EPIPHANY March 10, 2024

"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up"

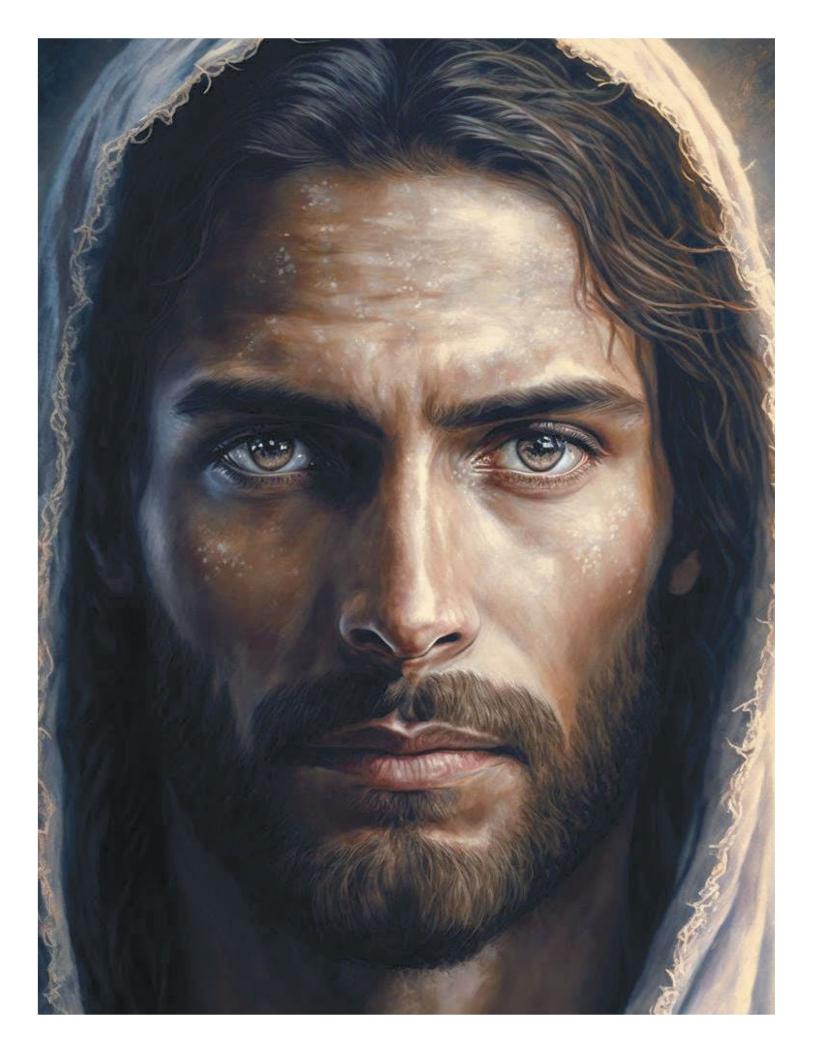
WELCOME to Epiphany

One of the greatest medical innovations in recent centuries is the development of the vaccine: if a doctor injects your body with a small amount of the disease you want to avoid (either an inert version of the disease or a sufficiently weak amount to prevent you from getting the full blown affliction), then your cells will produce the antibodies that will ward off the disease should you later come into contact with the real deal version of it. Vaccines are like tutors for our antibodies.

In John 3 Jesus does something quite unexpected: he evokes the image of that bronze serpent Moses lifted over the people as a cure for snakebites. The Israelites had to look at an image of the very thing that was afflicting them, and somehow doing so helped.

Yet Jesus riffs on that story to say that the Son of Man will be lifted up and if you look at his death, your problem with death will be solved.

Somehow when we cast our eyes on Jesus' death, we receive the gospel vaccine, as it were. But what that means is that the way a person gets "born again," is precisely by being crucified with Christ.





Join us in a prayer for ALL Christian faiths!

Taize Prayer Service March 12th Tuesday at 7pm



Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)

"embark on a new chapter of evangelism"

> March 14th 7pm in the Parish Hall



Church of the Epiphany

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Easter Novena of Masses

Beginning on Easter and continuing through Ascension Thursday, every Mass will include a special prayer for the special intentions listed on our Easter Novena envelopes, which are on the table at the back of the church. Please complete the envelope and place it in the collection basket or give it to a minister or priest.

Catholic Relief Services 2 nd Collection – March 9-10

This collection helps us to reveal the love of Christ to our brothers & sisters most in need. It will enable CRS to provide for the hungry, aid displaced regees, and assist struggling communities here and abroad.

If your 2023 Tax Deductions exceed \$13,850 (single), \$27,700 (married), or \$20,800 for heads of household. and they include church donations, you must obtain a report from Epiphany before filing your 2023 tax return. To take any 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 9

4:00pm Rita Rotiroti Sunday, March 10 11:00am Myrna Goodin 7:30pm Robert Minichiello

Monday, March 11 12:10pm Lucas Reyes

Tuesday, March 12 12:10pm Alice Pidgeon Scarangella **Wednesday, March 13** 12:10pm Mariano Abbariao

Thursday, March 14 12:10pm the Brown family

Friday, March 15 12:10pm Constance Bochicchio

Saturday, March 16 4:00pm Mary O'Rourke

Sunday, March 17 11:00am Peter Nardoza Jr. 7:30pm Katherine Curley Monday, March 18 12:10pm the Monroe family Tuesday, March 19 Solemnity of Saint Joseph

12:10pm Mary Ellen Harrington

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



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