

Dear Padre,

How is Twelfth Night related to Christmas?

Twelfth Night is another name for the Epiphany, which traditionally occurred on January 6, the twelfth day after Christmas. Since the 1980s, United States Catholics have celebrated the Epiphany on the first Sunday after January 1, which is why we're celebrating it today instead of Thursday.

Liturgical celebrations are distinguished as solemnities, feasts, and memorials according to their importance. The two greatest solemnities, Easter and Christmas, continue for an octave (eight days). Since the octave of Christmas runs from December 25 through January 1 (the solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God), it's not affected by the transfer of the Epiphany celebration.

Christmas is the great gift-giving day in the United States. In other cultures—for example, the Latino community—the anticipation and excitement of gift-giving is saved for Epiphany, the day the Magi brought their gifts to Jesus.

We often complain about how frenzied Christmas is—how much shopping, wrapping, and baking there is to do. But Christmas should be a time of worship and acknowledging the gift God gave us by sending his Son.

Epiphany, on the other hand, is made for celebration, gift-giving, going all out. Perhaps someday we can return to the traditions of Epiphany and restore Christmas as a day of rejoicing and worship.



A woman holds a figurine of the Christ Child during Mass on the feast of the Epiphany.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

[The Lord] is our light: a light that does not dazzle but accompanies and bestows a unique joy. This light is for everyone, and it calls each one of us....At the beginning of each day we can welcome this invitation: arise, shine, and follow today—among the many shooting stars in the world—the bright star of Jesus!

ANGELUS ON EPIPHANY SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2017

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 3

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 3:22–4:6

Mt 4:12–17, 23–25

Tuesday

JANUARY 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,

Religious

1 Jn 4:7–10

Mk 6:34–44

Wednesday

JANUARY 5

St. John Neumann,

Bishop

1 Jn 4:11–18

Mk 6:45–52

Thursday

JANUARY 6

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:19–5:4

Lk 4:14–22a

Friday

JANUARY 7

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5–13

Lk 5:12–16

Saturday

JANUARY 8

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14–21

Jn 3:22–30

Sunday

JANUARY 9

The 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





EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 2, 2022



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St. Ann Mass Schedule & intentions

Jan 1st 4pm Int of Donor

Jan 2nd 9 am Parish

Jan 2nd Sun 6pm **No mass**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Both
before Mass and by Appointment

Mon 8am **No Mass**

Wed 6pm Helen O' Neal

Thurs 8am Helen O' Neal

Fri 8am Helen O' Neal

Jan 8th 4pm Int of Donor

Jan 9th 9 am Int of Donor

Jan 9th Sun 6pm Parish

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule.

Jan 9th Sun 7:30 am, Donor

From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. MATTHEW 2:9

Your Light has Come!

Many traditional religions have in some way ascribed divinity to light—either they claim that light emanates from a god or that light itself is divine. This is probably because light is a primal necessity, essential for life. We find such thinking in today's readings. "Your light has come" (Isaiah 60:1) says today's Old Testament reading. This is Isaiah's glorious message for the people of Jerusalem. The city had been destroyed; the people scattered; the future looked bleak. This message must have filled the people with hope. Not only does light bring them hope, but the light actually streams from their God. It is the Lord who shines, bestowing his radiance upon them. This light is filled with promise. The story of the Magi is not meant primarily for children who delight in moving figurines of the three kings a bit closer to the stable every day. This is an adult story about inner darkness and enlightenment. The strangers, ignorant of ancient Israel's traditions, were able to read the signs of the times. Because of their openness, they found the Light of the World. The learned men of Jerusalem were well-schooled in the ancient promises, for they knew where to send the strangers. However, they felt threatened by these

signs. They closed their minds and hearts to any omens that might imperil their positions of privilege. They had a chance to benefit from this new light, but they turned their backs on it.

- *What is your attitude toward new ways of understanding your faith?*
- *Pray that all people will be open to read the signs of the times.*

WITH PRAYERS

FR. DAVID

<p><u>ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:</u> Identifiable \$595.00 loose: \$23200Total: \$827.00 Children: \$2.32 Ach: \$5 Christmas \$2,7126.00</p> <p><u>OLC STEWARDSHIP:</u> Identifiable \$195.00 Loose: \$130.00 Total: \$325.00. Christmas \$330.00</p>

Welcome new parishioner: We welcome Palmer Elizabeth Marchand to our community who was baptized and became a member of the St. Ann community. Thanks to Mathew and Lacy Marchand for bringing their child into the church family.

Church Envelopes for the year 2022: are available in front of the church. Please pick up your own envelope which is labeled with your name and address. Don't leave it behind. If anything needs to be changed let Fr. David know. Thanks.

Year-end summary: If you would like to have a year-end summary of your donations to the church for the tax exception, let Fr. David know, he will send it to you as soon as possible. Thanks.

MASS	LECTOR	SERVICES	USHERS
Sat Jan 1 st 4pm	Mile West		
Sun Jan 2 nd OLC 7:30	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sun Jan 2 nd 9am	Lacy Marchand		
Sun Jan 2 nd 6pm	No Mass		
Sat Jan 8 th 4pm	Mile West		
Sun Jan 9 th OLC 7:30	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sun Jan 9 th 9am	Kim Wood		
Sun Jan 9 th 6pm	Kathleen Cuevas		

Upcoming second collection: January 1-2, 2022, for the Diocese of Owensboro in Kentucky

Christmas Flowers and Baskets: Thank you for donations for the Christmas flowers. A special thanks to the altar society for decorating the whole church. It looks so beautiful because of your creative efforts.



PRAYER REQUESTS: Those who are ill: Leslie Cuevas, Lee James, Ezekiel Rutherford, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Andrew Fillengame; Breanna Ladner, Andrew, Sharon Somora, Nancy Ladner, Chris (Duke) McGill, Paul Ladner, Dianne Dearman, Marie Cuevas, Sharon Smith, Kathy, Marlene Moran, Teresa McAllister, Kendra Necaise, Courtney Stewart, Kathy Robison, and, Joseph and Megan Colbi Capuano, Bill & Brenda Peterson, Christine Constantine, Anthony Moran, Jill Ladner, Stephany Bass, and Brandi Moran, Lynn & Linda Bangs, John O'Neal, Terri, Loretta Ladner and Matt Dubission; Addie Threadgill; Cindy Ladner; Amanda Mayberry; Robin Cuevas Emmie Tubbs, Wally Clifford, T.J Moran, Robin Shampo, Glinda Gardman, Timmy & Paula Lizana, W.C. King and Brenda Page and Sr. Anna Louise.

Need of Kidney Donor: A 47-year-old man needs a kidney donor. The donor must have type B positive or Negative blood. Want to save a life by donating a kidney? Call Fr. David Milton at 228-346-3578 or 228-834-2560. Thanks

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, each Mass card is \$10.00 dollars. Thanks

