

January 6, 2019 - Epiphany of the Lord

From the Pastor

Holy Family: The Hidden Life, Part 1

"He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and He was subject to them." Luke 2:51

These words refer to the 18 years of Our Lord's life of obscurity from the finding of the Child Jesus in the temple until His public life. Our Lord came to convert the whole world and to accomplish this, 30 of His 33 years are lived in obscurity. This life of retirement is the principle of spiritual activity. We must each endeavor to have the spirit of it in our lives, no matter what our position in life is.

From a human perspective, one would think that the more power, riches and influence one has, the greater likelihood of success at converting the world. Or, that one should be a great orator, philosopher or a poet to convert the world. But though our Lord was God, He chose to live without such helps to accomplish His task. He certainly was a great orator, poet and philosopher, being Truth Itself and the Author of Sacred Scriptures, but He chose to live 30 of His 33 years hidden from the world to teach us the importance of effacing ourselves.

He went down to Nazareth, an obscure little town that is not even mentioned in the Old Testament, a little town outside of Jerusalem. He did not choose Rome, the center of the civilized world where honors and might could have awaited Him. He did not live in Jerusalem, where He could have influenced Jewish rulers. Rather, He lived in a town that was despised by the Jews.

In Nazareth, He chose subjection to His own creatures, He labored with His hands, even though He was the Creator of heaven and earth. "For the sea is His and He made it: and His hands formed the dry land." (Ps 94:5) He chose poverty and suffered real want and insufficiency. St. Joseph worked with his hands to supply the daily needs and Jesus helped him. After St. Joseph died, He worked for the needs of His Mother. He chose solitude away from the notice and applause of the world: "Is not this the carpenter's Son?" (Matt 13:55)

These are conditions that our Lord chose and we can imitate for our own sanctification. We can subject ourselves to others, since we will always have someone above us as a superior, but even if that were not the case, we still have to answer to God Himself. We should see superiors as a means to practice obedience and humility. If we want to be perfect, obedience of some sort will be necessary. Doing our own will all the time will not get us to heaven.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

EPIPHANY HOME BLESSINGS

*Prayer Booklets and Blessed Chalk are on the hall table
for those doing their own blessings.*

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! The public and private calendars for Mass intentions 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.

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

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 every Tuesday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

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

TODAY:

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

~ CCD resumes.

Tues., Jan. 8:

~ Tower of David resumes. During the study semester, Tuesday morning Mass will be at 8 a.m.

~ Troops of St. George meet, 7-8:30 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 12:

~ Boys' altar server practice after the 7:30 a.m. Mass. Open to all boys who have received First Communion.

~ Altar Society meets in small room following the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

~ 9-10:30 a.m., Little Flowers meets in large room. Open to girls, ages 5 and up.

Sun., Jan. 13, Youth Group meets in large room following 10 a.m. Mass. Open to children, ages 13-18.

Fri., Jan. 18, 7-9 p.m., Men's Recollection with Holy Hour, confession, spiritual conference. Open to all men.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

6 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 19, in the large room

Open to all men interested in forming a KC council at the parish.

Please pick up your 2019 Boxed Set of Envelopes.

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

January 6 – 12, 2019

Sun., 1/6, Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 a.m., Ruth & Arrel Carrier †

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Dr. James Harper LaRose †

Mon., 1/7, Mass of the First Sunday after Epiphany

6:30 a.m., Dr. James Harper LaRose †

8:00 a.m., Private intention

Tues., 1/8, Votive Mass of the Angels

8:00 a.m., Private intention

7:00 p.m., Tom Tigner Family

Wed., 1/9, Votive Mass of St. Joseph

6:30 a.m., M. Patricia Rodriguez Paulet †

8:00 a.m., Private intention

Thurs., 1/10, Votive Mass of Jesus Christ our High Priest

6:30 a.m., Private intention

7:00 p.m., M. Patricia Rodriguez Paulet †

Fri., 1/11, St. Hyginus

6:30 a.m., Rose Scott †

Sat., 1/12, Saturday of Our Lady

6:30 a.m., Private intention

7:30 a.m., Michael Truong

First Friday of each month, there is an additional public Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by First Friday devotion.

First Saturday of each month, the 7:30 a.m. Mass includes First Saturday devotion.



Directory

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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
Pledged & gifted to date
\$2,290,070

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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