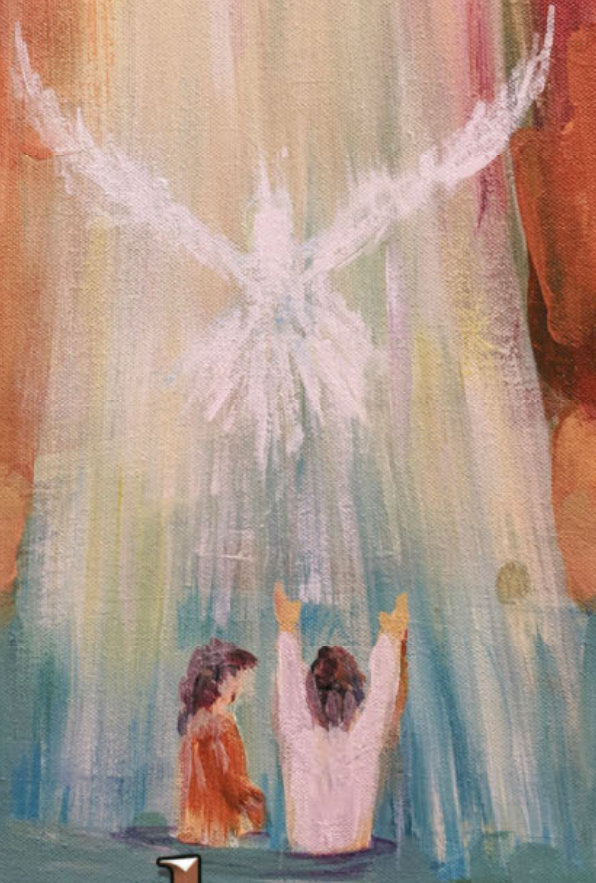


# EPIPHANY

January 15, 2023

“Behold, The Lamb of God”



Second  
Sunday of  
Ordinary Time

# WELCOME to Epiphany



**The Ordinary Mass of Roman Catholic Church**, as we know it today, is product of an evolution over time. It began with the promise and command of Jesus at the Last Supper, a Jewish *seder* meal meant to celebrate and remember the saving love of God in the Exodus and Passover. Knowing that this was his last meal with his disciples, he promised to always be with them every time they gathered for such a meal together—he would be with them in the stories they told of their ministry; in the meal of bread and wine they shared at the table; and in the community of love and service they shared with one another.

**For the first three hundred years of the Church**, their regular gatherings were in one another's houses (or in secret places like catacombs, for fear of persecution). The meals included the *seder* portion, with bread and wine and stories of Jesus, but there was also a full spread of shared food and drink. The stories and prayers were communicated in language of the people.

**In 313 AD, the Emperor Constantine ended his persecution of Christians, and embraced the faith as the state religion.** The Mass was now a public event, celebrated in the first churches and cathedrals. Elaborate rituals, costumes, artwork, and music began to develop according to the fashion of a triumphant empire. The Mass increasingly became an impressive, inspiring spectacle, celebrated only in the language of the empire, Latin.

**By the Middle Ages, the role, importance and power of the priest was extensive, and active participation of the ordinary faithful was diminished.** The Altar and Communion was often reserved only for the clergy, with prayers exclusively in Latin, which most people did not speak. Bells were required to alert the gathered faithful to the most important moments of the Mass, which were hidden from their view. For hundreds of years, lay people attended as spectators in an alternate prayer experience of their own (praying the rosary, etc).

**In 1964, the Second Vatican Council restored the Mass to its original elements, elevating the participatory role of the laity, returning the Mass to its essential elements, and restoring the use of the vernacular language of the people.**

## the PARTS of the MASS

### 1. Introductory Rites

- o **Entrance Chant:** Priest processes to the altar
- o **Greeting:** Father welcomes the congregation and reminds us of God's presence
- o **Penitential Act:** We ask God to forgive our sins and to heal us.
- o **Gloria:** A hymn that praises God
- o **Collect:** A prayer that may change by the day, asking God for grace

### 2. Communion Rite

- o **The Lord's Prayer:** Many times, we hold hands as we pray the Lord's Prayer. We ask him for "our daily bread" and for forgiveness.
- o **The Sign of Peace:** We offer peace to those around us, as a prayer for them. Often, we will shake their hand.
- o **Lamb of God:** We say or sing this prayer asking Jesus to take away the sins of the world, and to grant us peace.
- o **Holy Communion:** We receive Jesus' body and blood and proclaim, "Amen."

### 3. Liturgy of the Word

- o **First Reading:** Usually from the Old Testament. We respond with, "Thanks be to God."
- o **Responsorial Psalm:** Prayers that can be sung from the Old Testament.
- o **Second Reading:** Usually a letter from one of the Apostles from the New Testament (an *epistle*). They teach us to follow Jesus.
- o **Gospel Acclamation:** We stand to sing a song to welcome Christ.
- o **Gospel Reading:** A story about Jesus' life, death, or resurrection. At the beginning, we make the sign of the cross on our foreheads, lips, and hearts while we say, "Glory to you, O Lord." At the end, we respond with, "Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ."
- o **Homily:** The priest speaks to us about Jesus and how we can use his teachings in our lives.
- o **Profession of Faith:** We stand as we pray the *Nicene Creed*.
- o **Prayer of the Faithful** (Universal Prayer): We pray for our parish, diocese, community, country, bishop, those who've died, and/or those who are suffering.

### 4. Liturgy of the Eucharist

- o **Presentation & Preparation of the Gifts:** Members of the parish present the gifts of bread and wine to the priest for consecration. Money that is collected may also be brought to the altar.
- o **Prayer over the Offerings:** The priest will pour some water into the wine, which represents us joining with Christ. The priest will then wash his hands and say a prayer. Our response is, "Amen."
- o **Eucharistic Prayer:** The priest blesses the gifts and they become Jesus' body and blood. This is called *transubstantiation*.

### 5. Concluding Rites

- o **Final Blessing:** The priest blesses us, asking the Lord to be with us as we go. We respond with, "And with your spirit."
- o **Dismissal:** We are sent to share Jesus' love with the world.



# About God's Word

## THROUGH THE WEEK AT EPIPHANY

**Sunday, Jan 15, 2023**

### Tend your inner lamp

Why do we take so many pictures of sunsets and sunrises? Why fill our homes with chandeliers, lamps, and candles? To the eye, light is incredibly attractive. It illuminates all that surrounds it, offering us not simply its own glow, but redeeming the whole environment swallowed by darkness and delivering it back to us. People who carry an inner light are similar. We're attracted to their aura, but even more so to how clear and bright reality appears when we're in their company. Saints attract others with their light long before the church bestows on them the customary halo. Let your light shine!

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34 (64). *"I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."*

**Monday, Jan 16, 2023**

### Help the dream awaken in all hearts and minds

Many people have today off from school and work in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Why not make it a "day on" instead? Spend at least a little time working for peace and justice today, as King did every day. This is the only federal holiday that is also designated by Congress as a national day of service. The Catholic Church has embraced King's call for racial equality. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "Racism and every form of discrimination ... must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God's design." Lift a hand to help in your community, and pray that love banish hate.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22 (311). *"The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them."*

**Tuesday, Jan 17, 2023**

### Make space for silence

The *Apophthegmata Patrum* is a 1,600-year-old collection of writings known as the *Sayings of the Desert Fathers*. These texts record the teachings of the earliest Christian monks, who congregated in the desert of Egypt. The wisest among these monks was Anthony the Abbot. He wrote: "Just as fish die if they stay too long out of water, so the monks who loiter outside their cells or pass their time with men of the world lose the intensity of inner peace." When Christianity became politically accepted—and martyrdoms ceased—Anthony sought the desert to experience a different kind of sacrifice. There he found silence and solitude, too. Seek God in silence today.

MEMORIAL OF ANTHONY, ABBOT

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28 (312). *"Have you never read what David did when he was in need and he and his companions were hungry?"*

**Wednesday, Jan 18, 2023**

### There's room in this big tent

Every camper knows that it's a stretch of the imagination to think that a four-person tent can really fit four people! You're lucky if two people and a backpack fit! In Catholic circles, however, tents have a different meaning. Instead of being short on space, this tent is expandable, able to include everyone, not just one or two. This image is core to the church's "Synod on Synodality" in which all

Catholics, including the marginalized, give voice to their experience and together discern God's call. If you want more specs on this big tent, have a look at the USCCB website.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Mark 3:1-6 (313). *"[Jesus] said to the man with the withered hand, 'Come up here before us.'"*

**Thursday, Jan 19, 2023**

### Come in from the cold

Christmas is over and Epiphany has faded. In much of the Northern Hemisphere, the days are cold and dark. This is when the warmth of the Christian tradition is more important than ever. Pope Francis has often encouraged Christians to practice their faith in warmth and kindness: "Let us light fires of fraternity around which people can warm themselves," he said at a 2022 meeting with migrants in Malta. That's advice we can all take to heart—and to hearth. Can you find a word or gesture today to add positive warmth to a wintry world?

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 7:25—8:6; Mark 3:7-12 (314). *"He had cured many and, as a result, those who had diseases were pressing upon him to touch him."*

**Friday, Jan 20, 2023**

### Twelve is enough

Twelve months of the year. Twelve inches in a foot. Twelve numbers on the face of a watch. We certainly like our twelves. So does the church. The most famous of course is the 12 apostles, often simply called the Twelve. There's also the 12 days of Christmas and 12 fruits of the Holy Spirit. It's not just that 12 is a handy number for grouping things, it also carries symbolic value. It signifies completion or fullness. Twelve eggs, for example, means you have a full carton. And 12 apostles means the church has everything it needs to preach the Good News. Count your spiritual blessings—by the dozen!

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19 (315). *"He appointed Twelve, whom he also named Apostles."*

**Saturday, Jan 21, 2023**

### No has always meant no

As a young girl of 13 or 14, Agnes refused all suitors because she had betrothed herself to Christ. As punishment, she was taken to a brothel. One man attempted to violate her, only to be mysteriously struck blind—until Agnes restored his sight. Historical or not, this story reminds us that the scandal of child sex trafficking has always been, and still is, very much with us. Millions of girls and boys are kidnapped, bought and sold, exploited and violated for profit every year. You can help end childhood sex trafficking at the Save the Children and United Nations websites. Act in honor of courageous Agnes.

MEMORIAL OF AGNES, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14; Mark 3:20-21 (316). *"Cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God."*

# THE MASS

## Order of the Mass Described in 155 A.D.

### Sunday

Liturgy of the Word:  
Old Test.  
& Gospels

On the day we call the day of the sun, all who dwell in the city or country gather in the same place. The memoirs of the apostles and the writings of the prophets are read, as much as time permits.

A priest  
gives the  
homily

When the reader has finished, he who presides over those gathered admonishes and challenges them to imitate these beautiful things.

Prayers of  
the faithful

Then we all rise together and offer prayers for ourselves . . . and for all others, wherever they may be, so that we may be found righteous by our life and actions, and faithful to the commandments, so as to obtain eternal salvation.

Sign of  
Peace

When the prayers are concluded we exchange the kiss.

Liturgy of the  
Eucharist:  
Presentation  
of Gifts

Then someone brings bread and a cup of water and wine mixed together to him who presides over the brethren.

Prayer over  
the offerings,  
Eucharistic  
prayers  
(consecration)

He takes them and offers praise and glory to the Father of the universe, through the name of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and for a considerable time he gives thanks (in Greek: eucharistian) that we have been judged worthy of these gifts.

Memorial  
Acclamation  
& Great  
Amen

When he has concluded the prayers and thanksgivings, all present give voice to an acclamation by saying: 'Amen.'

Distribution  
of Holy  
Communion

When he who presides has given thanks and the people have responded, those whom we call deacons give to those present the "eucharisted" bread, wine and water and take them to those who are absent.

St. Justin Martyr, *Apol. 1*, 65-67, 155 A.D.  
(See *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 1345)

# @EPIPHANY

JAN.15 - JAN.22

## EVENTS



**11:00am Family Mass &  
Sunday Scripture Program**  
**12:00pm SOS Brunch**  
**7:30 Young Adult Mass**



**MLK Day**  
**No Mass/Rectory Closed**



**11:00am 22 Club**  
**12:10pm Mass**  
**7:00pm Connect**



**12:10pm Mass**  
**12:40pm OLPH (Church)**  
**2:00pm Pocket Prayer Shawl**  
**7:00pm Breaking Open**  
**The Word via Zoom**



**12:10pm Mass**  
**7:00pm YA Alpha**



**12:10pm Mass**  
**2:15pm Legion of Mary**  
**6:30pm Sant Egidio**  
**Prayer Service**



**4pm Vigil Mass**



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

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## March For Life Friday, Jan 20, 2023

The fall of Roe is not the end.  
We are at a critical moment in history.  
A new movement for life is rising up.  
Will you join? More details about bus pilgrimages:  
<https://bit.ly/archnymarchforlife>

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## January 15th Readings

**First Reading: Is 49:3, 5-6**  
**Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:1-3**  
**Gospel: Jn 1:29-34**

## MASSES

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

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, January 14

4:00pm Jane Curley

### Sunday, January 15

11:00am David Holmes

7:30pm Dorothy & Gertrude Walsh

### Monday, January 16

12:10pm No Mass - MLK Day

### Tuesday, January 17 *Memorial of Saint Anthony*

12:10pm Lloyd D. Frazier

### Wednesday, January 18

12:10pm Luz Gaetan

### Thursday, January 19

12:10pm Mary Ann Maximo

### Friday, January 20

12:10pm Jennie Delgorio

### Saturday, January 21 *Memorial of Saint Agnes*

4:00pm for our Epiphany Volunteers

### Sunday, January 22

11:00am Mary Bergin

7:30pm the souls of unborn babies lost to abortion

### Monday, January 23

12:10pm Anthony Albert Franco

### Tuesday, January 24 *Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales*

12:10pm Kenneth Parr

**Sanctuary Lamp**  
**Altar Bread & Wine**  
**Jan 15 - 21**  
**Santa Kinzler**

**May their souls and the souls of all the  
faithful departed, rest in peace.**

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