +Rosemarie Fournier
- 10:00 AM +Beverly DeLuca
- 12:00 NN +Wayde Scott
- 6:00 PM +Jamie Cunningham

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

- 6:30 AM +People of the Parish
- 8:00 AM +Theodore Kalinowski

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

- 6:30 AM +Quido & Camille Trause
- 8:00 AM +Theodore Kalinowski

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

- 6:30 AM +Gertrude Kless & Family
- 8:00 AM +Dina Reagan

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

- 6:30 AM +Tom Chin
- 8:00 AM +Living & Deceased Members of the Minan & Fox Families

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

- 6:30 AM Sr. Mary Charitine Spitalniak
(Living-75th Anniv of Religious Life)
- 8:00 AM +Living & Deceased Members of the Casey & Slavicek Families

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

- 8:00 AM +Fortunato Nicho-Dion

ANTICIPATED MASS

- 5:00 PM +Gail Abbate

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

- 8:00 AM +Lazaro Mario Fanego
- 10:00 AM +Ann & Jerry Enrico
- 12:00 NN +Patricia Kunzmann
- 6:00 PM +Paul Kidney

CANDLES, HOSTS & WINE FOR THE WEEK

The candles to be burned on our altars as well as the hosts and wine to be consecrated at all the Masses this week were donated in loving memory of **Berhain and Duchon Families** from **Geri & Chuck Berhain**.



PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Please remember the deceased members of our families, friends and community, especially Stephen Monchak, Stephen Monti



The faith community of Corpus Christi offers continued support to parishioners grieving the loss of a loved one. If you are overwhelmed by feelings of sadness and sorrow, please contact Patricia Caulfield at the Parish Center, (201) 288-4844, ext. 138. We will help you find light, warmth and comfort.



May the Holy Spirit sustain those who are poor and oppressed, the sick, suffering, and sorrowing of all ages, especially, Justin Duffy, Antonio Salcines, Albert DeBenedictis, Mary Nichols, Cosmelina Cammarata,, Adrian Victor Sanfilippo, Paul Giordano, Debbie Murphy, Gary Ryan, Dee Sullivan, Bonnie Poznar, Danielle Delfino, Christine Ryan, Patricia Casey, Noreen Ryan, Joseph Cooney, Raimunda Martins, Joseph Marino, Michael Toscano, Josey Munez, Frank Sambucini, JoAnne Piccarreto, Dennis Buttacavoli, Nora Lindquist, Catherine Groarke, Barbara D'Amato, Phyllis Mink, Mary Lynne Seitz, Leslie Macaluso, MaryAnn Settecasì, Julio Alvarez, Tom Dalton, Clarita DeLeon, Anthony Miele, George Pertuz, Tony Freay, Juan Moreno

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Sharing the Gospel

Isn't God amazing? He made all the stars and planets to move so every night the sky looks a little different. When God created the world, he planned exactly when the wise men would see the star. He wanted them to find Jesus.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for making the planets and stars so the wise men could find Jesus.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of stars and planets shining in the night sky.

Mission for the Week

Visit a planetarium to learn about the star of Bethlehem.

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

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| wise men | king | Mary |
| child | star | gifts |
| born | worship | dream |

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