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Most Rev. Gerard P. Bergie D.D. Mass Schedule Diocesan Bishop Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m. **Pastor** Fr. Greg Schmidt frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com Saturday 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy of the Word) Sunday **Deacons** Deacon George Newman

11:00 a.m. **Deacon Brian Jeynes**

Director of Music Dr. David Holler 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment Saturday

Confessions

Maintenance Jim Salmon Office Hours Administration **Christine Buckley**

Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cheryl Wood



January 2, 2022 - The Epiphany of the Lord

Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. For centuries we as Catholics celebrated this Feast on Jan. 6, but the decision was made a number of years ago (at least in the United States) to celebrate the Epiphany on the Sunday which falls between Jan. 2 and Jan. 8.

"Epiphany" means "manifestation." It is on this day that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is revealed as the light of all nations. Officially Christmas is not over. In fact, the recommendation of the Church is that on this day those who display a crèche, a nativity or manger scene, should replace the shepherd and sheep with the Magi and their likely animals on which they traveled as well as their gifts. However, that is all secondary to the real meaning of this day.



At Christmas the Messiah Jesus was revealed to the shepherds, who were Jewish. But on this day the Lord is revealed to all nations and to the Gentiles (represented by the Magi). We are all familiar with the star the Magi followed, but we need to understand all that is happening and what it means. This all represents the Light of Christ, a Light which today we honor and commemorate. We are called to be the Light of Christ right now to those around us and those with whom we come in contact. That way we can be the disciples Christ wants us to be.

The poet William Cullen Bryant captures the significance of the star the Magi followed very well when he wrote, "O Father, may that Holy Star, Grow every year more bright, And send its glorious beams afar, To fill the world with light."

- Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

Parish Calendar

Monday, January 3 8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Nancy Barber †

Tuesday, January 4 8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Gerald Bergie †

> Wednesday, January 5 8:30 a.m. (Livestream) -Jean Sophia Johnson-Martin † Special Intention

Thursday, January 6 - No Mass

Friday, January 7
8:30 a.m. (Livestream) John & Margaret Doodeman †
9:00 a.m. (Livestream) - Holy Hour

Saturday, January 8 5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Memorial Mass Louise Minniti †

> Sunday, January 9 9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People 11:00 a.m. - Paulina Tarka †

Are You Being Called?

"Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts."

Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother?

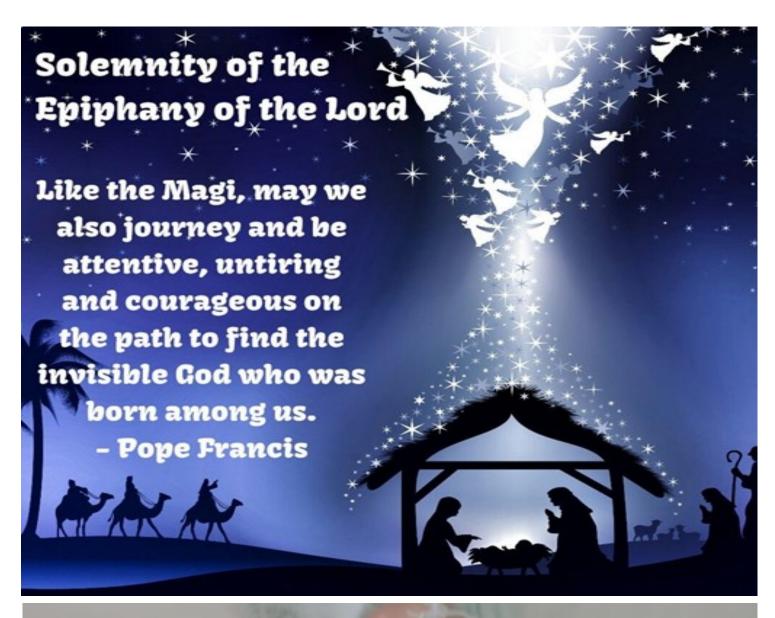
Contact Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

Special Blessings from Your Parish Family

Help us recognize significant anniversaries and birthdays in our Parish Community this year.

Anniversaries - 25, 40, 50, 60, 65 Birthdays - 80, 85, 90, 95, 100

Please let the office know if you are celebrating one of these special occasions so we can honour and celebrate with you.



We welcome the following children into our Catholic family and wish them God's blessings:

- Luca Volante
- Jameson Harris
- Andrew Remedios
- Ava Hypolite Joaquin
- Lennox O'Brien
- Adriana Belich



- Sophia Moody
- Danielle Locke
- Jasper Sikking
- Daniel Whittaker
- Oliver Saric

Lord surround these children with goodness, lead them in Your light each day; Help them walk the path You've chosen, guide their steps along the way.... Teach them, Lord, to trust Your wisdom, with a faith forever new; Keep them from all harm, and bless them with your grace and gladness too...

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