

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3, 2020

All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.

— *Psalm 72:11*



PROMISE FULFILLED

Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (*Isaiah 60:1-6*).

PSALM — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (*Psalm 72*).

SECOND READING — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (*Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6*).

GOSPEL — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (*Matthew 2:1-12*).

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Please inform Fr. Leonard when a loved one has become homebound, or has been hospitalized Call 816-471-3696 or email:

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Edith Bolder	Holmesdale Care Center	
Jeanette Hamilton	Evans	Home
Inell Hunter		Home
Marcheita Bush		Home
Carlos Nix		Home
Lavel McCullough		Home
Rosa Birch		Home
Sandra Cloyd		Home
Kevin Brown		Home
Jackie Countee		Home
Earnestine Nard		Home
Earl Greene		Home
Sharon Shackelford	Allen	Home
Michael Mize		Home
Chaunceyetta Mize		Home
Margaret Jones		Home
Flora Waddell		Home
Delores Bazy		Home
Deacon Greene		Home
Vera Brown		Home
Ovell Thomas		Home
Joann James		Home
Dorothy Wyatt		Home
Terese Spears	Chambers	Home
Alvin Brooks		Home
Cathy Johnson		Home
Mary Ann Grayson		Home
Herman Lovett		Home
Mabel & Donald	Parson	Home
Ramonda Doakes		Home
Annie Lovett		Home
Carolyn Jones		



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Must wear mask at all times

— to attend

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. (Live)

10:00 a.m. (Live & Recorded)

WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. MASS (Live)

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	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; k 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 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week
Monday:	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Tuesday:	St. John Neumann
Wednesday:	St. André Bessette
Thursday:	St. Raymond of Penyafort; Julian Calendar Christmas



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FEAST OF FAITH

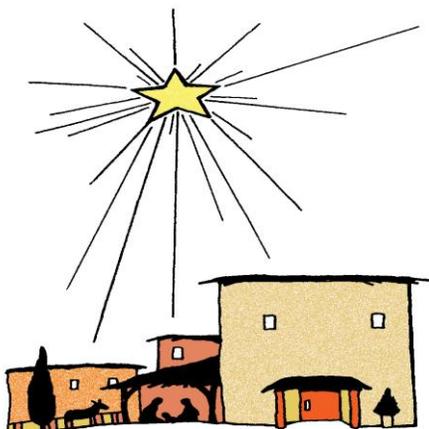
The Liturgy of Emmanuel

The assembly has gathered from near and far, on foot, by bus, by car, by subway, singly and by twos and threes: single people, couples, families. Now that movement is ritualized and made visible in the liturgy's entrance procession.

We are not alone on this journey; Christ is with us. The procession is led by the cross, with the image of Christ upon it. Candles, signs of a living presence, are carried around the cross. Candles also accompany the Book of the Gospels, another sign of Emmanuel, God-with-us. The priest presider is likewise a sign of Christ's presence in our assembly; he will act in persona Christi, in the person of Christ, who presides at every Eucharist.

As the procession begins, we stand and sing together in our first act as a community. The joining of our voices begins to turn many into one. The songs we sing range from ancient chants to contemporary hymns, but they have the same purpose, to foster our unity and turn our thoughts to the mysteries we gather to celebrate. We may feel that we can't sing well, but "Christ always invites us to enter into song, to rise above our own preoccupations, and to give our entire selves to the hymn of his Paschal Sacrifice

"(USCCB, Sing to the Lord, 14).—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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THE HOLY STAR

O Father, may that holy star
Grow every year more bright
And send its glorious beams afar
To fill the world with light.

—Williamullen Bryant



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END OF THE YEAR APPEAL

If you did not receive the end of the year appeal from Catholic Charities and would like to make a difference for those less fortunate, there is still time. Please contact Patrick Savageau, Donor Stewardship Specialist, to make a donation at psavageau@ccharities.com.

We also ask that you consider making this a monthly gift and see if your employer is willing to match your donation.

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES

This year, our 2021 Offering Envelopes will be mailed to your homes. If you have not yet received yours, please use the Supplemental Envelopes / located on the two small tables behind the back pews at the entry of the Sanctuary.

FORWARD IN FAITH

The Stewardship Committee extends a heartfelt thank you to all the St. Monica parishioners for the success of our 110 Anniversary Celebration and Virtual Silent Auction. The Committee worked with precision as a team, under the capable leadership of Mrs. Shirley Thaw, with expert guidance on the auction from Mrs. Angela Curry. Kim Urenda's technical assistance, and Dwight's performance as the announcer contributed to raising a total amount that exceeded our goal! Our success would not have been possible without your support. You donated and bid on many of the 56 available items.

During the process, we added St. Monica Twitter and Instagram accounts to expand our reach on social media. We expect the addition will attract new members as the downtown and 18th and Vine areas expand housing opportunities near the church.

Thank you again and look forward to future events to work on together as our parish moves "Forward in Faith."

Our goal is, to raise **\$150,000** by October 2020. So far, we have received **\$47,411.20**, and **\$102,588.50** still to go.

The goal is huge, but God is faithful.

God bless you all,

Fr. Leonard



*Deadline for Bulletin Entries
Wednesday NOON*