

# EPIPHANY

A painting of a man, likely Jesus, wearing a blue robe. He is holding a glowing lantern in his right hand and a small gold coin in his left hand. The background is dark, and the lighting is dramatic, highlighting the man's face and the lantern.

November 19, 2023

"Since you were faithful  
in small matters, I will  
give you great  
responsibilities."

Thirty-third  
Sunday of  
Ordinary Time





**WELCOME to Epiphany**

**LIGHT IN THE  
DARKNESS**

We are, God knows, a people who walk in darkness. There seems little need to explain. If darkness is meant to suggest a world where nobody can see very well—either themselves, or each other, or where they are heading, or even where they are standing at the moment; if darkness is meant to convey a sense of uncertainty, of being lost, of being afraid; if darkness suggests conflict, conflict between races, between nations, between individuals each pretty much out for himself when you come right down to it; then we live in a world that knows much about darkness. Darkness is what our newspapers are about. Darkness is what most of our best contemporary literature is about. Darkness fills the skies over our own cities no less than over the cities of our enemies. And in our single lives, we know much about darkness too. If we are people who pray, darkness is apt to be a lot of what our prayers are about. If we are people who do not pray, it is apt to be darkness in one form or another that has stopped our mouths.



# THANKSGIVING

At Church of the  
Epiphany



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# About God's Word THROUGH THE WEEK AT EPIPHANY

**Sunday, Nov 19, 2023**

## **Curl up with the Good Book**

President Franklin D. Roosevelt inaugurated the first National Bible Week. Presidents since have continued the tradition of encouraging scripture reading during the holidays. The practice began in 1941, when NBC radio hosted the National Bible Association's founders. News of the attack on Pearl Harbor interrupted the program, and NBC asked the association to continue reading the Bible all day to a grieving nation. This week, spend some time with scripture daily. Consider reading the book of your choice, from the Old or New Testaments. Or read a psalm of thanksgiving daily. Discover the inspiration.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30 (157). *"For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness."*

**Monday, Nov 20, 2023**

## **Can we talk?**

The word *bible* is from a Greek word meaning "book." If you could have no other book, the Bible would be the one! As you count your blessings this week, don't forget to give thanks for sacred scripture and spend some time with the inspired word of God. If you haven't before, try *lectio divina* (Latin for "divine reading")—it's a traditional monastic form of praying with scripture in a meditative way to open ourselves to hearing what God is saying to us and listening for our own interior response. Scripture isn't just text, it's the Living Word—strike up a conversation!

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Luke 18:35-43 (497). *"What do you want me to do for you?"*

**Tuesday, Nov 21, 2023**

## **Mary, most exemplary**

According to tradition, Mary's parents—an elderly Anne and Joachim—were so grateful for the unexpected birth of their daughter, they presented her in the Temple to thank God. Accounts also say the toddler Mary "danced with joy" on the third step of the Temple, signifying her future role. Other qualities of the Blessed Mother, present even from her youth, are enumerated in the "Ten Evangelical Virtues of Mary" that we're all encouraged to emulate as Christians: pure, prudent, humble, faithful, devout, obedient, poor, patient, merciful, and sorrowful. Cultivate these in your own life by praying the Virtues of Mary chaplet used by the Marian religious order since 1699.

MEMORIAL OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10 (498). *"Today salvation has come to this house."*

**Wednesday, Nov 22, 2023**

## **Let the music play!**

Today's gospel from Luke tells the parable of the 10 gold coins. Matthew tells the same parable (Matt. 25:14-30), only he replaces Luke's "gold coins" with "talents." Whichever version you read, it's clear that God wants us to make the most of what we've been given—and that he recognizes our efforts! In honor of today's Feast of Saint Cecilia, patron of music and musicians, enjoy Anton

Bruckner's Te Deum as performed by the talented musicians of the Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia (National Academy of St. Cecilia, founded under Pope Sixtus V in 1585) or check out the contemporary namesake band La Santa Cecilia, recipient of the 2013 Grammy for Best Latin Rock Album (Alternative or Urban).

MEMORIAL OF CECILIA, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28 (499). *"I tell you, to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."*

**Thursday, Nov 23, 2023**

## **Give thanks for a virtuous day**

Since Thanksgiving brings together family members, personalities sometimes grate, children might misbehave, and the gravy surely will spill. It's an ideal day to practice what the Catechism of the Catholic Church calls the "cardinal virtues": prudence (think before you act), justice (be fair), fortitude (don't give up), and temperance (maintain your equilibrium). These virtues smooth out the bumps in human interaction. Ask God to increase in you the virtue you most need for a happy celebration today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44 (500).

Mass for Thanksgiving Day (943-947). *"If this day you only knew what makes for peace."*

**Friday, Nov 24, 2023**

## **Follow the rule**

"Keep the rule, and the rule will keep you." In this monastic proverb, "rule" refers to the daily rhythm of life for monks and nuns that is grounded in their foundation and charism as a community and oriented toward Jesus the Christ. The rule helps the community develop habits for prayer, work, relationships, study, and even play. Monastics still follow a rule of life, as do other intentional communities. Each of us can develop a rule of life according to our own daily rhythm and relationship with God. This rule will keep us grounded, even when the inevitable storms of life roll in.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48 (501). *"Let us go up to purify the sanctuary and rededicate it."*

**Saturday, Nov 25, 2023**

## **No room for violence**

On this day in 1960 a trio of courageous sisters was brutally assassinated for opposing the murderous regime of Dominican dictator Rafael Trujillo. Since 1993, the U.N. has commemorated World Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women in honor of the Mirabal sisters. It is an appropriate coincidence that we also honor Catherine of Alexandria today, a young convert martyred at the tender age of 18 during Roman persecutions around the year 300. She was reportedly subject to terrible tortures, but her courage instead attracted hundreds more converts. No woman should have to endure violence for any reason. Today is a day we can honor martyrs both modern and ancient with a firm *"No más, no more."*

MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, YOUTH MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40 (502).

*"They are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise."*

# @EPIPHANY

NOV 19 - NOV 26

## EVENTS



Food Drive  
11:00am Family Mass &  
Sunday Scripture  
12:00pm Family Catechesis  
7:30 Young Adult Mass



12:10pm Mass  
1:00pm Miraculous Novena



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



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



No Masses  
Thanksgiving



No Masses



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 - 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 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 the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:10pm in Thanksgiving

### Wednesday, November 22 Memorial of Saint Cecilia

12:10pm John Frein

### Thursday, November 23

12:10pm NO MASSES TODAY

### Friday, November 24

12:10pm NO MASSES TODAY

### Saturday, November 25

4:00pm Lillian & George Conard

Jack Warmbrand & James Lee

### Sunday, November 26 Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

11:00am Helen M. Verlin

7:30pm Catherine McKew Cheney

### Monday, November 27

12:10pm Cipriano Diomampo

### Tuesday, November 28

12:10pm Antonia Astorina

**Sanctuary Lamp**

**Nov. 19 - 25**

**John Caradonna**

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

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