

December 30, 2018 - Sunday in the Octave of Christmas

From the Pastor

Feast of the Epiphany

Epiphany means manifestation or appearance and this Feast celebrates three Manifestations. The first is to the Gentiles coming to the manger to present their gifts, which is the focus of the Feast of the Epiphany itself. The second manifestation is to the Jews with the baptism of our Lord in the Jordan by John the Baptist, which is celebrated on the former octave of the Epiphany. The third manifestation is to the disciples with His first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee, which is celebrated on the Second Sunday after the Epiphany. These three manifestations are brought out in the Magnificat Antiphon of Vespers for the Feast of the Epiphany: "We keep this day holy in honor of three miracles: this day a star led the Wise Men to the manger; this day water was turned into wine at the marriage feast; this day Christ chose to be baptized by John in the Jordan for our Salvation, Alleluia."

The Feast makes it clear that all are called, because the manifestation is to all groups of people. Our Lord came to save all, not just a chosen nation. But to share in this salvation, we must all be part His new Chosen People, the members of His Mystical Body, the Church. St Peter says: "He has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Pet 2:9). It is being united to our Lord through charity and the light of Faith (first received at baptism) that we become members of the Church and we, in turn, must bring this Faith to others. The Faith needs to be communicated to others by the faithful living out their faith with humility and charity, thus calling people out of the darkness into the light. When charity lacks in our approach to others, we drive them away from the Church and even cause an impediment from their returning anytime soon. We commit a serious sin, if we do so intentionally, and we bear responsibility for the souls estranged from the Church by our lack of charity.

Why do I mention this during this festive season? Because we continue to have issues with a few people who take it upon themselves to secretly correct others on the way they dress or behave. Though there is a time and a place for fraternal correction, the way it is being done here is uncharitable, completely out of place and destructive of the parish. If someone approaches you or your children about the way you or your loved ones dress or you hear of someone doing this, please let me know so I can deal with these vigilantes .

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

EPIPHANY HOME BLESSINGS

January 6-9 and 11-12, Times to be announced

Sign up sheet is almost full. Priority will be given to those who have never had the house blessing.

Prayer Booklets and Blessed Chalk will be available for those doing their own blessings.

Almost Sold Out! 2019 FSSP Liturgical Calendars on Sale, \$13 each!

Announcements

Church hours for private prayers. The church is open for private prayer as noted below.

Fridays & Saturdays, 4-7 p.m. Sundays, Noon-5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays only, 6-8 p.m. Exposition & benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena, 6:40 p.m. every Wednesday.

Parish bookstore kiosk is open Sundays between the morning Masses unless noted otherwise below. It is located in the small hallway across from the water fountain.

PLEASE NOTE! Public and private Mass calendars are temporarily closed.

Low Gluten Hosts. If you require low gluten host, please see the instructions on the bulletin board.

Adult Lecture Series, every third Sunday following Vespers. Open to all; no prerequisites.

Altar Server Practice, second Saturday of every month immediately following the 7:30 a.m. Mass. On other Saturdays in the month, there is voluntary practice after the 7:30 a.m. Mass for those who want additional training. Open to all boys who have received First Communion.

Altar Guild, second Saturday of the month after the 7:30 a.m. Mass, in the small meeting room.

Legion of Mary, 7 p.m. every Monday, in the large meeting room.

Little Flowers Girls Club, 2nd Saturday of month, in the large room, 9 –10:30 a.m. Open to girls, ages 5 and up.

Men's Recollection, 7-9 p.m., every third Friday of the month. Open to all men.

Schola Practice, 5:30 p.m. Sundays in the small room. Open to all men interested in joining the schola.

Tower of David Study Group is on Christmas break. During the break, Tuesday Mass will be at 6:30 a.m. Session begins again January 8th, at which time the Mass time will change back to 8 a.m.

Troops of St. George, every other Tuesday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m. See schedule on bulletin board.

Youth Group, second Sunday of the month after the 10 a.m. Mass, in the large meeting room.

Music teacher position open. Tower of David Study Group is looking for a music teacher Tuesdays, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. We would like the students to learn Gregorian Chant. Please see Fr. Van Vliet or Jennifer McDonald if you are interested.

TODAY:

~ Bookstore kiosk closed. Bookstore re-opens Jan. 13.

~ No CCD. CCD resumes Jan. 6.

Mon., Dec. 31:

~ The *Te Deum* will be recited after each Mass in thanksgiving for God's blessings during the year. Plenary indulgence may be gained. More information on the parish website.

~ 4 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Jan. 1, New Year's Eve party at the parish. Holy Hour from 11:30 p.m., Dec. 31 to 12:30 a.m., Jan. 1. Party and/or Holy Hour open to all. Events coordinator: Helena Brown.

Tues., Jan. 1, Holy day. *Veni Creator Spiritus* will be recited after each Mass. Plenary indulgence may be gained. More information on the parish website.

Sat., Jan. 5, 7 p.m., Blessing of Epiphany Water.

Please pick up your 2019 Boxed Set of Envelopes.

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

Dec. 30 – Jan. 5, 2019

Sun., 12/30, Sunday in the Octave of Christmas

7:30 a.m., Souls in Purgatory

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Carlos Gort

Mon., 12/31, 7th Day in the Octave of Christmas

6:30 a.m., Joan Conner

* 8:00 a.m., Private intention

Tues., 1/1, Octave Day of Christmas

7:30 a.m. (Low), Sam Florance

* 8:00 a.m., Cancelled

10:00 a.m. (High), Robert Florance IV

5:30 p.m. (Low), Elisse Florance

7:00 p.m., Cancelled

Wed., 1/2, Holy Name of Jesus

6:30 a.m., Robert Florance III

* 8:00 a.m., Private intention

Thurs., 1/3, Votive Mass of Jesus Christ the High Priest

* 6:30 a.m., Private intention

7:00 p.m., Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

Fri., 1/4, Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

6:30 a.m., Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

7:00 p.m., followed by First Friday devotion,
Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

Sat., 1/5, Votive Mass of the immaculate Heart of Mary

* 6:30 a.m., Private intention

7:30 a.m., followed by First Saturday devotion,
Dr. James Harper LaRose†

*Sat., 1/5, 7:00 p.m., Blessing of Epiphany
Water liturgical service.*

* *Mass is subject to cancellation if a second priest is not available. Advance notice will be posted in the bulletin whenever possible.*

Directory

Parish Office office@reginacaeliparish.org
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Parish Organizations

Men's Schola

Contact: Kyle Lartigue
schola@reginacaeliparish.org

Altar Guild

Contact: Juana Maria Olvera
altarsoc@reginacaeliparish.org

Youth Group

Contact: Rev. John Kodet

Contacts for other groups

Please check the bulletin boards or go to the parish website and click on Groups/Ministries

Sacraments

Please check the parish website for more information.

Infant baptism—contact parish at least one month before due date.

Marriage—contact parish eight months before proposed date.

Introibit Rex Gloriam Capital Campaign

Minimum goal: \$2,500,000

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Regina Caeli Parish

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Mass Schedule

Sundays	7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (High), 5:30 p.m.
Mon., Wed., Fri.	6:30 a.m.
Tues., Thurs.	7:00 p.m.
Saturdays	7:30 a.m.
Confession	30 minutes before each Mass; ends 5 minutes before Mass starts
Vespers	6:45 p.m. Sundays