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Mission Statement:

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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TODAY'S READING

First Reading:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

The Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jew We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

January 2, 2022 Epiphany
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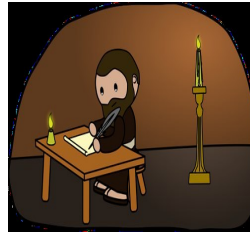
THE EPIPHANY of the Lord

"Since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." (Mt 2:6)

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*Go and search diligently
for the child.*

From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ

Greetings! Happy New Year 2022! We shall begin this year in the Light of Christ which we celebrate in this Season of Christmas. Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. Epiphany commemorates the visit of magi to the baby Jesus, the newborn King. This visit of magi is a symbol of God's promises being fulfilled, that the Messiah will bring joy and peace to ALL the nations. These wise men represent the whole of humanity from all corners who seek the Light.

We live in the midst of various sorts of darkness; diseases, calamities, injustice, violence, etc. Amidst this darkness we are reminded that the Light that cast away all powers of darkness is with us, Emmanuel. We shall be strengthened by the hope that it is possible for the Light to break through our clouds and free us from the darkness in which we are.

Though the magi had to seek for the newborn King, the Christ, today we have Christ, Emmanuel, who is willing to come to us. Jesus seeks our hearts, to fill us and to transform us with the light and life that only his love can give. To receive Christ is to be transformed by His light so as to scatter the clouds of sin from our hearts. Our homage to the newborn King shall be to receive Him and share Him with the world.

😊 Always
😊 Keep
😊 Smiling!

God Loves you!!!

Father Sinoj, HGN

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Caesar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11, when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

Church Mice

Karl Zorowski



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Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774–1821) was a convert to Roman Catholicism and **foundress of the Sisters of Charity**, the first sisterhood native to the United States. She is also the first person born in the United States to be canonized a saint. Seton started the first Catholic school in the country. This school was at Emmitsburg, Maryland. She is noted for her courage, temperance, and service to others. Feast Day January 4.

December Birthdays

January Birthdays

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



New Year Blessing

*I wish you more ups than downs.
I wish you ore give than take.
I wish you more we than me.
I wish you more hugs than ughs.
I wish you more whoo-hoo than whoa.
I wish you more can than nots.
I wish you more snowflakes than tongue.
I wish you more pause than fast-forward.
I wish you more umbrella than rain.
I wish you more treasure than pockets.
I wish you more stories than stars
I wish all of this for you,
because you are everything I could wish
for ---and more.*

(I Wish You More--Amy Rosenthal)

Mass Intentions .

January 2--Dottie Monarch Clark

January 9--Charles E. Thompson

January 16--Herbert Millay

January 23--Betty and John Clark

January 30--Paul Bender

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:
Larry Allen, Shirley Schmidt, Carol Hatchett, Stephen Hall, Colton Braungardt, Hank Pardon, Doris Smith, Debbie Bellwood, Janice Taul , Merle Griffith, Tyler Cruppi, Pam Wilson, Frank & Gloria Adams, Shelby Webster, Louise Johnson, Ruth Coble, Larry Conder, Mike Coakley, Andy Evans, Gary Moorman, Rachel Mattingly, Camilla Greer, Phillip Moorman, Jr. **If you know of anyone who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.**

Please remember our home-bound: Ruth Coble at One Park Place and Shirley Schmidt at Hermitage. Georgia Holland lives in St. Louis 1360 Copergate Ln., St. Louis, MO 63138 but stays active in BSC. A card or phone call can cheer them up.

IMP—Kroger

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Coming Events CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

January 2--10 AM Mass

January 9--Take down decorations

January 16--Synod Listening Session
#1 11 AM

February 13--Synod Listening Session
#2 11 AM



SPECIAL THANKS TO:

**Martha and Cathy Kramer for
spending time finding our flowers at
various shops.**

**Hugh Joseph Moorman for his
hours spending decorating.**

To all who helped decorate,

To our musicians

*May each of us give
according to what
the Lord has blessed
us with.*



Synod Listening Sessions

Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be participating in a two-part listening session as part of the diocesan synodal process! Synodality means journeying together and gathering in assembly as the People of God. Pope Francis has invited EVERYONE to participate in a dialogue with one another and with the worldwide Catholic Church. Join us! We hope you will participate in the conversation. Each individual matters and each of our experiences is valid and in need of ears to listen. Nobody is excluded – all are welcome. We are all on this journey of faith together. This is an opportunity to listen to one another in a spirit of prayer and dream about the Church we are called to be. The information gathered from the listening sessions will not only help us discern how we can move forward together as a community, but also as a diocesan and universal Church. Please join us January 16 after Mass. The second listening session is scheduled for February 13.

Invite someone you know to join us. The Holy Father wants to hear from everyone, especially those on the margins-- maybe people who feel excluded or not heard.

We will try to get a count of who is attending on January 9th as we will have a light lunch after Mass before we begin the listening and sharing. Please try to arrange your time so we hear how you think the Church can be more alive in our lives and how we can reach out. You have a wealth of experience and ideas to make the Church more vibrant.

Lector	
January 2:	Alexis Hatchett Barbara Bsel
January 9:	Jacques Williams Sarah Malone
January 16:	Aubrey Offofy Kathi Skidd
Eucharistic Minister	
January 2:	Rita Moorman
January 9:	Misty Sanford
January 16	Vivian Higgs

Christmas Flowers Donations 2021

- Vivian Higgs In memory of Kenneth Higgs, Penny Blackwell, Cherie Taylor, Joanne Douglas
- Jean Higgs In memory of Rachel Hershey, Lucille Higgs, Kenneth Higgs .
- Cynthia Clark
- Jeff and Misty Sanford
- Yvonne Mundy
- Steven Coble
- Cathy Kramer
- Carol Hatchett In memory of Shirley Holbrook
- Georgia Holland In memory of George Holland, The Holland family, Orendorft family
- Shelby Webster (Mr. & Mrs. Jess Osyr, Webster Family, Lewis Family)

The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you’ve caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film “It’s a Wonderful Life.”

If you’re not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing “Buffalo Gals — Won’t you come out to-night/And dance by the light of the moon?”

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn’t have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn’t it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. “Upon you the LORD shines,” writes Isaiah, “and over you appears his glory.” Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn’t chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

Readings for the Week

- 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 72:1-4, 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 and 15, 17/Lk 4:14-22
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-6 and 9/Jn 3:22-30

Observances for the week of Jan. 2

- Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
- Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
- Thursday: St. André Bessette
- Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort,

Christmas is usually a noisy party; we could use a bit of silence, to hear the voice of love. Christmas is you, when you decide to be born again each day and let God into your soul. You are a Christmas light when you illuminate with your life others with kindness, patience, joy. The Christmas angels are you, when you sing to the world a message of peace, justice, and love. The Christmas star is you, when you lead someone to meet the Lord. You are the wise men when you give the best you have no matter who. Christmas music is you, when you conquer the harmony within you. The Christmas gift is you, when you are truly friend and brother of every human being. The Christmas card is you, when kindness is written in your hands. The Christmas greeting is you, when you forgive and reestablish peace. (Pope Francis)

Finding God

The splendid magi, all sparkle and sash and solemnity, march up off the pages of Matthew’s Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi’s home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.



THE WISE MEN, BEING WISE, GOT ALL OF THEIR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING DONE WEEKS BEFORE THE RUSH