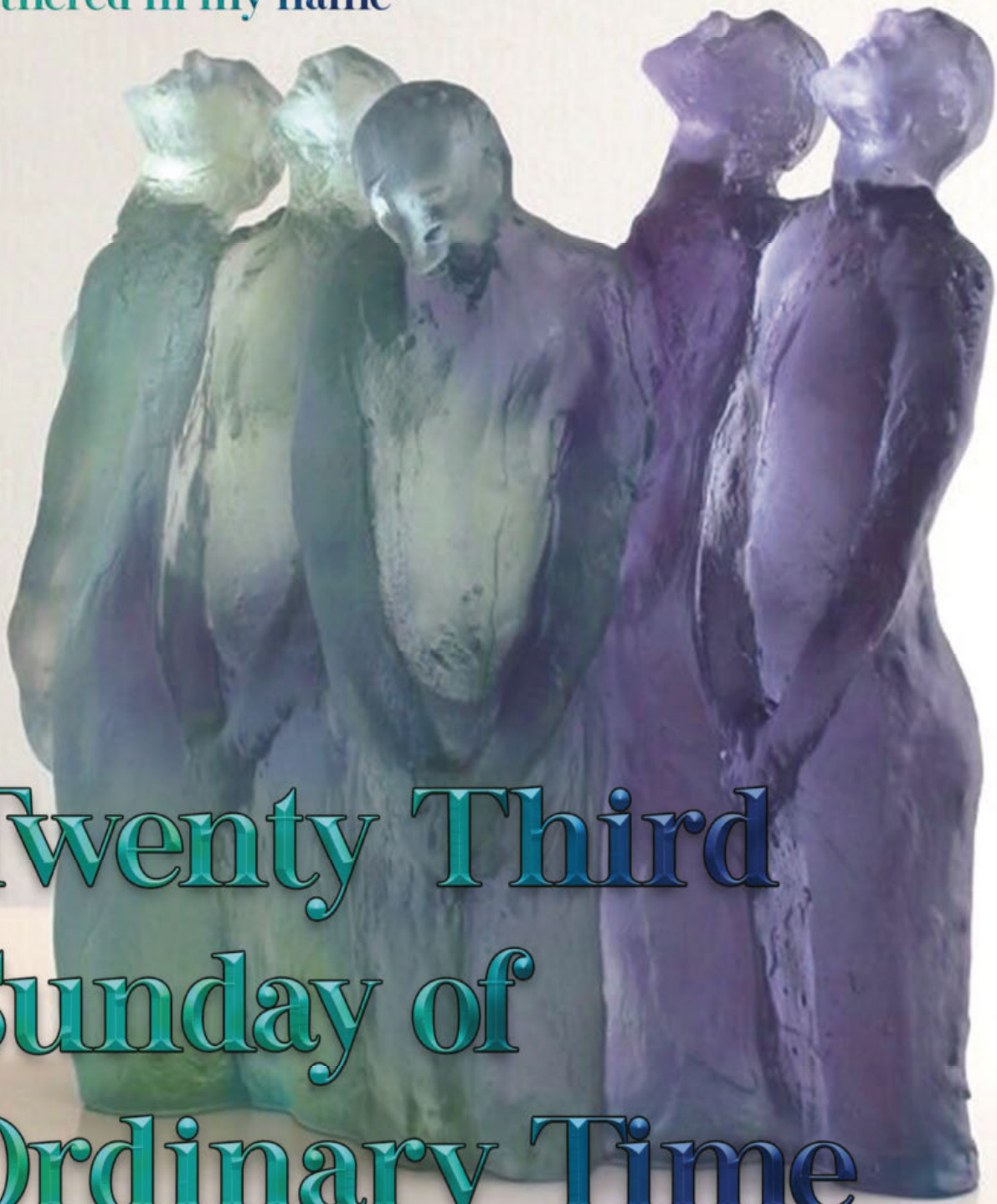


# EPIPHANY

September 10, 2023

"where two or three are  
gathered in my name"



Twenty Third  
Sunday of  
Ordinary Time

# WELCOME to Epiphany

The Trade Winds, an American pop group from the 60's, produced a Beach Boys-type tune called New York's a Lonely Town. One of the lines of the song's lyric states "My folks moved to New York from California, I should have listened when my buddy said, 'I warn ya', New York's a lonely town, when you're the only surfer boy around.

When you live in New York, sometimes it does feel like we're all strangers. Some would say that living as a New Yorker feels a bit inhuman. Yet in another sense we are none of us strangers. Because how can we be strangers when, for all these years, we have ridden on the back of this same rogue planet, when we have awakened to the same sun and dreamed the same dreams under the same moon? How can we be strangers when we are all of us in the same interior war and do battle with the same interior enemy, which is most of the time ourselves? How can we be strangers when we laugh and cry at the same things and have the same bad habits and occasionally astonish ourselves and everybody else by performing the same uncharacteristic deeds of disinterested kindness and love?

More importantly, as Christians, being strangers to one another seems antithetical to our calling. If we hold fast to each other in trust, in patience, in hope, and by holding fast also to him who has promised to be present whenever two or three are gathered together in his name, the impossible becomes possible. by grace we become, little by little, human in spite of ourselves, become whole, become truly loving and lovely at last.





# About God's Word THROUGH THE WEEK AT EPIPHANY

**Sunday, Sep 10, 2023**

## The long loneliness

"Church" means assembly: It is not good for us to be alone. Today's Suicide Prevention Day reminds us that loneliness is an unhealthy condition. More than 700,000 people die by suicide each year: about 132 a day in the United States. For every suicide, there are more than 20 attempts. Mental illness and substance abuse contribute to the crisis, but marginalized groups are at highest risk: migrants, indigenous people, those who identify as LGBTQ+, and prisoners. The feeling of alienation is real but also preventable. Call or text the crisis hotline at 988 to seek help for yourself or someone you love.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20 (127). *"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."*

**Monday, Sep 11, 2023**

## A day to remember those who gave everything

Today, the anniversary of the largest terrorist attack in American history, is a day to call to mind those who rushed in to help, at great cost. The first certified fatality of the attacks was Father Mychal Judge, Franciscan friar and New York City Fire Department chaplain, who rushed to the World Trade Center to help. During his life, he was known for ministering to the marginalized and for the words on a prayer card he often distributed: "Lord, take me where you want me to go. Let me meet who you want me to meet. Tell me what you want me to say. And keep me out of your way." Honor his legacy and make his humble prayer yours today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:24-2:3; Luke 6:6-11 (437). *"Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?"*

**Tuesday, Sep 12, 2023**

## On Earth we your children invoke your sweet name

Names are a big deal in the Bible. More than a moniker, the names of people—and God—capture, convey, and even conjure a being's very essence. It's why the Hebrews refused, out of respect, to speak God's holiest name and why "taking the Lord's name in vain" is forbidden. We see in biblical history how life-changing experiences prompt a person's change of name, as when Sarai becomes Sarah and Saul becomes Paul. When Jesus talks of acting "in my name," he affirms a power and presence invoked by simply uttering his name. Today, heed Venerable Bruno Lanteri, founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary, who instructed: simply "think of Mary, call on Mary."

MEMORIAL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19 (438). *"He chose Twelve, whom he also named Apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, ..."*

**Wednesday, Sep 13, 2023**

## Always speak the words of light

With seemingly never-ending revelations of ministerial misconduct, today's feast of Saint John Chrysostom is a sight for sore eyes. The eminent fourth-century preacher and teacher—whose name is a transliteration of the Greek for "golden mouth"—was surely a product of his day. But he was also guided by the Holy Spirit, who inspired him to be baptized as an adult and denounce corruption in the church while serving as a priest and

later as archbishop of Constantinople. As we remember his legacy today, let's take courage to also stand for truth and against all that dishonors the call of the gospel.

MEMORIAL OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 6:20-26 (439). *"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God."*

**Thursday, Sep 14, 2023**

## By the wood of the cross

Today's feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross goes back to early days in church history. Saint Helena was the mother of Emperor Constantine (the first Roman emperor to embrace the faith), and Helena is said to have found the actual crucifix of Jesus in Jerusalem in the fourth century, spurring significant devotion to the Holy Cross. This devotion has had staying power perhaps because it helps believers to reflect upon the saving power of Jesus' death. Today when something presents itself as a "cross" to you, take a few moments to contemplate the cross of Christ.

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17 (638). *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish."*

**Friday, Sep 15, 2023**

## I feel your pain

Anyone who loves will experience sorrow. It can't be helped. When a loved one suffers, we suffer. The church looks to Our Lady of Sorrows during those difficult times. Mary has been pierced by the sword of sorrow many times, including the seven noted by tradition: The prophecy of Simeon, the Flight into Egypt, the lost child Jesus later found in the Temple, meeting Jesus on the road to Calvary, the Crucifixion, and Jesus' removal from the cross and his burial. Listen to the aching beauty of the Stabat Mater hymn recited each year on this memorial and know that you are not alone in your suffering. Mary's empathy is one of the saving graces of our faith. She knows how we feel, and sometimes that's all it takes to get us past the pain.

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14 (441); John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35 (639). *"And you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."*

**Saturday, Sep 16, 2023**

## Care for the creation God entrusts to us

High above our heads the ozone layer of the stratosphere absorbs enough of the sun's deadly ultraviolet radiation to make possible life on Earth. But just a few decades ago an alarming depletion of the ozone layer generated worldwide concern over resulting increases in skin cancer, cataracts, and other health issues. These concerns led to the adoption of the Montreal Protocol in 1987, celebrated today, which bans the production of chemicals that cause ozone depletion. In his 2015 encyclical *Laudato si'*, Pope Francis applauds the Protocol for helping to protect the Earth, our common home. What can you do for our Earth today?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49 (442). *"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' but not do what I command?"*

# WELCOME TADHG!



Tadhg (sounds like TIG, as in Tiger) Malone, Epiphany's new Director of Faith Formation

## **Dia daoibh! (Hello/God be with you!)**

I was born and raised in a small seaside town called Skerries in County Dublin, Ireland. The legend has it, when St. Patrick returned to Ireland to share the Gospel, he first landed in my hometown.

I studied music and religious education at Dublin City University. I was then offered a chance to study at Boston College where I earned my M.A. in Theology and Ministry. This degree has equipped me to do ministerial work at the school and parish levels. As part of my degree, I worked at Saint Joseph's Preparatory High School in Boston and thoroughly enjoyed the chance to both study and engage in ministry.

I have worked as a religion and Irish language high school teacher for the past three years at Catholic schools in Ireland. I have found Youth Faith Formation to be a truly fulfilling vocation.

I am passionate about religious education for Christians of all ages. I look forward to serving as Epiphany's Director of Faith Formation and getting to know you all.



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SEP 10 - SEP 17

## EVENTS



10:30pm 9/11 Memorial  
11:00am Family Mass  
12:00pm Block Party  
7:30 Young Adult Mass



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



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



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



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



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



4:00pm Vigil Mass



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

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## Special Collection - September 16-17 Maui Wildfires

Let us join together to provide our support to the suffering people of Maui. The Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF) will direct any funds collected at Epiphany to the relief efforts in Lahaina on Maui.

To donate online, please visit the HCCF website.  
<https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic>

Never forget that our prayers will be heard by God who will grant his mercy and grace to the suffering people of Hawaii.

## The 2023 Cardinal's Appeal

Our journey continues toward our goal in the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal.

**2023 current pledges - 69% of goal**  
Our Goal: \$167,200 Pledged: \$115,432 Gifts: 138

**Last Year at this time - 96% of goal**  
Our Goal: \$164,500 Pledged: \$158,199 Gifts: 182

The Cardinal's Appeal supports Catholics in so many ways.

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## MASSES

**Monday-Friday 12:10pm**

**Saturday Vigil: 4pm**

**Sunday 11am & 7:30pm**

## THIS WEEK'S

### ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, September 9** *Memorial of Saint Peter Claver*

4:00pm intentions of Deirdre Hunt

**Sunday, September 10**

11:00am Ellen Lowry

7:30pm Dorothy & Gertrude Walsh

**Monday, September 11**

12:10pm Paul Sum

**Tuesday, September 12**

12:10pm Yolanda Sipin

**Wednesday, September 13** *Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom,*

12:10pm Janet Ryan

**Thursday, September 14** *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

12:10pm Martin & Helen O'Dea

**Friday, September 15** *Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows*

12:10pm Hon. J. Courtney McGroarty

**Saturday, September 16** *Memorial of Saints Cornelius*

4:00pm Eileen Connolly

**Sunday, September 17**

11:00am Virginia Monasterial

7:30pm Edith Dunfee

**Monday, September 18**

12:10pm Sally & Charles Marin

**Tuesday, September 19**

12:10pm Teresa Collins

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

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