

# EPIPHANY



August 28, 2022

**"Invite the poor, the  
crippled, the lame, the  
blind"**

**Twenty-second  
Sunday of  
Ordinary Time**

# WELCOME to Epiphany

## The Great Banquet

The Beautiful People all send in their excuses, of course—their real estate, their livestock, their sex lives—so the host sends his social secretary out into the streets to bring in the poor, the maimed, the blind, the lame.

The string ensemble strikes up the overture to *The Wedding Crashers*, the champagne glasses are filled, the cold pheasant is passed round, and there they sit by candlelight with their white canes and their empty sleeves, their charity haircuts, their orthopedic shoes, their sleazy clothes, their aluminum walkers.

A woman with a harelip proposes a toast. An old man with the face of Lear and a party hat does his best to rise to his feet. A deaf person thinks people are starting to go home and pushes back from the table. Rose petals float in the finger bowls.

**“For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”**







# About God's Word

## THROUGH THE WEEK AT EPIPHANY

**Sunday, Aug 28, 2022**

### **Make us meek, again**

We're trained in the art of competition early. First, we barter for our parents' attention with siblings or tasks that distract them from celebrating us. In school, we compete for grades; in sports, for victories. By the time we arrive in the workplace, in marriages, or in adulthood in general, we're primed to fight for what seems rightfully ours: the spotlight. Saint Thomas Aquinas recommends the way of humility as the virtue that "most effectively removes the main obstacle to our spiritual welfare, the preoccupation with earthly greatness." Cede the floor. Surrender the talking stick. Cherish humility.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14 (126). *"Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place."*

**Monday, Aug 29, 2022**

### **Tough love is needed**

We have to find ways to publicly discourse—respectfully—if we are to have any hope of remaining a society. It's increasingly common to retreat to our corners out of frustration and disgust. That's the easy way out. John the Baptist, for one, proposed a harder path of standing up for beliefs but also of generously giving oneself "in love, in truth" as Pope Francis said of John on the memorial of his passion. Is it possible to have hard conversations with disagreeable neighbors, co-workers, and family—and still "love your enemy"? Could you have those conversations by treating them as you would like to be treated?

MEMORIAL OF THE PASSION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 (431); Mark 6:17-29 (634). *"Herod feared John, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man, and kept him in custody."*

**Tuesday, Aug 30, 2022**

### **Hot off the presses**

On this day in 1464, Pope Paul II became our 211th pontiff. While Paul II raised eyebrows over a certain Renaissance ostentatiousness that had him amassing jewels and fine clothing, along with an extravagant remodel of Palazzo Venezia, Paul II also organized relief work among the poor and promoted the preservation of antiquities. Most notably, just a few years after Gutenberg printed his famous Bible, he brought the first printing presses to Rome, which made books more affordable and accessible to all. Open a Bible today in print or online and give thanks for the inventions that have contributed to worldwide evangelization.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16; Luke 4:31-37 (432). *"We speak about them not with words taught by human wisdom, but with words taught by the Spirit."*

**Wednesday, Aug 31, 2022**

### **The healing power**

The laying on of hands is a practice with a long tradition in our faith. Jesus laid on hands to heal and, after in his post-Ascension appearances, to bestow the Holy Spirit on his followers. Christians ever since have done the same in Christ's name. God works through us, literally, in the laying on of hands. From a hug to a blessing to an anointing, touch has the power to heal. It is what Pope Francis means by the Christian "culture of encounter." It is an invitation to be moved with compassion toward others "and

then to draw near, to touch and to say: 'Do not weep' and to give at least a drop of life." Reach out today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44 (433). *"At sunset, all who had people sick with various diseases brought them to him. He laid his hands on each of them and cured them."*

**Thursday, Sep 01, 2022**

### **Be creative in protecting creation**

Today is World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. These worldwide, ecumenical efforts are meant to bring together Christians in prayer, action, and advocacy for protection of the environment. One of the "great moral issues of our time [is] the preservation of God's creation," Pope Francis has stated. While the climate crisis and related issues are daunting in scale, most people can take small actions that add up: from praying for our planet, to voting for candidates who prioritize environmental issues, to running errands by bicycle. What can you do today?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11 (434). *"When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him."*

**Friday, Sep 02, 2022**

### **Let the feast begin**

We all know that fasting is a common spiritual practice. But did you know that feasting is also a spiritual practice? Consider our Catholic experience. We speak of "feast days" to celebrate saints and significant church events. We call Easter the "Feast of Feasts," ending our fasts and celebrating with special meals. We proclaim the wedding feast at Cana and the many stories of Jesus feasting with friends. Feasting can be fully enjoying any experience such as being with friends or watching the sunset. How might you incorporate it as one of your spiritual practices?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39 (435). *"Can you make the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them?"*

**Saturday, Sep 03, 2022**

### **Build upon existing foundations**

New cities rise on the ruins of former times. New traditions build on existing ones. This is how history proceeds. Gregory the Great, the leader the early church needed in 590, understood this better than most. Instead of having temples to earlier gods destroyed, he instructed missionaries to bless them with holy water and repurpose them. The same with festivals associated with other gods. He suggested that their meaning be tied to "good fellowship," with food offered not as sacrifices to pagan gods but "for the glory of God." In this way pre-Christian Europe was converted to Christianity. Build upon the past as you help shape the future church and society.

MEMORIAL OF GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15; Luke 6:1-5 (436). *"The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath."*



# Epiphany Block Party

Games

Fun

Food



Everyone Is Welcome!

Sept. 11 12:00pm

Church  
of the  
Epiphany



# @EPIPHANY

**AUG. 28- SEPT. 4**

## EVENTS



**11:00am Family Mass  
12:00pm Hunger Sunday  
7:30 Young Adult Mass**



**12:10pm Mass  
12:30pm Miraculous Medal  
Novena**



**12:10pm Mass**



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



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



**12:10 Mass  
1:00pm Legion of Mary  
6:30pm Sant'Egidio  
Prayer Group (Church)**



**3:00pm  
Rosary w/ Ladies of Charity  
4pm Vigil Mass**



**11:00am Family Mass  
7:30 Young Adult Mass**

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## The ADNY Mission Cooperative Plan Aug. 27-28

A representative of the Society of the Propagation of Faith will speak about the Sisters of the Holy Family in South Africa.

There will be a collection for them at all the Masses that weekend.

## Readings For Sept. 4 Mass

**First Reading:** Wis 9:13-18b  
**Second Reading:** Phmn 9-10, 12-17  
**Gospel:** Lk 14:25-33

## Pew Dedications

In effort to fund the repair and refinishing of our pews, parishoners may dedicate pews to honor loved ones, living or deceased, or for your own special intentions, Dedications will cost \$500 For more information, please contact the rectory

## MASSES

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

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, August 27** *Memorial of Saint Monica*  
4:00pm Vivian Memoly

**Sunday, August 28**  
11:00am Msgr Thomas A. Modugno  
7:30pm William Maher

**Monday, August 29** *Passion of Saint John the Baptist*  
12:10pm Katherine Wheeler

**Tuesday, August 30**  
12:10pm Pasquale Capuano

**Wednesday, August 31** *Feast of Saint Bartholomew*  
12:10pm Nicholas Soroka

**Thursday, September 1**  
12:10pm Grace Iannuzzi

**Friday, September 2**  
12:10pm David Wheeler

**Saturday, September 3** *Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great*  
4:00pm Msgr Thomas A. Modugno

**Sunday, September 4**  
11:00am Luis Alfredo Puente  
7:30pm Collie Renn

**Monday, September 5** *Memorial of the Passion Saint John the Baptist*  
12:10pm Labor Day No Mass

**Tuesday, September 6**  
12:10pm Isabelle, Lou & Peter Mugavero

**Sanctuary Lamp August 28 - Sep 3**  
**John P. Mara**

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





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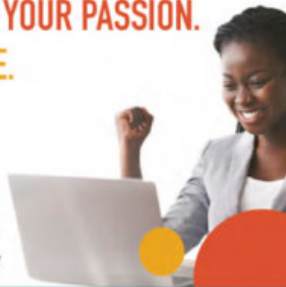
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