

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 2023

Our Mission Statement: St. Francis of Assisi is a Roman Catholic church striving to be an instrument of peace and love through the sacramental life of Jesus Christ and service to others.

Reading 1: Isaiah 60:1-6

Lector 1: Joan Thompson (Saturday)

Psalm: Psalm 72

Response: "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."

Reading 2: Ephesians 3:2-3a

Lector 2: Jim Clarke (Saturday)

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Eucharistic Minister: Jeff Hansen (Saturday)



Mass Intentions

No mass intentions

WE PRAY TO THE LORD...Becky Baudaillier, Chris Bogdewic, Maria Brabo, Donna Brewster, Dr. George Gray, Brandon Greaves, Carolyn Greaves, Gary Greaves, Gary Greaves, Sr., Jordan Greaves, Bob Green & Family, Phil Greenwood, Janet Hollingsworth, Christine Horwege, Sue & Tom Hunnicutt, Alex Infante, Beverly Infante, Leonardo Infante, Wayne Mundy, Gene Onestinghel, Pat Onestinghel, Donald & Rae Pfaff, Lori Ann Pompie, Marti Sanita, Peggy Sexton, Rick Shoman, Joyce Spiaggi, Laurence Spiaggi, Jim Stella, Cochise Suarez, Claudia Szarnicki, Mildred Szarnicki, Meghan Thomas, Angus Topfer, Jane West, Reggie Wilkerson, Kevin Williams, George Winfield, Harry Winfield and Debbie Wyman. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

Gospel

The Magi are the central personages in today's feast of Epiphany. They were pagans who did not know the true God of the Jews. Yet that true God revealed to them that the King he had promised to the Jews had come. The expected Prince was born. They came to Jerusalem, the capital of Judah, expecting, of course, to find the city and the whole country rejoicing. Instead they found suspicion and hatred in the reigning king—a hatred which in a few days turned to murder. Among the religious leaders they found knowledge of their past history, but utter indifference as regards the present and the future. These leaders knew the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem; they must have realized that the Magi were very sure of the truth revealed to them—they would not have come such a long journey on a "fool's errand." In spite of that, the thought of going to Bethlehem with the Magi never entered their minds. These were the leaders who some years later refused to listen to Christ and in spite of his miracles refused to admit his claim that he was not only the promised Messiah, but the true Son of God. —Adapted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

St. Francis News and Notes...

- Our next family dinner is Saturday, Jan. 7 after our 5 pm Mass.
- January birthday blessings will follow Mass.
- There will be no Mass on Sunday, Jan. 8
- For your convenience, Mass intentions may be emailed into the office.
- Now that we are in the month of January, winter storms will soon be upon us. If Mass is cancelled, you will be notified via email or you can watch channel WSET ABC 13 closings.
- If you have any news that you wish to share with your fellow parishioners, please email your information to the office by Wednesday morning. Thank you

January Birthdays

Isaac Cochran	5
Callahan Cochran	5
Stella Nagy	6
Jim Clarke	7
John Pelissier	19
Pam Gouldthorpe	19
Michelle Douthat	22
Margaret Golightly	30
Fiora Grey	31



Mass Times: Wed., 1 pm and Sat., 5 pm & Sun. 8 am (except the 1st Sunday of the month)
Reconciliation: Sat., 4:30 pm –4:50 pm & by appt.
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