



Monday
JANUARY 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
Religious
1 Jn 3:22—4:6
Mt 4:12–17, 23–25

Tuesday
JANUARY 5

St. John Neumann,
Bishop
1 Jn 4:7–10
Mk 6:34–44

Wednesday
JANUARY 6

Christmas
Weekday
1 Jn 4:11–18
Mk 6:45–52

Thursday
JANUARY 7

Christmas
Weekday
1 Jn 4:19—5:4
Lk 4:14–22

Friday
JANUARY 8

Christmas
Weekday
1 Jn 5:5–13
Lk 5:12–16

Saturday
JANUARY 9

Christmas
Weekday
1 Jn 5:14–21
Jn 3:22–30

Sunday
JANUARY 10

Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1–4, 6–7
or Is 40:1–5, 9–11
Acts 10:34–38
or Ti 2:11–14; 3:4–7
Lk 3:15–16, 21–22

Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2016

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

Several years ago, our family's longtime neighbor died. She had no children. My mom had helped her in her later years, so we weren't surprised when she received some money from the estate. What was shocking was that a check arrived at my house as well. I hadn't done anything to deserve this money; I had always been polite and kind to our neighbor and had visited her sometimes, but I was amazed at her generosity. Without knowing it, I had become an heir to this lovely woman.

On this Solemnity of the Epiphany, we celebrate our own unexpected inheritance—the quite undeserved gift of Jesus. Saint Paul writes that the Gentiles are “co-heirs” to this great gift, but what have we done to deserve such grace? Our culture tells us how much we “deserve” (clothes and so on).

But in the simplest of places—the tiniest of towns, this little hamlet of Bethlehem—comes a gift we could never do enough to deserve. The Magi recognized this—they prostrated themselves in homage and were changed by their encounter with Jesus. They “went home a different way”—not just physically but spiritually.

As the Christmas season winds down and the long-awaited gifts are unwrapped and put away, maybe we can look at the gift of Jesus with Epiphany eyes. May we welcome Jesus today like an unexpected inheritance check—with delighted hearts, humble spirits, and grateful souls.

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Homily on
Epiphany of the Lord,
January 6, 2015

A Word From Pope Francis

“Find the courage to be liberated from our illusions, our presumptions, our ‘lights,’ and to seek this courage in the humility of faith and in this way to encounter the Light, Lumen, like the holy wise men.”





The Epiphany Of The Lord

January 03, 2016



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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 8:00am +Mildred Fayard
Tues 8:00 am +Fr Pete
Wed 6:00 pm +Fr Pete
Thu 8:00 am +Fr Pete
Fri 8:00 am +Fr Pete

From Father Khoa's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Feast of the Epiphany (meaning 'to make known') is celebrated to show that, from the beginning of Jesus' ministry even while a little child in Bethlehem, salvation is being extended to all people and not to the Jewish people alone. They are the chosen ones by God to be the first to hear His word and enter into relationship with Him. It is through this relationship that the Father prepared humanity for the coming of the Messiah. While many individuals recognized and believed Jesus as the Christ there were those in the established practice of Judaism, i.e. Those in leadership positions, such as Herod and others who rejected the word of God so as to maintain their positions of power even at the expense of their salvation. Their abuse of the Jewish people who were sincere in their faith created an obstacle to salvation. God moved through his Word, Jesus Christ, to remove these obstacles and open the gate of salvation to all people.

While salvation is from the Jews the time has come when people will worship God not on this mountain or that mountain but in Spirit and Truth, for God is Spirit and all who come to him will worship in Spirit and in Truth. The Magi in today's gospel reading are the sign and symbol of the universality of God's salvation. He will not be limited by mankind's definition of Him or attempts to corral His power and authority by making it their own.

As God said to Moses' from the burning bush, "...I am who am...the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is my name forever; this is my title for all generations."

Exodus 3:15 God's salvation is found in his mercy.

Next Sunday, January 10, 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 09, which is *Mardi Gras*. Then Lent begins on Ash Wednesday.

— *THANK YOU* —

To all those who sent many cards, gifts and goodies to me and our parish staff 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.

Altar Society: meet **Next Sunday** Jan 10.

Knights of Columbus: Meet **this Sunday Jan 3**. If you have any question, please contact Thomas Moran.

Parish Council: Meet third Saturdays.

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat Jan 02 5pm	Lanny Acosta	Sharon Ladner, Rita Acosta, Richard Dunlap	Austin Scarengoas	Doug August	Ira Necaie
Jan 03 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Jan 03 9am	Lisa Cuevas	Dale Babin, Carolyn Brewer, Sharon Leimer	Will Dreher Bracken	Robert Pat Leimer	Lester Palmer Family
Sat Jan 09 5pm	Dianne Northrop	Ellen West, Lenell King, Doris Snowden	Austin Scarengoas	Doug Ira Necaie	Patricia Lizana
Jan 10 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Jan 10 9am	Jason Necaie	Sharon Leimer, Marlow Ladner, Kim Wood	Carson Nick	Robert David	Jason & Lisa Necaie Family

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:**

69Identifiable: **\$890.00**; Loose: **\$1,224.00**; Total: **\$2,114.00**; Children: **\$25.00**; Building Fund: **\$161.06**; Immaculate Conception: **\$20.00**; St. Vincent De Paul **\$15.00**; Christmas: **\$15.00**; Religious Retirement: **\$35.00**.

OL OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP:

Identifiable: **\$68.00**; Loose: **\$252.00**; Total: **\$320.00**. Building Fund: **\$10.00**.

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

Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Collection

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:**

76Identifiable: **\$1,217.00**; Loose: **\$1,087.00**; Total: **\$2,304.00**; Children: **\$184.00**; Building Fund: **\$113.00**; Religious Retirement: **\$25.00**.

OL OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP:

Identifiable: **\$105.00**; Loose: **\$456.00**; Total: **\$561.00**.

Thank you for your generosity.

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.

Bereavement Committee: Please contact **Sharon Leimer** at 539-9928. Lasagna, green salad, rolls, and deserts will be provided for the funeral reception upon request. Thank you.

Church Cleaning: Thanks to WC and Lenell King cleans up the church on Dec 20 and 27. Marie Chasse clean the church on Jan 2 and 9. Thank you

Lizana Light: For more information, please contact Doris or Diane. Thank you.

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

RCIA: Please contact **Henrietta Ladner.**

Bible Study: We study **the Chosen**. Please join us. Classes are on **Wed at 6:30pm and on Thurs at 9am**. For more information, please contact **Ruth and Henrietta.**

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:

Leslie Cuevas, William DeMello, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley, Victoria Moran, Michael Gilbert, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, Julia Perronne, John Moran, Jerry Rutland, Pat Leimer, Carolyn Brewer, Elizabeth Necaie, Loretta L., Regina Franke, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, and Debbie Bowen.