

EPIPHANY

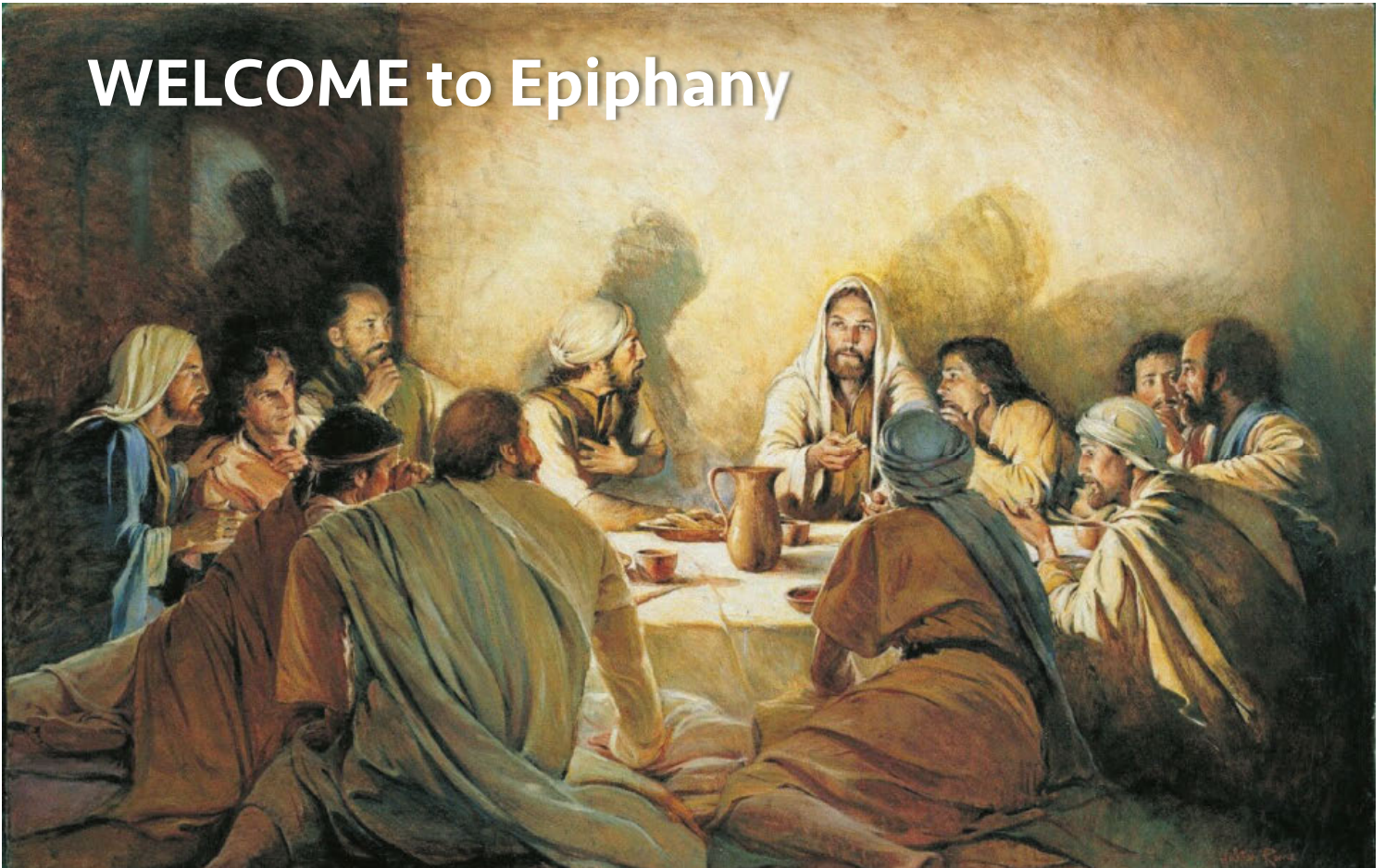
JUNE 11, 2023



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WELCOME to Epiphany



The Second Vatican Council called the Eucharist “the source and summit” of our faith in its document on the Liturgy. The Eucharist is what defines who we are – and what we are trying to become – the Body of Christ.

A few years ago, on an interview with a bishop from a large American diocese, the bishop was asked: “As the leader of a large diocese today, what do you consider as your single most important task?” The bishop, surely a sincere man, answered: “To protect the faith.” Contrast his answer to one from Cardinal Hume when he was faced with essentially the same question. Asked by a journalist in Belgium what he considered to be the most important task facing the church, he replied: “To try to help save the planet.” These are very different answers. Which runs closer to Jesus? In defining His meaning and ministry, Jesus said: “My flesh is food – *for the life of the world.*” We can easily miss what’s really contained in that. Notice what He’s not saying: Jesus isn’t saying that His flesh is food for the life of the church or for the life of Christians; albeit we, believers, get fed too and, indeed, generally get fed first, but the ultimate reason why Jesus came was not simply to feed us.

His body is food for the life of the world and the world is larger than the church.

Jesus came into the world to be eaten up by the world. This understanding is beautifully symbolized in our gospel story of the feeding of the 5000. For this reason, the Christ was born in a manger, a feeding-trough, a place where animals come to eat, and it’s for this reason that He eventually ends up on a table, an altar, to be eaten by human beings (even when done without due reverence or attention). Christ came not to defend Himself, the church, or the faith, but as nourishment for the planet.



About God's Word THROUGH THE WEEK AT EPIPHANY

Sunday, Jun 11, 2023

We are one

Unity is what our sacrament of Communion is about: oneness with God and each other. Yet, because we're human, that communion is necessarily paired up with another sacrament that does the work of reconciling. When unity gets torn, reconciliation repairs the damage. Lately, toxic polarization has been shredding our national unity, creating an illusion of insurmountable division. Media sources sharpen the knives of contrasting worldviews, leading to anxiety and depression, fear and violence. Trust in unity. Resist being recruited in the polarization game.

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; Lauda Sion; John 6:51-58 (167). *"We, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf."*

Monday, Jun 12, 2023

Unexpected blessings

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus offers the Beatitudes, a list of those who are blessed—some of whom are not who listeners would expect to hear are blessed: the poor in spirit, the mournful, the meek, and the persecuted. In some Bible versions, "blessed" is translated as "happy," which makes it even harder to believe that those named could possibly be that! Jesus was always turning conventional wisdom inside out and upside down—enlightening and engaging people alike. Two thousand years later, we're still trying to figure out how to be happy. If pursuing what the world says "should" make you happy doesn't, take a cue from Jesus and try flipping that faulty logic on its head!

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 1:1-7; Matthew 5:1-12 (359). *"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."*

Tuesday, Jun 13, 2023

Go for the grandeur

Church historian Sophronius Clasen liked to say Saint Anthony preached the "grandeur of Christianity," using allegory and symbolic explanations to convey biblical wisdom. Anyone can spot such examples in the Sermons of Saint Anthony, including: "Genesis says: The spirit of God moved over the waters Just as the mind of a craftsman broods over the work he is going to do, and as the bird broods over the egg from which her young will be hatched, so the Spirit of God brooded over the waters, from which were to be made all things." Let Anthony's words stir your heart today.

MEMORIAL OF ANTHONY OF PADUA, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Matthew 5:13-16 (360). *"Just so, your light must shine before others."*

Wednesday, Jun 14, 2023

A salute to justice

On this day each year, the United States commemorates the adoption of the national flag, our venerable Stars and Stripes. "A new constellation," it was said to represent, in the vast array of the world powers. But as we, in Christian charity, work for a better world as good and faithful Americans, we must be careful to live as citizens of heaven first and foremost, workers of light rather than earthly empire, children of God and not of worldly dominion. May our Flag Day commemorations also remember those who have been forgotten in the American project and whose cries for justice

may still be unanswered. May our waving of "Old Glory" be for the glory of the God above all.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 3:4-11; Matthew 5:17-19 (361). *"For if what was going to fade was glorious, how much more will what endures be glorious."*

Thursday, Jun 15, 2023

The law as Jesus taught it

Matthew uses the word "righteousness" seven times in his gospel. What is he getting at? The U.S. bishops boil it down to this: "While righteousness in the new age will continue to mean conduct that is in accordance with the law, it will be conduct in accordance with the law as expounded and interpreted by Jesus." In other words, we need to absorb the full example and teachings of Jesus to live a righteous life. That's a tall order, which is precisely why we need each other for support and guidance. How can you support a fellow disciple today?

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 3:15—4:1, 3-6; Matthew 5:20-26 (362). *"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the Kingdom of heaven."*

Friday, Jun 16, 2023

Put your heart into it

On May 25, 1899, Pope Leo XIII promulgated the encyclical *Annum sacrum*, which consecrated the entire world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Leo called this the "great act" of his papacy. In an interview with Catholic News Service, Father Ambrose Dobrozsi of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati says that this solemnity, "shows that humanity still needs and longs for a compassionate and all-powerful God. ... In a society where some live in decadence and prideful luxury while others are destitute, the burning love of Christ's Sacred Heart reminds us that the fires of his mercy are also fires of justice." Consecrate your own heart to the effort to create a more compassionate and just world.

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 7:6-11; 1 John 4:7-16; Matthew 11:25-30 (170). *"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves."*

Saturday, Jun 17, 2023

A heartfelt conversion is possible

Most of us would rather not reveal our inner lives since we often harbor some measure of anger, judgment, prejudice, hatred, lust, envy, jealousy, bitterness, resentment, and fear. Jesus said that all evil in the world springs forth from the human heart. But the Immaculate Heart of Mary is a celebration of a different kind of inner life, with virtues beyond measure and beyond our imagination. Mary, the ultimate intercessor, will help us convert the vices of the heart into virtues.

MEMORIAL OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Luke 2:41-51 (364; 573). *"His mother kept all these things in her heart."*

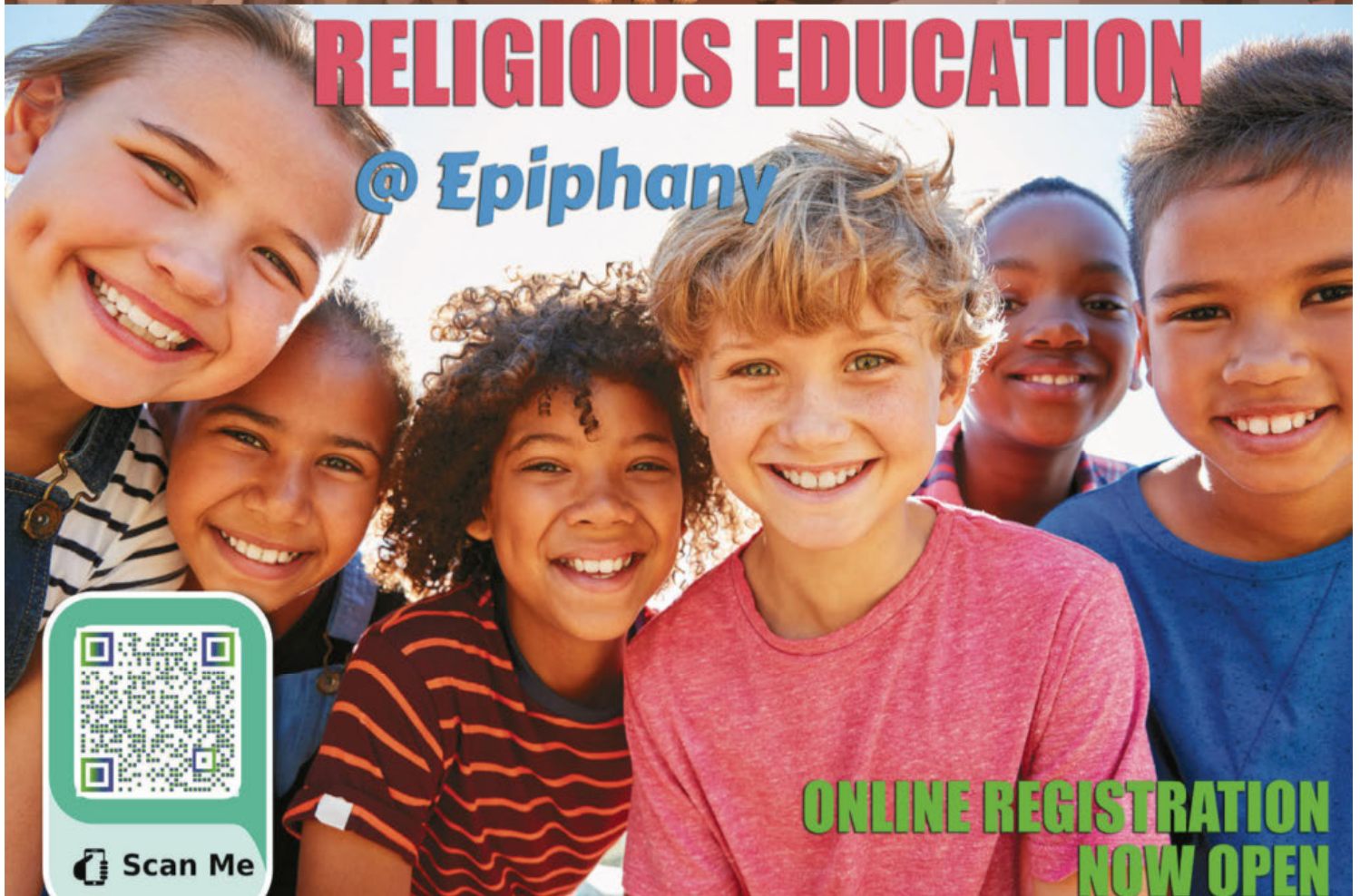


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EVENTS



11:00am Family Mass &
Sunday Scripture Program
7:30 Young Adult Mass



12:10pm Mass
12:30pm Miraculous
Medal novena



11:00am 22 Club
12:10pm Mass
2:30pm Prayer Corps
7:00pm Connect



12:10pm Mass
12:40pm OLPH (Church)
7:00pm Breaking Open
The Word via Zoom



12:10pm Mass
6:30pm SOS
7:00pm Legion of Mary
7:00pm YA Alpha



12:10pm Mass
6:30pm Sant' Egidio
Fridays



4:00pm Vigil Mass



FATHER'S DAY
Sant' Egidio Food Drive
11:00am Family Mass &
Sunday Scripture
12:30pm Parish Alpha
7:30 Young Adult Mass

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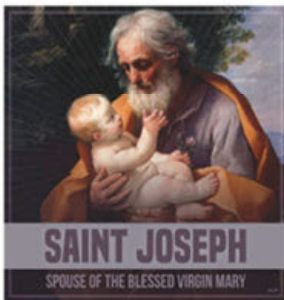
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	COLLECTIONS vs EXPENSES	
	May 2022 - Apr 2023	May 2019 - Apr 2020
collections	\$575,932	\$807,961
expenses	937,149	845,136
net	\$(361,217)	\$(37,175)

Source: Budget



DON'T FORGET YOUR FATHER!

After Father's Day, every Mass in June will include a special plea for fathers, living or deceased, listed on our Father's Day Novena envelopes, which can be found in the Narthex. Complete the envelope and place it in the collection basket or give it to a minister or priest. We need fathers, and our fathers need us - **and our prayers!**

**Come and celebrate
The Feast of
Our Mother of Perpetual Help**

**on Saturday, June 24
Rosary ~ 11:00 AM
Novena ~ 11:30 AM**

**Holy Sacrifice of the Mass ~ 12:00 PM
followed by light refreshment on the plaza**

MASSES

Monday-Friday 12:10pm
Saturday Vigil: 4pm
Sunday 11am & 7:30pm

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 10

4:00pm Vincent Guglielmo

Sunday, June 11 *Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ*

11:00am Dorothy & Frank Callahan

7:30pm Nilda Tolentino

Monday, June 12

12:10pm John Joe Crowley

Tuesday, June 13 *Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua*

12:10pm Mary & Joseph Walsh

Wednesday, June 14

12:10pm Elizabeth Giannini

Thursday, June 15

12:10pm Frances Rodriguez

Friday, June 16 *Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

12:10pm Marie & Joseph McGreevy

Saturday, June 17 *Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary*

4:00pm John Orzuchowski

Sunday, June 18

11:00am Lorraine Schneider

7:30pm Paul J. Kaminski

Monday, June 19

12:10pm Tony Galgano

Tuesday, June 20

12:10pm Bill Wynn

***May their souls and the souls of all the
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