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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Saint Joseph Cathedral Parish is called to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a community. We are committed: to our urban neighborhoods, to being the Cathedral of the Diocese, and to fellowship, formation, sacrament, and prayer.

This Week

January 8 - 15, 2023

SUN 8 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for Jerry Jacovetty
8:00 am Mass for Carole Sacco
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners

MON 9 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

12:05 pm Mass for Lucille Renowicz

TUE 10 Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time)

12:05 pm Mass for Edward & Helen Mahlke

WED 11 Weekday

12:05 pm Mass for Rita DiCarlo

THU 12 Weekday

12:05 pm Mass for Randy West

FRI 13 Optional Memorial of St. Hilary

11:15 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for Randy West

SAT 14 Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am Mass for Randy West
9:30 am Rosary
5:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for the Parishioners

SUN 15 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Mass for Frank Pasden
10:30 am Mass for Rosemarie Winiesdorffer



From Father Sateesh

"Rejoice for God is revealed to all who search for Him!"



In today's first reading the prophet Isaiah reminds the Jews that salvation is for all peoples. It is true that the Messiah would be born of David's stock. It is true that the light had shone on them, but this light would shine in the darkness, for all the peoples. At the sight of the light, all peoples, even those living in the farthest regions of the world, would flock to Jerusalem. Jerusalem represents the Church. We know that the regions of darkness represent all those who live in the darkness of ignorance. We often create our own darkness, when we believe that we can see even when we cannot do so. We cannot come to Christ unless God moves us. It is God who takes the initiative and faith is an invitation, not an acquisition by our efforts.

In the Gospel we realize that the prophecy of Isaiah started being fulfilled when the star led the wise men to the newborn king. God in his goodness caused a star to appear in the sky, a sign the wise men understood, as a sign that the Savior was born. Though the star guided them, the wise men had to still search for the newborn king. They thought that Jerusalem was the obvious place for the king to be born, but on reaching there, the star disappeared as though signaling that they were looking in the wrong place.

The wise men are like so many of us looking for God led by our own expectations, often leading us to disappointment. We must ask for help as the wise men did, as we cannot manage the faith journey on our own. Only when Herod sent them on the way to Bethlehem the star reappeared and led them to the birthplace of Jesus. They had put in their efforts to seek the Lord and now their eyes are opened with enlightenment. Though they saw just a helpless babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, they recognized him as the Savior of the world. It is easy to get bogged down with things not being the way we expect them to be. It is only the light of faith that helps us to see what God wants to reveal to us. When the wise men recognized the child, they worshipped him and offered him the gifts they had brought. We cannot approach God empty-handed, even the simplest of offerings, is acceptable to God and in return we ourselves are doubly blessed. Like the Magi, when we have this vision of God, we ourselves are changed, we are blessed, and we can no longer return to the same way of life. The gospel narrative tells us that the wise men, being warned in a dream returned by another way back home.

A great part of life is spent searching, searching for small as well as big things. We search for answers to the many questions we have. We search for things that we believe will make us happy. We search for soul mates and life partners. We search for the right job. We search for friends. Do we search for God? What is guiding our search? Even if we have not found God the search itself is worthwhile, for God will reveal Himself along the way! Have a great time searching for God!



Epiphany Home Blessing

For centuries, the Christmas season has been a time when Christians have their homes blessed.

A traditional way of doing this is by inscribing above the entrance door with blessed chalk:

20+C+M+B+23

The numbers represent the new year (2023). The letters represent both the names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Bathasar) and the phrase "Christus Mansionem Benedicat," which is Latin for "May Christ Bless the House."

If you would like to have your home blessed by Fr. Sateesh, please e-mail tgreenwood@dwc.org



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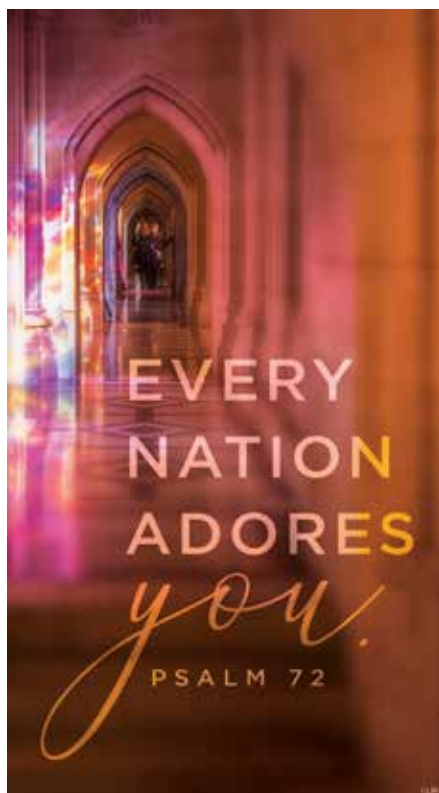
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Envelopes: \$1547
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Remembering Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

16 April 1927 - 31 December 2022

Joseph Aloisius Ratzinger was born in Marktl am Inn, Germany, 16 April 1927, Holy Saturday, and was the first person baptized in the Easter Water blessed at the Easter Vigil. His father, a policeman, from a family of farmers in Lower Bavaria, was frequently transferred. In 1929, young Joseph's family moved to Tittmoning, a small town on the Salzach River, on the Austrian border.



Journey to the Priesthood

In 1932 his father's outspoken criticism of the Nazis required the family to relocate to Auschau am Inn, at the foot of the Alps. His father retired in 1937, and his family moved to Hufschlag, outside of Traunstein. There Joseph began studying classical languages at the local gymnasium or high school. In 1939, he entered the minor seminary in Traunstein, his first step toward the priesthood. World War II forced a postponement of his studies, until 1945, when he re-entered the seminary with his brother Georg. In 1947, he entered the Herzogliches Georgianum, a theological institute associated with the University of Munich. Finally, on 29 June 1951, both Josef and his brother were ordained to the priesthood by Cardinal Faulhaber, in the Cathedral at Freising, on the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul.

Teacher of Theology

Continuing his theological studies at the University of Munich, he received his doctorate in theology in July 1953, with a thesis entitled "The People and House of God in Augustine's doctrine of the Church." He fulfilled a requirement for teaching at the university level by completing a book-length treatise on Bonaventure's theology of history and revelation. In April 1959, he began lectures as a full professor of fundamental theology at the University of Bonn. From 1962-1965, he was present during all four sessions of the Second Vatican Council as a peritus, or chief theological advisor, to Cardinal Josef Frings of Köln (Cologne), Germany.

In 1963, he began teaching at the University of Münster, taking, in 1966, a second chair in dogmatic theology at the University of Tübingen. A wave of student uprisings swept across Europe in 1968, and Marxism quickly became the dominant intellectual system at Tübingen. He had no sympathy with the new radical theology, so in 1969 he moved back to Bavaria and took a teaching position at the University of Regensburg. There, he eventually became dean and vice president. He was also a member of the International Theological Commission of the Holy See from 1969 until 1980.

In 1972, together with Hans Urs von Balthasar, Henry De Lubac and others, he launched the Catholic theological journal *Communio*, a quarterly review of Catholic theology and culture. It has been said that this was done in response to the misinterpretation of the Second Vatican Council by Karl Rahner, Hans Kung and others, as represented by the theological journal *Concilium*.

Archbishop and Cardinal

On 24 March 1977, Fr. Ratzinger was appointed Archbishop of Munich and Freising by Pope Paul VI. He was ordained to the Episcopacy on 28 May 1977, taking as his motto a phrase from 3 John 8, "Cooperator of the Truth." On 27 June 1977, he was elevated to Cardinal (Cardinal Priest) by Pope Paul VI, with the titular church of St. Mary of Consolation (in Tiburtina). In 1980, he was named by Pope John Paul II to chair the special Synod on the Laity. Shortly after that, the pope asked him to head the Congregation for Catholic Education. Cardinal Ratzinger declined, feeling he shouldn't leave his post in Munich too soon. On 25 November 1981, he did become, however, the Prefect for the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, becoming at the same time ex officio the President of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, and the International Theological Commission.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January

For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



Cardinal Ratzinger was President of the Commission for the Preparation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and after 6 years of work (1986-92) he presented the new Catechism to the Holy Father. On 5 April 1993, he was transferred to the order of Cardinal Bishops, with the suburbicarian see of Velletri-Signi. On 9 November 1998, his election as Vice-Dean of the Sacred College of Cardinals was approved by Pope John Paul II, and the Holy Father approved his election as Dean of the College of Cardinals on 30 November 2002, with the title of the suburbicarian See of Ostia added to that of Velletri-Segni.

Besides his prefecture at the Doctrine of the Faith, his curial memberships included: the Second Section of the Secretariat of State, the Congregation of Bishops, of Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, of Catholic Education, of Evangelization of Peoples, for the Oriental Churches; and the Pontifical Councils for Christian Unity, for Culture (councils); as well as, the Commissions Ecclesia Dei, and for Latin America.

Papacy

As Dean of the College he has presided over the College's deliberations in General Congregation during the Vacancy of the Holy See, after the death of Pope John Paul II on 2 April 2005. In the same capacity he presided at the Solemn Funeral Mass for Pope John Paul II on 8 April 2005 in St. Peter's Square.

On Monday 18 April 2005, the Conclave began in the Sistine Chapel to elect the successor to St. Peter. On Tuesday 19 April 2005, after the fourth of the Conclave, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger was elected the Bishop of Rome and the 265th Supreme Pontiff of the Catholic Church, choosing the name Benedict XVI. On Sunday, 24 April 2005, at he celebrated the Mass for the Inauguration of his Pontificate in St. Peter's Square, receiving the Pallium and the Fisherman's Ring at that liturgical celebration.

When elected pope at age seventy-eight, he quietly told friends that, given his age and health, he wouldn't be a globe-trotter. However, he quickly realized that the best way to reach people was to go to them, and he did—first to World Youth Day in Germany, just months after his election. In the first five years alone, he traveled to five continents and fourteen countries. He knew the power of the press and that if he went to desperate people in Africa, the media would follow. The eyes of the world might be opened to the scandal of poverty, the terrible distance between the rich and poor, and their lack of access to resources given by God for all.

Pope Benedict XVI visited the United States from 15-20 April 2008. His trip included a meeting with then President George W. Bush, an address to the United Nations General Assembly, the celebration of Mass at Nationals Park in Washington, D.C., and Yankee Stadium in New York City, and a visit to Ground Zero in New York. "As the Church in the United States gives thanks for the blessings of the past two hundred years, I invite you, your families, and every parish and religious community, to trust in the power of grace to create a future of promise for God's people in this country," he said during his homily at the Mass at Nationals Park in Washington, D.C. "I ask you, in the Lord Jesus, to set aside all division and to work with joy to prepare a way for him, in fidelity to his word and in constant conversion to his will. Above all, I urge you to continue to be a leaven of evangelical hope in American society, striving to bring the light and truth of the Gospel to the task of building an ever more just and free world for generations yet to come."

As a scholar, he brought a laser-like focus to his writings. His encyclicals—one on hope, *Spe Salvi* (On Christian Hope), and two others on love, *Deus Caritas Est* (God Is Love) and *Caritas in Veritate* (Charity in Truth)—speak simply of profound truths. For Pope Benedict XVI, love encompasses the whole of human existence. The Eucharistic Communion, he says, includes the reality both of being loved and of loving others in turn. "A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is intrinsically fragmented," he said. An "intimate encounter with God" leads to a "communion of will" in which we learn to look at the other person from the perspective of Jesus Christ. The pope expresses beautifully what this means when he writes, "Seeing with the eyes of Christ, I can give to others much more than their outward necessities; I can give them the look of love which they crave."

On 11 February 2013, during the Ordinary Public Consistory for the Vote on Several Causes for Canonization, Benedict announced his decision to resign from the Petrine ministry due to his advanced age. His pontificate came to an end on 28 February 2013. After his resignation took effect, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI lived within the Vatican in the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery until his death on 31 December 2022 at the age of 95.



Throughout the month of January, we give special honor to the Most Holy Name of Jesus. Saint Paul wrote to the Philippians: "At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:10-11). We hold the name of Jesus in special reverence. The very name of Jesus is a prayer.

A Way to Honor the Holy Name

Adopt the pious practice (that used to be more widely practiced and is so meaningful and fitting) of bowing your head whenever you say or hear the name of Jesus (just as we should bow or genuflect before the Real Presence in the tabernacle or make a sign of the cross as we pass a Catholic Church). The Council of Lyons in 1274 stated: "Each should fulfill in himself that which is written for all, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow; whenever that glorious Name is recalled, especially during the sacred Mysteries of the Mass, everyone should bow the knees of his heart, which he can do even by a bow of his head." This devotion also helps to make amends for blasphemous use of the Holy Name.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

January 13 - St. Hilary (315-368)

Saint Hilary was the bishop of Poitiers, France, during the era of the Arian heresy, and he fought for the correct understanding and expression of the divinity of Christ. He was known as the "hammer against Arianism" and the "Athanasius of the West," after the bishop of Alexandria who fought the heresy in the East. The Christian world was so divided by Arianism that Hilary was exiled twice. His great contribution was the successful expression in Latin of the theology about Christ, or Christology, that had been developed in Greek.

Saints of God, pray for us!

January 9 - The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

This Monday, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.



In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of January 8

SUNDAY

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

MONDAY

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38
Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
Matthew 3:13-17

TUESDAY

Hebrews 1:1-6; 2:5-12
Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9
Mark 1:21-28 or Mark 1:14-20

WEDNESDAY

Hebrews 2:14-18
Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9
Mark 1:29-39

THURSDAY

Hebrews 3:7-14
Ps 95:6-7, 8-9, 10-11
Mark 1:40-45

FRIDAY

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11
Ps 78:3, 4, 6-7, 8
Mark 2:1-12

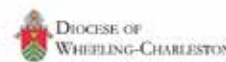
SATURDAY

Hebrews 4:12-16
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15
Mark 2:13-17

NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
1 Corinthians 1:1-3
John 1:29-34

The readings are included each week so that those who are unable to join us for daily Mass will be able to consider and pray them in union with the whole Church.



FEBRUARY 11, 2023
10:30 AM – 5:30 PM
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Please remember
in your prayers all
who serve in the
Armed Forces.
May they be kept
safe and out of
harm's way.



Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers:

Janet Cupp

(d. December 19, 2022)



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Wedding Feast & Epiphany

Question:

How are the feasts of the baptism of Jesus and the account of the wedding feast of Cana related to the Epiphany celebration?

Answer:

The Epiphany season focuses on revealing Jesus to the world. Following the Christmas celebration, the liturgical year lays out a series of manifestation points in which Jesus is made publicly known. From its very beginning, the Christian community highlighted three events in the life of Jesus. These are the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the wedding feast at Cana.

The Epiphany discloses Jesus to the world of the Gentiles, represented by the magi from the East. The accounts of Jesus' baptism reveal his identity and mission, along with exposing him to those to whom he was sent to minister. The miracle of turning water to wine at the wedding feast of Cana, unique to John's Gospel, is the first public sign that Jesus performs, thus manifesting his public identity and his powers.

Today in the Roman Church, these are usually celebrated on three successive Sundays: Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord which is usually the next Sunday, and the wedding feast of Cana, which is proclaimed on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time in lectionary year C.

These feasts connect around the concept of epiphany, public manifestation of Jesus to the world. They help us get to know more intimately who Jesus is and what he is about. Spend some time delving more deeply into your understanding of who Jesus is. Continue to cultivate these "epiphany" moments in your life.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Andrew Helfer	David A. Kress, Jr.	Kaitlyn Hanasky	R. J. Stocke
Angela Niehart	Eli Musser	Ken Staley	Richard Simon
Archer Hatch	Eric South	Kermit Klosterman	Rick Burgy
Arthur Danehart	Eva Wood	Liam Barns	Ron Hickman
Austin Cook	Fr. Joseph Wilhelm	Liam Manning	Rosanne Gaughan
Barb Mazzocca	Frank Davis	Lukie Brown	Rosalie Davis
Beth Jochum	Frederick C. Schweizer	Margaret Stocke	Rose Otey
Betty Teater	Gail Koch	Marie Farnsworth	Sarah Hanasky
Bill Wilson	George Kirchner	Marie & Conner	Sarah Sargent
Bob Armstrong	Geri Adams Nagy	Workman	Shirley DeBenedi
Bob Jones	Hines Rotriga	Mark Davis	Shirley DeCaria
Billy Hanasky	Janie	Marshall South	Stanley Kyrk
Brian Hanasky	Jean & Chuck Schultz	Martha Yocum	Stephanie Bugaj
Brogan Gallentine	Jim Antill	Mary K. Schlosser	Susan Graff
Caleb Hlebiccki	Jim and Dee	Mary Walicki	Susan Mize
Carolyn Lash	Jimmy Hocking	Michael DeBlasis	Susan Schulte
Carolyn Wiethe	Joe Bechtel	Milissa Rose	Tammy
Charles Heizer	John Petrella	Nadine Greenwood	Teresa Helfer
Charles DeBenedi	Jon-Michael Lasher	Nicholas Barns	Thelma Pearson
Children of the	Joy Harr	Pete Cuffaro	Tony Helfer
Youth Services System	Judy Pack	Pete Mack	Trystan Timmons
Christina Helfer	Julia Sheets	Philippa Shores	Victoria Jeskey
Chuck Fair	Kathy Cooley	Rachel Wade	Zoey Knight

From the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment

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The Cathedral of Saint Joseph



MASS TIMES

- SUNDAYS** 6:00 pm (Saturday)
8:00 am
10:30 am
- WEEKDAYS** 12:05 pm (Monday thru Friday)
9:00 am (Saturday)
- HOLY DAYS** Please consult the bulletin

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- FRIDAY** 11:15 - 11:45 am
- SATURDAY** 5:00 - 5:45 pm
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By appointment. Please contact the parish office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK / MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

Please call the parish office to arrange for anointing for someone who is seriously ill or preparing for surgery. If ill, homebound or hospitalized, a visit can be scheduled upon request.

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