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*We saw his star in the East
and have come to worship Him*

WORSHIP IN OUR PARISH

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, January 4

Private Mass

In Thanksgiving to God offered by Fr. Peter

Tuesday, January 5

Private Mass

In Thanksgiving to God for the Beatification of Blessed Michael J. McGivney offered by Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, January 6

Private Mass

Intention of Katelin Ritter offered by Family

Thursday, January 7

Private Mass

† Steven Paul Forten offered by Rosalinda Forten

Friday, January 8

Private Mass

†† Jack, Manuel Olivera offered by Family

Saturday, January 9

The Baptism of the Lord

Private Mass

†† Josefina Abiera & Jose Bueno offered by Belle & Family

Sunday, January 10

The Baptism of the Lord

Private Mass

For All Our Parishioners (Both Parishes)

Sanctuary Lamp for
For Joy and Grandchildren
offered by Violet Osztrovics

We Are Stewards

On-Line Giving/E-Tithing for

December 2020.....	\$ 1,690.00
Weekend Contributions	\$ 3,180.00
Christmas Contributions.....	\$ 3,320.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 10.00
Building Fund.....	\$ 105.00

PARISH NEWS

New Lockdown Edict by Province: As of December 26, 2020 the Church and Office will be closed at least until January 22, 2021. Let us do what we can to flatten the curve again. In the meantime, Fr. Peter will continue to offer private Masses for your intentions and we will be livestreaming the Mass again every Sunday at 10:00 am (including January 1, 2021). To access the Mass go to Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall Facebook page. We thank you for your patience, continuing support and cooperation.

Offertory Envelopes 2021: Are now available only in the parish office. Please call ahead to make an appointment.

Migrant Workers: Thank you to the response of the St. Vincent de Paul in helping with another appeal to help 40 migrant Farmworkers in quarantine. Please pray for their safety and recovery.

Daily Mass: During the lockdown Fr. Peter will offer daily private Mass for your intentions. On Sunday he will offer Mass for all parishioners (living and deceased). Let us pray for better days ahead in 2021!

Please contact the Office during the lockdown should you need any information or service we can provide.

Pre-Authorized Giving: Starting in January, due to changes in our banking agreements, **all Pre-Authorized Giving** will be debited on or near the 15th day of each month. If you would like to make any changes or sign up for this convenient service, please contact the parish office. Thank you to all for your continuing support and generosity.

Happy Birthday Fr. Peter! Our Pastor will be turning 50 tomorrow on January 4, 2021. As Fr. Peter reaches this milestone, may the Lord continue to bless him with good health and his ministry among us. At a later date when we can gather again, we will offer a special Mass of Thanksgiving for our Pastor.

Flatten the Curve: Let's do our part to flatten the curve of the cases with respect to the pandemic. The sooner we can flatten the curve, the sooner we can open things up again, including our churches. So only go out for essential services like medical and food.

ST. ANTHONY DANIEL



Liturgical Calendar

Wednesday, January 6

Private Mass

†† Tony & Sergio DaSilva offered by Family

Sunday, January 10

The Baptism of the Lord

Private Mass

For All Our Parishioners (Both Parishes)

No Masses and Church Closure: Please read the announcement above.

New Missals 2021: Adult, \$5 and Youth Missal \$10.

Weekend Contributions..... \$ 190.00

Christmas Contributions..... \$ 524.00



***Holy Mary, Mother of God
pray for us!***



Dear Parishioners:

Below is a little summary of the background, spirituality and theology of the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord which we celebrate this weekend.

"Epiphany" means "manifestation." It comes from Greek roots that mean "to show, to display" (*phainein*) and "on, to" (*epi-*).

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation.

The magi arrived in Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews; they seek in Israel the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Saviour of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament.

What about the star? In the ancient world, the heavenly bodies were regarded as divine powers, determining men's fate. The planets bear the names of deities. The story of the wise men's star is not so much about the power of the star but the sign that God uses to draw the attention of these ancient seers. Ultimately, the star is Christ himself directing our journey towards God.

God bless and Happy New Year!
Fr. Peter Ciallella

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