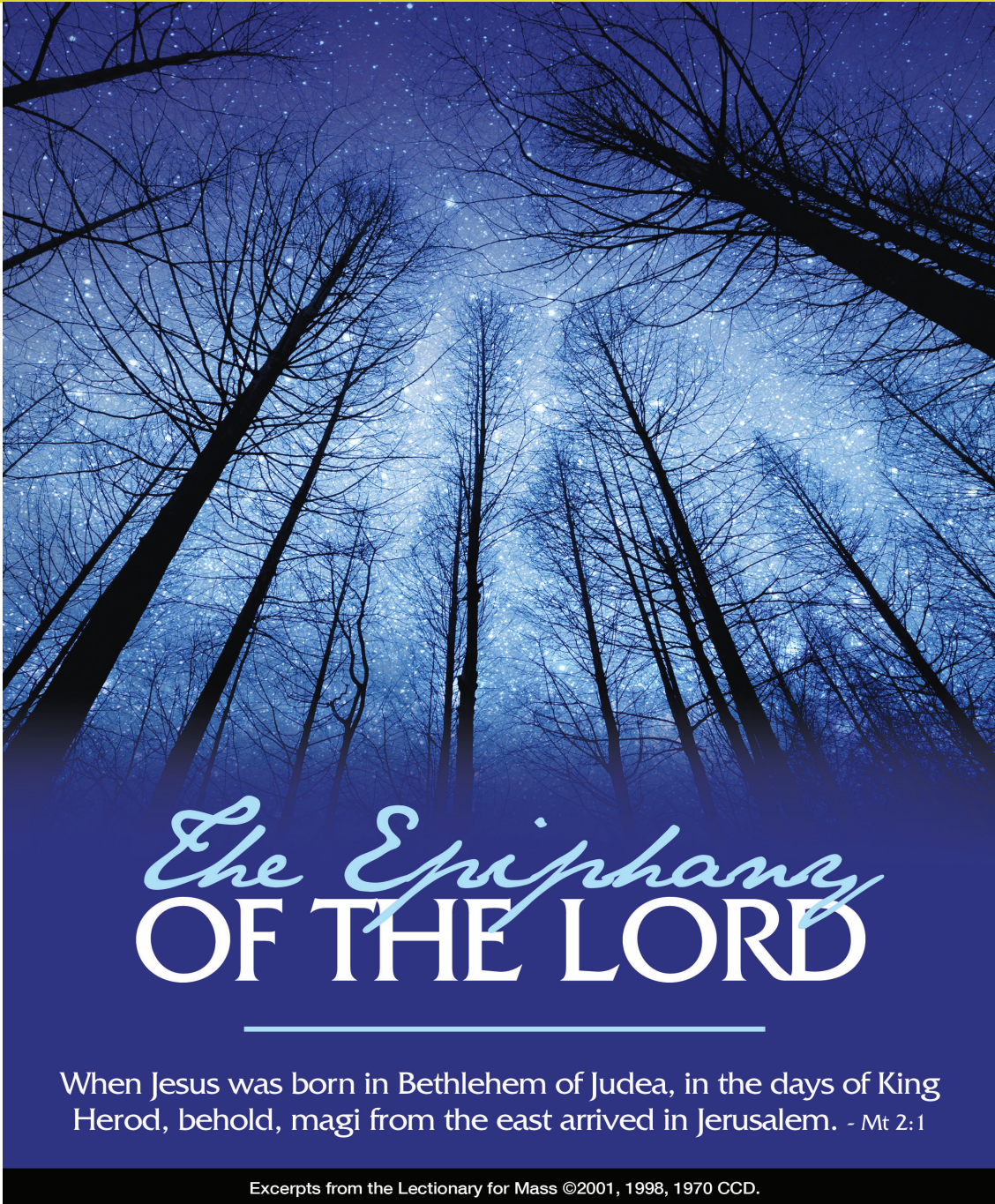


Saint John Catholic Church

Iglesia Católica San Juan

JANUARY 7, 2018 — THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7 DE ENERO DE 2018 — EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Daily Masses: ..Thursday 8:30 a.m.
 ..Wednesday and Friday 12 noon
CONFESSIONS (Saturday) 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

HORARIO LITURGICO

Domingo 12:15 p.m (Español)
Misa Diaria: ..Jueves 8:30 a.m (Ingles)
 ..Miércoles y Viernes 12:00 del medio día
CONFESIONES (Sábado) 4:30 p.m. o por cita

HORARIO DE OFICINAS

LUNES—JUEVES: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
VIERNES: 9:00 a.m. - 12 del medio día

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m.—12 NOON

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St John Parish Calendar

SATURDAY	JANUARY 6, 2018
4:30 PM	Reconciliation
5:30 PM	Mass all parishioners St. John, St. Peter & St. Patrick
SUNDAY	JANUARY 7, 2018
9:00 AM	Mass for soul of Ussey
10:00 AM	Rosary
12:15 PM	Misa
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 10, 2018
12:00 Noon	Mass thanksgiving for Fr. Rossi
THURSDAY	JANUARY 11, 2018
8:30 AM	Mass thanksgiving for Fr. Ernest
FRIDAY	JANUARY 12, 2018
12:00 Noon	Mass for soul of Florida McMahon
SATURDAY	JANUARY 13, 2018
4:30 PM	Reconciliation
5:30 PM	Mass soul of Frank Civitelli
SUNDAY	JANUARY 14, 2018
9:00 AM	Mass soul of Shirley Hughes
10:00 AM	Rosary
12:15 PM	Misa

ST. PETER OFFERS MASS DAILY AT NOON



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Readings for the Week of January 7, 2018

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42



Pray for

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS/ RECUERDE EN SUS ORACIONES:

Keith Pinney, Rudy Calo'oy, John Kolakoski, Ron Price, Jr., Red and Nancy Goodman, Pat & Jerry Nolte, Richard Painter, Deborah Shorter, Maxine DiMarino, Isaias Fuentes,

Melanie Patterson, Lillan Arthur, Mary Helen Sohaski, Thomas Whitehead, Esperanza Godinez, Sherry Wright, David Stull, Otts Miskimon, Dan Mages, Austin Okoli, Jr., Georgina Gerhardt and Doris Bartlett.

December 30 & 31, 2017

Weekly

Year to Date

This information was not available at the time of printing.

Remaining Debt Balance \$35,870

MASS ATTENDANCE

5:30	9:00	12:15
83	131	220

Today is the Feast day of the Epiphany.

The Epiphany celebrates three different events in the life of Christ.

First, remember what 'epiphany' means in regular language. Epiphany is a "sudden and striking experience of realization."

The three events in the life of Christ that are celebrated on this feast are all times when the people around Jesus had a sudden and striking experience of realization.

Event one: the adoration of the Magi. These highly learned and powerful men kneel and worship at the manger-bedside of Christ. They spent their life learning and attaining power and they realize it is nothing compared to the infant they kneel before. A lifetime of learning and all the money in the world is as the straw the child lay upon when compared to the wisdom of this child and the riches of where he came from.

Event two: the baptism of the Lord. While we do have a separate feast day to honor the baptism of the Lord, it is also recognized as a revelatory event of Epiphany Sunday. Remember what happen when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan by his cousin John the Baptist? The clouds opened and a voice from heaven was heard saying "this is my beloved Son, listen to Him" as the dove descended upon him. The people standing there, and Christians for centuries to come who read of the event, realize that this man, who seemed to many an ordinary carpenter, is the son of God.

Event three: the manifestation at the wedding at Cana. Jesus turned water into wine at Cana. It was his first public miracle. Whenever someone performs a miracle it is a big deal. But when someone does one in public in front of many other people, it's a really big deal. It makes a big commotion. And all those people who tasted that wine, that was more tasty than the stuff they served at the beginning of the meal (remember, they would usually serve the good stuff first and then after a while, once people got a little tipsy, they'd switch to the cheap stuff because at that point people wouldn't know the difference), realized this guy was something special.

Each of these events is revelatory. They are epiphanies in the lives of those who experience them.

And that's the way it always is with God. When God reveals himself to us, it is always an epiphany. It is always a dramatic realization of some reality, of truth, that we did not know before. The more God reveals himself to us in a given moment, the more it will rock our world. Sometimes in life he takes us small step-by-step, little revelations that result in little epiphanies for us, and sometimes it can be more like a 2x4 across the face. In either respect, they are epiphanies that rock us.

They also always lead to more joy. Epiphanies are great. There may be some repentance involved after an epiphany, but ultimately we end up in a place of greater freedom in our spirit and peace in our hearts.

I hope you have a lot of epiphanies in 2018!

Fr Rossi

Attention: Your envelopes are ready to be picked up. If you can't find your set, please contact the office so we can update your information and mail the envelopes to you. Thank you.

CONDOLENCES

St. John's family extends deepest sympathy to the family and friends of our parishioner Barbara Greene who died this past week. Please keep the family in your prayers.

THANKS FOR 2017

Many thanks to all those involved in ministries, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, ushers and music ministers. To those that volunteer to clean the church, wash the altar linens, decorate and beautify the church for all the seasons inside and outside, count our offerings each week and all other "little" jobs for St. John. To all the families of the parish that furnish food and time for the funeral lunches, to the Council of Women, that provide for all receptions and special lunches and those that help during the Lenten dinners and Caritas. To the busy bees, SJP 500 team, Fish representatives, staff, Care A Van volunteers Knights of Columbus the crew who take care of the lawn and the Grotto of Our Lady of Guadalupe. To all the committed catechists who made the classes so wonderful for our kids. All these projects could not have been done without all of you. May we be granted the strength and will to do more in 2018. Fr. Rossi.

Fat Tuesday coming right up. February 13. Pancake dinner Mardi Gras style. Pancakes, sausage, bacon, apples, and choice of coffee, juice or hot chocolate. Join the Council of Women in the Social Hall from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Good food, music from New Orleans, mask making for the kids. Everyone welcome, families and friends for good food and good fun. St John's Council of Women

"They offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." Is God calling you to give Him the gold of your freedom, the incense of your prayer, and the myrrh of your love through a vocation to the priesthood? Call Father Michael Boehling at (804) 359-5661, or write: mboehling@richmonddiocese.org.

MARCH FOR LIFE RALLY IN WASHINGTON DC; Friday, January 19, 2018

For the 35th consecutive year, the Knights of Columbus will provide **FREE** bus transportation for people in the Richmond metropolitan area to attend the 45th annual March For Life Rally in Washington DC, on **Friday, January 19, 2018. Seating on buses is limited and will be by RESERVATION only.** A Registration fee may be required; however, the Registration fee will be returned when you take your seat on the bus. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a Parent, Legal Guardian, or Approved Temporary Guardian with written permission. Charter bus is scheduled for the following locations:

Church of the Redeemer, 8275 Meadowbridge Road, Mechanicsville, bus arrives at 7:30 am for pick-up and departs by 7:45 am; contact Ed Gillikin, Sr at 804-737-7628 or EdGilli@msn.com.

Marchers must check-in at the pick-up location at least 30 minutes prior to the specific departure time and **must bring a lunch, soft drinks, cell phone, hat, gloves and suitable clothing for weather condition.** Bus will normally return by 6:30 pm.