

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, January 9 at 9:00 a.m.: This Mass is available.

Saturday, January 9 at 4:00 p.m.: The intentions of **Meagan Tucker**

Tuesday, January 12: The intentions of **Sydnee Cluff**.

Wednesday, January 13: This Mass is available.

Thursday, January 14: Repose of the soul of **Gene Heinrichson**.

Friday, January 15: The intentions of **Christian Malone**.

Epiphany means “to make known” or “to reveal.” Thus, the **Epiphany of the Lord** is to make known to all nations that the Messiah, the King of all kings, the Lord of all, Jesus Christ, who would bring salvation to many, was born. As Isaiah wrote, “the light has come.” (Isaiah 60:1).

In this Feast of Epiphany, we also celebrate the arrival of the magi to pay homage to the humble King, Jesus Christ. They prostrated and brought Him gifts, the gift of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. There were many varying interpretations of these three gifts. For some biblical scholars and theologians, these gifts are the customary gifts to honor a king, gold as a precious valuable metal, frankincense as a perfume, and myrrh as an anointing oil, i.e. used in consecrating a king.

Others would interpret these gifts signifying special spiritual symbolism, a deeper theological meaning, gold representing Jesus’ Kingship, frankincense symbolizing His priestly role, and myrrh prefiguring His death.

Nevertheless, whatever these gifts symbolize, it connotes one thing that these gifts fit only the One and Holy Jesus Christ. The Only-Begotten Son of God, the true and the righteous King.

Day and night, they do not stop exclaiming: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and who is, and who is to come.” He is worthy to be given glory and honor and thanks, who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, and to Him, all exclaiming: “Worthy are you, Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things; because of your will they came to be and were created. (Revelation 4:8-11).

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Christmas Prayer: God of love, Father of all, the darkness that covered the earth has given way to the bright dawn of your Word made flesh. Make us a people of this light. Make us faithful to your Word, that we may bring your life to the waiting world. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Novena of Prayer for Families

Beginning January 1, 2021, we invite you and your family to join Holy Cross Family Ministries in praying the Novena of Prayer for Families. This novena will run through January 9, 2021.

[2021 Peyton Novena.pdf](#)
[\(hubspotusercontent30.net\)](#)

January 1, 2021, we might say: “Happy Mary, Mother of God Day!” instead of “Happy New Year.” The celebration is not as much about our Blessed Mother (although her unique role in Jesus’ life and her willingness to consent to God’s Will is something for us to both appreciate and imitate), as it is about the fact that Jesus is indeed God in His Divine Nature. Therefore, Mary is the Mother of God. The celebration of this feast is intended to strengthen our faith in the two natures of Jesus (both divine and human), celebrate the fact that God Himself has visited us on earth, and properly understand the special role our Blessed Mother was given in God’s plan of salvation.

<http://stpiusxchurch.org/solemnity-of-mary-holy-mother-of-god/>

Epiphany of the Lord

“..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh...” - Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi’s visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

Religious Education

All grades will be moving to a hybrid learning environment after the first of the year. Each family will be contacted by their teacher to make arrangements for learning.

Please pray for parents, students, and teachers as they work to instill the love of the Trinitarian God; drawing on the Bible, the Mass, the sacraments, Church tradition and teaching, and the lives of the saints.

Idaho Catholic Men’s Conference 2021

Saturday, January 30, 2021 at St. Paul’s in Nampa and online.

The conference theme is “Jesus, I Trust in You!”

Early bird registration is \$48 before January 15 and online is \$40.

For more details and to register go to www.IdahoCatholicMen.org or call 208-484-0898.