

EPIPHANY



November 20, 2022

“Jesus, remember me
when you come into your
kingdom.”

Thirty-Fourth
Sunday of
Ordinary Time

WELCOME to Epiphany

You think of the newly anointed King David conquering unconquerable Jerusalem and crowning his triumph by bringing into it the ark of God as all the people made merry with lyres, harps, tambourines, castanets, and cymbals.

Passionate loyalty, adoration, terror, awe-no words are perhaps too strong to describe the feelings evoked in his subjects by the mere sight of him, and it's no wonder. He held the power of life and death over them. Their destiny was in his keeping. He defended the kingdom against all enemies both from within and from without. He *was* the kingdom. If he rejoiced, it rejoiced with him. If he was angry, the earth trembled and the crops might fail.

When Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time, it was as King and Son of David that his followers hailed him. If it was a king like David the conquering hero that they were looking for, they were of course bitterly disappointed. What they got was a king like David the father, who, when he heard of his treacherous son's death, went up to his chamber and wept. "Would I had died instead of thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!" he cried out. They were the most kingly words he ever uttered and an uncanny foreshadowing of his many-times great-grandson who some thousand years later put his money where David's mouth had been.



My King, my King



About God's Word

THROUGH THE WEEK AT EPIPHANY

Sunday, Nov 20, 2022

Suffer the little children to enter paradise

Jesus promises Paradise to a man dying in disgrace next to him on the cross. Today, on World Children's Day, we can bring Paradise a little closer by contemplating 10 principles the United Nations calls the "Rights of the Child," including: Every child without exception should have a name and nationality; access to physical, mental, moral, spiritual, and social development; food, housing, and medical care; love and understanding; education and moral guidance; protection from exploitation and discrimination. Our Catholic preferential option for the poor and respect for life fully embraces the welfare of children.

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43 (162). *"Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."*

Monday, Nov 21, 2022

Ready for the ride of your life?

Just as Catholics celebrate the conception, birth, and presentation in the temple of Jesus, we celebrate the same events in the life of Mary. God's plans (for all of us) begin and unfold before anyone's understanding of them. The story of Mary's presentation in the temple comes from a non-biblical text that says Mary's parents consecrated her to God at a very young age. With her Immaculate Conception, God set her on the path to a pivotal role in salvation history, but it required dedication and preparation nonetheless—culminating in her immortal "yes" at the Annunciation. Life hands us circumstances, and sometimes decisions are made that are beyond our control—have you considered how those might shape your purpose? Commit to following where the Spirit might lead you.

MEMORIAL OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Luke 21:1-4 (503). *"She, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood."*

Tuesday, Nov 22, 2022

Speak up

Once Saint Paul's letters were collected in the third century, he got heat from Christians for "Wives, be submissive to your husbands"—adding that neither should they speak in church. For the third century also saw the martyrdom of Saint Cecilia. Paul's critics pointed out that Cecilia's eloquent words persuaded her husband and led him (and others) to convert. As for not speaking in church? It was Cecilia who allowed an underground church to worship in her home. Cecilia's story is told in Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, recounted by a nun who praises her for evangelizing with both words and example. Men and women of faith, glorify God today with your own words and example!

MEMORIAL OF CECILIA, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11 (504). *"Reap the harvest, for the time to reap has come."*

Wednesday, Nov 23, 2022

We owe You

We naturally think of Saint Paul when we think of letters written to the early Christians in Corinth, but Saint Clement I—a disciple of the apostles and later a pope—had occasion to write to the Corinthian church as well. From one of those letters comes advice

that's fitting for Americans celebrating Thanksgiving tomorrow: "If you are wise, then display your wisdom by good deeds; and if you are modest, let others speak of your modesty instead of proclaiming the fact yourself. To God we owe everything, and therefore on every count we are under obligation to thank him."

MEMORIAL OF CLEMENT I, POPE, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19 (505). *"I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking."*

Thursday, Nov 24, 2022

Saved in the cloud

Thanksgiving is a time to recall the blessings in our lives. Most who are reading these words can give thanks to God for the freedom to worship, something absent for the saints and martyrs memorialized on this date. Today's memorial is unusual in that it honors 117 Vietnamese martyrs, the "companions" of Father Andrew Dũng-Lạc. In fact, those 117 actually represent the 100,000 to 300,000 Vietnamese Christians killed or severely persecuted for their faith between the 17th and 19th centuries. May your actions of gratitude today give honor to this "cloud of witnesses."

MEMORIAL OF ANDREW DŨNG-LẠC, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Luke 21:20-28 (506). *"Then [Jesus] said to him, 'Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.'"*

Friday, Nov 25, 2022

Called to speak out

The early church was a place of great religious fervor and danger. Prior to 313 Christianity was outlawed, and many adherents were put to death. This was the age of the martyrs, including Catherine of Alexandria. Catherine was well educated and known for her keen intellect. As she grew in the faith, she became an outspoken critic of the dominant religion of the Roman empire. Though given many unconscionable "outs" to avoid death, Catherine held firmly to her beliefs and continued to speak out. What compels you to speak out, even when it costs you?

MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Luke 21:29-33 (507). *"I also saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God."*

Saturday, Nov 26, 2022

The last day

It's the last day of the year—the liturgical year, that is. Tomorrow is the beginning of a new liturgical year, a new cycle of readings, and a new season of joyful hope. Good thing, because the readings for the past few weeks, like today's, have been words of warning and apprehension regarding the "eschaton," which means the end of the world. It all sounds terrifying, but it is good news, for however you prefer to interpret it, literally or figuratively, unless this world passes away in some way, the kingdom Jesus preached isn't fully realized. Pray God's kingdom come!

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36 (508). *"Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations."*

Christmas Giving Opportunities

Plaza Christmas Trees Of Love

Buy one in memory of a loved one.

Shine Christ's Light on our neighborhood and provide food and blessings to or homeless neighbors

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Sunday, December 11th
10:30am - 1:00pm

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*Christmas Gift
Collection*

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NOV.20 - NOV. 27

EVENTS



Sant' Egidio Food Collection
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
7:00pm Connect



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



12:30pm
Sant' Egidio Thanksgiving Dinner For Needy Brothers & Sisters



12:10pm Mass
1:00pm Legion of Mary
6:30pm Sant Egidio



4pm Vigil Mass



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

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Catholic Charities 2nd Collection Nov 19-20

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 the challenges they face. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development supports those living in poverty across the country. By supporting this collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a handout. Please be generous.

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,
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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 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*

12:10pm Michael Gargiulo *Virgin Mary*

Tuesday, November 22 *Memorial of Saint Cecilia*

12:10pm Mark Wong

Wednesday, November 23

12:10pm Helen Verlin

Thursday, November 24 *Memorial of Saint Andrew Dũng-Lac,*

12:10pm No Masses Today *and Companions*

Friday, November 25

12:10pm No Masses Today

Saturday, November 26

4:00pm Lillian & George Conard,

Jack Warmbrand & James Lee

Sunday, November 27

11:00am the Kennedy & Stout families

7:30pm Carol Ann Roberson

Monday, November 28

12:10pm Antonia Astorina

Tuesday, November 29

12:10pm Carmine Marotta

Sanctuary Lamp Nov 20-26 John Caradonna

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faithful departed, rest in peace.**

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