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MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Jan.1, 2011

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Jan. 2, 2011

Schedule of Masses

(Unless otherwise mentioned, all weekday Masses are at 9 AM)

Monday, Jan 3 † BARRY & LAWRENCE KARST
By Alvin & Laverne Karst

Tuesday, Jan 4 † MEDARD HUYS by Anne Tendler
10:30 AM Hospital

Wednesday, Jan 5 † LEGER GIRARD by Scheltgen Family

Thursday, Jan 6 † LILY ZOPF by St. George's CWL
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Friday, Jan 7 † ROMEO MARTIN by Rick & Bernie Chevrier
FIRST FRIDAY

Saturday, Jan 8 † ROSE DEAUST by Sara Bouvier
10:00 AM ESC

7:30 PM SUNDAY MASS ~ ASSINIBOIA

Sunday, Jan 9 **9:00 AM SUNDAY MASS ~ WILLOW BUNCH**
11:00 AM SUNDAY MASS ~ ASSINIBOIA
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

RECONCILIATION : Before Masses or anytime by appointment

MARRIAGES : Contact priest at least 6 months prior

BAPTISMS : Contact priest 2 months prior

House Blessings By Appointment

Epiphany

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Thank you to everyone who contributed to the "Toonie Tree" for Valley Native Ministry. Sister Bernadette is so appreciative and wishes to thank everyone for their generosity. She wishes everyone a blessed New Year.

COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE -

Parish Goal = \$ 19,356
 Collected = \$ 16,110 to Dec.30 / 10



MINISTRIES LISTS are ready for pick-up - back of church.
 Thank You, all, for serving in various capacities !

Thank You, makers of the lists !
 Please save the parish the cost of mailing these.

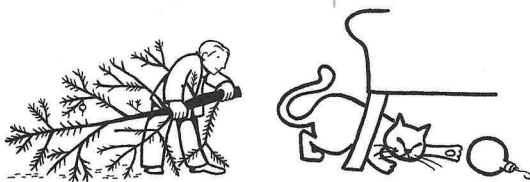
CWL Meetings in Jan & Feb will be after 2:00PM Mass; Thursday, Jan 6 /11
 Reader is Maureen Powrie and Lunch People are Annabelle Hartman and Irene Montgomery

New Missals for sale - the back of the church \$4.00

Books For Sale from Church Office :

History of the Archdiocese of Regina \$30.00 each
 The 100th anniversary history books are done !!

2011 Envelopes ready for pick-up at back of church
 Please do save the parish the mailing costs of them



STEWARDSHIP Bulletin Bits - on Readings :

January 1st : New Year's Day – The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God :

Today's second reading reminds us that through Christ we have been delivered from the old law and have become sons and daughters of God. New Year's Day provides a perfect opportunity to ask ourselves the question : Does my life reflect my gratitude for all that my loving Father has given me ?



Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary. She carried the Son of the eternal Father



Lord, let your face shine on us

January 2nd : Epiphany :

Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gifts we bring – our time, service, and some share of what we earn from the work we do – are equally precious in His sight.



Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.



The Kings are brought to the stable

Epiphany

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN LOVING MEMORY OF :

† LOUISE BERGERON From Del Bergeron & Family

Religious Calendars For Sale at \$5.00 each



the star which they had observed at its rising went ahead of them

Good News!

January 2, 2011

Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6 • Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 • Mt 2:1-12

Last Christmas, after all the presents were opened and our holiday meal eaten, my three-year-old nephew Alexander sighed in a deeply mournful tone, "Christmas is over." He was a little young to grasp our Catholic understanding of the season of Christmas, which extends through next Sunday's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord.

Today's Feast of the Epiphany, on which we recall the Magi's visit to Jesus and the revelation that Jesus was born for *all* people, is an especially important day of the Christmas season. In many countries the Epiphany is known as Little Christmas, and it's an even bigger day than Christmas for celebrations and family gatherings.

The Epiphany readings, full of intense and powerful emotions, reflect the dramatic nature of this feast day. In the first reading, Isaiah prophesies that Israel's "heart shall throb and overflow" when the beloved city of Jerusalem is rebuilt. In the Gospel, King Herod is "greatly troubled" by Jesus' birth. And the Magi are "overjoyed" at seeing the star that leads them to Jesus. Some translations even use the words "ecstatic with joy" or "exceedingly great joy"—such evocative descriptions!

Though my nephew is astute about many things, he has yet to grasp this same intense joy that, in fact, is *not* over at the end of Christmas Day. Epiphany reminds us that the exceedingly great joy of Jesus' birth continues—and should be at the heart of everyday living. When was the last time you felt your heart "throb and overflow" at the realization that God took flesh in this messy, broken world? Might your day be more joyful if you kept before you the truth that God is in everyone? How does Jesus' birth continue to affect *your* life long after the wrapping paper is put away and the tree recycled?

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How do I choose a Bible?

Our pastor says every family should have a Bible. I went online to buy one and was immediately overwhelmed by the number available. How do I choose one?

Bob

Dear Bob,

Every family should have a printed Bible—not just for the coffee table, but one you'll actually pick up and read.

Your best bet is a Catholic study Bible. It will have a good translation of the Bible as well as study helps such as a dictionary, a *concordance* (abbreviations, index of terms, cross-reference of biblical passages), a brief introduction to each book, and tips on how to study the Bible.

The most obvious way to spot a Catholic translation is that "Catholic Edition" is printed on the cover, but you can also tell by the imprimatur on the copyright page and the presence of the *apocrypha*, books of the Bible that aren't found in Protestant versions of the Bible. The apocryphal books, which include Tobit, Judith, and the Wisdom of Solomon, are one reason it's best to use a Catholic version. Even though several Protestant versions of the Bible are very good, from a Catholic standpoint they're incomplete.

Several Catholic translations are available, but the version used at Mass—the one you're probably most familiar with—is the *New American Bible*, which is published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. In addition to the print version, the USCCB publishes a free online version on their website (www.usccb.org/nab/). The online version is helpful when you can remember a verse but not where to find it. The website also has daily readings, podcasts, and other features that will help you move closer to God through Scripture.

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Saturday / Sunday Ministries

Saturday, Jan 8

Ushers / Collection	Please Volunteer
Greeters & Offerings	Tim & Annette Kesslering Family
Rosary Leaders	Irene Montgomery Hazel Major
Readers	Clarence Maffenbeier Marilyn Marcenko
Communion Ministers	Irene Montgomery Carla Leduc
Cross Bearer	Quinn Hodges
Candle Bearers	☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺
Altar Servers	Sara Kesslering Emily Koller

Sunday, Jan 9

Ushers / Collection	Please Volunteer
Greeters & Offerings	Tom & Adrienne Delorme
Rosary Leaders	Marie Shenher Irene Clermont
Readers	Sue Twemlow Debbie Buztynski
Communion Ministers	Jeremie Brochu Philomene Brochu Rene Chabot
Cross Bearer	Nikki Beaubien
Candle Bearers	Derek Beaubien Bradyn Giraudier
Altar Servers	Alex Kwasnicki Alyssa Kwasnicki

Church Finances

Friday Collection – Dec 24 - \$ 4760.24

Friday Collection – Dec 24 - \$ 1474.00

Saturday Collection – Dec 25 - \$ 293.65

Sunday Collection – Dec 26 - \$ 892.00

Thank You!

dear Padre

January 2, 2011

Why "present" a child?

Last week at Mass a Latino family "presented" their three-year-old daughter. It was very sweet, but I'm still not sure exactly what they were doing. Can you explain?

Rosemary

Dear Rosemary,

This Hispanic celebration is rooted in two sources, one religious and one cultural.

The religious source is the story of Mary's presentation in the temple by her parents, Anna and Joachim, when she was three years old. There is no account of this in the Bible. The main source of this story is an apocryphal document called the *Protoevangelium of James*, which was written before the third century.

Since the sixth century the Catholic Church has celebrated the memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on November 21, which was the dedication date of a temple the Emperor Justinian built for Mary in Jerusalem in the year 543. This memorial helps us remember that Mary from the very beginning was set apart by God. From the religious perspective, families present their sons and daughters in church when they are three years old as a way to dedicate them to God.

Culturally, the celebration remembers that at one time Mexico's mortality rate for children under age three was much higher than it is today. If a child reached age three, the parents went to church to thank God for the health of their child. From a cultural perspective, Hispanic families presenting a child at Mass are offering the child to God, thanking God for their child's health and asking for God's continued blessing.

Patrick Keyes, CSSR