

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, JANUARY 7, 2024

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SECOND & FOURTH SUNDAYS
1:15 PM ENG
2:15 POLISH

Please arrange the date of baptism through the Rectory office after the birth of your child.

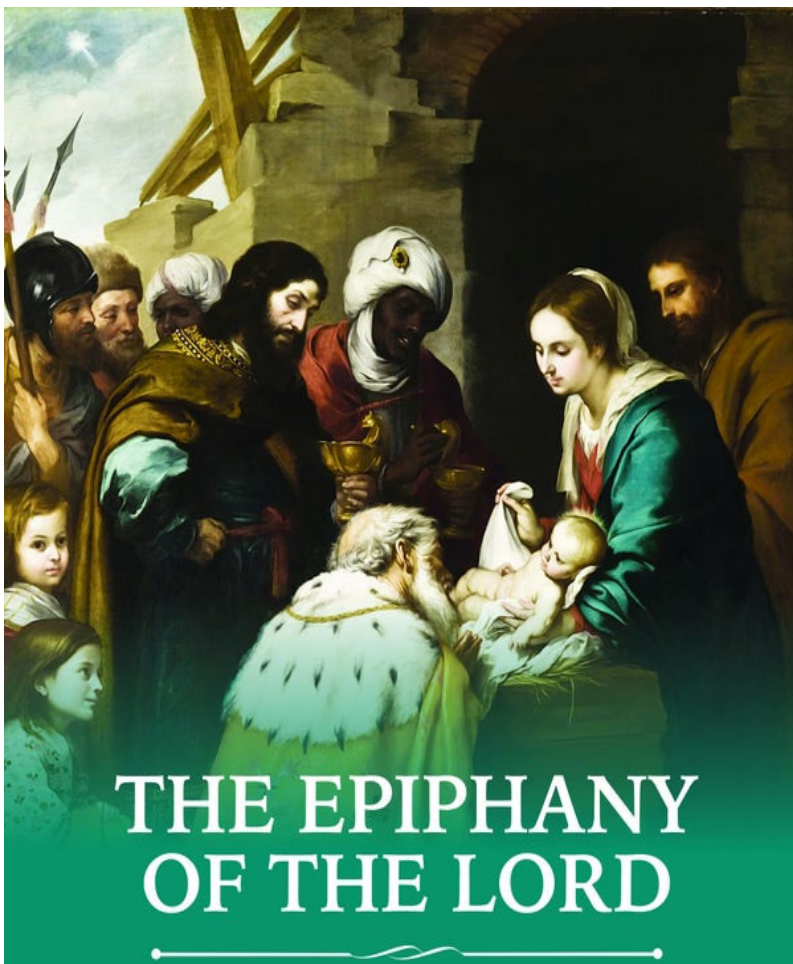
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the Rectory for an appointment at least six months prior to the desired date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS
4:00 to 4:45 PM
and
THURSDAYS BEFORE
FIRST FRIDAYS
4:00 to 5:00 PM

Other times by appointment.



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

WEEKDAYS

7:00 AM

SATURDAYS

8:00 AM

SATURDAY

EVENINGS

VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM

SUNDAYS

8:00 & 9:15 AM

10:30 AM (Polish)

12:00 Noon

RECTORY HOURS

WEEKDAYS

9 AM to 12 Noon

& 1 PM to 4 PM

EUCCHARISTIC

ADORATION

W/ BENEDICTION

Tuesdays

12:00 to 1 PM

MILLIONS

OF MONICAS

Tuesdays 1 to 2 PM

PL PRAYER GROUP

W/ ADORATION

2ND THURSDAYS

7 PM

Our Mission Statement

Lord, God, all creation is yours, and you call us to serve you by caring for the gifts that surround us. May the example of St. Isidore urge us to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of mankind. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Saint Isidore, Pray for Us.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024

5:00 pm The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased
+ Mary (A) and Stanley Sydlowski
+ Dennis Gayda (1/3/24 Birthday)
+ Joseph Bobinski
+ Peter Kruszon
+ Virginia Todd

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8:00 am + Walter J. Danowski (A)
9:15 am + Mary Macari
10:30 am + Zofia and Stanislaw Andrychowski
(PL) + Wieslaw, Helena, Zygmunt i Teresa Luniewski
Health and Blessings for Jadwiga Luniewski
O Zdrowie i Blogoslawienstwo dla Jadwiga
Luniewski i Calej Rodziny
+ Teresa Lul
+ Jerzy, Irene, Margaret, Zbigniew
Aleksandrowicz and Family
Za Członków żywego Różańca i Rodzinę Radia Maryja
12 Noon + Jean Pace

MONDAY, JAN. 8, 2024

7:00 am + Souls Suffering in Purgatory
Blessings for Danuta Chalada

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024

7:00 am For a Good Husband for Bozena i Bernarda
+ Wieslaw Luniewski

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024

7:00 am + Estelle, Edward and Richard (A) Rogers
and Fritzie Kulesa

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024

7:00 am For a Good Husband for Bozena i Bernarda

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024

7:00 am + Stanislaw Dombrowski

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024

8:00 am + Paul Andrychowski
Intentions of Baltera and Errick Families
Blessings for Barbara Jaeger

5:00 pm + Peter Kruszon
+ Thomas and William Tyree
+ Jimmy Zaleski
Blessings for Karen and Mark Heppner

2ND SUN. IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 14, 2024

8:00 am + Susan Frick
9:15 am + Marian Drozd-Denyse
10:30 am The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased
(PL) + Teodora and Stanislaw Szejter
+ Wieslaw Luniewski / + Tadeusz Cichy
O Boze blog. dla Jadwiga Wiszowata i rodziny
12 Noon Intentions of the Rosso Family

IN LOVING MEMORY

Sanctuary Lamp

Brie Redmond and Zenon Najdzion

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Adoration 12 to 1 PM
Millions of Monicas 1 to 2 PM

Thursday, January 11, 2024

Polish Prayer Group w/ Adoration 7 PM

Friday, January 12, 2024

Holy Hour 7 to 8 PM (English)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/
Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk
1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-
9, 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 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-
12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10
(8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/ Jn 1:35-42

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED



*Stasia Grabowski
Kathryn Ferrara
Joel (Yakaboski) Elio
Elizabeth Backel
Marie Sammartano
Richard Kane
Jean Carroll*

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Corinne Clark * Madeline Galka * Stanislaw Andrychowski * Grazyna Pawlak * Gillen Family * Christina Donovan * Blythe Fickenwirth * Gilbert Lebron, Sr. * Irene Monahan * Jody Breitfeller * Benjamin Gonzalez * Dominique Tirado * Diana Perniciaro * Sammy * Brodie * Bob Rozanski * Dolline Welch * Joe and William Hiskey * Sue Brooks * Cathleen Mickaliger * Joseph Stepnoski * James Kenna * Douglas Clark * Stasia Grabowski * Eleanor Nystrom * Margaret McCarthy * Jan Suchta * Justin * Mike Smithwick * Dakota Harmon * Courtney Altman * Cole Faller * Claire Latour * Halikias Family * Liana Forstein * Rosemary * Daniel Ambrosini * Thomas Ryall * Anne Marie Donlon * Dorothy Sousa * Joan Kielkowski * Anthony Naglieri * Thomas McEnany * Mary Khulman * Denise Babinski * Michael Alperti * Roseanne Murphy * Barbara Kozlowski * James West * Elizabeth Farruggia * Kelly Wine * Mary Van Duesen * Thomas DeGirolamo * William Berenger * Daria Quarlena * Eileen Borchart * Sheila Nolan * Tom Wisniewski III * Jean Reyes Carroll * Jeffrey Clark * James, George and Barbara Jaeger * Ernest and Alex Aponte * Helen Long * Michael Miglionico * Ralph Conforti * The Barauskus Family * Hope & Brittany Williams * John Marion * Emilia Andrychowski * Augie & Georgianna Lucente * Johanna Benthal * Michelle Giaccone * Gloria Keller * Howard Seifert * Ed Kennedy * Kit Z. * Dolores Contino * Agnes Brown * Connie Giordano * Krzysztof Olszowski * Anders Ryden * Kevin C. Cook * Anita Costi * Doriane Bay * David Vallone * Brittany Schacor * Karen and Kim Finocchiaro * Eleanor Koller * Grace Mary Schulteis * Victor Sechyshyn * George Angle * Marta Andreotta * Melissa Alexandra * Christian Vidal * Suzanne Thompson * Anna Grefe * Helen Condzella * Anthony Mannino * Marcella Frisen * The Huntley Family * Theresa Puglia * Brian Darmody * Leigh Anne Brown * Dan Modjeska * Judy Zakorski * Marie Miley * Marcjanna Stolarzewicz * John Shuot * Patrick Murphy * Brian Crowley * Louise Pampinello * Jim DeRosa * Barbara Fenn

Please keep all those serving in the military and their families in your thoughts and prayers especially:

1st Lt. Nicholas Santorelli, Nicholas Pelosi, Christopher Drowns, Jeffrey Heppner, James Fleming, Brendan Fitzgerald, Thomas V. D'Auria, Mateusz Marzec, Andre DeRosa and Garrett Bracht



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Padre Pio's Spiritual Direction

“Temptation spares no elect soul. It did not spare the Apostle (St. Paul) to the Gentiles, who, after having been taken up into paradise while he was still alive, underwent such a trial that Satan almost succeeded in casting him down. My God! Who can read his writing without feeling the blood run cold in their veins?! How many tears, how many sighs, how many groans, how many prayers did this holy apostle not lift up to the Lord to ask him to remove this very painful trial from him! But how did Jesus answer? “My grace is sufficient for you,” and “My power is made perfect in weakness.”

(2 Corinthians 12:9)

To Maria Gargani, September 4, 1916

Next Sunday we celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Paul the First Hermit, patriarch of the Order of Pauline Fathers. Therefore at the 9:15 and 10:30 AM Masses, we will have a special blessing for children. Sweet gifts for the children will be provided at that time.

Zbliza sie Uroczystosc Sw. Pawla I Pustelnika duchowego Ojca Zakonu Ojcow Paulinow. Uroczysta Msza sw. z blogoslawienstwem dzieci bedzie odprawiona w niedziele 14 stycznia o godz. 9:15 i 10:30. W trakcie Mszy sw. wszystkie dzieci otrzymaja specjalne z tej okazji

God's blessings in the new year!

The start of a new year is a great time for new beginnings; we like to make New Year's Resolutions. Here's a good one for continuing our advent and Christmas efforts to draw closer to Jesus; sign up for **FORMED** if you have not yet done so. Then be sure to watch THE CATHOLIC PARENT coming to FORMED on January 15. Share it with families you know with children of all ages and/or with your own grown children who are raising your grandchildren. Not signed up yet? It's easy:

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The Epiphany of Our Lord, Jesus Christ God Reveals Himself to Us

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the oldest Christian feasts, though, throughout the centuries, it has celebrated a variety of things. *Epiphany* comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal," and all of the various events celebrated by the Feast of the Epiphany are revelations of Christ to man.

Quick Facts

Date: January 7. (In most countries and dioceses, the celebration is transferred to the Sunday between January 2 and January 8, inclusive.)

Type of Feast: Solemnity.

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Prayers: Collect for the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ (from the Mass of St. Pius V): *"O God, Who by the guidance of a star didst this day reveal Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we, who know Thee now by faith, may be so led as to behold with our eyes the beauty of Thy majesty. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen."*

Other Names for the Feast: Theophany, Three Kings Day

History of the Feast of the Epiphany

Like many of the most ancient Christian feasts, Epiphany was first celebrated in the East, where it has been held from the beginning almost universally on January 6. Today, among both Eastern Catholics and Eastern Orthodox, the feast is known as Theophany—the revelation of God to man.

Epiphany: A Fourfold Feast

Epiphany originally celebrated four different events, in the following order of importance: 1) the **Baptism of the Lord**; Christ's first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana; 2) the **Nativity of Christ**; and 3) **the visitation of the Wise Men or Magi**. Each of these is a revelation of God to man: 4) At Christ's Baptism, the Holy Spirit descends and **the voice of God the Father** is heard, declaring that Jesus is His Son; at the wedding in Cana, the miracle reveals Christ's divinity; at the Nativity, the angels bear witness to Christ, and the shepherds, representing the people of Israel, bow down before Him; and at the visitation of the Magi, Christ's divinity is revealed to the Gentiles—the other nations of the earth.

The End of Christmastide

Eventually, the celebration of the Nativity was separated out, in the West, into Christmas; and shortly thereafter, Western Christians adopted the Eastern feast of the Epiphany, still celebrating the Baptism, the first miracle, and the visit from the Wise Men. Thus, Epiphany came to mark the end of Christmastide—the *Twelve Days of Christmas* (celebrated in the song), which began with the revelation of Christ to Israel in His Birth and ended with the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles at Epiphany. Over the centuries, the various celebrations were further separated in the West, and now the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the Sunday after January 6, and the wedding at Cana is commemorated on the Sunday after the Baptism of the Lord.

Epiphany Customs

In many parts of Europe, the celebration of Epiphany is at least as important as the celebration of Christmas. While in England and her historical colonies, the custom has long been to give gifts on Christmas Day itself, in Italy and other Mediterranean countries, Christians exchange gifts on Epiphany—the day on which the Wise Men brought their gifts to the Christ Child. In Northern Europe, the two traditions have often been combined, with gift-giving on both Christmas and Epiphany (often with smaller gifts on each of the twelve days of Christmas in between). (In the past, though, the main gift-giving day in both Northern and Eastern Europe was usually the feast of Saint Nicholas.) And in the United States in recent years, some Catholics have tried to revive the fullness of Christmastide. Our family, for instance, opens gifts "from Santa" on Christmas Day, and then, on each of the 12 days of Christmas, the children receive one small gift, before we open all of our gifts to one another on Epiphany (after attending Mass for the feast).

Baptism of the Lord

“...and behold, the heavens opened and a voice said:
'This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.'”



The Church generally celebrates the Baptism of the Lord on the Sunday after January 6th. **In 2024, the Baptism of the Lord is observed on Monday, January 8.** Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity 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. This day commemorates the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by St. John the Baptist. On this occasion, Jesus entered into His ministry and acquired His first disciples, St. John proclaimed Christ the Lamb of God, whose way he had prepared, and the Triune nature of the Godhead was manifested.

The mystery of Christ's baptism in the Jordan by St John, the Precursor, proposes the contemplation of an already adult Jesus. This mystery is infinitely linked to the Solemnities of the Lord's birth and the Epiphany that we have just celebrated, as in some ways it takes up and represents their significance to us.

At Christmas we have contemplated the human birth of the Word incarnate by the Virgin Mary. In the 4th century, the Fathers of the Church deepened the understanding of the faith with regard to the Christmas mystery in the light of Jesus' Humanity. They spoke of the Incarnation of the Word already working like the 'Christification' of that humanity that he had assumed from His mother. Or put in simpler terms: Jesus is the Christ from the first instant of conception in Mary's spotless womb because He Himself, with His Divine Power, consecrated, anointed and 'Christified' that human nature with which He became incarnate.

In the mystery of the Epiphany, we then meditated on Christ's manifestation to all nations that was represented by the Magi, the wise men from the East, who came to adore the Child. Now, in the mystery of Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River, we again encounter and represent the truth of the Lord's incarnation and His manifestation as the Christ. Jesus' Baptism is in fact His definitive manifestation as the Messiah or Christ to Israel, and as the Son of the Father to the entire world. Here we find the dimension of the Epiphany which was His manifestation to all nations. The Father's voice from heaven shows that Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Son and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Trinitarian nature of the Christian God. The true and unique God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shows Himself in Christ, through Him, with Him and in Him.

The Baptism in the Jordan returns to the great Christmas theme of 'Christification,' Jesus of Nazareth's spiritual anointing, His presentation as the Anointed One par excellence, the Messiah or the One sent by the Father for the salvation of mankind. The Spirit that descended on Jesus shows and seals in an incontrovertible way the 'Christification' of Jesus' humanity that the Word had already fulfilled from the first moment of His miraculous conception by Mary. Jesus, from the very beginning, was always the Lord's Christ, He was always God. Yet, His one, true humanity, that which is perfect in every way, as the Gospel records, constantly grew in natural and supernatural perfection. '*And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and with men*' (Lk2:52). In Israel at 30 years of age, one reached full maturity and therefore could become a master. Jesus came of age and the Spirit, descending and remaining on Him, definitively consecrated His whole being as the Christ.

The same Spirit, that descended on the water of the River Jordan wafted over the waters during the first creation (Gen 1:2). Therefore, the Baptism in the Jordan presents yet another truth: that Jesus has started a new creation. He is the second man (1 Cor 15:47) or the last Adam (1 Cor 15:45), that comes to repair the first Adam's guilt. He does this as the Lamb of God that takes away our sins. '*Looking at the events in light of the Cross and Resurrection, the Christian people realized what happened: Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon His shoulders; he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners*' (Joseph Ratzinger, (Pope Benedict XVI) *Jesus of Nazareth*, Bloomsbury 2007, p 18). (Excerpted from the [Congregation for the Clergy](#))

To Our Welcome Visitors:

Welcome to St. Isidore!

May this be a sanctuary of peace and grace for you. If you attend our parish, will you consider registering with us? It is so helpful whenever the need arises for special sacraments, funeral masses and sponsor certificates. It also enables us to keep track of your donations when you use the envelopes we send you.

Please complete the lines below and drop it in a collection basket.

Mr. / Mrs. / Miss / Mr. & Mrs. (circle one)

Last Name _____

First Name (s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____



MEMORIALIZE YOUR LOVED ONES

The Bread and Wine (\$25) and the Sanctuary Lamp (\$25) may be donated in memory of a deceased family member for the week.

In addition, the Missalettes (\$100) may be donated for a month in memory of a deceased person.

Flowers for the altar may also be donated in a loved one's memory (\$100).

Attn: Mothers, Step Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers, Confirmation Sponsors, and Aunts:

Has a young adult in your family left the Catholic faith?

Are you hoping and praying for their return?

Would you like to pray together in solidarity with other Catholic women for this intention?

Please join us on Tuesdays from 1 to 2 PM in the Church. Come whenever you can.

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OUR CEMETERY

It is important to be mindful of our cemetery's rules and regulations for planting and decorations.

Please note the following reminders:

- **No placed item, whether floral or otherwise**, is considered permanent to the site. The cemetery makes every effort to enforce rules and regulations uniformly and with compassion.
- Because the cemetery is open to the public, the cemetery cannot guarantee plants and decorations from damage, theft or disappearance.
- The cemetery reserves the right to remove and dispose of any decoration/planting when deemed as unsightly, out of season, or otherwise not permitted in accordance with the cemetery's rules and regulations.
- **NOT PERMITTED:**
Creeping plants or vines (English ivy, pachysandra, pumpkins), thorny plants (roses), fruits and vegetables, fences, glass jars, cement pots, flower vases, statues, vigil lights, shells, marble chips, and plantings that exceed 15 inches in height, width or diameter.