

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 5, 2020

They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

— *Matthew 2:11b*



LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus' coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations—Jews, Gentiles, and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the world. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the world was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews—Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God.

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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*)

Psalms — Lord, every nation on earth will adore
you (*Psalms 72*)

Second Reading — The mystery has been
made known that the Gentiles are coheirs,
copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus
through the gospel (*Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6*).

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Edith Bolder	Homesdale Care Center
Jeanette Hamilton Evans	Home
Eddie Jennings,	V.A. Rehab Cameron
Inell Hunter	Home
Martha Melton	Addington House Center
Marcheita Bush	Home
Carlos Nix	Home
Lavel McCullough	Home
Rosa Birch	Home
Sandra Cloyd	Home
Kevin Brown	Home
Jackie Countee	Home
Sharon Shackelford-Allen	Home
Earnestine Nard	Home
Mable Parson	Home
Earl Greene	Home
Michael Mize	Home
Chaunceyette Mize	Home
Hargett Hayes	Home
Margaret Jones	Home
Flora Waddell	Bishop Spencer's Place
Delores Bazy	Home
Deacon Greene	Home

FAMILY MEMBERS:

Please inform Father Leonard, when a
loved-one has become homebound, or
has been hospitalized. Call, 816-471-3696,
or email: leombuthia@yahoo.com

JANUARY 12th ASSIGNMENTS

SERVERS Coordinator: V. Ammons*
All Servers

LECTORS Coordinator, Rose Palmer*

8:00 a.m. Rosalind Smith, Brenda Lofton
10:00 a.m. Angela Curry, Everett Curry

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Coordinator, Dianna Miller*
8:00 a.m. Gerald Buckman, Mary Graham,
Christine Johnson,
Elaine Johnson,
10:00 a.m. Ben, Gruber, Joann James,
Margaret Jones, Syrtiller Kabat, Carrie Miller,
Paulette Monroe, Dorothy Mustin, Paula Nix,
Rose Palmer, Barbara Parks,

USHERS Coordinators, Kim Urenda,
Mary Pearson *

8:00 a.m. Elaine Johnson,
Lawrence Blankinship
10:00 a.m. **Team D:** Paul Alexander,
Eric Burtin, Maya Burtin, Jeanette Countee,
Jenny Gillis, Genia Palmer

WELCOME: Diane Charity

3rd SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP RECEPTION

HOST: PASTORAL COUNCIL

COUNTERS: TEAM #2

Team Leader: Paul Alexander

MEETINGS / DATES / TIMES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes are held on Sunday, following
the 10 a.m. Mass



SUNDAY SCHOOL ~

Classes resume, Jan.12

K-5th Grade Classes meet on the

2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays.

Ramonda Doakes, Director

Classes resume, Jan.12

1ST COMMUNION CLASS

Meetings: 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sundays

Shayla Mendy, Teacher

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP Meetings:

2nd and 4th Sundays, Church Hall,
Lower Level,

Coordinators: John & Debra Johnson

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

Meetings will be held in the
Administration Building, **St. Monica
Room, Every 1st and 3rd Sunday.**

Coordinators: Eric & Burnetta Burtin, Elton &
Phaedra Lombard

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

Meetings are held on Sundays, in the
Small Chapel,

Deacon Ken Greene, Instructor.

KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER

3 rd Degree Knights	1 st Sat 1:00 p.m.
4 th Degree Knights	1 st Sat. 1:45 p.m.
Fr. Constantine Ct.	1 st Sun. 9:00 a.m.
Ladies of Grace	4 th Sun. 2:00 p.m.
Jr. Daughters	2 nd Sat. 2:00 p.m.
Jr. Knights	1 st Sun. 4:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. Mass

6:00 p.m. Prayer Service

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study Class
will resume on Saturday, January 4th.

9:30 a.m. Women's Breakfast & Bible Study Class
will resume on Saturday, January 11th.

Meetings are held in the Administration
Building / St. Monica Room.

New members are welcome.

GOSPEL — Magi from the east arrived, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews?” (*Matthew 2:1-12*)



READINGS 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; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week
Monday: St. André Bessette
Tuesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; Julian Calendar Christmas

110 COMMITTEE
 110 Year Anniversary Committee will meet in the Church Hall, next Sunday, January 12, 2020, following the 10:00 Mass

Respectfully submitted,
 Shirley Hall

Bulletin Deadline - Wednesday – NOON

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES
 Please pick up your box of 2020 Offering Envelopes, after Mass. Of offering envelopes for a family member or friend, please let the Church Office know.

We are aware that some boxes of envelopes are missing. They will be available in approximately two weeks. Please use the **Supplemental Envelopes**, located on the tables, behind the pews.

NOTE: Always include your **Name, Envelope Number, and the Amount** on your envelopes. Thank you for your patience

FORWARD IN FAITH



Thanks to everyone who is participating in our “**Forward in Faith**” Campaign. The campaign is to take care of our accumulated diocesan assessment arrears, and build reserves for our parish. Thanks to many of you, who took time to fill in pledge cards. More pledge cards are available in the pews.

Please take time to fill one out, and drop it in the collection basket. If you have any question, please don’t hesitate to approach one of our Stewardship Committee members, for clarification.

Your 2020 Annual Tithing Envelopes, also include “Forward in Faith” Envelopes. Please use the Forward in Faith envelopes toward the campaign.

Our goal is, to raise **\$150,000** by October 2020. So far, we have received **\$16,892** and **\$133,108**, still to go. The goal is huge, but God is faithful. God bless you all.

IT’S TIME TO UPDATE OUR SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Leaders of Organizations:
 Please make available, to the Church Office, a list of your upcoming events for 2020
stmonica1616kc@hotmail.com

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK



Feast of the Epiphany
 In days of old, God’s presence was veiled. We could not see God. The Good News that we celebrate during the Season of Christmas is that God has chosen to

reveal himself. God has chosen to remove the veil and God appeared to us in the flesh.

In the person of Jesus Christ, God visited his people. Now we can see God and touch God and hear God. The word Epiphany means to manifest, to reveal. On this Feast of Epiphany we celebrate that Jesus is made manifest as a Light to the Gentiles. The Magi represent all of us. We are all on a journey to God. Our goal is the beatific vision: to see God face to face.

The gifts that the Magi bring to Jesus reveal – make manifest who Jesus is. Gold is a gift for a king. Jesus is our Lord and King. He is the Messiah. Incense is used to worship God. This gift reveals that Jesus is true Lord and God. And myrrh is burial spice. This seems like a strange gift to give a baby! Why give Jesus a burial spice. It foreshadows the whole reason Jesus came: He came to suffer and die for us. His whole purpose of coming is to save us by offering his life of the cross for our salvation.

Now this all sounds nice, but what about us here today? How does Jesus manifest his presence to us in 2020? How do I know God is real? The surest way we can know God’s presence – the way God manifests Himself to us today is through the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. What are the fruits of the Holy Spirit? Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, long suffering, mildness, faith, modesty, self-control, and chastity. Which of these fruits of the Holy Spirit do you want God to reveal in a special way to you during this New Year?



Fr. Leonard

COMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS

ST. MONICA CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH

Pancake Breakfast, following each Mass.

Donation, still only \$5.

Lovingly prepared by the Knights of Peter Claver, #57

ST. LOUIS CHURCH

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17TH

CHILI SUPPER

The Knights of Peter Claver, #265, will host this fundraising event.

Details (menu and donation) will be forthcoming.

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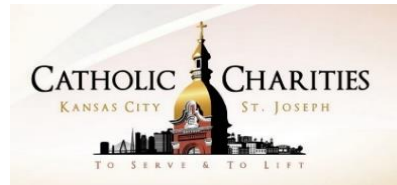
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MONDAY, JANUARY 20TH

will host a DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PRAYER SERVICE

Bishop James Johnston will offer the key message of the morning. All are invited to join us in a renewed commitment to serving others and being the face of God to each other and those who need our help. In the spirit of service and social justice, we invite you to participate in service projects from **January 1, 2020 to January 20, 2020**, "Twenty Days of Service" (not a day off) to honor the legacy of Dr. King. Please bring a symbol of your service project(s) to **January 9 and January 16 - 6pm at St. Therese Church**. If you have not already, let us know that you will be a part of the choir, please confirm with Tamara Chestnut at tchestnut@stlfc.org.

Brunch will be served following the service to continue our fellowship. Questions may be directed to Estelle Tunley, Director, Liturgy and Music, etunley@stlfc.org or 816-444-5406.



THANK YOU

Due to the generous support of parishioners & donors like you, Catholic Charities KCSJ was able to ensure that 611 children would have a very special Christmas this year through our Christmas Shining Star program.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this amazing opportunity. Your support and thoughtfulness put a smile on many faces.

If you would like to hear more about this program or help support your neighbors in need by volunteering your time or supporting our other programs, please contact Linda Hopkins, Volunteer Coordinator at 816-659-8205 or lhopkins@ccharities.com.

