

## The Epiphany Blessing

When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung. The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply, "Amen."

The **leader** greets those present in the following words:

"Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace.

Blessed be God forever."

*R/. Blessed be God forever.*

In the following or similar words, the **leader** prepares those present for the blessing:

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (Luke 19:1-9): *R/. Glory to you O Lord.*

"Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way.> When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham.' The Gospel of the Lord."

*R/. Praise to You Lord, Jesus Christ.*

The intercessions are then said:

**Leader:** The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him.

*R/. Stay with us, Lord.*

**Leader:** Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head. We pray:

*R/. Stay with us, Lord.*

**Leader:** Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing. We pray:

*R/. Stay with us, Lord.*

**Leader:** Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory. We pray:

*R/. Stay with us, Lord.*

After the intercessions the leader invites all present to say the Lord's Prayer.

The leader says the prayer of blessing with hands joined: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them (us) with the light of Christ, that their (our) concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*R/. Amen.*

The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying: May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever. *R/. Amen.*

It is preferable to end the celebration with a suitable song, for example, "O Come, All Ye Faithful" or "We Three Kings."



Epiphany (also known as Twelfth Night, *Theophany*, or Three Kings Day) marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of "chalking the doors." The formula for the ritual — adapted for 2022 — is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home: 22+C+M+B+22. The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "22" at the beginning and the "22" at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.

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Serving the Swannanoa Valley since 1936



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### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil (Anticipated Mass): 5:30 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM; 1:00 PM (Spanish)

Monday\*, Thursday, Friday: 7:30 AM

Wednesday: 6:00 PM

Holy Days: Check bulletin & website or call office.

### SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM:** Saturdays at Noon or 2:30 PM. Parents and sponsors must attend preparation classes.

Call office to schedule.

**CONFESSION:**

Monday, Thursday, Friday 6:45 AM

Wednesday 5:15 PM

Saturday 4:00 PM

Or by appointment, call office to schedule.

**FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:**

Email: [faithformation.stmargaretmary@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.stmargaretmary@gmail.com).

**MARRIAGE:** Saturdays at Noon or 2:30 PM. To schedule, call office at least six months before the intended wedding date. For convalidations, contact

Fr. Becker.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** If you or a loved one is in danger of death, even if remotely, call the parish to schedule the Anointing of the Sick, (formerly "Last Rites"). If there has been a terminal diagnosis, please call the parish right away so that the sacrament can be received early in the illness. In case of emergency after hours, call 828.686.8833 and press "2".

\*Monday's Mass is a "soft" schedule, there are times when Father may have to cancel that Mass.

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00AM - 2:00PM

Tuesday: Closed

### PARISH COUNCIL

Judy Clyne (5:30pmMass) 630.212.8522

Phyllis Benbow (5:30pmMass) 828.273.5818

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### PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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### CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION:

Contact Sarah Kramer at:

[faithformation.stmargaretmary@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.stmargaretmary@gmail.com).

**WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?** We welcome those who desire to learn more about the Catholic faith, who desire to become Catholic, or who have been away from the church and would like to return. Email Deacon Dan and Linda Hoffert at [hofferts@bellsouth.net](mailto:hofferts@bellsouth.net).

**ADULT CHOIR/Schola:** Call Karen Parsons 828-275-4977

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** For information, call

Jesse Boeckermann at 605.376.4234

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** Call 800-862-1633 for information or assistance.

**VISITS FOR SICK & HOMEBOUND:** Call parish office.

**WOMEN OF ST. MARGARET MARY:** Contact Kim Rovinski at 248-931-7023

The Epiphany of the Lord - January 5, 2022



# The Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022

*Please Pray for...*

**Those who are ill or have special needs:**  
 Shaun Benbow, Susan Blanchard, Marie Blount, Dana Breeding, Ann Bridgman, Dianna Bryant, Joseph Buttera, J.R. Callahan, Barry Cook, Sister Pat Coyle, Jack Crowley, Carolyn Dickenson, Maureen Flannigan, George Frazier, Jackie Gunn, Eleanor Harker, Allison Hoefling, Don & Rita Hoefling, Lane Lehman, Ty Lenk, Janet Linda, Meghan McGinnis, Debra Maddox, Gerald Malsbary, Lori Owensby, Lindsey & Jordan Owensby, Kathy Quarles, Marilyn Rebholz, Rhonda Rivera, Sally Schoen, Marellen Struhar, Betty Testa, Arlene Turner, Vickie Wright, Infant Vivienne Joy, Tony & Sandy Yacovelli.

**Homebound or in nursing homes:**  
 Marian Bogdanowicz, Norma Brandin, Vicki Cram, Dorothy Kelly, Fr. Andy Latsko, Margaret Morrow, Anne Papay, Mike Slaski.

**Our Family Members Serving in the Military:**  
 Petty Officer 1st Class **Chris Balot**, son of Randy Balot  
 Staff Sgt. **Jordan Owensby**, grandson of Don & Linda Gurecky.  
 PV2 **Alex Czarnecki**, son of John and Maureen Czarnecki (Alex has completed Army Combat Medic training and is now assigned to an Ambulance Company at Camp Casey, South Korea.). David Woodward, serving in Afghanistan-friend of Samuel Medlin.

*Please call or email the office to update list.*

**IMPORTANT DATES**  
 Jan. 7: FIRST FRIDAY Devotions  
 Confessions 5:15pm; Mass 6pm  
 Jan. 8: 9:30am Social Time; 10am Meeting  
 Women of St. Margaret Mary's-Parish Hall  
 Jan.12: Fireside Chat (topic TBA) - follows 6pm Mass

Altar flowers may be sponsored in memory or in honor of a loved one or friend. The flower donation is \$45.00; checks payable to St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church; "flowers" in memo section.  
 Call the office to reserve a date to sponsor flowers: 828-686-8833, Mon, Wed, Thurs, and Fri. 9am-2pm. If no answer, leave a message.



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## Mass Intentions

Sat 1/1 5:30PM.....† Rita Cook  
 Sun 1/2 8:30AM.....Pro Populo  
 11:00AM.....† Christopher Auerbach  
 1:00PM .....Pro Populo  
 Mon 1/3 7:30AM.....† Marcus Lamb  
 Wed 1/5 6:00PM.....Mark Surat  
 Thur 1/6 7:30AM.....† Pam Bowes  
 Fri 1/7 7:30AM.....† Clifton Borne

## Scripture for the Week

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a  
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30  
 Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**January 2, 2022**




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

## Faith Formation Prep 1/5/22

	Saint Journal	Memorized Prayer	Memorize the Faith	Rosary Mystery
K-2nd Grade	St. John Neumann	Hail Mary	Seven Sacraments	3rd Luminous Mystery
3rd - 8th Grade	St. John Neumann	Hail Holy Queen (Sanctus)	Seven Sacraments	3rd Luminous Mystery

## St. Vincent DePaul Society

St. Vincent de Paul Society contact phone number is:  
**1-800-862-1633**  
 Your generous support of SVdP helps us to serve those in need throughout our community. Our Poor Boxes are in the church vestibule and in the Overflow Seating entrance. Thank You!  
  
 View more information about SVdP at the parish website: [saintmmc.com](http://saintmmc.com)


## Natural Family Planning

Start Date Change! Sign up for these informative, free classes taught by Elizabeth Harris here at St. Margaret Mary's. Classes are from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Here is the schedule and topics to be covered:  
 February 1st—Know Your Body  
 March 1st—Family Planning  
 April 5th—FEMM Expert  
 Q & A: Medical Management with Megan Blum, P-AC from [mycatholicdoctor.com](http://mycatholicdoctor.com), location T.B.A.  
 Contact Elizabeth Harris at:  
[avlfemminstructor@gmail.com](mailto:avlfemminstructor@gmail.com)

It's Hospitality Weekend! Join us downstairs in the Parish Hall after the 5:30pm Vigil Mass and all Sunday Masses for refreshments and fellowship.  
 We have a "stepless" entrance on the Grovemont Road side of the building.



## Stewardship

Weekly Offering  Weekly Offertory needed to meet our annual parish budget: **\$5,000.00**  
 Offertory Dec 25, 2021: \$4,691.00  
 Dec 26, 2021: \$4,804.00  
 Online Giving: \$2,567.00  
 Total Offertory: \$12,062.00  
 Donate online at: [www.saintmmc.com](http://www.saintmmc.com)  
 Thank you, may God bless you for your generosity!

## Schedule for the Week

Jan 3 6:45am Confessions; 7:30am Mass  
 Office Hours 9am-2pm  
 Jan 4 **OFFICE CLOSED** - No Masses  
 6:00pm **Rosary** in the Church  
 Jan 5 Office Hours 9am-2pm  
 5:15pm Confession; 6:00pm Mass  
**Faith Formation & RCIA Classes follow**  
 Jan 6 6:45am Confessions; 7:30am Mass  
 Office Hours 9am-2pm  
 Church open for prayer  
 Jan 7 6:45am Confessions; 7:30am Mass  
 Office Hours 9am-2pm  
 Noon - Rosary in the Church  
 Jan 8 10am Women of St. Margaret Mary's Meeting - Parish Hall  
 4:00pm Confessions  
 5:30pm Vigil Mass  
 Jan 2 8:30am (Incense)  
 11:00am  
 1:00pm-Español (Incense)

All Masses are livestreamed to our YouTube channel. Go to [saintmmc.com](http://saintmmc.com). Click on "Mass Times & Livestream", scroll down and click "acknowledge and enter livestream"

