

# Epiphany of the Lord

♦ January 4, 2015 ♦

*“Through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race.”*

## Today's Readings

**Is 60:1–6**  
**Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6**  
**Mt 2:1–12**

*M*ary Chapin  
Carpenter's wonderful

Christmas carol “Come Darkness, Come Light” calls all people, regardless of their situation or where they are in their faith, to come see the Christ Child. All are welcome to see that love has come to earth and to bring whatever they have to the Child who waits for them in a manger.

Whenever I hear this song, I'm moved to tears by its simplicity. For reasons of which I'm not entirely sure, I'm reminded of the beginning section of John's Gospel, which lays out so beautifully the coming of Christ to earth. “Through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race,” John narrates; later he tells us, “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.”

What is our response? Do we come as the song invites us? Do we hold back, afraid that it's too late for us? Do we listen to the siren songs of other gods, who whisper that they have the key to our happiness?

Today's readings are an invitation to know ourselves as children of God, to know the hope of his call to us, and to know that this light cannot be overcome by any darkness the world has to offer.

The rush of the holidays is behind us, and a new year has begun. We have a little breathing space. In our liturgical calendar, though, the Christmas season is still with us.

There is still time to come, by whatever means we're able, and give our lives over to Christ.

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## Monday

JANUARY 5

St. John  
Neumann,  
Bishop

1 Jn 3:22–4:6  
Mt 4:12–17, 23–25

## Tuesday

JANUARY 6

Christmas  
Weekday

1 Jn 4:7–10  
Mk 6:34–44

## Wednesday

JANUARY 7

Christmas  
Weekday

1 Jn 4:11–18  
Mk 6:45–52

## Thursday

JANUARY 8

Christmas  
Weekday

1 Jn 4:19–5:4  
Lk 4:14–22a

## Friday

JANUARY 9

Christmas  
Weekday

1 Jn 5:5–13  
Lk 5:12–16

## Saturday

JANUARY 10

Christmas  
Weekday

1 Jn 5:14–21  
Jn 3:22–30

## Sunday

JANUARY 11

Baptism of  
the Lord

Is 42:1–4, 6–7 or  
Is 55:1–11  
Acts 10:34–38 or  
1 Jn 5:1–9  
Mk 1:7–11



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*January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015*

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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
Every Friday Adoration from 8:30  
a.m. to 9:30 a.m

**SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION**  
Both Before Mass and by  
Appointment.

*Mass Schedule for this Week*

Our Lady of Chartres Mass

Schedule

Sun 7:30 am Our Parish Family

St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat 4:00 pm Our Parish Family

Sun 9:00am Our Parish Family

Mon 8:00 am + Fr Pete (spec int)

Tues 8:00 am +Fr Pete (spec int)

Wed 6:00 pm +Fr Pete (spec int)

Thu 9:00am +Fr Pete (spec int)

Fri 8:00 am No Mass

**From Father Khoa's Desk...**

***Dear Parishioners and Friends,***

Our Christmas season continues this weekend with the celebration of the **Epiphany**. For many centuries in the early church, Epiphany ranked with Easter as one of the two most important feasts of our Church year. This feast is much older in our Christian tradition than Christmas. Epiphany celebrates the fact that Jesus manifested Himself as God and Lord of all peoples of every race, time and culture. It is the original feast of Christ the King.

The celebration of The Epiphany Of The Lord is so profoundly integral to the celebration of The Nativity Of The Lord. Since The Lord of *every* time and place arrived in our midst by way of His birth in a *particular* time and place, the manifestation of this transformative event is ever an integral part of God's design and plan for the Redemption and Salvation of the whole world!

The spirit in which these travelers, these astrologers from afar, journeyed to the birthplace of The Messiah, near Bethlehem, is so instructive for, and worthy of reflection by us all! Led by the illumination of this extraordinarily radiant star, they trusted that this pilgrimage would render for them, life-altering implications and meaning! They carried with them, treasures befitting a royal recipient! Upon arriving, they prostrated themselves in humble adoration.

Throughout, they remained open to the stirrings of The Holy Spirit within their hearts and souls! And afterward, they began their return in a posture and attitude of reflection and prayer over the blessing which had changed, and would continue to change them eternally! May our pilgrimage, along the path of this life, elicit this same posture and disposition of heart in us all, so that in thought, word, and deed, the coming of The Lord Jesus for us, may be the Good News we carry

within ourselves, as well as share with our fellow pilgrims!

Next Sunday, January 11, we celebrate the *Baptism of the Lord*, which is the official conclusion of our Christmas season. Ordinary Time of our church year will continue through Tuesday, February 17, which is *Mardi Gras*. Then Lent begins on Ash Wednesday.

— **THANK YOU** —

To all those who sent so many cards, gifts and goodies to me over the holidays.

**May God bless all of us! A very Happy, Safe, and Blessed New Year!**

**...Fr. Khoa**

***Aged & Infirm Priests***

***Next weekend*** is the Special Diocesan Collection for the Aged & Infirm Priests. insurance costs and medical expenses of ailing and elderly Diocesan priests in long term care. **The amount collected remains in our parish.**

***End of Year Statements***

If you desire an end of year offering statement please email or call the Parish office and request one: 228-832-2560 or email ([stanncatholic@bellsouth.net](mailto:stanncatholic@bellsouth.net)).

**ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:\*\*** 59 Identifiable: **\$948.00**; Loose: **\$992.00**; Total: **\$1,940.00**; Children: **\$14.00**. Building Fund: **\$125.00**, Mary: **\$9.00**, St Vincent Pharmacy: **\$10.00**, Christmas **\$1908.04** Retirement Fund: **\$10.00**.

**OUR LADY OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP:**

Identifiable: **\$60.00**; Loose: **\$166.00** Total: **\$226.00**. Christmas: **\$215.00**.

**\*\*Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84.**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

| <b>MASS</b>          | <b>LECTOR</b>      | <b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN.</b>                          | <b>SERVERS</b>               | <b>USHERS</b>              | <b>GIFT B.</b>              |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sat Jan 3<br>4:00pm  | Dr Lanny<br>Acosta | Rita Acosta, Ellen West,<br>Kay Van Pelt          | Katelyn Casey<br>Boots Moran | Doug Ladner<br>Kermit      | Richard & Amy<br>Dunlap     |
| Jan 4 7:30 am        | Sandra Ammons      | Daniel Squillante                                 | (OLC)                        | Tery Mitchell              | (OLC)                       |
| Sun Jan 4<br>9am     | Katelyn Moran      | Chantel Crabtree, Helena,<br>Kim Wood             | Keegan<br>Nicholas           | Robert<br>David            | Robert &<br>Michelle Lizana |
| Sat Jan 10<br>4:00pm | Richard Dunlap     | Doris Snowden, Sharon<br>Ladner, Henrietta Ladner | Katelyn Casey<br>Boots Moran | Doug Ladner<br>Ira Necaize | August & Ruth<br>Schonewitz |
| Jan 11 7:30 am       | Sandra Ammons      | Daniel Squillante                                 | (OLC)                        | Tery Mitchell              | (OLC)                       |
| Sun Jan 11<br>9am    | Beverly Saucier    | Chantel Crabtree, Derek<br>Trosclair, Kim Wood    | Conner<br>Nicholas           | Robert<br>Pat Leimer       | Gary Thomas<br>Family       |

## **ST. ANN ACTIVITIES**

**Lizana Light:** Thank you Kathy Brogdon for serving Lizana Light for six years. For her own reason, she cannot continue to serve Lizana Light after Christmas. For that reason, I would like to invite whoever has the ability to serve in this position because the poor and the hungry still need us. This is our call as Catholics. If anyone who would like to do this, please contact the rectory. Thank you.

**Altar Society:** Meet Next Sunday **Jan 11**. For more information, please contact **Lenell King**.

**Church Cleaning:** Please contact Ellen West for more information.

**Bible Study:** We will study *Mary* beginning this Wed, **Jan 8**. Classes are on **Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm, and on Thursday from 9-10:30am at CCD Building**. For more information, please contact **Ruth Schonewitz and Henrietta Ladner**.

**RCIA:** RCIA classes are on Wednesdays 6:30pm from September to May at Parish Chapel. Please contact Tim Brogdon at 344-5449. Thank you.

**MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS:** You can have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living family and friends. Mass cards and envelopes are available at the office.

**CYO:** meet every other week on Sunday 6:00pm. You can visit St Ann CYO on [www.facebook.com/stannslizanacyo](http://www.facebook.com/stannslizanacyo) or contact **Katelyn Moran and Danielle Ladner**.

**Project Hope and Compassion:** For more information, please contact the office.

**Parish Council:** meet on third Saturdays.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK:** Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE**  
*Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding.* Our advice is to call well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive information: one's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding ceremony.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:**

Leslie Cuevas, William DeMello, Betty Pierce, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Annette Moran, Darlene Billingsley, Janet Thompson, Victoria Moran, Michael Gilbert, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, and Julia Perronne.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS † PLEASE FILL OUT A NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM AND SUBMIT TO PARISH OFFICE FR. KHOA WOULD BE HAPPY TO VISIT WITH YOU AND HELP YOU ASSESS YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS.