

EPIPHANY

March 5, 2023

"This is my beloved Son, with
whom I am well pleased"

Second
Sunday
of Lent





WELCOME to Epiphany

How God Ministers Tenderly to Us

Maybe the desert of Lent is a good place and time to really notice how God ministers to each one of us. It provides us with moments for us to hear and receive the tender glance of God. As we follow him in the wilderness for 40 days and 40 nights, we see how the Christ came to inhabit the gentle man from Nazareth, as he was ministered to with tender love by the One who fashioned him out of flesh and blood. God was ecstatic about his Son, and lavished him with extravagant tenderness. Loving become the goal of Jesus, and out there in the desert he confirmed a ministry that defined the rest of his life. It is a ministry of loving accompaniment offered to us as well as we wander in the desert ourselves. And when we leave the wilderness, we are ready to extend this tender, loving glance into the world.



About God's Word THROUGH THE WEEK AT EPIPHANY

Sunday, Mar 05, 2023

Honor the unnamed

The Bible is full of unnamed actors. Many are women: identified simply as mothers, wives, and daughters. While seven blessings promote the name of Abraham, it's the rare woman like Mary who's called blessed "for generations" in her canticle. Today we recall the unnamed wife of Chief Patricio de Hinachuba, an Apalachee laywoman among 57 martyrs in the Florida territory missions between 1549-1715, all currently up for sanctification. These martyrs included priests and catechists, native peoples, soldiers, and children. For all faithful, nameless women, we give thanks.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9 (25). *"I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."*

Monday, Mar 06, 2023

Read up!

Could your Catholic school library need some new picks? How about your book club for the adults? This Women's History Month, learn more about a remarkable Catholic black woman writer, Ellen Tarry (1906-2008). She attended Catholic school as a girl and converted to Catholicism and later became a journalist and author who was part of the Harlem Renaissance. Her writing included producing the first African-American picture book, writing a newspaper column on racial injustice and racial pride, and penning her memoir *The Third Door: The Autobiography of an American Negro Woman*. She also wrote biographies for youth and adult readers of Catholic saints Katherine Drexel and Martin de Porres and the Venerable Pierre Toussaint. You might be reading Tarry beyond March!

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38 (230). *"Give and gifts will be given to you."*

Tuesday, Mar 07, 2023

Beyond distinctions

Devotion to Jesus seriously conflicted with Roman rule in the second century, with citizens expected to worship the emperor instead. Thus, the fate of two young mothers, Perpetua and Felicity: forced into a public amphitheater to be killed by wild beasts, just because they wouldn't renounce Jesus. But Christian faith challenged social convention in other ways, too. Normally, Felicity—as Perpetua's slave—wouldn't be seen as her equal. But belief in Jesus, as Saint Paul writes, makes brothers and sisters of all. Take Perpetua's final words to heart: "Stand fast in the faith, and love one another, all of you."

MEMORIAL OF PERPETUA AND FELICITY, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12 (231). *"Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant."*

Wednesday, Mar 08, 2023

A brother called to heal

On this day, the church commemorates Saint John of God, a Portuguese religious brother who—like Saint Ignatius of Loyola—was a military man who experienced a sudden conversion. In fact, the two men (along with Saint Teresa) shared a spiritual mentor in Saint John of Ávila. A sermon from the priest moved John of God to repent of his former excesses, so much so that it was mistaken for a mental health crisis; he was quickly institutionalized. Later

engaging in work with the poor, he founded the Brothers Hospitalers in 1572, who continue to care for the sick around the world—including as official caretakers of the pope. In an age of increased mental health awareness, may we always remember John's holy life and recognize our call to serve those in need.

MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28 (232).

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."

Thursday, Mar 09, 2023

Priceless service

It's entirely appropriate that the Memorial of Frances of Rome coincides with a gospel that tells us in no uncertain terms to care for the poor. Frances of Rome was a wealthy Italian married woman in the early 1400s, a time of great instability and poverty in Italy. She poured her family treasure into efforts to feed and heal the poor. She was recognized for her piety and compassion and founded a religious order dedicated to serving suffering people, now known as the Oblates of St. Frances of Rome. Upon her husband's death, she became superior of the order. What can you do for the poor or sick in your corner of the world?

MEMORIAL OF FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31 (233). *"Lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores."*

Friday, Mar 10, 2023

Celebrate sisters

During Catholic Sisters Week, we celebrate the good works of Catholic sisters collectively and individually; tell stories of Catholic sisters we love, respect, admire; and share information about becoming a Catholic sister, including directing people to VISION VocationNetwork.org. But, most of all, we focus on the truth that a religious vocation reveals: God is all we need. As Catholic nun and Doctor of the Church Saint Teresa of Ávila observed: "Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46 (234). *"The Kingdom of God will be . . . given to a people that will produce its fruit."*

Saturday, Mar 11, 2023

Confession heals the soul

Catholics are encouraged to partake of the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) as much as possible, but especially during Lent, because confession is good for the soul. None of us is perfect, and all of us carry burdens that could be lightened through honest reflection and repentance. Other religions include a confessional practice as well, attesting to the universal need: Jews confess "We have sinned" in the Yom Kippur service. Confession is part of the Hindu *Prāyaścitta*. In Islam, the act of seeking forgiveness from God for sins is called *Istighfar*. Buddhist monks confess their sins to other monks. Check the bulletin, and find time for Confession. You'll feel better for it.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (235). *"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you."*

GIVING OUT FOR LENT @ epiphany

STEPS TO SPIRIT PROGRAM

Challenging us to greater commitment to God and to our sisters and brothers, and which offers us concrete steps to measure our progress;

SPECIAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Which are sponsored by Epiphany ministry teams

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

In the parish hall every Saturday at 11am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

In the church every Friday at 12:45pm and 7:15pm

THE CHOSEN

Screenings of The Chosen followed by discussion, every Monday at 7pm in the parish hall

EVENING OF WORSHIP SONG AND PRAYER

In the church Wednesday March 15 at 7:00pm

ST PATRICK'S CONCERT

March 12th at 3pm in the church

GOOD WEDNESDAY SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Sponsored by the Ladies of Charity April 5th in the church

SPECIAL LENTEN ARTS PROGRAMS

Details to be announced soon



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MAR. 5 - MAR. 12

EVENTS



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



12:10pm Mass
**12:30pm Miraculous Medal
Novena**
7:00pm The Chosen



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



12:10pm Mass
12:40pm OLPH (Church)
5:30pm Cub Scouts
7:00pm Breaking Open
The Word via Zoom



12:10pm Mass
6:30pm SOS Meeting
7:00pm YA Alpha



12:10pm Mass
12:40pm Stations of the Cross
2:15pm Legion of Mary
6:30pm Sant Egidio
Prayer Service
7:15pm Stations of the Cross



11:00am Bible Study
3:00pm Rosary
with Ladies of Charity
4pm Vigil Mass



**11:00am Family Mass &
Sunday Scripture Program**
3:00pm St. Patrick's Concert
7:30 Young Adult Mass

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have declined 28% (\$253,409).
Our expenses have increased 16% (\$132,623).
This amounts to an adverse swing of \$386,032*

	collections*	expenses
12mos/ending Feb 17, '23	\$645,426	\$984,802
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	\$(253,409) 28% decline	\$(132,623) 16% increase

*Please tithe by giving 5% of your total income
each year to God's Church.*

2023 Cardinal's Appeal

The 2023 Cardinal's Appeal has begun! "Blessed are all who take refuge in Him!" (Psalm 2) In our Archdiocese, 2.8 million Catholics and countless of our non-Catholic brothers and sisters take refuge in the Lord through His Church and her ministries. The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal exists to fund the expansive efforts of our Archdiocese to provide every person with an encounter with Jesus and a confidence that He, present in every church in the most Holy Eucharist, is our refuge.

If your **2022 Tax Deductions** exceed \$12,950 (single) or \$25,900 (married), and they include church donations, you must obtain a report from Epiphany **before** filing your 2022 tax return.

To take either of these deductions, please call the parish office to request a statement of donations.

MASSES

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

THIS WEEK'S

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 4

4:00pm Idesia Bastos

Sunday, March 5

11:00am Ramon Santo Domingo

7:30pm Ann Ahern

Monday, March 6

12:10pm John T. Rafferty

Tuesday, March 7

12:10pm Mary & Joseph Walsh

Wednesday, March 8

12:10pm Eleanore L. McGroarty

Thursday, March 9

12:10pm Helen Turner

Friday, March 10

12:10pm Margaret Metz

Saturday, March 11

4:00pm Oreste Davoli

Sunday, March 12

11:00am Joan Stout

7:30pm John Joe Casey

Monday, March 13

12:10pm Justo Valencia

Tuesday, March 14

12:10pm Laurie Humphrey

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



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