


# EPIPHANY

October 29, 2023

"You shall love your  
neighbor as yourself."



Thirtieth  
Sunday of  
Ordinary Time



# WELCOME to Epiphany

When most of us hear the word “commandment,” we likely think of the Ten Commandments. But Jesus speaks of a “new” commandment surpassing and summing up the “ten” of the Hebrew Bible *“The entire law and the prophets is summed up in the two great commandments: to love God and to love one another”*. Perhaps we don’t want to hear this commandment because we can never live up to it through our own efforts. We’d like to whittle it down to a little commandment, like “Come to church on Sunday.” But who of us can say we have really loved yet? We’re all beginners. We’re all starting anew every day, and we’re failing anew every day. Loving as imperfect, egoic human beings keeps us in utter reliance upon the mercy, compassion, and grace of God. We can never fully succeed by ourselves.

It seems God gave us a commandment that we could not obey. Perhaps this is so we would have to depend upon the Holy Spirit. This is the greatness, the goodness, the wonder, the impossibility of the Gospel, that it asks of all of us something we—alone, apart, separate—cannot do! Only by living in love, in communion—can we find a love that is bigger than our own.



# About God's Word

## THROUGH THE WEEK AT EPIPHANY

**Sunday, Oct 29, 2023**

### Look beyond our differences

Healing serious division is challenging. The deeper the breach, the tougher the reconciliation. Since 1567, mainline Protestant denominations have celebrated Reformation Day on this Sunday. Yet in 2016, Pope Francis also acknowledged this observance, reaching out to the head of the Lutheran Church to state: "With gratitude we acknowledge that the Reformation helped give a greater centrality to sacred Scripture in the Church's life." Catholic-Lutheran dialogue continues to express the gifts of the Reformation and to seek forgiveness for division perpetuated by Christians from both traditions. Our witness is stronger together. Collaborate across the aisle.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 22:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40 (148). *"For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth.... in every place your faith in God has gone forth."*

**Monday, Oct 30, 2023**

### Healing on tap

When you read the gospels, you can't help but be amazed by how much of Jesus' public ministry was devoted to healing the sick, whether in body, mind, or soul. The church continues Christ's healing ministry as central to its works in myriad ways. Pope Benedict XVI said, "Healing is an essential dimension of the apostolic mission and of Christian faith in general." In fact, he said, Christianity is a "religion of healing." What troubles your body and spirit? Bring it to Jesus to be restored to health and wholeness.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17 (479). *"He laid his hands on her, and she at once stood up straight and glorified God."*

**Tuesday, Oct 31, 2023**

### Death be not proud

From the Irish we get ancient Celtic elements of Samhain, the idea of a veil separating the living from the dead becoming so thin that it's permeable. From Mexico, we get Día de los Muertos: visiting loved ones' graves, awaiting a festive reunion as the separation between life and death momentarily dissolves. For Halloween, treat-seeking kids dress as devils, vampires, and zombies—traversing yards bedecked with tombstones and skeletons. Or, if we've attended Catholic schools, the focus is more heavenly, with costumes of saints and angels. However we observe this Eve of All Saints, our Catholic belief about the "last things" comes with an assurance that we are meant to return to the one who loved us into existence. "At the evening of life," says Saint John of the Cross, "we shall be judged on our love."

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21 (480). *"I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us."*

**Wednesday, Nov 01, 2023**

### See the saints in living color

Today as the church celebrates All Saints, parishes and websites around the globe will feature an image of 15th-century Dominican Friar Fra Angelico's *The Forerunners of Christ with Saints and Martyrs*. This much-loved painting was originally part of an altarpiece in the Church of San Domenico near Florence. Most of the hallowed figures in the painting look toward Christ. They appear in long rows and represent important male and female

biblical figures, martyrs, and saints, including Saint John the Baptist in the top row, wearing a camel-hair tunic and holding a wooden cross. He looks directly at the viewer and points the way to Christ—exactly his role in salvation history. Christian art is a great tool for learning about the saints, Christian symbolism, and Catholic theology, and the paintings and frescoes of Fra Angelico are a good place to start.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a (667). *"Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God."*

**Thursday, Nov 02, 2023**

### A work in progress

The notion of "purgatory" is really quite simple and true to human experience. All of life is a process, and our best efforts can lead to progress but never perfection in this lifetime. What makes today special is that we can all participate in that process with our dearly departed, by our prayers, our good and generous deeds, and at Mass. Lend a helping hand today to those who are further along in the process. And may we all meet again one day, and, in the meantime we pray, "May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9; John 6:37-40 (668). *"And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day."*

**Friday, Nov 03, 2023**

### The struggle continues

On September 30, 1962 riots broke out at the University of Mississippi as James Meredith, accompanied by U.S. marshals, walked to campus to register for classes. Many fought to keep him out, but justice prevailed. Meredith would become the first black student at Ole Miss. Today, the nearby church of St. John the Evangelist honors this memory with a stained-glass window of Martin de Porres facing the street where Meredith began his walk to the university. De Porres, too, had experienced racism and was barred from becoming a priest in 17th-century Peru because of the color of his skin. Saint Martin de Porres, pray for us on the long march of equality.

MEMORIAL OF MARTIN DE PORRES, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6 (483). *"My conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness."*

**Saturday, Nov 04, 2023**

### Be an instrument of change

During his first homily as pope in 2013, Pope Francis quoted Léon Bloy, a 20th-century French novelist who was known for his passionate defense of the faith. In 1904 he became friends with Raïssa Maritain, a poet, philosopher, and Hasidic Jew. She was so influenced by Bloy that she, along with her well-known husband Jacques, and her sister Vera, converted to Catholicism, with Bloy as sponsor. The "three Maritains" as they were known, took their place at the center of a circle of French Catholic intellectuals. Raïssa died on this day in 1960. What kind of influence might you have on those searching for a faith to believe in?

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Luke 14:1, 7-11 (484). *"The one who humbles himself will be exalted."*



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**OCTOBER 31**



**Tuesday  
6:30 - 7:30pm**

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OCT 29 - NOV 5

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  
6:00pm Halloweenie  
7:00pm Connect



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



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



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



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



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 - 71% of goal**  
Our Goal: \$167,200 Pledged: \$119,102 Gifts: 141

**Last Year at this time - 97% of goal**  
Our Goal: \$164,500 Pledged: \$159,629 Gifts: 183

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 28

4:00pm James Aloysius Keane III

### Sunday, October 29

11:00am Tom Grande

7:30pm Pasquale "Paddy" Simeoli

### Monday, October 30

12:10pm John Astorina

### Tuesday, October 31

12:10pm Ellen Gormley

### Wednesday, November 1 - ALL SAINTS DAY

12:10pm Thomas P. Brown & the Brown family

7:30pm deceased members of the Olmedo

& Santo Domingo families

### Thursday, November 2 *The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed*

12:10pm Savithri Culbertson

### Friday, November 3

12:10pm deceased members of the Legion of Mary

### Saturday, November 4 *Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo*

4:00pm the Fiorini family

### Sunday, November 5

11:00am Anthony Roque

7:30pm Ann Ahern

### Monday, November 6

12:10pm Joan K. Stout

### Tuesday, November 7

12:10pm Dorothy & Gertrude Walsh

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

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