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& many volunteers
(Food Pantry)

Please contact the office for communication
with council members or other 'staff'

Week At a Glance

Sunday

8:00a: Reconciliation
8:30a: Mass
9:45a: Bible Study (FF Building)
9:45a: OCIA
9:45a: Altar Server Training

Monday

7:00p: Women's Meeting

Tuesday

8:30a: **NO** Services until further notice
7:00p: AA (closed meeting)

Thursday

5:00p: Reconciliation
5:30p: Mass

Friday

7:00p: AA (closed meeting)

Sunday

8:00a: Reconciliation
8:30a: Mass
9:45a: Bible Study (FF Building)
9:45a: OCIA

Last Week's Collections

Christmas - \$1913
General Collection - \$2177
Building Fund - \$250



Today is the Epiphany of the Lord – January 4, 2026
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**Bartolome Esteban
Murillo
Adoration of the
Magi**

*We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.*

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Sunday Mass 8:30am Facebook live @ 8:30	Communion Service NO Services until further notice	Office Hours Tues. 10:00a-2:00p Thurs. 10:00a-2:00p	New, interested in joining or reconnecting? Please call the office to schedule an appointment.
Confessions Sunday @ 8:00am Thursday @ 5:00pm or by appointment	Mass Thursday @ 5:30p	(If calling outside of office hours, please leave a message.)	

Parish News

Fr. Boutin is away with students from Troy University Jan. 1-5th

Fr. Smiley will celebrate mass on Sunday, January 4.

Altar server training
Sunday January 4th after mass for children and adults interested.

Women's Meeting
January 5
7:00p

Social Committee
If you are interested in serving on the new social committee that is being formed, please contact Amber Williams.
Text (334) 797-5202 or email amberamusowilliams@gmail.com

Blessings of Blankets
If you would like to donate a NEW lap blanket to be given to our homebound, sick, or those in need, please drop it in the basket at the entrance to the church or to Amber Williams or Janet Amuso.

IGiveCatholic
\$17,875 donations to date.

Ways to Give to St. John

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and click "Menu" in upper R corner
"online giving"

Or



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Or
Text to Tithe - Text GIVE to 334-633-0906

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Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases: Born in Bethlehem, magi ... arrived in Jerusalem, Where is the newborn king of the Jews

To the point: Arriving at Jerusalem, the magi thought they had come to the birthplace of "the newborn king of the Jews," for Jerusalem was the traditional home of the Jewish king. But the "newborn king" was not where they expected to find him. He was in Bethlehem, the home of David before he was made king, when he was still a simple shepherd boy. This king "who is to shepherd ... Israel" was not born in a palace, but in a simple abode; was not given homage by Jewish elite, but by foreigners; was not given only gifts acknowledging his kingship but also a gift of myrrh pointing to his passion; was not to be limited in his reign to the Jewish nation, but would reign over all peoples. Where do we expect to find this "newborn king," and who do we expect him to be?

Connecting the Gospel ...

... to the Second Reading: The Second Reading makes explicit that Christ came for all peoples: the "Gentiles are coheirs" and "copartners in the promise" of Christ for salvation.

... to experience: Expectations shape our attitudes and actions more than we realize. If we expect failure, we will probably fail. If we expect happiness, we have a better chance of finding it. If we limit where and how we expect to encounter Christ, we will miss so many opportunities to find him.

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Feast Day

January 6

In the USA the Church celebrates the **Optional Memorial of Saint André Bessette (1845-1937)** was born near Quebec, and entered the Congregation of the Holy Cross as a Brother. He performed humble tasks for over forty years and entrusted all of the poor and sick who flocked to his cell to the care of St. Joseph. During his life he was able to have a chapel built to the spouse of the Virgin Mary. After his death, the shrine grew into the great basilica known as St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal.

According to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) calendar, the Optional Memorial of Saint André Bessette is celebrated in Canada not on January 6 but on January 7.

In some parts of the world and also in the former calendar (1962) is the **Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord**.

The Roman Martyrology commemorates Saint Andrew Corsini (1302-1374), Carmelite, later Bishop of Fiesole, Italy. He is known for his peacemaking.

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