

EPIPHANY

NOVEMBER 13, 2022

"There will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down."

Thirty-Third
Sunday of
Ordinary Time

WELCOME to Epiphany

It is Jesus' way of showing that everything is passing away. If we don't hold this counterpoint in mind, we do one of two things: we take this world far too seriously, or we try to hold on to everything. We think it's all going to last, but it isn't. The 21st century, the United States of America, capitalism, our churches and our political parties, and all the rest are passing away. Even celebrities and movie stars die. We can take this as a morbid lesson, or we can receive it as the truth ahead of time, so we're not surprised, disappointed, and angry when it happens in our generation.

The spiritual message is really quite simple, although a very hard one for us to learn. It is saying that nothing is permanent. Apocalyptic literature tells us to be prepared for that, so we won't be shocked or scandalized when someone dies, or something is destroyed. You might learn this truth the moment after you hear of the death of your mother or father, when the rug is pulled out from beneath you. Or, during that moment when you go to the doctor and get a fatal diagnosis and are told you have three months left to live. Or when your house is destroyed by a tornado or flood in seconds. Apocalyptic literature describes such moments and crises. Again, this message is not meant to be heard as a threat, but as a truth that nothing lasts forever. Our great hope is that there will be something we can grasp onto, something that's eternal, something that's God.

We want the absoluteness of God, the eternity of God, and we can't fully find it here. God puts us in a world of passing things where everything changes and nothing remains the same. The only thing that doesn't change is change itself. It's a hard lesson to learn. It helps us appreciate that everything is a gift. We didn't create it. We don't deserve it. It will not last, but while we breathe it in, we can enjoy it, and know that it is another moment of God, another moment of life. People who take this moment seriously take every moment seriously, and those are the people who are ready for heaven. If religion isn't leading us into an eternal now, an eternal moment, an always-true moment, an always-love moment, then we have not lived the moment at all.





About God's Word

THROUGH THE WEEK AT EPIPHANY

Sunday, Nov 13, 2022

Apocalypse soon?

The approaching end of the church year brings a cascade of dreadful-sounding biblical images in many of the scripture readings. Should we be packing our bags for a mad dash to the end-times? As Malachi says, "Lo, the day is coming"—and of course it is. Time forecloses both personally and cosmically. This is why we're regularly reminded to stay "sober and alert," "awake," and "watchful." The threats are real: climate change, global disease, catastrophes, and random violence, not to mention the genetic time bomb that is our bodies. Live each day with purpose. Meet each moment with love.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 3:19-20a; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19 (159). *"There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs."*

Monday, Nov 14, 2022

Call upon his names

We often call people close to us by special names: Sweetheart, Honey, Angel. The names both describe the person and reveal how we feel about them. The same goes for our names for God and Jesus in particular. We call him Christ, Messiah, Son of David, Son of God as well as Prince of Peace, the Good Shepherd, King of Kings, Light of the World, Bread of Life, the Living Word—among many others. Say a Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus today to ponder the meaning of his names. In the end, remember his birth name, Jesus, means, "God saves." The catechism says: "The name 'Jesus' contains all: God and man and the whole economy of creation and salvation." Shakespeare famously asked, "What's in a name?" In our Lord's case, everything!

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Luke 18:35-43 (497).
"Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!"

Tuesday, Nov 15, 2022

With passion, pursue the good

You could say Saint Albert the Great was a real renaissance man, even though he died in 1289, before the Renaissance flourished. As a learned Dominican friar, he was an astute professor of philosophy, mentoring his famous pupil Thomas Aquinas and thus laying the groundwork for scholasticism. But Albert also wrote on other subjects he was passionate about: chemistry, physics, biology, astronomy, and geography—and served as bishop and theologian to the pope. "Knowledge of divine things is imprinted on our minds by union with God, who is Wisdom itself," said Albert. Thank God for the good things you are passionate about, using them wisely to honor our Creator.

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

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22; Luke 19:1-10 (498).
"Because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth."

Wednesday, Nov 16, 2022

Demonstrate a mother's love

On this day 160 years ago, one of America's most influential nuns died in her hometown of New Orleans. A Creole, Venerable Henriette DeLille—founder of the Sisters of the Holy Family and their first mother superior—toiled for decades in education and philanthropy on behalf of the region's black community. She

founded her convent in 1834 as a place where black women with a religious calling could serve the community, despite racist opposition from many in the church. Following her death, DeLille's reputation for holiness resulted in her cause for canonization being opened in 1997, the first for a U.S.-born African American. May her spirit of indefatigable service inspire us all to grow in sanctity and serve the forgotten in a country where racism continues to damage church and society. Mother Henriette, pray for us!

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 4:1-11; Luke 19:11-28 (499). *"He called ten of his servants and gave them ten gold coins and told them, 'Engage in trade with these until I return.'"*

Thursday, Nov 17, 2022

Carry on the healing tradition

Christianity has always elevated care for the sick as a key virtue. From Jesus' focus on healing to modern medical systems built by religious orders, helping the ill has been central from day one. Today's saint, Queen Elizabeth of Hungary, built two hospitals. After she lost her fortune, she gave hands-on care to the sick, the aged, and the poor. The next time you shoulder extra work for a sick co-worker or make a late-night run for medicine for a family member, think of it as an opportunity to practice your faith.

MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, QUEEN, THIRD ORDER FRANCISCAN

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 5:1-10; Luke 19:41-44 (500). *"[Jesus] saw the city and wept over it, saying, 'If this day you only knew what makes for peace.'"*

Friday, Nov 18, 2022

Learn the language

Making Jesus known to others is a gospel imperative. Saint Philippine Duchesne, R.S.C.J. possessed that evangelizing spirit when she left Paris for New Orleans to serve the French-speaking people in U.S. territories. As a member of the Society of the Sacred Heart, her mission was education. She not only taught people to read and write, but she watched as newly baptized adults, particularly members of the Potawatomie tribe, began spreading the gospel in their own language. As you play your own part in making Jesus known, remember to start with the language of love. That is always an attention getter.

MEMORIAL OF ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE, SACRED HEART MISSIONARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-48 (501). *"It is written, My house shall be a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves."*

Saturday, Nov 19, 2022

Make men whole

International Men's Day is a little-known commemoration held today that needs more notice. Wounded (some would say toxic) masculinity—a distorted and often violence-oriented view of "what it means to be a man"—is manifest in so many ills in our society, starting with what Father Richard Rohr calls the "father wound." Rohr tells a story from when he was a prison chaplain: He found great demand among the imprisoned men for Mother's Day cards to send. When he offered them cards to send on Father's Day, however, he had no takers. Real men can be strong without violence, kind without coercion. Help the men in your life (men, this starts with you!) to heal their wounded masculinity.

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40 (502).
"Teacher, you have answered well."

Fratelli Tutti

Parish Discussion Series

Fratelli Tutti (All Brothers) is the third encyclical of Pope Francis, subtitled "on fraternity and social friendship". The encyclical calls for more human fraternity and solidarity, and is a plea to reject wars. It focuses on contemporary social and economic problems, and proposes an ideal world of fraternity in which all countries can be part of a "larger human family"

**Mondays At 7PM In The Parish Hall:
Nov.7th, 14th, 21st**



Epiphany's Young Adult Ministry Presents **Adoration Night with Worship Music & Witness**

Lead by: Q Furnald
(Youth Ministry Lead at
Norte Dame of Mt. Carmel NJ)

Friday, November 18
7:00PM - 8:30PM

Light Refreshments After



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EVENTS



**11:00am Family Mass &
Sunday Scripture Program
12:30pm Parish Alpha
7:30 Young Adult Mass**



**12:10pm Mass
12:30pm Miraculous
Medal Novena
7:00pm Fratelli Tutti
Workshop**



**11:00am 22 Club
12:10pm Mass
2:30pm Prayer Corps (ZOOM)
7:00pm Connect**



**12:10pm Mass
12:40pm OLPH (Church)
6:30pm Cub Scouts
7:00pm Breaking Open
The Word via Zoom**



12:10pm Mass



**12:10pm Mass
1:00pm Legion of Mary
6:00pm Curia of Legion of Mary
7:00pm YA Worship w/ Q**



4pm Vigil Mass



**Sant' Egidio Food Collection
11:00am Family Mass &
Sunday Scripture Program
12:30pm Parish Alpha
7:30 Young Adult Mass**

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2022 Cardinal's Appeal Goal Met

We want to thank you all for the support in surpassing our goal for the Cardinal's Appeal. The goal was \$164,500 and we raised \$166,749!

The Epiphany School admission season for the 2023-2024 school year is open

Toddler Twos Program through Grade 8
For application information and to schedule a tour, visit our website:
www.theepiphanyschool.org

Announced Masses 2023 (Offering \$20)

Reservations for announced Masses in 2023 will be accepted beginning Wed, November 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.

Remembrance & Special Intentions

A wonderful way to remember our loved ones who have passed on and to pray for special intentions, while giving back to God

Altar Bread & Wine (\$50 / week)

Sanctuary Lamp (\$20 / week)

Please make these arrangements at the rectory.

MASSES

Monday-Friday 12:10pm

Saturday Vigil: 4pm

Sunday 11am & 7:30pm

THIS WEEK'S

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 12 *Memorial of Saint Josaphat*
4:00pm Carmela Marotta

Sunday, November 13
11:00am Regina A, Verlin
7:30pm Bernard McGuirk

Monday, November 14
12:10pm Niamh McGuinness

Tuesday, November 15
12:10pm Michael Nardoza

Wednesday, November 16
12:10pm Andrew Campbell

Thursday, November 17 *Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary*
12:10pm Thomas & Vilma Shea

Friday, November 18
12:10pm Jennifer McNulty

Saturday, November 19
4:00pm Frances Rodriguez

Sunday, November 20 *Christ the King*
11:00am Shirley Jean Radcliffe Dolan
7:30pm Ann Ahern

Monday, November 21 *Memorial of The Presentation of Virgin Mary*
12:10pm Michael Gargiulo

Tuesday, November 22 *Memorial of Saint Cecilia*
12:10pm Mark Wong

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

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