

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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in Jerusalem, saying,  
“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?  
We saw his star at its rising and  
have come to do him homage.”

Matthew 2:1-2

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38  
or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or  
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20;  
1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or  
Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10;  
Mk 1:29-39  
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;  
Mk 1:40-45  
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12  
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17  
Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 4 p.m.

**WEDDING:** Must be registered in parish and make an initial appointment with the Pastor at least six (6) months in advance of the wedding date.

**BAPTISM:** Call the office to make an appointment (210) 698-1941. Our Baptism classes will be held on Jan. 4, Feb. 1, Mar. 1, at 6:30 p.m. in Seton Hall.

**RCIA:** Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults  
Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or considering becoming a Catholic? Are you an adult Catholic wanting to prepare for Eucharist and Confirmation? Classes will be held every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Please call Sr. Frances Briseño for more information at 210-698-1941.

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

We ask God to bless all those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them. To have the Ministers of Care pray for your loved one email [anna@seaschurch.com](mailto:anna@seaschurch.com) or call the parish office at 210-698-1941.



**Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (210) 698-1941 Pastoral Center Fax: (210) 698-1983**  
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**Mass Intentions & Schedule**

8:00 AM **Monday, January 8, 2018**  
Eloy Alvarado (d)

8:00 AM **Tuesday, January 9, 2018**  
In Thanksgiving

8:00 AM **Wednesday, January 10, 2018**  
Erick Contreras (d)

8:00 AM **Thursday, January 11, 2018**  
Robert Abello

8:00 AM **Friday, January 12, 2018**  
Doug Kruppa (d)

8:00 AM **Saturday, January 13, 2018**  
Guadalupe Rivera (d)  
Presider: Fr. Kinney

8:00 AM **Sunday, January 14, 2018**  
Jim Willie (d)  
Presider: Fr. Kinney

9:30 AM Hector Garza (d)  
Presider: Conor

11:00 AM Mark Cowgill (d)  
Presider: Fr. Roger

12:30 PM Senora Concepcion  
Presider: Fr. Conor

7:00 PM Special Intention for Reyna Family  
Presider: Fr. Conor

**Weekly Collection**

December 30/31  
\$76,060,04

**Tea With The Saints**



Please join us for afternoon tea as we read and reflect on the life of Saint Jude Thaddeus on Thursday, January 11 in Seton Hall from 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM. Tea and cookies will be provided. We will conclude with The Divine Mercy Chaplet.

**Weekly Schedule**

**Monday January 8, 2018**  
9:00 am Catholicism (Seton Hall)  
7:00 pm Catholicism (Marron Center)

**Tuesday January 9, 2018**  
9:00 am CDA Rosary Making (Seton Hall)  
6:00 pm Good Shepherd (Marron Center)  
6:30 pm FF Elem (Marron Center)  
6:30 pm Men's ACTS (Seton Hall)  
7:00 pm Young Adults Ministry (Seton Hall)

**Wednesday January 10, 2018**  
5:00 pm Spanish Good Shepherd (Marron Ctr)  
6:30 pm EDGE (Marron Center)  
6:30 pm Women ACTS Team (Marron Ctr.)

**Thursday January 11, 2018**  
5:30 am TMIY  
9:00 am Catholicism (Seton Hall)  
2:00 pm Tea W/ The Saints (Seton Hall/Chapel)  
4:00 pm Good Shepherd (Marron Center)  
7:00 pm K of C Council Mtg (Seton Hall)

**Friday January 12, 2018**  
8:30 am Ministry of Care

**Saturday January 13, 2018**  
8:00 AM SVDP Distribution

**Sunday, January 14, 2018**  
9:00 am RCIA (Seton Hall)  
9:00 am Faith Formation Elem (Marron Center)  
9:00 am Good Shepherd (Marron Center)  
10:30am Faith Formation Elem (Marron Center)  
10:45am Good Shepherd (Marron Center)  
4:30 pm Confirmation Class (Seton Hall)  
5:30 pm Life Teen/ High School (Marron Ctr.)

**Retrouvaille**

Retrouvailles is a highly successful peer ministry that helps couples in struggling marriages restore their love for one another. The next weekend retreat is February 9. For more information go to [Helpourmarriage.org](http://Helpourmarriage.org) or scan the QR code for more information.



**Remember Our Heroes**

Robert Castillo, Peter Greenburg, Roy Vaughn, Matt Pryor, Miguel T. Sotello and Ron Wyble, deployed to Iraq. Bruce Balvin, Luis A. Ramos, Zac Gerner, Jordan Bittner and Anthony Delgado, Jr., Matthew Wilkinson deployed to Afghanistan and Christopher Le Comte in Germany, Zachary Williams in Ethiopia and Mack Peter in Colombia. Austin Reyes in S. Korea.

**For individual support (illness or emotional need), please call the SEAS Pastoral Center at 698-1941.**

### Start the Year with a New Bible Study

Join us for an intriguing study into the book of Revelation: *The Kingdom Yet to Come*. Through ten lessons we will study how the Kingdom established by Christ in His Church is intimately connected with the Kingdom of Heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass. We will also study the mysterious figures and images of Revelation and what they represent, as well as what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ. Classes begin on Wednesday, January 24 at 9 AM and 7 PM and continue for ten weeks. Register at [seaschurch.com/bible-studies](http://seaschurch.com/bible-studies) or call the parish office.

### MID-WINTER GATHERING FOR CATECHISTS, CATECHETICAL LEADERS AND PASTORAL MINISTERS

Join us for an enriching and stimulating day of Catechetical wisdom and inspiration in preparation for the Lenten Season on **Saturday, January 27, 2018 at Antonian College Preparatory High School – 6425 West Avenue, SA from 8:30am – 3:00pm. REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 23!** Presenters include Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller, M.Sp.S., Auxiliary Bishop Michael Boulette, Julianne Stanz (Author, Retreat Leader, and Dir. of New Evangelization, Diocese of Green Bay, WI), Edgar Ramirez, M.Div., (Catechist & Pastoral Ministry Trainer) Yvonne Dilling (Maryknoll Mission Promoter and TV Host), Fr. Richard Samour (Pastor, St. Clare Parish and COURAGE Chaplain), and Rosa Béjar (International Missionary Catechist & DRE, Diocese of Austin). A variety of exhibitors from approved publishers, booksellers, and others will also be present.

**NEW REDUCED COST! \$15** – includes lunch and all materials. Great door prizes available. For more information, to register, please contact Kelly Vazquez at [Kelly.vazquez@archsa.org](mailto:Kelly.vazquez@archsa.org) or call 210-734-1679.

### Habitat For Humanity

IT'S HAMMER TIME! Now that we have collected the funds to build our Habitat House, it is time to begin sign-up for our volunteer opportunities. We will need help with construction, food preparation and support services. Everyone can help! Look for the sign-up form in next week's bulletin. The excitement is BUILDING!



### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Isaiah, probably the greatest of the prophets, prophesies extensively on the coming of the savior, the Messiah. His prophecies are so specific it is hard not to believe that he is telling a contemporary story rather than proclaiming the future far in advance.

“Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.” This proclamation about the coming of the Gentiles and all nations to worship the Lord is wonderful news indeed, for it presages our own worship of Jesus the Christ.

Saint Paul says that “the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.” We who are Gentiles can rejoice in our loving acceptance by our God.

### NATIONS SHALL WALK BY YOUR LIGHT

“Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, ‘Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.’” These words are joyous news for those through the ages who worship Christ, but bad news to those who, like Herod, selfishly guard their own prominence and kingship. “Herod called the magi secretly . . .” Those who act in secret often have evil motives, and like Herod, are full of lies—“. . . that I too may go and do him homage.” Herod has no such intent, but plans to murder the Christ child and, he thinks, protect his own rule. Evil is always at work in the world, but God protects the innocent, in this case sending the magi home by a different route rather than back to Herod.

### YOUR HEART SHALL THROB AND OVERFLOW

The magi “were overjoyed at seeing the star.” So many of the words of Isaiah positively glow at the prophecy of the shining light of Israel, Jesus. “Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance . . . Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow.”

Christmas day, with all of its light and glory, has passed, and yet we forget that the Christmas season continues until tomorrow. The glory of the Lord continues to shine and manifest the glory to all nations. We who are members of these nations of the earth should continue to celebrate and rejoice at the coming of the Lord into our lives. We are indeed the Gentiles who have come to worship Christ, and to be saved by his glorious appearance. Blessed be the God who reaches out to us in mercy and love, and may the joy of his coming fill our hearts forever.

Today’s Readings: Is 60:1–6; Ps 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13; Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6; Mt 2:1–12

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