Solemnity of the Epiphany of the CATHOLIC CHURCH Jan. 7, 2024 SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30am Tuesday 8:30am Thursday 8:30am Friday 8:30am

(except 1st Fri. of month-12noon at PC Saturday 4pm at PC

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, 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." - Mt 2:1-2

All visitors to our beautiful town of Eureka Springs are welcome to visit our historic Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church, and to pray and worship with us. If you are Catholic, and have recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you are also invited to share in the Holy Eucharist. If you are not a practicing Catholic, we invite you to come forward with arms crossed over your chest to receive a sacramental blessing. Pray that we all continue to grow together into the body of Christ, to which the Lord calls us.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

For Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation, contact our Parish Office, and we will point you in the right direction.

MINISTRY TO SICK & HOMEBOUND

If someone in our community is at home or in the hospital, and in need of Sacramental Care, or to be placed on our prayer list, please let us know at the Parish Office.

GIFT SHOP

St. Elizabeth Gift Shop is located behind the Church in a small building. It is generally open seven days a week (March - Oct.) and weekends through the Holiday season. We carry a large selection of medals, holy cards, rosaries, crucifixes, statuary and religious art. Come on back and check us out!

To Our Visitors

Welcome to our Parish! If you wish to join our Parish family, please call the Parish Office, T&Th, at 253.2222. Registration forms are available in the narthex at both locations.

Setting Married?

Saint Elizabeth welcomes couples from all over the world who want to receive the Catholic Sacrament of Matrimony in our beautiful and historic Church. For more information, please contact the Parish Office, 479.253.2222.

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Mark Elworth svdpberryville.weebly.com PAGE TWO January 7, 2024

THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

No Mass

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

No Mass

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

No Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

Confessions 2:30pm at the PC
Holy Rosary 3:30pm at the PC
Vigil Mass 4:00pm at the PC

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3);

1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd;

Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a,

8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;

Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19;

Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5,

6-7; Mk 2:13-17

God's Blessings @ Birthday Wishes to:

Cynthia Mitchell - 1/6, Mike Reed– 1/9, Mike Fontenot -1/10, Robert Wibright - 1/11

May you have many more!

SELFLESSNESS REWARDED

Help another's boat across, and lo! Thine own has reached the shore.

-Old Hindu proverb



SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Robert Bartos **EMCs:** see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Mark Elworth, Jo Elworth
Altar Server: Jim Witkowski
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

8:30am Mass at the Church **Lector:** Cassian Heath

EMCs: Mindy Godfrey, Phyllis McGuire, Rod McGuire

Ushers: Mike Godfrey, Mike Murphy

Altar Server: Leva Murphy

Mass Intentions

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Friday, January 12 - No Mass

Saturday, January 13

For the Intentions of <u>James Jacobson</u>

Sunday, January 14

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OUR PARISHIONERS -

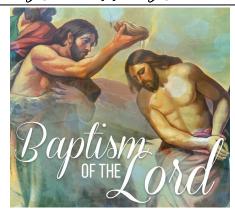
Connie Blazek, Connie Breaux, Richard & Sheila Fowler, Florence Giels, Charlotte Nowlin, Ernie & Helen Wright and Barbara Witkowski.

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Patsy Crawford, Marci Krieger, Chuck Maxwell, Joe McDaniel, Eric Pederson, Dale Putrino, and Libbie Vesekla

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Gus Midden

OUR MILITARY - Tyler Horning, George Schwender, and Nic Smith.



BENEFITS OF FAMILY DINNERS

The American College of Pediatricians says:

- **1.** Families with children under age 18 report having family dinners three to four times a week.
- **2.** One third of families with 11 to 18-year olds only eat one or two meals a week together.
- **3.** Only one fourth eat seven or more family meals a week.

According to the report, regular family dinners increase nutrition, decrease obesity and drug, alcohol and nicotine use and improve relationships and academics. Children in these families also are less likely to engage in sexual behaviors and have fewer behavioral problems.

The ACP said, "When families regularly share meals together, everyone benefits - the children, parents and even the community. Making the 'Family Table' a priority from an early age can serve as a 'vaccine' against many of the harms that come to children from a hurried lifestyle.



Our Seminarians for the month of January, 2024

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For more information
on our seminarians, go to

www.dolr.org/seminarians



Jesus' Tovar

STEWARDSHIP

As a parish, we are financially dependent on your generous weekly contributions to pay our bills and keep the lights on and our doors open and even more so during these difficulties times. So, as you plan for the weeks and months ahead, please remember your parish family in your prayer and in your financial planning.



The Gift Shop will be closed from December 24th until the middle of March. Thanks to all of our wonderful Volunteers for helping to make it such a huge success this year.

Rod McGuire

St. Elizabeth's Christmas Party

Wow! There were around 70 folks attending and everyone had a fantastic time. Good food, chatting with friends, fun Bingo with GREAT prizes! A great time seemed to be had by all. A special thanks goes to Mindy Godfrey for the delicious turkey and to Phyllis McGuire for the tasty ham. Also to the Knights of Columbus for setting up and to everyone who helped tear down. Also to all the Parishioners for the wonderful side-dishes.

Undecorating at the Church will take place on Wed., Jan. 10th at 10:00am. Hope to see the same great workers we had for decorating.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Tarcisius was a 12-year old boy who lived in 3rd century Rome. Although much of what is known of him is from a poem written by Pope Damasus (366-384), he is considered an important martyr who protected the Eucharist from desecration with his life.

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Dear Lord,

With thanksgiving we entrust our year to You: whatever it holds, whoever we encounter, wherever we traversed. What You supply is gift. May our comings and goings be aligned with Your will. Amen.

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Visit unbound.org/liveyourfaith to learn more.

"Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

MATTHEW 5:16

This weekend, please welcome **Rev. Rick LaBrecque** who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 17 developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at **www.unbound.org**.

Rev. Frederick (Rick) Labrecque



"Unbound gives me an opportunity to help connect people with our brothers and sisters in poorer parts of the world. It has also been a wonderful way to experience the church today around the country."

Ordained in New Hampshire, Father 'Rick' LaBrecque is a priest for the Diocese of Charleston, South Carolina. Most of his priesthood has been spent serving the Spanish-speaking community, and he found the experience of helping to introduce Hispanic ministry to a traditional U.S. parish particularly rewarding. He has also served in vocations work, communications and continuing education, as well as organizing mission trips for parishioners in Honduras. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling and reading.

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord January 20, 2024

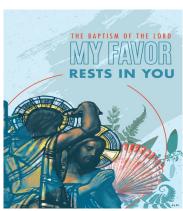
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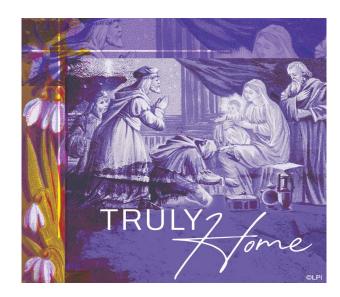
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A stranger in a foreign land, I was exhausted and homesick as my summer Spanish immersion ended in Guatemala. The rusty minivan arriving outside my small residence filled me with joyful hope. I was flying home to the U.S. and would be at long last, completely happy. Or so I thought. After about half an hour of being home, I thought to myself, "This place is boring. I want to go somewhere." So, I hopped in my car and left to see my friends. As I drove, I wistfully wondered "Where am I truly at home?"

The feast of **Epiphany** has a lot to do with our notion of home. Where is our origin? Where are we going? When is our wandering done? Saint Matthew tells us of the Magi, "They were overjoyed at seeing the star." This star will bring them home, to a place where their questing will end, and they will be satisfied. Their real home is neither in the East nor in the earthly Jerusalem. Somehow, their home is wherever this boy and his parents are.

If you're a teenager or older, you probably know by now that every physical home we have is temporary. So, we look up at the countless stars in our proverbial skies: things which bedazzle and beckon us to follow toward peace. The Gospel invites us to behold that - at long last - God has sent us a star to follow home, one that whispers, "Follow me! I will take you home!" Perhaps that star is your spouse. A friend. An opportunity. A cause. An intuition about a new direction. A prayer group. What is it for you? How will you know? It will lead you to Mary and Joseph and their son, and you will be home. -Father John Muir





DID YOU KNOW?

This year, the Diocese of Little Rock celebrated its 180th birthday. Pope Gregory XVI established the Diocese of Little Rock on November 28, 1843. Father Andrew J. Byrne was consecrated bishop March10, 1844 in New York and rode into Little Rock on horseback June 4th. The scattered Catholic population was around 700. The first Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock was consecrated on November 1, 1846. (Read more at *dolr.org/history*).

Retreat on the C.S. LEWIS' THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS

Fr. Patrick of Subiaco Abbey will lead a retreat, "A New Walk on an Old Path: C.S. Lewis' **The Screwtape Letters**," Friday, Jan. 19, through Sunday, Jan. 21. The retreat begins with dinner at 6:00pm Friday and ends after lunch on Sunday. Cost of the retreat is \$220 for a private room and \$180 per person in a shared room. Cost covers conferences, six meals and two nights' accommodations. Commuter cost is \$90 and covers conference and meals. Call (479) 934-1290 or email *couryhouse@subi.org* to register or for more information.

MASS FOR LIFE 2024

On Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024, Bishop Anthony Taylor will preside at our annual diocesan Mass for Life. This **Mass will be celebrated at noon at the Cathedral of St. Andrew**, 617 S. Louisiana, Little Rock. Please join us for this Mass as we pray for an end to abortion and for the legal protection of all unborn children. Contact the Respect Life Office at (501)664-0340 ext. 326 or email *cphillips@dolr.org* for more information and information for the **March for Life**, which will begin at 2:00pm.

Liturgical Life

CATHOLIC

Step Into the Light

How strange it is to think that if not for Herod's directions, the magi would not have known where to find Jesus. They were not Jews, they knew nothing of the old prophecies. It was Herod who convened the scholars. It was Herod who pointed the way — for ulterior motives, certainly, but nonetheless, this is the part he played. It was Herod who made the Epiphany possible.

"Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance," writes the prophet (Isaiah 60:3). A king may keep to the shadows, suspicious of the light — he may foolishly imagine he can snatch it from the sky to keep as his own possession, and, upon finding the light cannot be governed, grow to loathe it, and even seek to extinguish it once and for all.

But all his grand designs will come to nothing because there is no king so powerful that he can see in the dark. And even a man like Herod — a man so jealous that he sought to kill God — cannot prevent the breaking of day.

The Epiphany marks the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. It is a celebration of truth reaching places it was not expected to reach, of brightness illuminating corners of the world long ago consigned to shadow. It is a reminder that the battle has already been won, the night is over. All that remains is for us to decide: will we step into the light?

"See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory." — Isaiah 60:2

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

How are the feasts of the baptism of Jesus and the account of the wedding feast of Cana related to the Epiphany celebration?

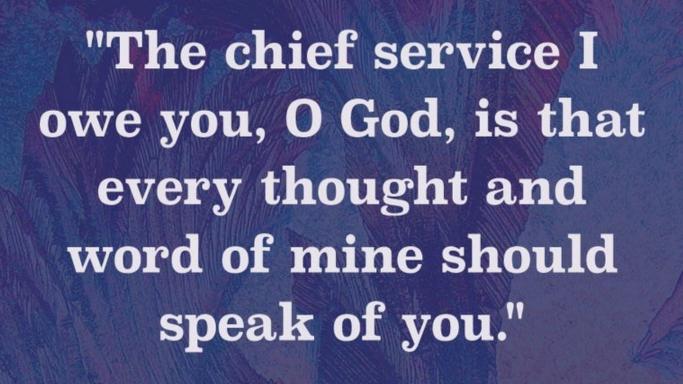
Answer:

The Epiphany season focuses on revealing Jesus to the world. Following the Christmas celebration, the liturgical year lays out a series of manifestation points in which Jesus is made publicly known. From its very beginning, the Christian community highlighted three events in the life of Jesus. These are the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the wedding feast at Cana.

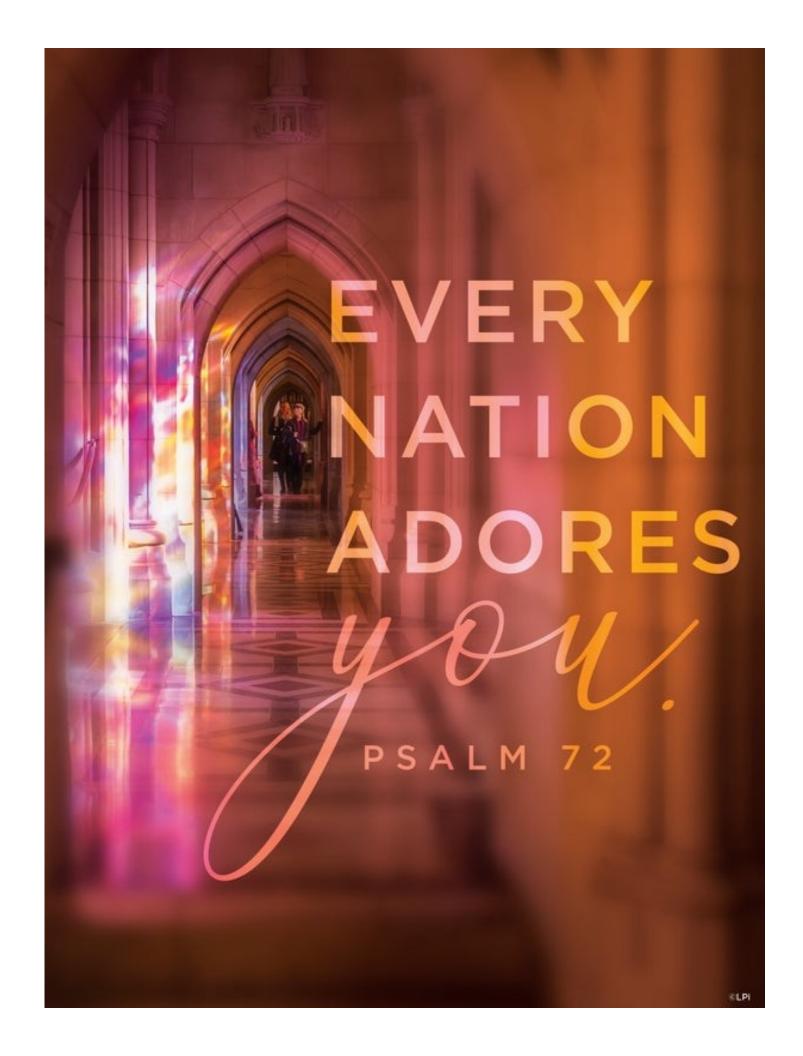
The Epiphany discloses Jesus to the world of the Gentiles, represented by the magi from the East. The accounts of Jesus' baptism reveal his identity and mission, along with exposing him to those to whom he was sent to minister. The miracle of turning water to wine at the wedding feast of Cana, unique to John's Gospel, is the first public sign that Jesus performs, thus manifesting his public identity and his powers.

Today in the Roman Church, these are usually celebrated on three successive Sundays: Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord which is usually the next Sunday, and the wedding feast of Cana, which is proclaimed on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time in lectionary year C.

These feasts connect around the concept of epiphany, public manifestation of Jesus to the world. They help us get to know more intimately who Jesus is and what he is about. Spend some time delving more deeply into your understanding of who Jesus is. Continue to cultivate these "epiphany" moments in your life.



St. Hilary



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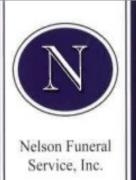
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