

# The Epiphany Of The Lord

## January 3, 2016 A.D.

### EXPRESSIONS

Father Ed

New Year



A new year is certainly cause for celebration — all new beginnings are — but it also is a moment for reflection. What does a new year mean? There are many significances but change seems the most obvious. Every new year is a moment inviting change and improvement, a thrust forward towards new possibilities, away from past choices and ideas. A new year implies new directions. As times change, strategies and ways of thinking also need to change. This coming year 2016 undoubtedly will be different than 2015 and requires, therefore, new sensibilities to match new circumstances.

Change is the chief characteristic of our contemporary era. We have become so accustomed to the innovations of technology, medicine, transportation, and communication that we take them for granted. Our ideas, however, have not equally kept pace. While we may quickly resort to the newest advancements in medicine, for example, to save our lives from disease, we still maintain traditional notions about life. We regularly rely on cell phones and computers for school, business, and social media but don't correlate this in our general interpretation of life. We too often keep to old ideas despite all the new things that surround us.

Change stimulates progress but unfortunately also can generate problems. Perhaps that is the reason so many people resist change. The current environment crisis is a clear case of the two happening simultaneously. Global warming is a contemporary issue that no longer can realistically be denied. It is not an anomaly but a negative side-effect of human development and growth. We will have to change our usual patterns to reverse the ecological damage we have done. The arms race is another example of the dangers of change. Nuclear weapons are an obvious example. Instead of providing better security, they increase worry and fear that more nations, i.e., North Korea, Pakistan, Iran, may also develop a similar capacity, thus escalating conflict. The development of sophisticated military technology and equipment, e.g., drones, saves the lives of many combatants but often inflicts harm on civilian populations, even if unintended and accidental, destroying hospitals and homes. Similarly, the easy proliferation of military assault weapons intended only for war is the cause of violent rampages in civilian settings, e.g., schools, movie theatres, and malls. The increasing prevalence of this unnecessary violence needs to be checked, in the same way as medical treatments gone awry. In other words, change signifies up-dating and reform. An old church axiom, which Pope Francis just invoked, suggests continual reform: "Ecclesia semper reformanda" Reform is itself a form of change. If we do this, our new year will have a better guarantee of success.

#### Next Sunday's readings:

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29:1-10; Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22.

#### Second Collection Next Sunday:

For the Retirement Fund for Aged and Infirm Priests

**FAITH SHARING**

Would you like to get more out of Mass and learn more about the Catholic faith? Everyone is welcome to join one of the Faith Sharing groups. Groups meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. (resuming on Jan. 6) & on Fridays at 10 a.m. (resuming Jan. 8). Please call Gary & Bonnie at 927-aaaa for more information.

**BULLETIN & WEB ADVERTISING**

If you have a business you may want to advertise on our parish bulletin &/or website. There are different options depending on whether or not you have your own website. Please contact the office for rates and details.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

Those who are not envelope users may sign up for a box set at the back of the church. Those who already have an assigned offertory envelope number may pick up their box set for 2016.

**IRS GIVING STATEMENTS**

Those who donated electronically or by using the offertory envelope system during 2015 may request a giving statement for IRS purposes by contacting the parish office.

**PARISH POTLUCKS**

Please join us for our quarterly parish potluck to be held on Thurs., Jan. 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the church hall. Enjoy the food & 50-50 drawing! Bring a friend.

**WOMEN'S SOCIETY**

All ladies of the parish are invited to the Women's Society meeting on Mon., Jan. 11, at 10 a.m. in the Class Room followed by lunch.

**FIRST TUESDAY BUNCO**

Bunco will be Tues., Jan. 5, at 1:30 p.m. in the hall. Please call Helen at 927-aaaa if you are not able to attend and tell her who your sub will be.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE (Jan. 9-10)**

**Sat. 5 pm: (2nd Sat.)** Lector: Frank Hlavaty  
EMs: Bill Mazzacane, Jeanne Edwards, Sheri Matarese  
Ushers: [2 ushers needed](#)  
Server: Cindy Mazzacane  
Cantor: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sun. 9 am: (2nd Sun.)** Lector: Kristi Jenkins  
EMs: Dinah Piwowski, Sam Ayoob, Kerry Friend  
Ushers: Carol Lowry, [1 usher needed](#)  
Server: Steve Semas  
Music: Terry Cross  
Coffee: Steve Semas; Hospitality: Anita Ayoob  
**Sun. 11 am: (2nd Sun.)** Lector: Kathy Boyte  
EMs: Irene Sigmund, Tom & Karen Hogan  
Ushers: Glen & Anne Bennett  
Server: [a server is needed](#)  
Music: Terry & Judy Ann Cross  
Hospitality: Agnes Wade, Helen Hull

**MASS INTENTIONS (Jan. 2-10)**

**Sat.** Eliza & Aloise Miller by Elizabeth & Irene Sigmund  
**Sun. @ 9** St. Joseph's Parishioners  
**Sun. @ 11** †Fr. Thomas Weise by Terry & Judy Ann Cross  
**Mon.** †John Thomas Atkinson III by Carolyn & Dean Atkinson  
**Tues.** †Mary Crivello (Mother of Fr. Peter Crivello)  
**Wed.** For all those on our parish sick list  
**Thurs.** †Rev. Bruno Barnhart, O.S.B., Cam.  
**Fri.** For peace in the Middle East  
**Sat.** †Richard Danks by Irene Danks  
**Sun. @ 9** †Cyrilla Danks by Irene Danks  
**Sun. @ 11** St. Joseph's Parishioners

While every effort will be made to offer Mass for your special intention on the requested date, please understand that circumstances occasionally make this impossible. Mass Intention Envelopes are available in the church. For further information call the office at 995-3243.

**Let us Pray For the Sick:** May our prayers be a comfort to those who are sick or chronically ill: Dinah Piwowski, the Murray Family, the Aulbach Family, Lena Minetti, Mary Stenbeck, Sonia DeCicco, Jessica Shaw, Noelia Souza, Innette Starckenburg, Tina Tull, Glen Bennett, John Paul Hope, Charlie Mitchell, Tena Bettencourt, Ben Rose, Jose Gonzalez, Randy Briscoe, Zan Barr, Anthony Avila, Virginia Avalos, Peg Jung; Austin & Easton Woodman; Jim Smith, Elizabeth Porter, Tom Mee, Taylen Hallett, Raul Gois, Carol Kramer, Gloria Rambaud, Mario Gois, Joanie George, Isaac Lindsey, Mark Sigmund, Ken Hermanson, Kelly Wade, Joe Nunes, Ben Work, James R. Greene, Sr., Larry Stayton, Elise Peltzer-Koehler, Aaron Demuth, Michael Eckels, Shelley Woeste, Anne Rindge, Stefan LeRoy, Mary Grace Tassone, Shalom Simon, Joyce Thayer, Frances Foutz, Gage Berry-Carney, Peggy Rudnick, Mana Nelson, Ernie Gambellin, Bob Timone, Jeff Chames, Angela Lazear, Frank Friesen, & Sally Equinoia.

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## REMEMBRANCE TREE

Many of you have noticed and inquired about the building activity taking place above the parking lot at the northwest corner of the Church. In the near future, the area will be home to the bell from the old church, a bench, and a planted fountain. In addition, there will be a hand-crafted Remembrance Tree installed on the wall opposite the silver cross. Leaves for the tree will be available for a minimum donation of \$100. Be one of the first to have leaves engraved in memory of, or in honor of, your loved ones. They will be memorialized on the tree for generations to come. Larger donations per leaf will be enthusiastically accepted, all the better to increase St. Joseph's portion of the Bishop Clinch Endowment Fund.

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

Making New Year's Resolutions soon? How about being more active in the parish? We have Faith Sharing, Women's Society, a Bunco group and many ministries to participate in: lectors, altar servers, ushers, gift shop volunteers, etc.

### USHERING MINISTRY

Ushers are needed at the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturdays and the 9 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Please call Dinah at 995-aaaa if you can help once a month. Thank you.

### LOOKING FOR ALTAR SERVERS

We are in need of an additional altar server for the 9 a.m. Sunday Mass & the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturdays. Previous experience is not needed. Will share altar server duties on a regular basis each month. Please consider helping with this important ministry. Please call Phil at 900-aaaa.

### CALL FOR NEW LECTORS

Would you consider proclaiming God's word at Mass? Be a part of a beautiful & worthwhile ministry. We are currently looking for those who would like to be lectors. Weekday & weekend spots and training available. For more information, please call Jose at 772-aaaa.

### GIFT SHOP HELP NEEDED

We need people to staff the Gift Shop in the vestibule after the Sunday 9 a.m. Mass. We just need someone to be trained, turn the light on before Mass, and be available in the hall while enjoying coffee. Please call the office if you can help—even if just occasionally. Thank you.

### HOSPITALITY

We could use a volunteer or two to serve goodies after the 9 a.m. on 5th Sundays and one person to help out on 2nd Sundays after the 11 a.m. Mass. Please call the office if you would like to have fun meeting fellow parishioners & visitors.

## PRAYER BREAKFAST

Magnificat's quarterly Prayer Breakfast is open to all women on Sat., Jan. 30, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Santa Maria Inn. Guest speaker Dr. Ross Porter, a former Presbyterian minister, will describe his journey to Catholicism as well as dealing with life's struggles. The cost is \$25/person. For reservations call Dolly Van Horn after 5 p.m. at 878-0420.