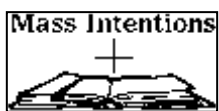




Recognizable Offering..... \$8,077.00
Loose Cash..... \$671.00
Total Weekly Offering..... \$8,748.00
Mass Attendance Dec 29/30 353



Jan 7 - 13

Monday..... Barbara Kirschten(+)
Wednesday..... Odilia Ibañez(+)
Thursday..... Mary Alice White(+)
Friday..... Amanda Walsworth(+)
Saturday..... Joan Droney(+)
Sunday..... (8:00 a.m.) LP Henley(liv)
..... St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)

"Everything starts from prayer. Without asking God for love, we cannot possess love and still less we are able to give it to others. Just as people today are speaking so much about the poor, but they do not know or talk to the poor, we cannot talk so much about prayer and yet not know how to pray."
Saint (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta

THE LORD HEARS THE CRY OF THE POOR
For the month of December, 2018
Sharing and Caring: \$150.00
Alms Dispensed: \$1,000.00



Epiphany of Our Lord

As Jesus was made manifest on this Feast of the Epiphany, let the Holy Spirit be made manifest in you at Celebrate Faith on February 9. Remember that registration for **Celebrate Faith: Rejoicing in the Spirit** only has a couple of weeks left! **Register now at: www.ptidiocese.org/celebratefaith2019.**

Weekly Calendar of Events

- 1/6 **K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.**
Adult Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
HS/MS Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- 1/7 **Rosary after morning Mass**
- 1/8 **Bunco - 9:30 a.m.**
- 1/9 **Legion of Mary Meeting - 8:30 a.m.**
- 1/10 **Rosary after morning Mass**
- 1/13 **K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.**
Adult Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
HS/MS Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

2019 EMERALD COAST WALK FOR LIFE

VIGIL MASS WITH BISHOP WACK
Friday, January 11, 2019, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
St. Paul Catholic Church, Pensacola

PRE-RALLY MASS
Saturday, January 12, 2019, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Pensacola

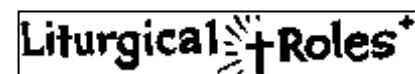
This Mass is geared toward the youth and young adults of our diocese to share their faith and zeal for God's gift of life. We invite young people to join their peers to celebrate life, to be thankful for God's gift of it, and to be encouraged to witness to and help build a culture of life.

RALLY AND WALK

Saturday, January 12, 2019, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Gather at the Maritime Park (301 W. Main St.) in Pensacola to listen to, and be inspired by speakers that stand for life. Learn how you can help women in unplanned pregnancies. The featured speaker is Dr. Alveda King. Having grown up with her father and uncle in the Civil Rights movement, she now has an outreach called Civil Rights for the Unborn, declaring that this is the civil rights issue of our time. Other speakers will talk about abortion pill reversal, adoption, and the many resources available in this region to help women and families. After the rally, the group will take their witness into the streets with a positive message, "Choose Life." For more information, call Jane Witzman at (850) 398-0473 or email her at jane@eccfl.org.

Save the Date

Noon, Sunday, February 17, 2019.
Valentino's Sweetheart Luncheon.
Hosted by K of C Council 8910
Bring your sweetheart to enjoy an Italian fare!



Weekend of Jan 12/13

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: _____
Extraordinary Ministers: Joyce Klickovich, Louise Perreault, Al Perreault, Dan Brenton, Michael Klickovich
Lectors: Ana Livoti, Kelly Lehmann
Ushers: John Fails, Cora Podrang, John Ehlers
Greeter: Lynn Brenton
Sacristan: Victoria Ballard
Elijah Cup: Michael and Joyce Klickovich

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Evan Moore, Audrey Moore
Extraordinary Ministers: Kathy Stockbridge, Susan Johansen, Paul Johansen, Nancy McCreary, Bobby Stockbridge
Lectors: Kathy Moore, Michael Moore
Ushers: Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley, Maria Bridges
Greeter: Joan Cook
Sacristan: Jean Jordan
Elijah Cup: Joan Cook
Coffee & Donuts: Gary Jordan

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Kiera Ross, Devony Ross, Celeste Clayton
Extraordinary Ministers: Luisa Martinez, Bill Roth, Stacy Fralic, Barbara Russo, Katherine Colwell
Lectors: Sean Risher, Rob Zaleske
Ushers: Ron Fetter, Brian Prescott, Stewart Grogan
Greeter: Karen Clayton
Sacristan: Tom Lehmann
Elijah Cup: Ron and Donna Fetter
Coffee & Donuts: John and Frances Bergschneider

Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

"Epiphany" means "manifestation." It is on this day that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is revealed as the light of all nations. Officially, Christmas is not over. In fact, the recommendation of the Church is that on this day those who display a crèche, a nativity or manger scene, should replace the shepherd and sheep with the Magi and their likely animals on which they traveled as well as their gifts. However, that is all secondary to the real meaning of this day.

At Christmas the Messiah Jesus was revealed to the shepherds, who were Jewish. But on this day the Lord is revealed to all nations and to the Gentiles (represented by the Magi). We are all familiar with the star the Magi followed, but we need to understand all that is happening and what it means. This all represents the Light of Christ, a Light which today we honor and commemorate. We are called to be the Light of Christ right now to those around us and those with whom we come in contact. That way we can be the disciples Christ wants us to be.

The poet William Cullen Bryant captures the significance of the star the Magi followed very well when he wrote, "O Father, may that Holy Star, Grow every year more bright, And send its glorious beams afar, To fill the world with light."



Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, contact Angela Zangerle at (808)295-2587 or email her at stpeter.prayerchain@gmail.com

Hospitalized Parishioners: If you or a family member are hospitalized, please call the Parish Office, otherwise we have no way of knowing who in our parish is there.

In Your Daily Prayers, Please Remember our parishioners who are deployed and:

Monday Johanna Adam*, Lois Lange*, Christian Irwin*, Carol Dineen*, Anni Labatte*

Tuesday Mary Eichler, Hiram Alaniz, Danny Labatte, Mike Kutcher, John Osborn*

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, Bette Dellner*, Aurora Beard, Kim Glenn, Terry Bradley

Thursday Pam Bauchwitz*, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler, Connie Batten, Addison Brenci

Friday Lloyd Biehl*, Doug Babiak*, Rick Zern*, Chuck Gober*, Cheryl Darby, Judy Holzschuh*

Saturday Peter Adam*, Mary Anyel*, Harper Spear, Cathy Clark*, Jane Van Dorn

Sunday Ann Hart, Samara Gillespie, Donnie Simmons*, Serena Armstrong*, John Sedlacek*

*Indicates our parishioners.

Please contact the church office if you or a family member can be removed from this prayer list.

Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 6, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord (C)

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

Herod Was Correct

King Herod, the most powerful man in the region, was greatly troubled to hear about the birth of a king. Why would a reigning king fear a little child? Perhaps because he believed if word spread that a future messiah had been born, the Jews would be harder to control. They were easier to dominate when they were without hope, without a leader.

Herod was correct. Wise men from the East looking for the King of the Jews fulfilled prophecies that foretold all nations would come to Israel looking for a messianic leader.

Herod was also troubled because, if indeed this newborn was a king, he had a pretender and a competitor right under his royal nose. King Herod was correct again.

Although Jesus did not pretend to overthrow the Romans, he did come with authority and would upend the existing order. Jesus would preach to the heart and demand that no one sit on that throne except God his Father.

Pseudo Domenico presents the arrival of the Magi as a procession of vassals showing homage to their king. Kneeling, bowing, and standing erect with gifts in hand, authorities from far away are showing reverence to the newborn royalty who sits on Mother Mary's lap. His royal hall is the hillside, his scepter a baby finger, his royal family is Joseph and Mary.

These Gentile kings were the first to do what all of creation and all of history have been doing since then—bending their knee to the King of the Universe. Herod was right to worry.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: Adoration of the Kings, 1450s
Artist: Pseudo Domenico di Michelino
Location: Vatican Museums



For Reflection

Jesus' reign comes to give security to those who love him. Does his authority and care give me security?

Do I seek earthly securities aside from the treasures he offers me: his will, protection, and grace?

When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

Matthew 2:3

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 7

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 3:22-4:6

Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday

JANUARY 8

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:7-10

Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday

JANUARY 9

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:11-18

Mk 6:45-52

Thursday

JANUARY 10

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:19-5:4

Lk 4:14-22a

Friday

JANUARY 11

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5-13

Lk 5:12-16

Saturday

JANUARY 12

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14-21

Jn 5:22-30

Sunday

JANUARY 13

Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or

Is 40:1-5, 9-11

Acts 10:34-38 or

Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Lk 5:15-16, 21-22

Dear Padre,

I'm having an argument with a fundamentalist friend who insists the Epiphany happened exactly as it says in the Bible. I keep saying there's no way it could have. Who is right?

Catholics believe that each book of the Bible needs to be appreciated according to the principles of its own literary genre. We don't look to the Gospels for modern critical history or unbiased biographical/reportorial fact-telling.

The four Gospels were written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Each Gospel writer uses human skill to craft a true story, presenting the saving mystery of our Lord's life, death, and resurrection so that readers may come to know Christ, share his life, and be saved.

Every story in the Gospels is shaped to communicate saving truth, but not every story is told as a direct "just the facts, ma'am" report of sequential events. So there's saving sense in which, yes, the Epiphany happened exactly as it says in Matthew 2:1-12. And there's a more literal sense in which, no, the Epiphany probably didn't happen exactly as it's recounted.

What is most certain is the Gospel's saving message of the birth of our true King, the Light of the World, before whom we offer homage and who, when we encounter him, will change our lives and send us home in a new path.

—Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A Word From Pope Francis

How many stars there are in the sky! And yet the Magi followed a new and different star, which for them shone all the more brightly.... They listened to a voice deep within, which led them to follow that light. It was the voice of the Holy Spirit, who works in all people.

—Homily, Epiphany of the Lord, January 6, 2016



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