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January 3, 2021 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass and Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 pm Confessions; 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday: 8:00 am Mass, 10:00 am Mass, 2:00 pm Mass (en Español), 5:00 pm Mass

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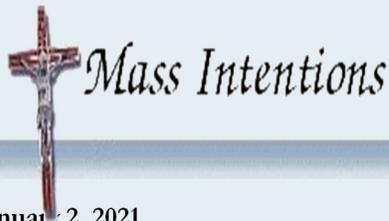
Monday - 7 am Mass

Tuesday - 9 am Mass for those in a vulnerable category

Wednesday - 5:00 pm Adoration and Confessions, 6:30 pm Mass

Thursday - 8:05 am (Mass for school children, teachers and staff only)

Friday - 7 am Mass



Saturday, January 2, 2021

5:00 – Hubert & Odilia Duplantis Carolyn Gréaud

Sunday, January 3, 2021

8:00 – The People of the Parish

10:00 – Linda Ellis Keith & Rolande Phillips

2:00 – Rayshard Brooks The Johnson Family

5:00 – William Brosius The Shelton Family

Mon – (7am) Alesia Kim

Tues – (9am) Jim Teehan Ron & Pat Gorman

Wed – (6:30pm) Arnold Kraus Carolyn LeBel

Thur – (8:05am) Marion Ramage Saeli The Mackie & Miller Families

(this Mass is for the school children, teachers, & staff only)

Fri – (7am) Rosemary Monroe Julie Lowery

Saturday, January 9, 2021

5:00 – Steven R. Rutherford Family

Sunday, January 10, 2021

8:00 – Natalia Harris The Wahlert Family

10:00 – Arnold Kraus The Kraus Grandchildren

2:00 – The People of the Parish

5:00 – Robert Fuller The Johnson Family

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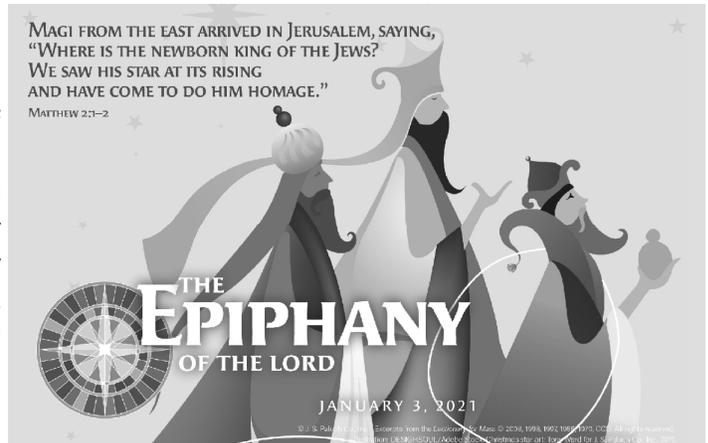
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The Epiphany of the Lord

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!



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.

GIVING HOMAGE

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.

Nutshell: Seek God. Pay homage. Amen.

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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Initiation Programs and Adult Formation

Becoming Catholic

Is Christ calling you into the Catholic Church? What does the Catholic Church actually believe? What does it mean to be a disciple of Christ? If you are interested in exploring the answers to these questions, we'd like to help.

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, Youth & Children) process is one of conversion and spiritual formation for individuals interested in living the Christian life in the Catholic tradition. It is a time of prayer, reflection, study, faith sharing, discernment and participation in the life of the parish. This process is for those who have never been baptized, those who were baptized in another faith tradition, or those who were baptized Catholic and seek full initiation.

RCIA Sponsors

Parish sponsors accompany those in the RCIA process of conversation and faith formation as companions on the journey. Sponsors support those in RCIA with prayers and their own witness to the Christian way of life. Serving as a sponsor fulfills the necessary ministry envisioned by the RCIA process, but it is also an incredibly enriching experience.

Awakening Faith

Have you been away from the active practice of your Catholic faith? Would you like to feel more connected with your childhood faith or learn more about it as an adult? Consider attending the Awakening Faith Series. We can assist you return to the active practice of your faith and welcome you back to the Lord's Table.

Adult Confirmation

Are you an active practicing Catholic adult who "missed" participating in the Sacrament of Confirmation? We invite you to enter the process of preparation at the parish.

Virtual Women's Bible Study – New Study begins in January!

Begins January 11 – The Activated Disciple Challenge - A 10 week video study + intro session – Mondays from 7pm - 8:30pm - 1/11 - 3/15. This study will meet via Zoom. Registration information is available at olmc.org.

Are you a fan or a follower? As Catholics, we practice our faith, and we study what it means to truly be a disciple of Jesus Christ. We often find that we're not fully living out the bold, abundant, Christ-life life we're called to live.

The Activated Disciple 40-Day Challenge is a clear, step-by-step transformative process that helps you put what you've been studying into action. To become the activated disciple you are called to be.

An activated disciple is someone who strives every moment of every day to imitate Jesus. It's someone who desires such a close relationship with God that every area of his or her life is fully transformed. It's someone who actively proclaims the Gospel in their daily life.

You are invited to take the challenge. As you reorient your life toward Jesus, you will notice the profound transformation a close relationship with him brings each day. Registration information is available at olmc.org.

That Man Is You – New Sessions begin in January!

That Man Is You is an interactive, multimedia men's program focused on the development of authentic male leadership. That Man Is You! is successful at attracting large numbers of men, including younger men still actively parenting, and then transforming their spiritual lives. TMIY will meet on Saturday mornings at OLMC. Join the men of the parish for breakfast, a short video presentation and small group discussion designed especially for men. Registration information is available at olmc.org.

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Discipleship Small Groups: Faith and Fellowship

Life is better CONNECTED. Join a Small Group in 2021!

Life is all about relationships. Small groups deepen our relationships with Christ and one another. The New Year is a great time to consider trying a small group! These small groups are a place to grow spiritually, find support and encouragement, face challenges together and share fellowship.

There are no teachers in small groups. Trained parishioners facilitate conversations. The groups will discuss life and faith, reflect on God's Word together, seek God together and pray for and with one another

If you have not participated in the past, give it a try this season! Groups are forming for men, women, couples and young adults.

Jesus was in a small group with the twelve; let's do what he did!

Interested? Fill out the short interest form on our website at olmc.org.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20

NEW! Pathways: *Delivered* Catechist Certification is here!

Pathways: *Delivered* is a self-paced, online learning process that forms parish catechists within the Diocese of Richmond. The formation offers practical training, flexible solutions, and ongoing support. The formation is available to all who hand on the faith to adults, youth and children in the parish.

If you are discerning serving as a catechist at our parish, contact us to learn more about the role of catechist and to how to access the Tier-One Catechist Training. The parish covers all fees for Pathways: *Delivered*.

If are currently serving as a catechist and have completed Pathways, we will notify you when Tier-Two and Tier-Three Catechist Training become available.

To learn more, visit olmc.org or contact Christa at the parish office at extension 107 or email cblomstrom@olmc.org.



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Happy New Year and
a Blessed Epiphany!

"one who has hope lives differently"
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La Epifanía del Señor

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La Epifanía del Señor

BUSCANDO

En el Evangelio de hoy de Mateo vemos dos perspectivas extremadamente diferentes, dos razones diferentes para buscar a Jesús. En cierto modo, esto se parece a la polarización de nuestra nación en el tiempo actual. Lo que un grupo ve como bueno para la nación, quienes tienen puntos de vista opuestos piensan que eso arruinará el país. Los Reyes Magos eran astrólogos que vieron una visión en el cielo y trataban de encontrar una forma de seguirla y descubrir al nuevo rey de los judíos. Herodes escuchó acerca de este rey y su reacción fue oscura y negativa. Él vio el nacimiento de tal rey como una amenaza a su poder como líder romano del país y pidió a los Reyes Mayos le dijeran lo que sabían sobre ese niño mesías. De igual manera, en un nivel más personal, ya sea que nos podamos sentir amenazados o emocionados por los cambios que puedan venir, dependiendo de nuestra perspectiva.

DANDO HOMENAJE

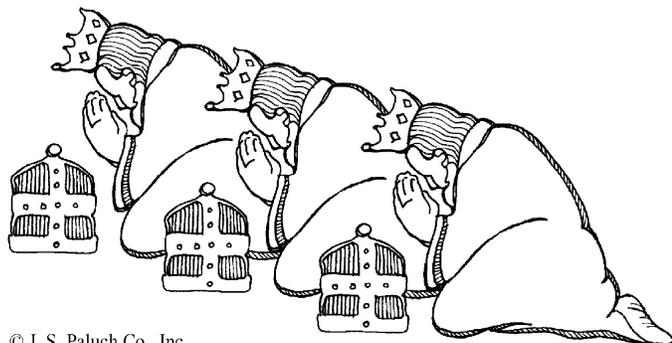
En nuestras mentes, es fácil mezclar pedazos y piezas del relato de Lucas que cuenta acerca de los pastores que vinieron a ver a Jesús en el establo y la historia de los magos. Claramente, a los magos les tomó tiempo llegar hasta ahí y la lectura habla de ellos yendo a la casa donde la estrella los guiaba. Sin embargo, “se postraron y le rindieron homenaje. Luego abrieron sus tesoros . . . “

¿Cómo lo hacemos? ¿Seguimos buscando a Jesús, aunque tarde un poco y no esté donde esperamos verlo? ¿Estamos atentos a las señales que nos indican el camino? ¿Qué regalos tenemos para rendirle homenaje? Después de verlo, en un sueño los magos fueron advertidos de no regresar por donde habían ido. Pero si ya vimos al niño Jesús, ¿cómo podemos regresar por donde estábamos? Debemos seguir respondiendo al llamado de Dios para avanzar y crecer en nuestras vidas. Debemos buscar el camino justo y correcto y alejarnos de “Herodes” y de los males propios de nuestra vida.

En pocas palabras: Busca a Dios. Rinde homenaje. Amén.

Las lecturas de hoy: Is 60:1-6; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Efe 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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y todas las naciones.

— Salmo 72 (71):11



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