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Established in the Spirit of Jesus Christ with an Afro-centric focus, Blessed Sacrament Chapel is committed to spreading the "Word" through fellowship and good works.

Sunday Mass: 10:00AM

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Epiphany of the Lord January 3, 2021

All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star (Matthew 2:1-12).

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Magi from the east arrived

From the desk of Father Sinoj

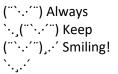


Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings and Blessings of the Feast of Epiphany! We are in a new year with new hope and confidence. Let us pray that we experience God's compassionate mercy during this year! I would like to thank you all for all your participation in our Parish Community life even amidst the restrictions and regulations.

The Feast of Epiphany is a celebration of Jesus being revealed to all the nations. We profess and proclaim that Jesus Christ is the King of the Universe and the Lord of all. It is specially to be noted that this Great King reveals Himself not in a palace but in manger at a little town of Bethlehem. The Magi represents those of us who sincerely seek the Truth, Jesus Christ in our lives.

The magi, who were well respected by many among the people, came to kneel at the feet of a little peasant baby, whom they recognize as the king greater than any other king. Let us pray for this grace of wisdom to seek and find Jesus Christ in all what we are, what we become and what we have. In every situation of our lives, - poverty or richness, sickness or health, joy or sorrow, good or bad, - seeking Christ and Christ alone will give us fulfilment and meaning in our lives.



God Loves You!!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath HGN

Congratulations to Fr. Sinoj on the 13th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood.

January 6, 2021—May God Bless You and Thank you!

January Birthdays

- 3--Parker Malone
- 7--Jacques Williams II
- 10--Whitney Williams
- 14--Burnell Hamilton
- 20--Janet Clark
- 25--Louise Johnson
- 27--Sarah Malone, Lilly Malone
- 28--Frank Adams
- 30--Pam Wilson



Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Mass Intentions

- January 3--Mary Ann Calhoun
- January 10--Charles E. Thompson
- January 17--Kevin Fitzgerald
- January 24--Betty Clark
- January 31--Ann Denise Ward

Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those in the process of dying. Remember to pray for the souls in purgatory, especially for those who have no one to pray for them.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the sick: Vickie & Dan Kutz, Merle Griffith, Gloria Cecil, Tyler Cruppi, Larry Conder, Mike Coakley, Andy Evans, Jason Pierce, Ruth Coble, Gary Moorman, Pam Wilson, Frank & Gloria Adams, Larry Allen, Shirley Schmidt, Carol Hatchett, Rachel Mattingly, Camilla Greer, Louise Johnson, Phillip Moorman, Jr. If you know of anyone seriously ill who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.

Please remember our home-bound: Ruth Coble and Shirley Schmidt who are at Heritage Park. Georgia Holland lives in St.. Louis but stays active in BSC happenings. Please pray also for all who, because they are vulnerable, cannot attend Mass. A card or phone call can cheer them up.

I pray that each of you had a Christmas season filled with many blessings. I know that it was different for many of you but maybe the emphasis this year filled an inner need. One of the most important things we can do is pray for each other.

Just want you to know that Father Vaughan remembered the members of BSC in his Christmas Mass and Gloria and Frank Adams asked the Capuchin Friars to remember us in Masses throughout the Christmas season.

I know that Father Jerry and Father Sinoj also remember you and your intentions. Thank you to all for the remembrance in this most important prayer.

Coming Events CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Jan. 10--Blessing of sacramental candidates at Mass

Take down Christmas decorations after Mass



December 27---NA

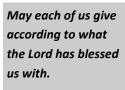
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Pope Francis's Prayer to Mary During Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?"

The identity and origin of the "magi from the east" is still debated by historians, theologians, anthropologist, and archaeologist. Most people would say that "There were three wise men." St. Matthew does not say that there were three. Men around the world studied the culture, the writings, the religions and the history of peoples other than their own. They believed in signs that told of great events. When the magi observed signs they believed told of a child descended from King David, born in Bethlehem, to be the Anointed One promised by God, they incurred the expense and endured the difficulty and perils of a long journey through hostile territory. They did not come to ask anything of the child. They brought gifts that signified His mission for all mankind and what He would suffer to fulfill that mission. Do we truly believe Jesus is the Anointed One? Do we act as if we believe? What are we willing to do, to give, to risk, to endure to act on that belief? Such are gifts we can offer to celebrate the Epiphany of Jesus.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-13

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7-8, 10-12/

Mt 4:12-17. 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 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

Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-

15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5

and 6 and 9/Jn 3:22-30

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;

National Migration Week

Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,

Religious

Tuesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

Wednesday: St. André Bessette,

Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort,

Priest

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

EPIPHANY



GOD'S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE

Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

Epiphany of the Lord

The song "We Three Kings" details the gifts of the Magi, but do you know what you're singing? "Born a king on Bethlehem's plan, gold I bring to crown Him again." This one is the most straightforward - gold symbolizes the Kingship of Christ. "Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom." Myrrh is an embalming spice. Already at Christ's birth, we have the symbolic reminder of his death. "Frankincense to offer have I. Incense owns a deity nigh." In many religious traditions, incense symbolizes prayers frankincense symbolizes Jesus' role as the Great High Priest, sanctifying the world through his sacrifice.

Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.

Lectors

<u>January 3:</u> Layson Brooks

Barbara Bisel

January 10: Jacques Williams

Kathi Skidd

January 17: Layson Brooks

Sarah Malone

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Where on earth would you go to honor the magi? Iran or Saudi Arabia, Tarshish or the Isles come to mind, but Cologne, Germany would be a good choice. There the Shrine of the Three Kings has been the centerpiece of the city's cathedral since the fourth century. Today it is the largest reliquary in the world: a gilded and ornamented triple casket gleaming high above the altar. In the fourth century, the supposed relics of the wise men were taken from Constantinople to Milan, where they remained until the German Emperor with the unlikely name Frederick Barbarossa (Red Beard) gave them to the Archbishop of Cologne. Ever since, pilgrims have streamed into the city to honor the magi, the first of all pilgrims, and thus the heavenly patrons of all who have some holy wanderlust.

This largest Gothic cathedral in Europe today was begun in the mid-1200s to house the relics. In medieval times, the relics in a city's possession were often the key to a sound international economy. The reliquary was last opened in 1864, and the remains of three men were indeed discovered. The cathedral is well worth a visit, with enormous twin spires forming the largest façade of any church in the world. Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880. Today, it is a World Heritage Site, described by the U.N. as "an exceptional work of human creative genius." This great treasure of our tradition suffered fourteen direct bomb hits in World War II but did not collapse. It survived while the city burned around it, preserved, the townspeople say, by three heavenly patrons.

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Pope Francis has designated 2021 as the Year of St. Joseph. May he be our model in a special way.

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For the past quarter this year (end of August to end of November) we will receive a check for \$146.21.

We have 3 new families that have BSC as their

Community Reward partner. Thanks to each of you for your support.

What is "Chalking the Door"?

"Chalking the door" is a sign and symbol of asking God's blessing upon those who live, work, or visit throughout the coming year. In Exodus, the Israelites marked their doors with blood so that the Lord would pass over their homes; but in this service, we mark our doors with chalk as a sign that we have invited God's presence and blessing into our homes.

In Deuteronomy 6:9 God

tells the people of Israel: "These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house... You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." Chalking the door is a tangible way to honor God in our lives.

How to Participate Using chalk, write on the outside of your house or inside above the front main entrance, above or next to an entrance: +20 C M B 21+

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- **2. Pray:** Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here and all who visit. May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
- +20~C~M~B~21+~ The letters **C M B** come from the traditional names for the three kings: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. It is also an abbreviation for "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which means, "May Christ bless this dwelling!" The first and last numbers simply refer to the current year.

Are there HMOs in Heaven?

A doctor, a nurse, and the top executive of an HMO died and were in line together at the pearl-gates. St. Peter asked each one what good they had done in their lives.

The doctor said, "I have devoted my life to the sick and needy and have had a part in caring for and healing thousands of people."

St. Peter replied, "That's great. Go ahead into heaven."

The nurse chimed in, "I have supported the doctor and his patients my entire life as an adult, have taken time to explain things to patients, and have helped them lead healthy lives." "Wonderful," says St. Peter. "Please proceed in with the doctor."

Then the executive said, "I was the president of a very large health maintenance organization. I was responsible for the healthcare of millions of people all over the country." St. Peter says, "Oh, I see. Please go on in ... but you can only stay two nights!"