

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

January 2, 2022 † The Epiphany of the Lord

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 2, 2022

*They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts of
gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

Matthew 2:11



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 5:30 PM Sunday - 8:15 AM - 10 AM - 12 Noon

Weekdays & Saturdays - 9 AM

Holy Day Eve - 7:00 PM Holy Day - 9 AM - 7:00 PM
(Call Office to verify Mass times)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: R.E. Classes, (Sept—May) Saturday 5PM; Sunday 7:45, 9:30, 11:30AM; Monday 7PM. To register call The Religious Education Office

Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4-4:30PM or by appointment

Parish Mission Statement

We are the Church, alive with Christ, a diverse community rooted in faith, celebrating a liturgy of life. We are prayerfully responsive to the Spirit of the living Gospel, freely and fully ministering to all.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews?” (Matthew 2:1-12).

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Cathy's Corner: Reflections from Adult Formation

Pondering the New Year with Mary, the Holy Mother of God

As a country, and perhaps as a world, we heave a collective sigh that the painful year pounded by pandemic, protest and political partition is at last behind us. The new year shines before us like the star that led shepherd and king alike to a manger in Bethlehem wherein lay a newborn infant. Not just any newborn infant, of course, but one who showed the world the face of God. One who embodied the Lord's blessing imparted to Moses: *the Lord let his face shine upon you.*

Still, even Mary his mother, who knew that she had conceived this child through the Holy Spirit, reflected in her heart on the message of the angel imparted by the shepherds, not yet understanding who her baby really was. How could she, really, look upon this most vulnerable of humanity, weak and helpless, utterly unable to survive without great care and protection, and see the savior of the world? How could she look upon the wrinkled face of her tiny baby, still warm from her body, who could do no more than accept her nurture and her love, and see an all-powerful God?

She would come to understand who her son really was. She would become his first and most devoted disciple. But that would take time. And a great deal of pondering. When she did understand, she knew what St. Paul told the Galatians, that because of him we are no longer slaves to selfishness but children of compassion through God. We are heirs to all that is God, and as heirs we carry on all that God began, manifested to the world in God's own self. Her son would offer the peace God directed Moses to bless the Israelites with, *shalom*.

Rather than the absence of conflict, *shalom* brings wholeness and well-being, prosperity and happiness. Because, actually, the peace offered by God sometimes demands conflict so that all can know its blessing. As we enter into a new year, may we look upon the most vulnerable of humanity, the weak and the helpless, and see the face of God. And as God's face shines upon us, may we be galvanized to share God's peace with them and with the world, unafraid of the turmoil that may cause. Standing up for the safety of others in pandemic, rising up for the dignity of others in protest, defending justly the rights of others in politics.

May we with the haste of the shepherds guided by the star give glory and praise to God by acting as God's true heirs, bringing God's message of wholeness for all of God's creation. The new year shines like the Star of Bethlehem before us. Let it lead us to the face of God.

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Coming Soon!

OLMC

High School Youth Group

February 2022

Interested in being on the high school leadership team?

Contact Stephanie Snyder at
stephanie.snyder@ourladyofmtcarmel.org
or call 630-852-3303 ext. 6.



We hope to see you at RE in the new year beginning January 10th and 11th!

Confirmation Reminders:

Reminder: Confirmation is on April 20th at 7:00pm!

Due Next: Saint Name Report is due on January 23rd.

Remote Learning: Remember to keep up with your online lessons! Week 14 is due Sunday, January 9th for 7th and 8th grade.

Parent Formation: Keep an eye out for an email with resources for celebrating the Christmas season with your family! Parent Formation is starting up again as well on January 10th and 11th! We will be starting a series on the Sacraments beginning with Baptism! All are welcome even if you have never attended a session in the past!



*RE News....
Merry Christmas*

*to all our Parish Families!
May your hearts be home for Jesus
and may your lives be a reflection of
God's love!*

Important Dates

CORE Catechist Meeting

Wednesday, January 5, 2022 @ 6:30

This meeting is for the planning team for RE.
If you would like to be part of that team,
please contact Sherry Rochford. We can use
your input!

There will be no RE from December 25- January 4. We will return on January 8. We hope all our RE families have a blessed Christmas Season.

Questions of the Week

The Mystery of Incarnation-Jesus is the Gift to all Humanity

Question for Children: In your life, who helps you to see Jesus in other people such as a classmate or a friend?

Question for Youth: The star guided the Magi to Jesus. What are the people or events who have guided you in your relationship with Jesus?

Question for Adults: How this past week did you demonstrate God's love at home and at work?



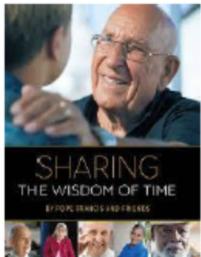
Activities of the Week

Help your family experience a true epiphany. Spend time this week looking for God. Go out for a walk or look for God in your home. See where God leads you.

The word epiphany means to reveal or to be manifest. What have you learned about God from your family? Cut star shapes out of white paper, one for each family member. Have family members write their responses to the question on the paper stars. Older family members can write for younger children. Hang the stars in your home as a reminder of God's presence.

Prayer Opportunity

The Epiphany is a traditional time for the blessing of homes. It is a time to celebrate the fact that God can be found in our everyday environment. We know that we are part of the family of God and that God dwells in our home. Plan a blessing of your home. Use the following format: Read John 1:14 from the Bible. Then go in procession from room to room, blessing each room with holy water.



Join us as we explore and discuss
Pope Francis' book . . .

SHARING THE WISDOM OF TIME

One day, while at prayer, Pope Francis was inspired to shine a light on the vital role of grandparents and other elders and the life-changing wisdom they have to share. This book is a culmination of that vision.

Mondays, beginning January 17

From 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For six weeks

Virtually

People of any age are welcome to join as Pope Francis and friends offer their stories that testify to the power of faith, perseverance, human resilience and love.

Register on the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel website www.ourladyofmtcarmel.org

A limited number of books are available to pick up at the parish office from Cathy Lentz

For more information contact Cathy Lentz, Director of Adult Faith Formation, at catharine.lentz@ourladyofmtcarmel.org or 630-852-3303 ext. 5



To walk toward the future, the past is needed.

– Pope Francis

	
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Mass Intentions For The Week



Saturday, January 1, 2022

5:30PM Gene & Jeanette Lang (Daughter)

Sunday, January 2, 2022

8:15AM Mike Viane-1st anniv (Viane Family)

Elizabeth & Domonic Donatello (Donatello Fam)

Margaret & Marco Rocco (Nick Rocco)

10:00AM David Schlesinger (10:00 Choir)

Noon Peter Michael Jurkash (Barbara Kane)

Monday, January 3, 2022

9:00AM Orlando Jamir (Family)

Rita Piotrowski & Margaret Lombardi
(Pat Monahan)

Dr. Jose Manglano (Stoll Family)

Maya Steffens (Sheri)

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

9:00AM Bill Goss (Family)

Carl Wassell (Helen)

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

9:00AM Barbara Sankern (Family)

Thursday, January 6, 2022

9:00AM Luis Udarbe (Family)

Leonard Pochocki (Family)

Friday, January 7, 2022

9:00AM Michael Sislow, Jr. (Mom & Jerry)

Saturday, January 8, 2022

9:00AM Jim Lucas (Friends)

Barbara Dawson (Evelyn Antikauskas)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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