

# EPIPHANY



October 15, 2023

**“Go out, therefore, into the  
main roads  
and invite to the feast  
whomever you find”.**

**Twenty-Eighth  
Sunday of  
Ordinary Time**



A painting of a church interior. In the foreground, a white dove is perched on a wooden ledge, looking towards the right. To its right, a pair of hands is shown, one holding a small object. The background shows a church with a large window and a cross. The style is expressive and somewhat abstract, with visible brushstrokes and a rich color palette of greens, blues, and earthy tones.

# WELCOME to Epiphany

The Kingdom of Heaven is a love feast where nobody's a stranger. Like right here. There's strangers everywhere else you can think of. There's strangers born twin brothers out of the same womb. There's strangers raised together in the same town and worked side by side all their life through. There's strangers who got married and have been climbing in and out of the same fourposter thirty-five, forty years, and they're strangers still. And Jesus, it's like most of the time he is a stranger too. But here in this place there's no strangers, and Jesus, he isn't a stranger either. The Kingdom of Heaven's like this.



# About God's Word

## THROUGH THE WEEK AT EPIPHANY

**Sunday, Oct 15, 2023**

### Stretch your spirituality

Your doctor says that even a little exercise is important to keep the body flexible. Joints that move regularly are body parts that can function well a while longer. Walking 20 minutes a day or taking a water aerobics class are easy ways to lubricate the joints we need to perform our daily tasks. Saint Paul reminds us that flexibility is also a significant aspect of the spiritual life. Can we accept good times and bad, seasons of plenty or want, with the same light grip? Moving through circumstances fluidly makes for a freer life, and a gentler death.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14 (142). *"I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need."*

**Monday, Oct 16, 2023**

### A heart as wide as the world

Depicted as a flaming, shining, bleeding heart, pierced by a lance, encircled by a crown of thorns, and topped with a cross, the Sacred Heart of Jesus symbolizes Christ's boundless, suffering love for humanity. The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is one of the best known and most practiced of all Catholic devotions, but the 17th-century French Visitation nun who received the revelation of this devotion, Margaret Mary Alacoque, was doubted in her lifetime, and the practice wasn't officially recognized until 75 years after her death. Incorporate an aspiration, or short prayer, to the Sacred Heart each day to remind you that you are unconditionally loved. Examples are "Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart like yours," "Sacred Heart of Jesus, I believe in your love for me," or "Sacred Heart of Jesus, may you be known, loved, and imitated!"

MEMORIAL OF MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32 (467). *"At the preaching of Jonah they repented, and there is something greater than Jonah here."*

**Tuesday, Oct 17, 2023**

### Bread of Life, bread for the poor

Saint Ignatius Theophorus wrote seven epistles while trudging from Antioch to Rome. As Roman soldiers pushed him toward martyrdom in a coliseum, Ignatius decried a different enemy of Christian faith: docetism, whose Christian adherents claimed Jesus never existed physically on Earth—that he only appeared to. In denying the Incarnation, Ignatius says, such heretics also fail to see the Lord's presence in the Eucharist and in the poor. "They have no concern for love, none for the widow, none for the orphan, none for the oppressed, none for the prisoner or the one released, none for the hungry or thirsty." And "they abstain from Eucharist" because "they refuse to acknowledge the Eucharist." Ignatius, help us to see Jesus—in all the places he said he'd be.

MEMORIAL OF IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41 (468). *"As to what is within, give alms, and behold, everything will be clean for you."*

**Wednesday, Oct 18, 2023**

### Pack lightly for the journey of faith

Today we celebrate the feast of the evangelist Luke. Best known for his gospel, Luke was a dedicated disciple of Paul who goes so far as to join Paul in prison—twice. You can read Luke's account

of the early Christians in the Acts of the Apostles. But first, read what Luke says in today's gospel, which gives Jesus' directives to the disciples who are serving as his advance team. These directives are simple but not easy: "Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals"—and they remain amazingly relevant to living a simple life of faith. How can you enact them in your own life?

FEAST OF LUKE, EVANGELIST

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9 (661). *"Luke is the only one with me."*

**Thursday, Oct 19, 2023**

### Reconciling our past

Today is the memorial of several men who were killed for evangelizing native people in Quebec. The documentation of these encounters is almost entirely from the perspective of European American Christians, with missionaries as heroic martyrs and natives as murderous heathens. The truth is much more complicated. Pope Francis' 2022 apology to indigenous people in Canada and the U.S. Catholic Indigenous Boarding School Accountability and Healing Project are two efforts to look at the bigger picture of Christian-Indigenous relationships with accountability and reconciliation as goals. Join these efforts by exploring Native American culture and history.

MEMORIAL OF JOHN DE BRÉBEUF AND ISAAC JOGUES, PRIESTS, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54 (470). *"Woe to you, scholars of the law! You have taken away the key of knowledge."*

**Friday, Oct 20, 2023**

### GPS for the soul

Spiritual direction is a great tool for navigating with God the ups and downs of everyday life. The practice involves a one-on-one relationship with a spiritual director who helps us to see how God is moving in our lives. A director listens and offers wisdom such as that of Paul of the Cross: "Let everything in creation draw you to God. Refresh your mind with some innocent recreation and needful rest, if it were only to saunter through the garden or the fields, listening to the sermon preached by the flowers, the trees, the meadows, the sun, the sky, and the whole universe." In honor of Saint Paul cultivate the art of listening wisely.

MEMORIAL OF PAUL OF THE CROSS, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7 (471). *"Are not five sparrows sold for two small coins? Yet not one of them has escaped the notice of God."*

**Saturday, Oct 21, 2023**

### A higher law

All of us run afoul of the law at some point or another, even if it's as minor as a parking ticket. Laws, religious or secular, are there to set standards and impose order. They have their purpose, but if we hope to be released from all that afflicts us in this life, we'll need a different kind of law—the law of love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. As 20th-century monk and mystic Thomas Merton explains, "The first obligation of the Christian is to maintain their freedom from all empty forms of legalism" and "live by a higher law—the law of grace and love." Let faith lead you there.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 4:13, 16-18; Luke 12:8-12 (472).

*"Brothers and sisters: It was not through the law that the promise was made to Abraham and his descendants . . . it depends on faith."*





# SYNOD

from the Greek *syn-hodos*  
meaning

## *Journeying Together*

What is shaping up as possibly one of the most important gatherings in the long history of the Catholic Church is taking place in **Rome Oct. 4-29, 2023**. Pope Francis is hosting the first of two back-to-back assemblies of the Synod of Bishops that for the first time includes lay women and men. Through this synod, the Church is saying: the voice of **everyone** matters because God can talk through **anyone** -- not only bishops, priests, deacons, brothers, or sisters---but **all** the baptized. Pope Francis has stated that this collaborative, inclusive approach of synodality is precisely the "the path that God expects of the Church in the third millennium." It is ushering in a new way of listening to the Holy Spirit, as God calls the Church to dynamically meet the fast-changing world all around us with the message of radical love that Jesus calls us to deliver.

## ON SYNODALITY

**A synodal Church is a listening Church,** attentive to the many different narratives of lives, cultures, and peoples---a place of narrative hospitality.

**A synodal Church is a contemplative Church.** It is a Church in which the scriptures and sacraments are central, for they are the school of a vision which is open to God's salvific economy in all the realities of creation, human existence, and history.



We recall that the purpose of the Synod is not to produce documents, but to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands

~POPE FRANCIS



# @EPIPHANY

OCT 15 - OCT 22

EVENTS



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



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



**11:00am 22 Club  
12:10pm Mass  
2:30pm Prayer Corps  
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 Legion of Mary  
7:00pm YA Alpha**



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



**4:00pm Vigil Mass**



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



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## Announced Masses 2024

Reservations for announced Masses in 2024 will be accepted beginning Mon, October 2. Mass reservation forms are available in the narthex of the church, on the parish website, and in the rectory office. Guidelines for submitting requests are provided on the reservation form.

## 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:** \$116,872 **Gifts:** 140

**Last Year at this time - 96% of goal**  
**Our Goal:** \$164,500 **Pledged:** \$158,679 **Gifts:** 182

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

## Please help us reach our goal!

As always, we are grateful for the generosity of our parishioners.

## ALL SOULS NOVENA MASSES

The souls in purgatory need our prayers. Throughout the month of November, every Mass will include a special plea for the souls of the faithful departed on our All Souls envelopes. (available on the table at the back of the church)  
Complete the envelope and place it in the collection basket or give it to a minister or priest.

## MASSES

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

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, October 14

4:00pm deceased members of the Nardoza & Wheeler families

### Sunday, October 15

11:00am Benjamin Wolf  
7:30pm Evaristo Sipin

### Monday, October 16

12:10pm Mary & Joseph Walsh

### Tuesday, October 17 Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch

12:10pm King Phojanakong

### Wednesday, October 18 Feast of Saint Luke

12:10pm Dr. Erlita Nazareno

### Thursday, October 19 Memorial of Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues

12:10pm Carl A. Priolo

### Friday, October 20

12:10pm Dori Davatzes

### Saturday, October 21

4:00pm Andrew Olmedo

### Sunday, October 22

11:00am James Aloysius Keane III

7:30pm Luis Alfredo Puente & Fernando Luis Puente

### Monday, October 23

12:10pm Cirilo Garcia Jr.

### Tuesday, October 24

12:10pm Ofelia Santos

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

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