

THE EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 7, 2024

“All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.”

— *Psalm 72:11*

PROMISE FULFILLED

Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and 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 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, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

Lord, You make all things new, You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank You for this new year for all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame. So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise Your glorious name. Amen.

CONDOLENCES

Fr. Prasad, Fr. Raj and the members of St. Edward Parish extend their deepest sympathy to the families of: Raymond Bates and Mary Jones Carroll. May their souls rest in peace.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: The Baptism of the Lord

Tuesday: St. Hilary

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: Raymond Bates †

Tuesday: In honor Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory.

High

Jimmy Gorman

Bryan Jude Carroll

Wednesday: Pete Suedle

Mary Louise †

Thursday: Raymond Bates †

Friday: Barney Pole Birthday †

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (CASC) is the primary source of funding for many critical ministries. We are impacting the lives of our brothers and sisters both spiritually and physically – but there is still much to do. We must continue to fund programs focused on charitable works, outreach, education, and evangelization. Every gift to the CASC allows us to continue to fulfill the mission that has been entrusted to us. Your participation is highly appreciated and let us reach our goal (\$19,882.00) by fulfilling the pledge and generous contribution. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

IOKE OF THE WEEK

Jemima was taking an afternoon nap on New Year's Eve before the festivities. After she woke up, she confided to Max her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a diamond ring for a New Year's present. What do you think it all means?"

"Aha, you'll know tonight," answered Max smiling broadly. At midnight, as the New Year was chiming, Max approached Jemima and handed her a small package. Delighted and excited she opened it quickly. There in her hand rested a book entitled: *'The Meaning of Dreams.'*

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$1,750.00	\$1,022.00
Number of Families contributing	70	53
Total Pledge for 2023	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (50 Weeks)	\$160,483.00	\$162,797.00
Received to Date	\$139,301.00	\$108,464.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$21,182.00	\$54,333.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$191.00	\$11,318.00

Twenty ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$5,050.00	\$74,715.00

Two people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$71,565.00

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2023 GOAL
\$7,674.000	\$19,882.00

POOR BOX totaled \$50.00.

4 CHILDREN contributed \$14.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

OUR LADY OF PEACE SCHOOL CHOICE GRANT

- up to 6,000 of state funds through Educational Savings Accounts (ESA) will be available to eligible students for the 2024-2025 school year
- Application window is January 15 – March 15
- Notification of award no later than April 30
- 1st Steps 4K students automatically qualify with a completed application
- Medicare qualified students automatically qualify with a completed application

In person Information Meeting and Q&A Session will take place after the New Year at St. Edward's Parish. The time and date will be published as soon as it is determined.

New Year's Resolution

- *Laugh a little louder*
- *Smile a little bigger*
- *Love a little deeper*
- *Pray a lot harder*
- *Walk through life a little slower*

2024 CHURCH ENVELOPES are in the Atrium of the Church. If you don't find your envelopes, please contact the Church office immediately.

THERE IS POWER IN PRAYER

When you pray, God listens.
When you pray, storms get stilled.
When you pray, doors open.
When you pray, relationships get restored.
When you pray, sickness is healed.
When you pray, strength is renewed.
When you pray, answers come.

THANK YOU to a parish member for a \$200 donation in thanks to St. Anthony and to two parish members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

HUMAN

There is a lot of difference between
—**Human Being**— and —**Being Human**—
A few understand it.

READERS

Sat. Jan. 6th, 4:00 P.M. **Sun. Jan. 7th, 10:00 A.M.**
Paris & Mary Martha Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

Sat. Jan. 13th, 4:00 P.M. **Sun. Jan. 14th, 10:00 A.M.**
Julie Ann & Natalie Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday - Dayna
Tuesday - Paris
Wednesday - Gracelynn
Thursday - Josie
Friday - Lauren Ashley

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

Monday - Theresa Hun
Tuesday - Jack's Mary Rita
Wednesday - Julie Ann
Thursday - Cathy Carroll
Friday - Rosie Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. **January 6th**
Right Theresa Hun
Left Cathy Carroll

Sunday 10:00 A.M

January 7th **January 13th**
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