

# THE Cathedral Courier

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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 2 - 9, 2022

## SUN 2 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for the Parishioners  
8:00 am Mass for Blanche Kaminski  
10:30 am Mass for Shirley Roe

## MON 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

12:05 pm Mass for Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery

## TUE 4 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

12:05 pm Mass for John Pacewicz

## WED 5 Saint John Neumann

12:05 pm Mass for Patricia Roy

## THU 6 Saint Andre Bessette

12:05 pm Mass for Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery

## FRI 7 Saint Raymond of Penyafort First Friday

11:15 am Confessions  
12:05 pm Mass for John Callahan  
12:45 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
3:00 pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

## SAT 8 Christmas Weekday

9:00 am Mass for Carole Sacco  
9:30 am Rosary  
5:00 pm Confessions  
6:00 pm Mass for David Ackermann

## SUN 9 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners  
10:30 am Mass for Jeanne Triplett



*Feast of Epiphany: God is revealed in Jesus to all people of earth*

*From*

*Fr. Sateesh*

Adventurers and risk takers have always fascinated us. Somehow, we are captivated by their sense of adventure and sometimes we envy them. The story of the Wise men is a story of wise men who set out on a journey led by a star, not knowing what they would find! Surely people may have thought them crazy to follow a star, yet for those wise men, that journey was worth it for they found what they were seeking- the Lord.

In the Gospel we have the story of the wise men, who travelled all the way guided by a star to the birthplace in Bethlehem to see the newborn king. This story has perhaps lots of messages for us. First of all, there is King Herod, who was known to be a very insecure person, who felt threatened by his own wife and son, so he murdered them. When he hears that there is a newborn king, he is worried and his desire to know where this king is born is motivated by his desire to get rid of him.

Our insecurities and our desire to be in control can come in the way of discovering God in our midst. We have to let go and let God come into our lives on His terms. Next, we have the wise men from the East, who have seen a star, a sign that seems to have a message for them. Perhaps many others had seen this star that was different from the other stars in the heavens, perhaps many knew that the star foretold the coming of the Messiah, but only these wise men believed that it would lead them to the Messiah.

It requires faith to start off on a journey, it requires faith to leave the familiar, comfortable, known, home surroundings and journey to the unknown, risky destination. The star guided them for a part of the journey and then when they reached Jerusalem it seemed to disappear for a time so that their faith was once again put to the test, and they had to rely on God's guidance once again through Herod and his chief priests to find the newborn king.

In the journey of faith there is no guarantee and cent percent certainty. When they set out again with the instructions from Herod's men they were once again guided by the star to the place where Christ was born. But the star led them not to a palace but to a stable. They could again have doubted, and questioned but they believe that this child, born in a stable was the newborn king. They bowed down in faith and humility and worshiped this new infant and offered the gifts they had brought from distant lands. It is always more blessed to give than to receive! In giving we discover God.

Let's thank God for revealing himself through the ordinary things of daily living!





**Second Collection for Kentucky Disaster Relief  
January 1 & 2, 2022**

Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has approved a special collection to be held the weekend of January 1st and 2nd, 2022, in all parishes and missions throughout the diocese to support recovery efforts related to the recent natural disasters that have occurred in Kentucky, leaving severe damage and loss of life. Donations can also be made on the diocesan website at [www.dwc.org/disasterrelief](http://www.dwc.org/disasterrelief).

Proceeds from this collection will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities agencies on the ground, working in the communities affected by the tornadoes.

As we hold the victims and first responders in our prayers during these critical days, let us also spend time in prayer and discernment as we prepare for this upcoming collection. Let us come together now to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering this horrible loss.

Please remember in prayer all those who have lost their lives in the wake of these disasters, as well as all those who have been injured and lost their homes, cars, employment, and access to food and water, especially during the Christmas Season.

**Online Giving**

The Cathedral of Saint Joseph offers Online Giving, a web-based electronic contribution application that is safe and secure. This site allows you to set up automatic contributions and change the timing or the amount of your gift at any time. You may make pledges and manage your contributions to the pledge amount, and you may make one-time donations. To sign up for Online Giving, visit our parish website at [www.saintjosephcathedral.com](http://www.saintjosephcathedral.com) and follow the "Giving" tab. This website will walk you through the process.

**Offertory  
Collection**

*The collection data  
was not available  
at the time of publishing.  
We will post it  
here next week.*



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**A Gift For You: Rediscover Catholicism**

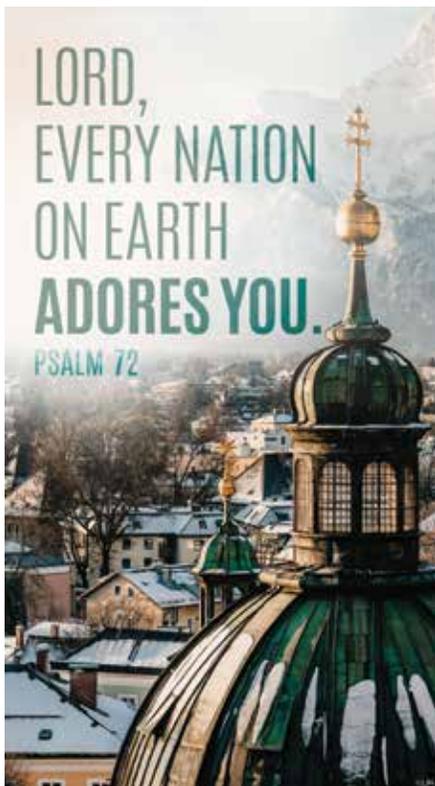
There are still plenty of copies of Matthew Kelly's book *Rediscover Catholicism* available in the back of the church for anyone who would like a copy for yourself or someone you know. Inside the book, you will find our own Cathedral bookmark.

Over the past 20 years, Matthew Kelly has seen more of the world than most presidents and more of the Church than most bishops. Now, in this unique and timely book, he proposes that Catholicism is not a lifeless set of rules and regulations, but a way of life designed by God to help each person reach his or her full potential. With remarkable insight, Kelly dispels dozens of myths that surround the rejection of Catholicism today and provides a profound and practical vision of what will lead the Catholic Church to thrive again in the future. "Rediscover Catholicism" is quickly becoming the most read catholic book of our times. From the spellbinding opening story, Kelly grips his readers and takes them on a life-changing journey to rediscover the genius of Catholicism.

**Homebound Ministry**

We would like to reach out to those individuals who, due to physical limitations, are unable to attend Mass regularly. If you or someone you know is sick or homebound and would like a visit from Father Sateesh, please contact the Cathedral parish offices at 304-233-4121.





### A New Year's Prayer for the Family

O God, we thank you for a new year.

May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

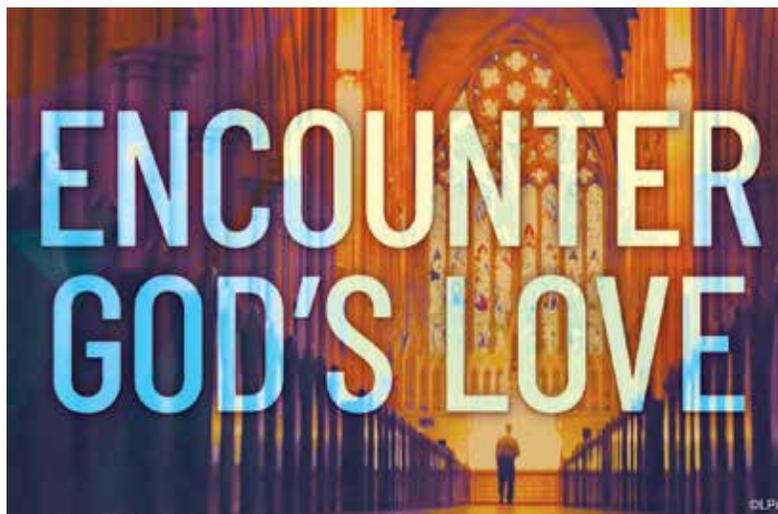
Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is

## Bringing the Gospel Home

reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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## Blessing of the Home and Household on the Epiphany

On the Feast of the Epiphany, it is customary to ask God's blessing on your home and all those who live in and visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

*When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung. The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply, "Amen." The leader greets those present in the following words:*

Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God forever.  
R/. Blessed be God forever.

*In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:*

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

*One of those present reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 19:1-9.*

*After the reading of the Scripture, the intercessions are then said:*

Leader: The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him.

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head. We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing. We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory. We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

*After the intercessions the leader invites all present to say the Lord's Prayer.*

*The leader says the prayer of blessing with hands joined:*

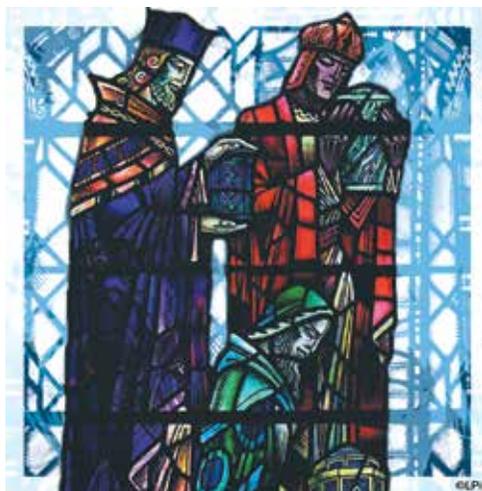
Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

*The leader concludes the rite with the sign of the cross and saying:*

May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever.

R/. Amen.

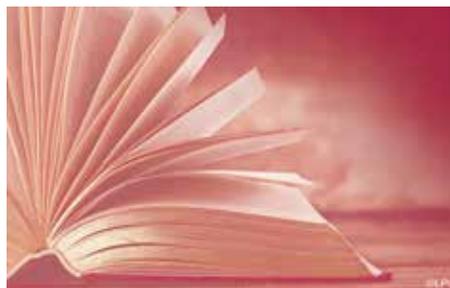


Throughout the month of January, we give special honor to the Most Holy Name of Jesus. Saint Paul wrote to the Philippians: "At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (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



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Week of January 2

#### SUNDAY

##### The Epiphany of the Lord

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

1 John 3:22—4:6  
Ps 2:7-8, 10-12  
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

#### TUESDAY

1 John 4:7-10  
Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8  
Mark 6:34-44

#### WEDNESDAY

1 John 4:11-18  
Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13  
Mark 6:45-52

#### THURSDAY

1 John 4:19—5:4  
Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15, 17  
Luke 4:14-22

#### FRIDAY

1 John 5:5-13  
Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20  
Luke 5:12-16

#### SATURDAY

1 John 5:14-21  
Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5, 6, 9  
John 3:22-30

#### NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7  
Ps 129:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10  
Acts 10:34-38  
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

*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.*

### January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious (1774-1821)

St. Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton was born into an Episcopalian family and later in life joined the Catholic Church. She was married, a mother of five, and a founder of a religious order, the Sisters of Charity. At the invitation of the Archbishop of Baltimore, Elizabeth founded a girl's school which gave rise to the parochial school system in the United States. She was canonized by Paul VI in 1975, the first native born United States citizen to be canonized.

### January 5 - St. John Neumann, bishop (1811-1868)

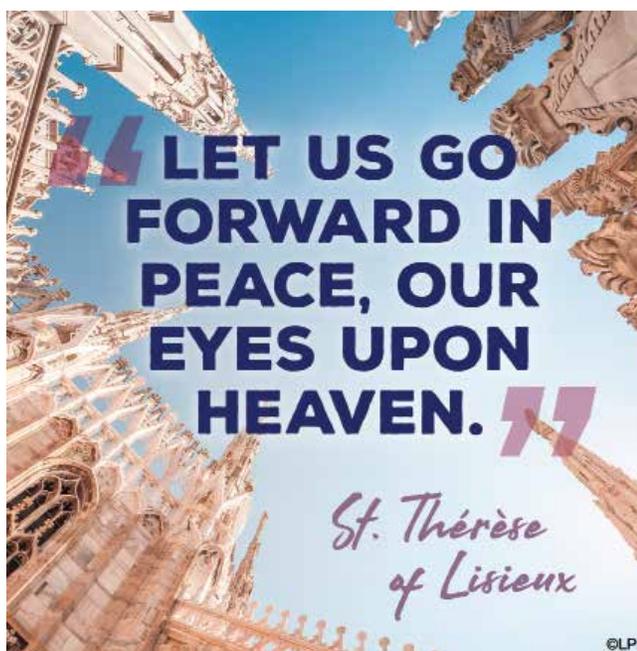
St. John Neumann came to the United States from what is now called the Czech Republic with the dream of being a priest and missionary. Received with open arms by the bishop of New York, he was ordained and immediately asked to help build churches and schools for German immigrants and Native Americans. While bishop, he was an avid supporter of the work of religious orders, a proponent of Catholic education, and an advocate for the needs of immigrants. He is the first American bishop to be canonized.

### January 6 - St. Andre Bessette, religious (1845-1937)

Saint André Bessette modeled his life on that of St. Joseph, to whom he had a great devotion. As a brother of the Congregation of the Holy Cross in Montreal, he was given the post of doorkeeper at Notre Dame College, a post he kept for forty years. A simple, holy man, André had a special gift of praying over the sick. His prayers were answered, sometimes in miraculous ways, and people began to come to him in large numbers. He gave all the credit to St. Joseph, and he dreamed of a shrine to St. Joseph on Mount Royal. He lived to see the building of the magnificent Oratory of St. Joseph begun.

### January 7 - St. Raymond of Penyafort, priest (1175-1275)

Saint Raymond of Penyafort traveled far and wide to convert nonbelievers, change the hearts of heretics, and infuse the great universities of Europe with solid theological instruction, resulting in a presence of the Dominicans at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge. recognized as a visionary leader, St. Raymond was elected the third master general of the Dominican order, following in the footsteps of Blessed Jordan of Saxony. His spiritual aptitude and theological literacy reached beyond the walls of the Dominicans to other areas: he served as spiritual director of the pope, archbishop of Tarragona, and compiler and reviser of Church laws (canon law).



## Women's Retreat

February 25-27, 2022

St. John XXIII Pastoral Center  
Charleston, West Virginia

Please join us for our annual Women's Retreat, Co-Sponsored with the DWC Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, February 25-27, 2022, at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston. Presented by Sr. Mary Dean Pfahler. The weekend will consist of presentations, quiet reflection, small group breakout sessions, media resources, and communal prayer. For more information contact Gerri Wright at 304-552-3662 or gerwright1@aol.com.

You can register online at [www.dwc.org/2022-Womens-retreat](http://www.dwc.org/2022-Womens-retreat). \$150/pp single occupancy, \$125/per person double occupancy.



Please remember  
in your prayers all  
who serve in the  
Armed Forces.  
May they be kept  
safe and out of  
harm's way.



## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

*Epiphany*

### Question:

Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

### Answer:

Epiphany means "manifestation," or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew's infancy narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact?

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

## From the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. For more information on the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment, please go to [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), then click the "Diocese" tab, then click "Office of Safe Environment" under the "Offices" menu. To learn more about the Catholic Church's efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit <http://www.usccb.org>. Under "Issues and Action," click "Child and Youth Protection" from the drop down menu.

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## 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

## CONFESSIONS

**FRIDAY** 11:15 - 11:45 am

**SATURDAY** 5:00 - 5:45 pm  
or by appointment

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISMS

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.

### MARRIAGE

Engaged couples who are members of the Cathedral parish should contact the parish office.

### PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration forms can be obtained through the parish office.

Please notify the parish of address changes through contacting the parish office or by visiting the website.

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