

January 7, 2024
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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

WITH MARY, WE BRING PEOPLE TO CHRIST TO LIVE THE LOVE OF GOD

Mass times & information

SAT	4:00 p.m. (Vigil)
SUN	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
MON	7:30 a.m.
TUE	7:30 a.m.
WED	7:30 a.m.
THU	7:30 a.m.
FRI	8:30 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MON—FRI: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SAT Closed

SUN Closed

Holidays - Closed

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE HOURS

MON-THU 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

BAPTISMS

Please call the Faith Formation Office (313-884-7407) during the last months of pregnancy to arrange for Baptism classes and schedule the Sacrament.

Everyone has a right to their own sacramental certificate. No one has the right to another person's certificate, except: the parent/guardian of a minor child. (Archdiocese of Detroit)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:00 pm or by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ MINISTRY TO THE SICK

The Church strongly encourages people to receive the Sacrament (Anointing) of the Sick at the early stages of serious sickness or before serious surgeries.

In emergency situations needing the prompt attention of a priest, please call the parish office.

MARRIAGE

Archdiocesan law requires advance notice of at least six months.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Newcomers to the parish may register in the Parish Office during regular office hours. Others, please notify the Parish Office of address changes.

Adults over 21 need to be registered as an individual member to be considered a Catholic in Good Standing.

Hearing devices are available for use during Mass. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Half and Half from Msgr. Gary Smetanka

Happy Epiphany!

Our celebration of the Magi coming to see the newborn King should also remind us of our own need to come before the Lord to offer homage and praise. We each come before the Lord with the many gifts God has bestowed upon us. We might not have gold, frankincense and myrrh, but we have faith, a free will, and the love of God. We might also have a sense of humor, intelligence, compassion, a listening ear and heart, insight, wisdom, physical skills, athletic skills, musical ability, etc., etc., etc.. We all have many God given gifts that we first must offer thanks to God and then use in the service of others for the sake and good of others.

There is a custom of blessing homes on this day or during this week. Over your door frame, in chalk, you would put 20 + C + M + B + 24. This is the new year we are in with the first initials of the three traditional names of the three kings, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar.

I pray that during this year we will continue to grow in our love of all people as sisters and brothers in the Lord. May this year bring all of us closer to the Lord and to each other. There are so many gifts from God that still need to be discovered and used for the sake of the Kingdom of God. May the Light of Christ continue to shine bright in the hearts of all Our Lady Star of the Sea Parishioners as we journey together to the Kingdom.

**** Monday we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, Usually this is celebrated on Sunday, but with Christmas and New Year's day being on Mondays and Epiphany on Sunday, the Baptism gets transferred to Monday, bringing to a close the Christmas Season.**

As we celebrate the baptism of the Lord, we once again recognize that our faith is rooted in our own "baptism in the Lord." This should be the core from which everything we are, do and say emanates. We have died with Christ in the waters of baptism and have been called to take on his life of service and love in all that we do. Do we??

As I often explain at baptisms, everything goes back to our baptism and our place of baptism. Everything that we are called to be, by God, goes back to our incorporation into the family of God through our baptism, becoming his daughter or son. Everything we do as a Christian flows from our baptism as we are called to be the Light of Christ to others and take on the image of Jesus and His dying and rising in our life. Baptism is a glorious day in the life of the one being baptized!

For the parents of the young one being baptized, it is a foundational day for them as well. They are making life changing promises to God regarding their child. They are asked, "... you are undertaking the responsibility of raising them in the faith, so that, keeping God's commandments, they may love the Lord and their neighbor as Christ has taught us. Do you understand this responsibility?" They are also making a promise to raise the child in the practice of their Catholic faith and religion, being the first teachers of the faith! Of course, being a teacher of the faith is to model the practice of the faith in all aspects of life. With the Grace of God, parents are able to do just that!

Many people also do not realize that, for Catholics, all of our significant religious events are recorded at our place of baptism. Each parish has a big book to record every baptism. Each person has their own line that includes the names of the parents and God parents, date and city of birth and date of baptism, the person baptizing, and then also the dates of First Communion, Confirmation as well as the sacraments of Matrimony and Holy Orders also get noted. Parishes are required to inform the church of baptism for all those sacraments a person receives. This process helps to ensure the accuracy of statements of sacramental reception. It is a standard procedure but when you are asked to do such, please do so more than a few hours before you need it!

Just a word of clarification about the role of Godparents. Often people think of them as

Mass Intentions

those who will assume the legal responsibility of the child if something happens to the parents. That is NOT the role of Godparents. Godparents, one male and one female by Canon Law, help the parents in providing the formation of the Catholic faith of the person being baptized. That is something that should be taken seriously and not just picking the next person in the family line. Hence, logically, you cannot pick a Jewish friend or a non-Catholic as "Godparents." When it comes to the Sacrament of Baptism, a person must have at least one person who is Catholic that will assume the role of a Godparent. (A person cannot have more than two Godparents. If, for some reason parents insist that there has to be more than two, only two will be recorded in the Baptismal Register.) A Godparent must be at least 16 years of age and fully initiated into the Catholic Church. A person who is a non-Catholic Christian would be recorded as a "Christian witness." (For more information go to our website under the Sacrament of Baptism.)

During the celebration of baptism, the Godparents themselves are asked three times if they are willing and able to assume the responsibilities of raising the child in the Catholic faith. Hence, it is an important lifetime responsibility regarding the faith!

This week let us reflect on the importance of our own baptism and how we are living out our own baptismal promises, or those made when we presented our children to be baptized. Think of the significance of that baptism in your life as a christian or disciple of Jesus. How is your life lived out so that others know, without a doubt, that you are a baptized christian or Catholic?

** As we bring to a close the Christmas season, let us continue to hold each other in prayer and keep alive the love, peace and gentleness brought to us through the Christ Child!

** May the Peace and Love of the Holy Family and the wonder and awe of the Three Kings be yours!

Msgr. Gary

Scripture Readings

For the Week of January 7, 2024

Sunday	The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Monday	Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 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	Memorial of Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Monday, January 8

7:30 a.m. Thomas Spezia

Tuesday, January 9

7:30 a.m. +Marlene Malaspina

Wednesday, January 10

7:30 a.m. OLSOS Benefactors

Thursday, January 11

7:30 a.m. Homebound

Friday, January 12

8:30 a.m. +Vito Agrusa

Saturday, January 13

4:00 p.m. +Deceased Members of the
Goff Family
+John & Carmela Brucia
+Robert Kissel

Sunday, January 14

8:00 a.m. OLSOS Parishioners

9:30 a.m. +Marilyn Bourgoin
+Catherine Pentis
+Bert Dygert

11:30 a.m. +Virginia Mushenski
+Edmund Ahee, Sr.
+Elizabeth Licata
+Louis E. Joseph

Mass Intentions - Please Note:

Mass intentions may be arranged by coming into the parish office. According to Archdiocesan Policy, the suggested donation is \$10 per Mass per person. Masses can be for the deceased (+) and the living, so please don't assume that a Mass being said for a living person, means that they are ill, please respect the privacy of all individuals. Mass intentions must be received 14 days prior to publication to be published and read at Mass.





OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

**Music Ministry Epiphany Concert
Sunday, January 7th, 4:00pm**

Join us in closing out the Christmas Season with a musical journey through the story of the birth of Jesus including selections from Handel's Messiah, as well as works by John Rutter, Matt Maher, Chris Tomlin, and other contemporary Christian Composers. The program will feature the Star Choir, Caritas, and Soloists as well as a Carol Sing-A-long.



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Stewardship Thoughts

Today, in St. Matthew's Gospel, the evangelist retells the story of the Magi visiting the Christ-child, the newborn King. In this initial meeting, they are overwhelmed, and in response, venerate our Lord by prostrating themselves, face down. The Magi open their treasures and offer Jesus gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These gifts foreshadow Christ's royalty, divinity, and suffering. The Scripture passages from Isaiah and St. Paul further convey that the Good News of salvation is to be proclaimed to all people. Do we, as faithful stewards strive to follow the Magi's example of offering adoration, praise, and glory to God? Do we, in thanksgiving, embrace the Good News, deepening our personal relationship in Christ? Then, in turn, spread His joy, peace, and message of hope and salvation to all those we meet? To encounter Christ, plan to attend Alpha or a similar evangelization event offered at your parish.



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Mrs. Julia McKee - Gym



These days in Gym...

Lower elementary students are starting a fitness unit, that we are really excited about. Ms. Spindler recently came in to help kick off floor hockey for our upper elementary and middle school students. It's been a lot of fun for everyone!



Coming up...

Coming up in the next couple weeks I have some amazing holiday activities for the gym. I can't wait to introduce some new games and fitness themes!

A little bit about Mrs. McKee

A Hobby You Enjoy:

Jiu Jitsu

Favorite season: Summer

Favorite subject when you were in school: English

Favorite thing about teaching:
My wonderful students!

Favorite Saint: St. Joseph



Living Under the Influence

Adoring and Seeing God

Do you see what the Magi saw? As I conclude this series on adoration within the context of Advent and the Christmas Season, I'd like to draw attention to Joy, and encourage you to see it. This amazing Joy is manifested through our God who keeps his word and includes us in his joy.

How can we see what the magi saw? Perhaps we should follow their example. First, we have to notice a desire within for something more. Then, we must go on the journey to seek it no matter the cost. Lastly, we have to actually see him before we can adore him. My challenge to you is that you do the same. If you're reading this then you're already in a small caravan of people whom the Lord is calling into deeper communion, take him up on the challenge! Here's one way: Make a special time in prayer this week, stir up the desire to encounter God, allow a journey towards Christ to happen in your prayer by simply following the light of the Spirit (through Sacred Scripture) to lead you into an encounter worthy of adoration. Then adore him. Just let your heart flow with love and see what happens!

Practical how-to

Start with today's readings. Today's first reading, psalm and second reading provide the path. Simply hear the word, make the connection to your life, and allow the Spirit to lead you to Jesus. Take time with the following questions and explore for yourself. Allow the Holy Spirit to provide insight and connection.

Example

First reading: *"Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory."*

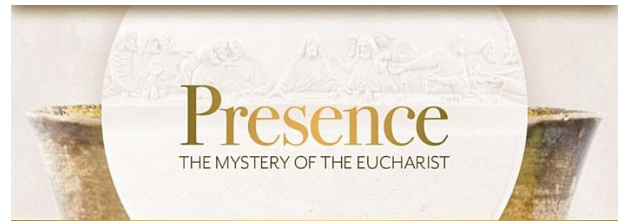
Ask: Who is Jerusalem then and today? Today it is the Church, it is you! Where do you notice "darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples"? Is this happening in your family, in your life, in our country, in our Church? Ah, but the Lord has come, he has broken through, the "Lord shines and over you appears his glory!" The Lord has conquered death. He is life and truth, where all other cultural noise and pain can be tuned out and we can place our trust, complete trust in him. Why? LOOK what he did and is doing! He is so real that he is with us in the Eucharist! Nothing can stop him.

Second reading: Paul, writing then to the people of Ephesus, is now writing personally to you. Read it that way. Replace "brothers and sisters" with your name and allow Paul to tell you of a great revelation that was kept hidden by God so that in the proper time God could give you this great gift. And what is this gift? The gift is that you have been chosen to receive all that God has. It is all for you. Paul says *"You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other*

generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles (you) are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel." You are in the royal family. You are an heir to all the treasure of heaven. God sent his only son to die so that this gift could be yours. You have won the greatest of life's lotteries and you didn't even have the money to buy the ticket.

All of this, and so much more is what drove the magi to seek, to journey for the new king. A king unlike any other, that they had to see for themselves. When they realized this was not just a story, not just myth or some false hope, when they finally arrived, *"they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage."* I imagine their greatest gift was their tears of joy, wonder and awe, hearts full of gratitude and divine joy filling them as they were now family of the King. May your prayer journey and adoration end in the same joy.

Merry Christmas
Michael King+
Mission and Vision



Presence

The Mystery of the Eucharist begins February 15, 2024!

Presence explores the radical mystery of God's love expressed in the Eucharist and shows us how in this sacrament God is really present to help and strengthen us at every step of life's journey. By diving into the story of God's love for his people in Scripture and the Church's teaching on this sacrament, **Presence** invites each one of us into a deeper, more intimate union with God

Join us for **Presence The Mystery of the Eucharist** beginning February 15.

This 4-week study will be held on Thursdays 9:30-11 AM in the Parish Office, or 7-8:30 PM in The Pointe.

For more information
or to register for the study, call
Meredith Nesom at (313) 884-7407 ext. 2061 or email
m.nesom@stargp.org.



Please pray for:

In memoriam

1/8/1998 Stanley Shayer
1/8/2003 Carol Locke
1/8/2008 Tullio Alessi
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1/8/2016 Frederick Burak
1/9/1962 Vito Munaco
1/9/1969 John Zuliani
1/9/1974 Matilda Kosecki
1/9/1986 Jim Picard
1/9/1993 Jimmie Bloink, Sr.
1/9/1996 Dolores Kravez
1/9/2004 Carmen Francis
1/9/2019 Thomas Misuraca
1/9/2019 Werner Vethacke
1/10/1971 Robert P. Brennan
1/10/1978 Harriett Smith
1/10/1994 James DaDeppo
1/10/1994 Joan Schucker
1/10/2003 Maurice VanHulle
1/10/2003 Jack McGough
1/10/2014 Stephen Speak
1/10/2016 Marvin Ureel
1/10/2017 John Testori
1/11/1976 Rose Aiuto
1/11/1977 Margaret Sears
1/11/1986 Agnes Kowalski
1/11/1999 Pauline Miller
1/11/2005 Mildred Neveux DeFour
1/11/2006 Alfreda Seymour
1/11/2009 Helen Fuga
1/11/2022 Lynda Bucciero
1/12/1970 Sophie Kowalski
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1/12/2010 Janet Dansbury
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1/13/1995 Frank Unti
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1/14/2000 Virginia Huey
1/14/2011 Mary Louise Shannon
1/14/2012 Milton Hancheruk
1/14/2012 Joseph R. Haney
1/14/2015 Edmund Francone
1/14/2018 Valarie Zynda

the sick

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Carol Nowinski
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Delores Spezia
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Perry Carter
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Richard Shetler, III
John Walker



The faithful departed
Aurora Goetz

PLEASE NOTE

Names will remain on the sick list for one (1) month unless the parish is notified otherwise.

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for more information

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