

January 5, 2020 and January 12, 2020

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

The Epiphany of the Lord

IS 60: 1-6; PS 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13; EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6; MT 2: 1-12



As our celebration of Christmas continues, today we observe the great feast of The Epiphany of the Lord. The word “epiphany” comes from Greek and means manifestation or appearance. The stewardship way of life is one in which we live in grateful response to God’s countless manifestations in our lives.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, has much to teach us about stewardship, through the actions of the magi.

As good stewards, the magi were watching for manifestations of God’s presence in their lives. “We have seen the star at its rising,” they say. Good stewards are keenly aware of the “star” of God’s presence and His gifts in their lives. It is this awareness that fills them with gratitude and the desire to both worship God and share His gifts with others.

The magi, upon seeing the manifestation of God’s presence in their lives, “were overjoyed.” Good stewards, who live with the awareness of God’s presence and gifts to them, simply can’t help but be filled with joy. Not necessarily the fleeting and superficial kind of joy the world promises through wealth or power, but rather the deep, unalterable joy only God can give.

Finally, the magi were so filled with awe upon encountering the newborn Jesus, they prostrated themselves before him and “opened their treasures and offered him gifts.” This is precisely why good stewards generously share their material gifts — as a loving act of worship to an extravagantly loving God.

Let us rejoice in God’s manifestations in our lives and be watchful for the new ways He is calling us to share ourselves and our gifts in gratitude to our King in the year ahead.

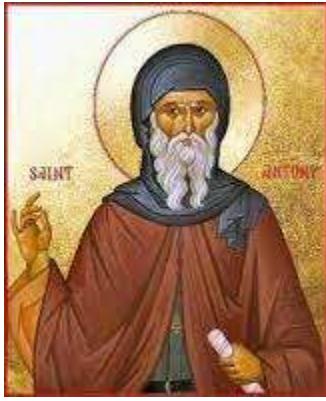
**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.**

ANNOUNCED MASSES

January 4th – 19th, 2020

Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Jan. 4th	Weekday Teresita Manzo Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Jan. 4th	Sunday Vigil Feliks Rewers – RIP – by Wanda
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Jan. 5th	Epiphany of the Lord Agustin Atas and Luisa Bencito – RIP – by the family <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Jan. 6th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7 p.m.	Jan. 7th	Saint Andre Bessette Veronica Piacsek and Michael O' Neil – Marriage Blessings – by their mother and family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 8th	Saint Raymond of Penyafort For Blessings, Safe Trip and Good Health of the Piacsek family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 9th	Weekday Pasquelina D' Costa – RIP – by Anne Marie
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 10th	Weekday Justine Dalisay – RIP – by the family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Jan. 11th	Sunday Vigil Vicente Mojica and Rosalina Ernacio – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Jan. 12th	Baptism of the Lord Deceased and Living Members of the Rodrigues family – by Leo and Lavinia <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Jan. 13th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7 p.m.	Jan. 14th	Weekday Raymond Tait – RIP – by Kevin and Linda Piper and family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 15th	Weekday Anthony, Rosa Maria and Leo Borges – RIP – by Anne Marie
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 16th	Weekday Alexander De Silva – RIP – by Anne Marie
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 17th	Saint Anthony Paciencia Manzo Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Jan. 18th	Sunday Vigil Feliks Rewers – RIP – by Wanda
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Jan. 19th	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Tony and Mellie Francisco – RIP – by Desiree Derla <i>Pro Populo</i>

SAINT ANTHONY: January 17



Saint Anthony had a profound influence on the history of monasticism. Much of what we know about Anthony comes from a biography of him written by Saint Athanasius. Anthony was born into a wealthy Christian family in Upper Egypt about 251. Both his parents died while he was a teenager; Anthony gave away his inheritance and became a hermit. After years of solitude, he emerged to gather the ascetics who had followed him into a community. This was the beginning of Christian monasticism, with Anthony's understanding of monastic life soon taking root elsewhere.

In 311, Anthony went to Alexandria to encourage the Christians there who were being persecuted. In 355, he returned to Alexandria to help his close friend Bishop Athanasius in the struggle against Arianism. Anthony died on January 17, 356, well known for his holiness, wisdom and asceticism.

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ENVELOPES FOR 2020 SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Envelopes for 2020 Sunday offerings are at the front of the Church. **PLEASE TAKE ONLY THE BOX WITH YOUR NAME AND NUMBER ON IT.** If you have never used the envelopes and wish to start, please ask for a new box at the Rectory or call (514) 747-4226 during office hours (9 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.) to register. **We request all users to please put your name and address on the first few envelopes for the New Year to ensure proper recording.** Thank you.

HOLY HOUR



Silent adoration every Tuesday evening, following the 7:00pm mass (from 7:30pm to 8:30pm) Also, Adoration every Friday, following the 9:00am mass (from 9:30am to 10:30am). Come and spend some time with the Lord!

"Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace." - St. Alphonsus Ligouri

THE FOOD BANK "OASIS"



Please remember to bring non-perishable food and leave them in the bins at the doors of the church...Thank you.