

January 6, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading. Is. 60: 1-6

Second Reading. Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Gospel. Mk 2: 1-12



The Epiphany

When the magi arrive at the end of a long and hard journey, they find an ordinary house and an ordinary family - not so different from ours - and the house is blessed by their arrival, their worship and their gifts. The gifts express both hope and anxiety for the future.

And - now here's the strange thing - that ordinary house is actually blessed not by the visitors, but by the one they visit. The blessing is received not by the host, but by the guests. **The real gifts are received not by the family, but by those who give.** The Truth is revealed not to those who receive the message, but to those who carry it.

In a way this visit of the wise men is a model of all human worship of God, and indeed a model of what it means to have faith. We praise and bless him, yet we are the ones who receive his blessing. We bring gifts to offer to him - yet we are the ones who receive the gifts of his grace. The host receives us into his presence, yet it is we who receive the host.

May Christ bless our houses, our homes, our families, and our lives, now and forever.

January 7: St. Andre Bessette

When Alfred Bessette came to the Holy Cross Brothers in 1870, he carried with him a note from his pastor saying, "I am sending you a saint." However, at 25, he still did not know how to read and write. It seemed as if Alfred approached the religious order out of desperation, not vocation. Brother Andre joked later, "At the end of my novitiate, my superiors showed me the door, and I stayed there for forty years."

In 1904, he surprised the Archbishop of Montreal if he could, by requesting permission to, build a chapel to Saint Joseph on the mountain near the college. The Archbishop refused to go into debt and would only give permission for Brother Andre to build what he had money for.

Brother Andre reassured him. "I have only my great devotion to St. Joseph to guide me." The Archbishop granted him permission to keep building as long as he didn't go into debt.

He started by adding a roof so that all the people who were coming to hear Mass at the shrine wouldn't have to stand out in the rain and the wind. Through kindness, caring, and devotion, Brother Andre helped many souls experience healing and renewal on the mountaintop.

Despite financial troubles, Brother Andre never lost faith or devotion. He had started to build a basilica on the mountain but the Depression had interfered. At ninety-years old he told his co-workers to place a statue of St. Joseph in the unfinished, unroofed basilica. He was so ill he had to be carried up the mountain to see the statue in its new home. Brother Andre died soon after on January 6, and didn't live to see the work on the basilica completed. But in Brother Andre's mind it never would be completed because he always saw more ways to express his devotion and to heal others. As long as he lived, the man who had trouble keeping work for himself, would never have stopped working for God.

Masses for the Week

January 5, 2019- January 12, 2019



**Scalabrini House of
Discernment is now located
at St. Peter's**

Saturday, January 5

6:00 p.m. (English)

People of the Parish

Sunday, January 6

9:30 a.m. (English/Spanish)

People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. (Italian)

+Luigi Costantini by Janie Costantini

+Ennio & Socorro Capra

by Natalia & Michele Capra

For the deceased members of **St. Anthony Society**

For the deceased members of **Canneto Colony Society**

6:00 p.m. (English)

People of the Parish

Monday, January 7

6:00 p.m. **No Mass**

Tuesday, January 8

6:00 p.m. +Joey Strickland by Lupini Family & Cousin

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Wednesday, January 9

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Thursday, January 10

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Friday, January 11

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Saturday, January 12

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

*Did you know we have **Vespers** at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.*

Adoration: Thursdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Last week's offerings

Offerte Della Settimana Scorsa

Last week's Offering: \$1,995.00

***Offerta settimanale necessaria per far fronte alle spese ordinarie*

Weekly offering needed to meet ordinary expenses

- \$2,950.00-

Dates to Remember

January 7, Scalabrini House Meeting

Social 6:00 p.m. Dinner and meeting 7:00 p.m.

January 13, Costantinopoli Meeting

After the 11:00 a.m. mass

January 18, San Trifone Meeting

7:00 p.m.

January 20, Padre Pio Meeting

After the 11:00 a.m. mass

January 21, Polenta Dinner & Dance

Contact the office at:

(323) 225-8119 or

Ada Iezza (626) 359-4301

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Visit St. Peter's website: <http://stpeteritalianchurchla.org>

DID YOU KNOW?

Always keep your blind spots in mind

Each week, more than 50 children are killed or injured when a driver backs up the car. In an overwhelming number of those cases, a parent, relative, or close friend is behind the wheel. It's devastating to think that a simple action could cause such harm to your child, but it happens far too frequently. Be aware of your 'blind spots' when you're behind the wheel — those areas you know are there, but can't see clearly from your mirrors. Check out what's happening around your vehicle before you get in. Make sure you know where your children are before you start your car. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article, "A Preventable Accident," visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES WILL BEGIN **WEDNESDAY JANUARY 16, 2019**

St. Peter/San Conrado mission will offer a seven week Adult Confirmation preparation process during the Lenten Season.

The course is open to persons who have reached their 18th birthday, have been baptized in the Catholic church, and have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Interested parties must pre-register and provide a copy of your baptism certificate.

Contact Fr. Louis Piran, c.s. to register. (323) 225-8119

*****Sunday Offering Envelopes are ready for pick-up*****

The numbered Sunday Offering envelopes are ready at the main entrance of the church, please pick up your envelopes

Make your reservations

January 21: Polenta dinner & dance.

Net proceeds benefit St. Peter Italian Church.

Contact the office at: (323) 225-8119 or

Ada Iezza (626) 359-4301

**February 16: Valentines and crowing of
the Parish Queen.**

Contact the parish office for Reservations 323-225-8119.