

EPIPHANY

November 12, 2023

"Therefore, stay awake,
for you know neither the day
nor the hour."



Thirty-Second
Sunday of
Ordinary Time



WELCOME to Epiphany

November, 2023

Dear Fellow Supporters:

I am filled with gratitude for your generous support of Epiphany's God given mission. Your support enables the church to bring God to our neighborhood through the many resources that we provide, especially: Faith Formation for our children and adults (Young and Not Young), including Alpha, Connect, RCIA, Bible Study, Legion of Mary, Young Adults, Sant'Egidio, Spiritual Direction, Hospitality, Homeless Outreach, Sacred Music, Lectio Divina, Prison Ministry, Finding God in Film, SOS Teen Group, Choirs for Children and Adults, not to mention the vibrant sacramental life of the parish church and school.

I am only a steward and am therefore accountable to you for management of the funds you entrust to the Church. The weekly bulletin periodically contains information on weekly collections and expenses. But at the end of every fiscal year, it is my duty to provide the attached, more comprehensive, financial report.

We aim to have an annual surplus in order to accumulate funds for the multimillion-dollar capital repairs required by New York City building codes and that building engineers say are necessary.

This year, for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2023, our revenues (before extraordinary bequests/donations) were insufficient to cover our expenses, with a shortfall of \$247,430. Thankfully, several generous supporters included Epiphany in their final testaments (bequests), resulting in a deficit of \$36,516. Unfortunately, these bequests are one-time gifts that we cannot rely on going forward.

If our giving grows to be proportional to our gratitude to God for the infinite blessings he has given us, I am confident that Epiphany will be able to continue its mission to evangelize and tend to all its building maintenance.

Of course, you support Epiphany with more than just money. We need and rely on your precious time and numerous and varied talents as well. We focus on making Epiphany a hope filled, joyous, welcoming, faith filled and worshipping community where all are welcome, forgiven and loved.

I pray that every parishioner makes a determined effort to invite friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors to be an active part of all that we do, beginning with, and most importantly, our in-person Sunday Worship.

I am proud to be part of this vibrant faith filled community, which is made possible by your love and generosity. I am very grateful for all of you who do your best. I am confident that you will "reap what you sow" and that your support will earn you a "reward of more than a hundred-fold"!

Sincerely,

Rev Austin Titus

Church of the Epiphany
Operating Income (Loss) For The Fiscal Year Ended August 31



Revenue	2023	2022	2021
Donations	\$693,008	\$799,642	\$790,597
Fees	\$64,100	\$67,840	\$63,724
Fund Raising	\$15,872	\$44,628	\$14,004
Total Revenue	\$772,980	\$912,110	\$868,325

Expense	2023	2022	2021
Compensation	\$413,495	\$419,907	\$373,939
Maintenance	\$134,774	\$51,702	\$57,547
Health & Pension Benefits	\$131,981	\$129,166	\$106,747
ArchNY Tax	\$108,781	\$110,808	\$119,435
PropCasualty Insurance	\$56,843	\$54,099	\$51,980
Utilities	\$38,005	\$33,673	\$37,273
Development	\$29,518	\$34,781	\$19,207
Faith Formation	\$25,226	\$21,297	\$18,526
Office	\$21,166	\$18,548	\$19,435
Music *	\$16,020	\$11,137	(\$5,287)
Supplies	\$15,839	\$7,315	\$12,882
Acoustics & A/V	\$14,855	\$55,402	\$33,299
Young Adults	\$13,381	\$13,435	\$0
Other	\$527	\$3,314	\$2,000
Total Expense	\$1,020,410	\$964,583	\$846,984

Results Before Extraordinary Items	(\$247,430)	(\$52,473)	\$21,341
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Extraordinary Items			
Bequests and Similar Donations	\$210,914	\$177,351	\$143,288

Net (Deficit) Surplus	(\$36,516)	\$124,878	\$164,629
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Operating Income excludes Epiphany School. Restricted Donations and Investment Results

* Music expense excludes staff compensation and is net of donations



About God's Word

THROUGH THE WEEK AT EPIPHANY

Sunday, Nov 12, 2023

Last things

November's a good time to consider our responsibilities to those who depend on us and may be nearing the end of life. (Or perhaps we're getting long in years ourselves.) We know our social obligations: Write a will, make our medical preferences known to doctors and family members. But Catholics have other duties too. Offering forgiveness and being forgiven are vital issues at the end of life—and every year of life. We have to ensure the sacraments are available to the elderly and the sick. How vigils, funerals, and burials are conducted matters to us. Reflect on these things now.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13 (154). *"Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'"*

Monday, Nov 13, 2023

The underestimated shall be esteemed

Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini was born Maria Francesca in Italy in 1850, the youngest of 13 children. She was small and had poor health. Because of her frailty, she was rejected by the religious community she wanted to join. She founded her own order and dreamed of becoming a missionary to the Far East like the saint whose name she took. But the pope sent her west instead, to the United States—and she founded 67 missionary institutions to serve the sick and poor from New York to Chicago to Los Angeles. Nine years after her death, her religious institute, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, became missionaries in China. Don't underestimate the power of God or yourself!

MEMORIAL OF FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6 (491). *"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."*

Tuesday, Nov 14, 2023

Put your hope in order

As we inch toward Advent, it's good to revisit the theme of hope. Consider this, from Pope Francis two years ago today, for the World Day of the Poor: "The hope born of the Gospel has nothing to do with a passive expectation that things may be better tomorrow, but with making God's promise of salvation concrete today.... Christian hope is not the naïve, even adolescent, optimism of those who hope that things may change [and] in the meantime go on with life; it has to do with building daily, by concrete gestures, the kingdom of love, justice, and fraternity that Jesus inaugurated." Or as Italian Bishop Don Tonio Bello would say, "We cannot be content to hope. We have to organize hope." How will you organize hope today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 2:23-3:9; Luke 17:7-10 (492). *"Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love."*

Wednesday, Nov 15, 2023

Live a life of great service

The great Dominican friar Albertus Magnus died on this day in 1280, after a long life of dedication to the church as a scholar, scientist, and briefly the bishop of Regensburg. He shunned excess and was known as a mediator—which, in his day, was a complicated matter, given the ongoing Crusades. We, too, live in

an age of war, economic inequality, and general spiritual laxity. We owe it to ourselves to look to the German Dominican for inspiration to live a more rigorous life of spiritual seeking, so as to find lasting solutions to the problems of our day.

MEMORIAL OF ALBERT THE GREAT, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19 (493). *"For those who keep the holy precepts hallowed shall be found holy, and those learned in them will have ready a response."*

Thursday, Nov 16, 2023

Extraordinary sacrifice in ordinary clothing

It's easy to think that martyrs were people completely different from us, but Christian courage doesn't always have a cinematic face. Father Ignacio Ellacuría, S.J., five other Jesuits, and their housekeeper and her daughter were murdered in El Salvador. Ellacuría and his fellow Jesuits had publicly defended human rights and ministered to poor people in spite of intense government repression. May their dedication to justice inspire us to do our part in creating a more just world order that protects those who speak truth to power.

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 7:22b-8:1; Luke 17:20-25 (494). *"For behold, the Kingdom of God is among you."*

Friday, Nov 17, 2023

A delicate matter

The Catholic Church identifies well over a dozen saints as patrons of lacemaking, lace workers, and related textile workers. Saint Elizabeth of Hungary is among these patrons who possibly became associated with lacemaking as it is a craft often seen as "immaculate" and virtuous, much like the saints themselves. But lacemakers and other artisan workers also often sat on the edge of poverty. These were the people who benefitted from the kind deeds of the likes of Saint Elizabeth, who roamed the streets near her castle passing out alms for the poor and tending to the sick. Take a moment to consider the artisans and craftspeople of our own time who could benefit from your patronage.

MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37 (495). *"For from the greatness and the beauty of created things their original author, by analogy, is seen."*

Saturday, Nov 18, 2023

Let freedom ring

In 1818, when Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne came from France to the United States, she was dismayed that slavery still operated "in the land of the free." Yet, when she opened foundations in Louisiana, the sisters were given slaves along with their households. In 1830 she accepted a slave in lieu of a tuition payment. She insisted that slaves in the household be treated well, arguing, "They have the same soul as we; they have been redeemed by the same blood and received into the same Church," but, like all of us, she was clearly enmeshed in social structures in need of redemption. Work for a society that truly is free at last.

MEMORIAL OF ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8 (496). *"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?"*

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EVENTS

NOV 12 - NOV 19



**11:00am Family Mass &
Sunday Scripture**
12:00pm Family Catechesis
4:00pm Piano Recital
7:30 Young Adult Mass



12:10pm Mass
12:30pm Miraculous Novena
**7:00pm Meeting God
in the Dark**



11:00am 22 Club
12:10pm Mass
2:30pm Prayer Corps
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
6:00pm Curia of the Legion
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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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: \$119,312 Gifts: 141

Last Year at this time - 97% of goal
Our Goal: \$164,500 Pledged: \$160,899 Gifts: 185

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.

Catholic Charities 2nd Collection - Nov 18-19

Today's special collection supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Currently, 38 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection funds programs that empower local communities to address their many challenges. By supporting this collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a handout. We appreciate your always generous donations.

MASSES

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

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 11 *Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours*

12:00pm All deceased loved ones

4:00pm Romy Postadan

Sunday, November 12

11:00am Dennis Raptis Sr.

7:30pm Larkin Glazebrook

Monday, November 13 *Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini*

12:10pm Regina A. Verlin

Tuesday, November 14

12:10pm Eleuteria Abinon

Wednesday, November 15

12:10pm Michael Nardoza

Thursday, November 16

12:10pm the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, November 17 *Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary*

12:10pm Frank Duff

Saturday, November 18

4:00pm Sara Marie Callahan

Sunday, November 19

11:00am Jennifer McNulty

7:30pm Fernando Luis Puente

Monday, November 20

12:10pm Tony Galgano

Tuesday, November 21 *Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

12:10pm in Thanksgiving

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

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