January 6, 2018  The Epiphany of the Lord

Readings and Psalm: pgs. 77-79
Mass setting: pg. 873 Missa de Angelis (@5pm and 8am); pg. 876 Missa cum Jubilo (@11)
Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas (before Mass): pg. 1000
Entrance Hymn: Hail to the Lord’s Anointed #35

Entrance Antiphon: Behold... (pg. 914 #34)
Responsorial Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Offertory Hymn: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise #34
Communion Antiphon: Behold your King will come...
Communion Hymn: We Three Kings of Orient Are #37
Post-Communion: In the bleak midwinter-Holst
Marian Antiphon: Alma Redemptoris Mater #5
Recessional Hymn: As With Gladness, Men of Old #36
Saturday January 5                          Saint John Neumann
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (James & Wanda LeMay+)

Sunday January 6                           The Epiphany of the Lord
7:30am - Confessions
8:00am - Mass - (Virginia Quintanilla)
9:00am - Children’s Catechesis classes
10:30am - Confessions
11:00am - Mass - (St. Mary Parishioners)
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (Tom Perez+)

Monday January 7                           
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (Rev. Matthew Bartulica and all priests of the diocese)

Tuesday January 8                          
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (Living & deceased friends, relatives, benefactors & malefactors of Sr. Teresita)

Wednesday January 9                        Adoration after noon Mass today until Thursday evening @ 6:00pm
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (George & Frances Martin+)

Thursday January 10                        Adoration today until 6:00pm
10:00am - Secular Franciscans (MC)
5:30pm - Confessions
6:00pm - Mass - (Carolina Nannini)
6:30pm - A & R General mtg. (MC)

Friday January 11                          
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (Jim & Dixie Altman)

Saturday January 12                         Knights of Columbus Roses for Life weekend
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (David Huey+)

Sunday January 13                         Baptism of the Lord
7:30am - Confessions
8:00am - Mass - (Carlos Cruz+)
10:30am - Confessions
11:00am - Mass - (St. Mary’s Parishioners)
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (Evertt Drury+)

Mass Times:
Monday - Friday @ 12:00 Noon
Saturday @ 5:00pm
Sunday @ 8:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

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PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PARISHIONERS and FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:
Jeffery Klenklen, Joyce Klenklen, Betty Underwood, Annie Moran, David Barrett, Mary Pappas, Anthony Rizzi, Bob Trusty, KE Hun Ngo, Bob DeSchepper, Roberta Vargas, Tonya Huey, Brodie Gorbet, Pat Sicola, Richard McAfee

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY MEN & WOMEN:
SFC.Christopher Kinnaman - Wainwright, Fairbanks AL. (Grandson of Betty Kinnaman)
Fr. CPT. Brian Klingele - Kreech AFB & Nellis AFB, Nevada, (Nephew of Ken & Karen Klingele)
Cpl Trevor Melton - Camp Pendleton, CA (Grandson of Marilyn Pontalion)
Rev. Joseph Reardon - Bahrain (Persian Gulf) Command Chaplain
SSGT Christopher Wood - Cherry Point, NC (Grandson of Jean Wilcox)
ICSN Josiah Smith - San Diego, CA. (Grandson of Mary Smith) & IC3 Christina Smith - Virginia (wife of Josiah)
CPT Eric Hoffman - US Air Force, Middle East (Nephew of Chuck & Karen Vlasin)

Readings for the week of January 6, 2019
Sunday:  Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday:  1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:  1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:  1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:  1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:  1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12al]/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:  1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

Jan. 5 & 6, 2019
1st Week
Altar Servers:
5:00pm - Volunteers
8:00am - T&T Spooner, W Pappas
11:00am - A Talato, N Smith, E & J Diamond, M Deggendorf
Lectors:
5:00pm - T. Douglas
8:00am - M Pontalion
11:00am - E. Ball

Jan. 12 & 13, 2019
2nd Week
Altar Servers:
5:00pm - Volunteers
8:00am - A Rincon, W Pappas
11:00am - A Talato, N Smith, E & J Diamond, M Deggendorf
Lectors:
5:00pm - J. LeMay
8:00am - L. Gibbons
11:00am - E. Holder

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:
1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families.
Dr. Sasso's class on the "LETTER TO THE HEBREWS" resumes THIS Wednesday January 9, 2019 at 6pm in the Ministry Center.

The Letter to the Hebrews, which uniquely gives us many insights into the Old Testament in demonstrating the superiority of the priesthood of Christ. It "actualizes" Old Testament texts by applying them to Christ, which underscores the pre-ordained divine plan fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Understanding the priesthood of Christ is central to a Catholic understanding of the sacraments. We will explore both Christology and eschatology as presented by the sacred writer in the light of the Holy Spirit. Hebrews is a powerful epistle, which is not fully appreciated by most Catholics and we plan to remedy that.

An “epiphany” is an appearance. In today’s readings, with their rising stars, splendorous lights, and mysteries revealed, the face of the child born on Christmas day appears. Herod, in today’s Gospel, asks the chief priests and scribes where the Messiah is to be born. The answer Matthew puts on their lips says much more, combining two strands of Old Testament promise—one revealing the Messiah to be from the line of David (see 2 Samuel 2:5), the other predicting “a ruler of Israel” who will “shepherd his flock” and whose “greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth” (see Micah 5:1–3).

Those promises of Israel’s king ruling the nations resound also in today’s Psalm. The psalm celebrates David’s son, Solomon. His kingdom, we sing, will stretch “to the ends of the earth,” and the world’s kings will pay Him homage. That’s the scene too in today’s First Reading, as nations stream from the East, bearing “gold and frankincense” for Israel’s king.

The Magi’s pilgrimage in today’s Gospel marks the fulfillment of God’s promises. The Magi, probably Persian astrologers, are following the star that Balaam predicted would rise along with the ruler’s staff over the house of Jacob (see Numbers 24:17).

Laden with gold and spices, their journey evokes those made to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba and the “kings of the earth” (see 1 Kings 10:2, 25; 2 Chronicles 9:24). Interestingly, the only other places where frankincense and myrrh are mentioned together are in songs about Solomon (see Song of Songs 3:6; 4:6, 14).

One greater than Solomon is here (see Luke 11:31). He has come to reveal that all peoples are “co-heirs” of the royal family of Israel, as today’s Epistle teaches.

His manifestation forces us to choose: will we follow the signs that lead to Him as the wise Magi did? Or will we be like those priests and scribes who let God’s words of promise become dead letters on an ancient page?
Resolution #1 - Make Your Marriage a Priority. Your marriage is the foundation of your family. It is the “school of love” that your children attend and the “domestic church” of the faith. Make a resolution to invest in your marriage in 2019. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you discover new ways to make your marriage the priority. The next weekend in the Kansas City area will be March 1-3, 2019. For more information, or to apply for a weekend, visit www.wwme4youandme.org, or call/email Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066, tonybarbz@prodigy.net

Everyday Stewardship

"The Story of the Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke was first published in 1895. It tells the fictional story of Artaban, a fourth wise man who began a journey to visit Jesus, the newborn King. Unlike his fellow Magi, he failed to make it there for the birth of Jesus because he kept pausing to help various people in need. In fact, it took him about 33 years of searching before his quest comes to an abrupt end when he is hit in the head with a falling roof shingle. His final breath takes place in Jerusalem near the place where Jesus is being crucified. As he lies dying, he hears the voice of Jesus telling him that the gifts he has given all along the way to "the least of these" he has actually given to Jesus himself.

If you have never read this story or seen the made-for-television movie based on the tale, you really should seek it out. It is a story that reminds us of a profound truth: Jesus himself rests in the lives of all those around us in need. In the story, it was the wise man's constant response to a stewardship call that prevented him from getting where he wanted to go. In the end, where he needed to go was more significant than where he thought he should go.

If we live lives of generosity and graciousness, we may find ourselves on constant detours from the road on which we are traveling. It is in the detours and the unexpected circumstances of our journey that often times we find our true purpose in life. We think God is somewhere we must travel to, when in reality, God is closer than we think in the least likely of places.

Retrouvaille

Is your Marriage in crisis? Retrouvaille has a proven track record of 80% success rate among couples who attend the weekend program and all 12 post sessions. Your marriage will find help and hope during your weekend, and the follow-up post sessions. The next weekend will be held at Savior Pastoral Center, 12601 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS 66109 on January 25-27, 2019. The registration fee is $150 (deadline is Jan 24). Contact Jerry & Kim Bronder 800.470.2230 or email retrokc@gmail.com.