The Epiphany of the Lord

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”

Matthew 2:1–2
This Week's Readings

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6;  Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;  Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10;  Ps 72:1-4, 7-8;  Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18;  Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;  Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4;  Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;  Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13;  Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;  Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21;  Ps 149:1-6a, 9b;  Jn 3:22-30
Sunday:  Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11;  Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10
or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6;  Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9;  Mk 1:7-11

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Mass Intentions of the Day

Sunday, January 3
† Sheamus Fergus
† Stan Severyn
Parishioners of St. Michael’s

Monday, January 4
† Gabriel Monreal
† Gabriel Monreal

Tuesday, January 5
† Annette Nicosia

Wednesday, January 6
Foundation Fund Members

Thursday, January 7
† Mary Lou Dunning

Saturday, January 9
† Fr. Ken Sedlak, C.Ss.R.

Sunday, January 10
† Catherine Noonan
† Carol Ann McBrayer
Parishioners of St. Michael’s
2020 Tax Letters

Thank you for all you do for the parish. Your stewardship is greatly appreciated!

If you required a tax letter for your tax filings, please let us know. You can notify us by email (pkrier@st-mikes.org) or call the main office (312) 642-2598. If you know your envelope number that would be helpful, but not required. The last date that we will accept a back-dated check for your 2020 deductions will be January 18th.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

2021 Church calendars!

A limited number of calendars have arrived. Any available calendars will be at the back of church after the Masses, and in the Parish Office. You might consider calling prior to coming to the office to see if there are available. (312-642-2498)

2021 Mass Book

The 2021 Mass Book is open, but at this time we are only accepting mass intentions through April. Because the uncertainty when we will be resuming a full schedule, we felt it was prudent to only do a quarter at a time. If you want mass intentions later in the year, let Jane know; she is keeping a list and will contact you when the next quarter or the entire Mass book is open. Thank you for your patience.

Make Your Reservation NOW!

Public Masses at St. Michael’s are held on Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00am and daily Mass on Tuesday at 8:00am with the devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help and confessions afterwards.

Thank you!

8:00am Daily Mass Schedule:

Daily Mass is offered at each of our local Renew My Church parishes one morning a week. Register in advance at the parish where the Mass is being offered.

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Epiphany ...

Our reading on Epiphany focuses on following the light and revelations. Just as the wise men followed a star and the Christ was revealed to them, we need to follow the light of Christ to see where he is in our world each day. We are called to live as people in the light and not try to hide our sinful selves but allow that part of us to be redeemed. This will allow us to be the light for others to find their ways out of the darkness of sin. The gifts of the magi revealed to the world that Jesus was King, God, and Man. We are called to bring our gifts to the world to reveal to them the salvation of our God.

The Feast of Epiphany marks the traditional end of the Christmas season; however, some cultures do continue to keep their decorations up until February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This is especially true when they don’t decorate their homes until December 24. Our culture seems to want to hurry things along. We anticipate seasons then rush to end them. I am sure most stores have put away their Christmas decorations and are beginning to decorate for Valentine’s Day. We must be careful not to get too caught up in this frenzy because it will cause us to overlook the lasting changes the season can make. It’s like starting a new habit for Lent and then forgetting it by Easter. The spirit of the Christmas season needs to extend beyond the last day of the season.

Something that I have done, at first accidentally, to remember the Christmas season all year is to leave some small decoration out. A single bulb or piece of garland can remind us of Christmas. I have a small one-piece nativity that I leave on a shelf in my room, that I dust occasionally, which reminds me of the birth of Jesus and what that incarnation means to me.

May the spirit of Christmas stay in your heart for all the New Year.

Peace

Fr. Larry

St. Michael’s Book Club!
St. Michael's Book Club - December Selection!
"The Vanishing Half "by Brit Bennett

Join the book discussion on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 7:00 pm on Zoom for the discussion of "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett. There will be a designated leader for guiding the group and comments. Everyone is welcome, email Mary for information and to receive the link to the Zoom meeting.

Sock Sunday
January 24

On that weekend, we will be collecting warm, new socks for men, women and children and donating them to programs serving the homeless and needy. A collection box will be provided in the back of church. On the last Sock Sunday, we collected 238 pairs – an inexpensive, easy way to help those in need. Socks can also be delivered to the parish office at 1633 N. Cleveland.
Support the
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Co-Redemptorists are lay men and women who take an active role in helping to recruit and support young men who choose to pursue religious life as Redemptorist priests and brothers. Co-Redemptorist are also members of a powerful community of prayer and support. Please take this opportunity to learn more about this important work.

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In this time of separation, the contributions to St. Michael’s have decreased significantly! These times are difficult for everyone, and we understand that. If you are able, please continue to contribute in any of the payment methods listed below. Just like a household, the church has utilities and insurance and other monthly bills it must pay. The Parish Office staff have returned to the office, salary reductions, layoffs and reduced hours for other employees have been implemented. Please consider signing up for a recurring online donation so your giving comes in even if you aren’t able to come to Mass.

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