

# Monthly Schedule

Sunday, Jan. 1: Octave Day of Christmas and Feast of Circumcision of Our Lord

7:00 am Low Mass

9:00 am Sung Mass

Friday, Jan. 6: Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord (& First Friday)

7:00 pm Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & All-Night Adoration

Saturday, Jan. 7: First Saturday

8:00 am: Reposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Mass

Sunday, Jan. 8: Feast of the Holy Family

7:00 am: Low Mass

9:00 am: Low Mass

Saturday Jan. 14: St. Hilary

8:00 am Mass

Sunday, Jan. 15: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

7:00 am: Low Mass

9:00 am: Sung Mass

Saturday, Jan. 21: St. Agnes

8:00 am Mass

Sunday, Jan. 22: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

7:00 am: Low Mass

9:00 am: Low Mass

Saturday, Jan. 28: St. Peter Nolasco

8:00 am Mass

Sunday, Jan. 29: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

7:00 am: Low Mass

9:00 am: Low Mass

## The Epiphany, by Leonard Goffine's the Church's Year

What caused the three kings to undertake so tedious a journey?

A star which God permitted to appear in their land, at the sight of which they were inwardly enlightened, so that they at once recognized its signification. Let us learn from these kings who so readily responded to the inspiration of God, by immediately undertaking so difficult a journey, to follow without delay the promptings of divine grace, and from their zeal, and the fearlessness with which they asked Herod where the Messiah would be found, we should learn to seek and practice, without fear of men, whatever is necessary for our salvation.

Why did the kings fall down and adore Christ?

Because by the light of faith they saw in the Infant at Bethlehem God Himself, and, notwithstanding the poverty of His surroundings, recognized in Him the expected Messiah, the newborn king of the Jews, and by prostrating themselves before Him paid Him the homage of their country.

Why did the kings offer gold, frankincense and myrrh?

Because it was the ancient Eastern custom, never to appear without presents before a prince or king, and the three kings, as the holy Fathers universally teach, enlightened by the Holy Ghost, desired by their presents to honor Christ as God, as king, and as man. Of this the venerable Bede writes: "The first of the kings, named Melchior, offered gold to Christ the Lord and king; the second, named Caspar, frankincense to the divinity of Christ; and the third, Balthassar, myrrh, by which was expressed that Christ, the Son of man, must die."

How can we bring similar offerings to Christ?

We offer gold to Him, when we love Him with our whole heart, and out of love to Him, present Him our will by perfect obedience and continual self-denial, as our will is our most precious treasure. We also offer Him gold when we assist the poor by alms given in His name. We offer Him frankincense when we devoutly and ardently pray to Him, especially when we meditate upon His omnipotence, love, goodness, justice and mercy. We offer Him myrrh when we avoid carnal desires, mortify our evil inclinations and passions, and strive for purity of body and soul.

# January 2023

## 2nd Collection Schedule:

- Jan. 1: Building and Maintenance Fund
- Jan. 8: Ridgefield Priory
- Jan. 15: Building & Maintenance Fund
- Jan. 22: St. Christopher's Mission (please make checks payable to "St. Christopher's Mission")
- Jan. 29: No 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

## Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:

- Jan. 1-7: Kevin Hansen per the Hansen Family
- Jan. 8-14: Sebastian Lopez per Laura Lopez; Hansen Family per the Scarpa Family
- Jan. 15-21: Margaret Mary Young
- Jan. 22-28: Elizabeth Hansen per the Hansen Family
- Jan. 29-Feb. 4: Pauline Pagano & Michael Pagano per Margaret Mary Young

## Upcoming Events:

- Sun. Jan. 8: Holy Name Sunday: Renewal of Promises and Obligations of the members of the Holy Name Society
- Sun. March 12: Confirmations administered by Bishop Bernard Fellay

**15 Decades of the Most Holy Rosary** for the intentions of the Parish & Parishioners will be recited each Wednesday at the church at 7:00 pm



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