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Monday - Saturday: 7:30 AM

Saturday evening Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 9:00 AM

Holy Day Masses:

7:30 AM | 12:00 PM | 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday

9 AM—12 PM

(The office is closed on Saturday & Sunday.)

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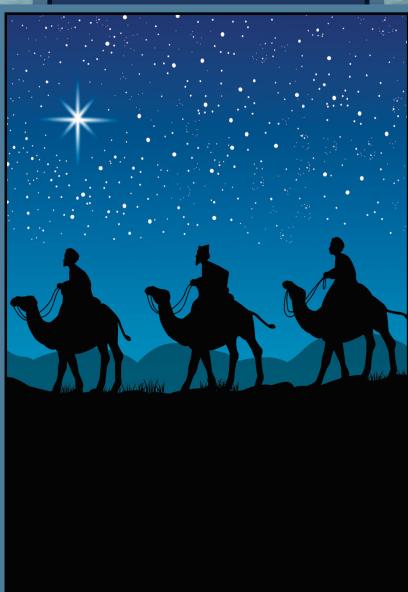
Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic
Church, Kearny, NJ

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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PARISH REGISTRATION

All are Welcome! New parishioners are welcome and encouraged to register at our parish. Registration forms are available at the Rectory office. When moving, please notify the Rectory office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is held the third Sunday of the month after the 9:00 AM Mass. Arrangements for Baptism should be made at least one month in advance. There are no Baptisms during Lent.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please notify the Rectory or priest in the event of a serious illness. Visits to the home-bound and those in hospitals are made by Priests, Deacons and Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Congratulations to our engaged couples! Arrangements should be made one year in advance of the proposed marriage.

RELIGIOUS VOCATION

Women and men who feel called to the Religious Life and men called to the Holy Orders should contact the Vocation Office 973-497-4365 or speak with a parish priest.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (R.C.I.A.)

If you have not received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, or Confirmation, and are over 18 years of age, and are interested in membership in the Catholic Church, please call the Rectory office.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS MISSION STATEMENT

We are Catholic Christians of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish who are conscious of the plan of God for the salvation of all. We praise the Lord in our everyday lives by sharing our faith and talents with each other for the continued growth of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Community. We wish to live the Beatitudes of Jesus and put them into practice in our daily lives as we answer His call to evangelization.



The Epiphany

OF THE LORD

January 2, 2022

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage!"

Matthew 2:1-2

Gifts are everywhere at this time of year. Christmas gifts. Hostess gifts. Hidden gifts. Wrong-size gifts. Unexpected gifts. Unwanted gifts. Unreciprocated gifts. And in today's readings we hear about even more gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But we know intuitively (or, one hopes, eventually!) that gifts are symbols of something much deeper and less tangible. The gift of God's Son is, of course, at the heart of our Christmas festivities. We are not—and never—alone, because "God is with us." (Thus the name Emmanuel.) But wait, that's not all! The liturgy reminds us over and over that this is a "holy exchange." As Christ came to share in our humanity, we come to share in his divinity. The full significance of that mystery is a gift we have yet to unwrap completely.

WHAT KIND OF GOD IS THIS?

Christmas is a season of abundance. Christmas cookies and carols. Parties and presents. Mangers and mistletoe. The same is true in our church. Within a period of nine days we celebrate Christmas, the Holy Family, Mary Mother of God, and today the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Truly an embarrassment of liturgical riches. (And we are not finished yet!)

However, for many people, Christmas is already over. Trees litter the curbside or make their way back to the attic. Presents are put away or returned. We prepare to go back to school or work. But as Christians we have barely dipped our toes into the profound mystery of a God who walks among us. What kind of a God is this whose kingdom is not limited by our borders, fears, expectations, or imaginations? Today's psalm reminds us, "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you." Diversity and inclusion are not new to God's agenda.

TRADITIONS UNCOVER MEANING

Two traditional rituals, one liturgical and one domestic, help underline the meaning of the Epiphany. The Proclamation of the Date of Easter is an option for inclusion at Mass today. This text which formally announces the dates of the upcoming major feast days reminds us that Christmas is best honored in the context of the whole story of salvation that culminates in Easter. Or as writer Nathan Mitchell reflects, the wood of the crib becomes the wood of the cross.

The second tradition connected to Epiphany is the blessing of the door of one's home with chalk. It includes a prayer for protection for all who enter therein. One explanation of this tradition ties it to the Passover in the Book of Exodus: the marking of the doorposts with the blood of the lamb kept the Israelites safe. This tradition too offers a connection between Christmas and Easter.

As we continue to mine the richness of this season we hum along with the angels, *Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Today's Readings: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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The Priests and Deacons of the Parish sincerely thank all who have helped make the celebration of Christmas, Christ's birth, a joyous one.

A big "Thank You" to all our volunteers who gave up their time and talents to arrange the Christmas decorations in our Church and help set up our Nativity sets; our Choir under the direction of Mrs. Gina Sgalias-Ball; our Ministry of Lectors and Altar Servers.

A special thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Poinsettias Memorial which beautifully decorated our Church.

The Parish Priests also thank all who so generously contributed to this year's Christmas collection. Your generosity at Christmas and throughout this difficult year is a true testament to your faith and witness of God's blessings.

OFFICE HOURS

The Rectory office will be closed on Monday, January 3rd. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 4th at 9AM.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There will be no Religious Education classes on Sunday, January 2nd. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 9th.

GIVE THE GIFT OF A MASS

One of the greatest gifts a person can receive is the celebration of a Mass for their intentions. For this reason it is a custom for many people to give the gift of a Mass intention to relatives or friends, living or deceased. We have many open Masses for next year. Kindly call the Rectory office to reserve your Mass intentions for 2022.

COMMITMENT TO TRANSPARENCY & HEALING

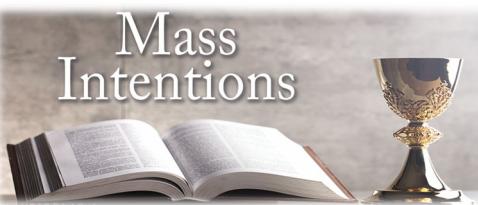
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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

1 st collection	12/19/2021	\$941.00
2 nd collection	12/19/2021	\$339.00

Due to the production schedule of the bulletin, the collections for Christmas and 12/26th will appear in a later bulletin. The second collection for the weekend of January 8/9 is for Communicating God's Word.

Thank you for your generosity!!



Sunday

9:00 AM

January 2

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January 3

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Req. Ray and Linda Mackalonis

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January 6

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Req. Muldoon Family

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People of the Parish

January 8

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Deceased Members of FOSS
Req. FOSS

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 8

Mary Calabrese
Req. Armand Calabrese

January 9

Susan Wolenski
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MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

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Altar Bread & Wine...

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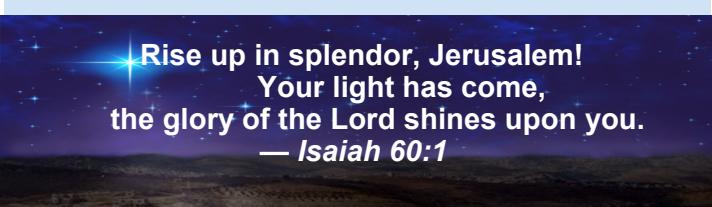
People of the Parish / OLS

Altar Candles...

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Let us remember all our family members, loved ones, and fellow parishioners who have died, may God reward them for their good deeds done in faith. Let us also pray for those who are sick at home or in a hospital, especially **Joseph Colamedici, Maria Cunha, Kathleen Fudali, Gary Davitt, Ted Hirschi, Kathleen Podlaski, Jaxson Rivera, June Struzienski, Irene Zarbetski, and all those whose names appear in our "Parish Book of Prayers for the Sick". May God grant them healing.**



**Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
— Isaiah 60:1**

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