

# Saint John Catholic Church

## Iglesia Católica San Juan

January 5, 2020 –Epiphany of the Lord  
5 de enero de 2020—Epifanía del Señor



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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### 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 dia

### 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 4, 2020**  
4:30 PM Reconciliation  
5:30 PM Mass souls Phyllis & Anthony Alessandre

**SUNDAY JANUARY 5, 2020**  
9:00 AM Mass soul of Roger Wulf  
10:00 AM Rosary  
12:15 PM Misa por el alma de Irma Zevallos Solano

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 8, 2020**  
Mass

### NO MASS THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

**SATURDAY JANUARY 11, 2020**  
4:30 PM Reconciliation  
5:30 PM Mass soul of Florida McMahon

**SUNDAY JANUARY 12, 2020**  
9:00 AM Mass soul of Christopher Wulf  
10:00 AM Rosary  
12:15 PM Misa por el alma de Irma Zevallos Solano

### 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 5, 2020

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: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52  
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a  
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16  
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30  
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Liturgical Publications, In

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS/ RECUERDE EN SUS ORACIONES:** Keith Pinney, Rudy Calo'oy, John Kolakowski, Ron Price, Jr., Red & Nancy Goodman, Richard Painter, Maxine DiMarino, Melanie Patterson, Lillian Arthur, Mary Helen Sohaski, Sherry Wright, Otts Miskimon, Dan Mages, Martha Livingston, Austin Okoli, Jr., Georgina Gerhardt, Elena Chavez, Doris Bartlett, Lynn Miskimon, Jeff Konschak, Virginia Saunders, Gerry Biartel, Fred Brown, Ewing Family, Jones Family, Evelyn Clatterback, Dick Wassel, Bobby & Christie Osterloh, Nathaniel Young, Hallet and Frances Harrison, Maria Teresa Casas, John Smith and Rudy Calo'oy Jr.

If someone you know is sick, hospitalized or home bound and would like our Eucharistic Minister or a priest to visit, please call the office. **Unless you call we have no way of knowing.** If you need a priest for someone who is dying or gravely ill, call our emergency number **804-402-1221.**

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The item being collected for **FISH** for **JANUARY COMPLETE PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP**  
En el mes de **ENERO** necesitamos **Harina para Panqueques y Miel**

**St. Peter** Clothes Closet is now accepting clean, gently used clothes, blankets, jackets and backpacks. Also they are accepting can goods for their pantry. There is a box marked St Peter in the commons area.

**THE 2020 BOXED SETS OF ENVELOPES ARE ON THE COUNTER AT ST. JOHN'S IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER. IF YOU DO NOT FIND A BOX WITH YOUR NAME OR YOUR ADDRESS HAS CHANGED PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE, WE WILL BE HAPPY TO SEND YOU A SET AND UPDATE OUR RECORDS.**

# HOMAGE

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MATTHEW 2:10-11A

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## Pastor message

Today we hear about the three wise men discovering Christ in the manger. You could say, they had an 'epiphany.' They had an experience that changed their lives forever. They had always sought wisdom and knowledge and now they found and were profoundly moved by an infant lying in a manger. Obviously this was not any infant, but they recognized Him for who He was, the Savior of the World.

We hear that after paying homage and giving gifts they went back to their own countries.

We do not know much about what happened with them after that. Did they go back to life as usual when they got back home? Did the stresses of being 'wise men' come slamming back in their face the moment they

walked back in the door? Did they quickly go back to bad habits they swore they would quit after having such an amazing encounter with the Son of God? Did they stop doing good resolutions they intended to faithfully practice subsequent to meeting Him?

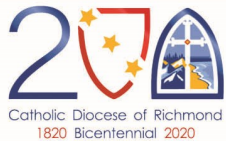
We do not know. There are some accounts that these faithful men remained faithful, even to the point of martyrdom for their faith. But we do not know for sure.

I will say that - like everyone else who has had a religious experience, an 'epiphany,' or some type of special event that really gave them a new and better perspective - they were certainly tempted to waste and squander the gift of that experience by falling back into 'things as usual.'

Have you had a religious experience? Have you had a life-changing or life-shifting event in your life? Sometimes it happens in prayer or at Mass or during a sacrament, sometimes it happens in conjunction with a sickness or the death of someone we love. How did it change you? And more importantly, are you still living as if the event occurred? Or have you fallen back into your old self, things as usual, and therein wasted the gift of that extra perspective you were given.

Don't waste your epiphanies.

Fr Rossi



Catholic Diocese of Richmond  
1820 Bicentennial 2020

All are invited to join

Bishop Barry C. Knestout for the

## Bicentennial Regional Mass

Commemorating the arrival of our first  
Bishop of Richmond, Patrick Kelly,  
and the opening of our Bicentennial



**Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 10:30 am**

**Mass in Recognition of the Catholic Presence in the  
Eastern Vicariate with Reception to Follow**

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
520 Graydon Ave, Norfolk, VA 23507

*In addition to the Bicentennial Regional Mass in the Eastern Vicariate, the weekend of January 18/19, parishes across the Diocese will use the Mass setting "For Giving Thanks to God" from the Roman Missal to commemorate Bishop Patrick Kelly's arrival to Virginia and the opening of our Bicentennial. This Mass setting will also include special readings, intercessions, as well as the reciting of the Diocesan Bicentennial prayer.*

ASL interpreting for the deaf and hard of hearing will be available.

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## Adult Faith Formation

So much of what we do in life is of passing importance. The only thing that is of eternal consequence is our relationship with God. This relationship is expressed in our lives and relationships with our families, our church and our community. How do we relate? How do we live our lives? How we relate is a directly influenced by our relationship with God. To develop that relationship we need to first know God and how he has chosen to relate to us in his church and his sacraments. We have a wonderful opportunity to grow in that relationship by participating in the adult education series being offered at St. John in the conference rooms on Sundays at 10:15 right after the 9:00 mass. Following is the next four scheduled sessions. Please gift yourself an advent, and a new year's gift by attending. If you would like to attend just on specific topics you are more than welcome to attend only those. The next are:

January 12	The Sacraments and the Paschal Mystery
January 26	The Sacraments of Initiation
February 2	The Eucharist

## Job Opening

**Cristo Rey Richmond High School** is accepting applications for teachers for the upcoming 2020-2021 academic year. Cristo Rey Richmond High School is a Catholic learning community that educates young people of limited economic means to become men and women of faith, purpose and service. Through a rigorous college preparatory curriculum, integrated with a relevant work study experience, students graduate ready to succeed in college and in life. For full information, go to <https://www.cristoreyrichmond.org/apps/pages/apply-to-be-a-teacher>.