

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YEAR A January 6th, 2008

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This Week In Our Parish LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 5th 5:00 p.m. mass:	Epiphany of the Lord, Year A †Aurelia Ferrancunno / Family †Helen Chunta / Family
Sunday, January 6th 9:00 a.m. mass: 11:00 a.m. mass: †	Epiphany of the Lord, Year A †James and †Annie St. Jean / Don, Leona and family †Nicholas Ferby / Ross and Elaine
Monday, January 7th 9:00 a.m. mass: 10:30 a.m. mass:	Ferial / Saint Raymond of Penafort †Leonora Garcia / Family Southwood Care Centre: For all parishioners, living and deceased
Tuesday, January 8th 9:00 a.m. mass: 7:00 p.m. mass:	Ferial Mickey Howard / Bible Study Group Elizabeth Kollar and Collette McGowan / C.W.L.
Wednesday, January 9th 7:00 a.m. mass: 9:00 a.m. mass: 6:30 p.m.:	Ferial Intention Diana Weidemire / The Choir †Samuel Jose / Gloria Prayers for the Sick
Thursday, January 10th 7:00 a.m. mass: 9:00 a.m. mass:	Ferial †Paul Perrine / Valoria Family †Samuel Jose / Suzanne
Friday, January 11th 7:00 a.m. mass: 9:00 a.m. mass:	Ferial †Frank & Eileen McClernon / Mnargaret †Edward Olszeski / Mrs. Zdanowicz
Saturday, January 12th 9:00 am mass:	Memorial of Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys Special Intention / Mrs. Zdanowicz
Saturday, January 12th 5:00 pm mass:	Baptism of the Lord Art and Joan Belick's 50th Anniversary
Sunday, January 13th 9:00 am mass: 11:00 am mass:	Baptism of the Lord †Josue and Adoracion Suple / Family †Peter Drefko / Belick Family



My Dear Parishioners,

It's Epiphany, the day when the Magi arrived at the manger and went back to their homes again to reveal what they had seen. We can imagine what might have motivated these important persons to leave the comforts of their homes and countries to follow the star. How grateful we can be that they did just that!

In today's Gospel we see that Herod has an entirely different motivation. He is greatly troubled by news of the child and feels his position may be in danger. Rather than wanting to reveal the Lord's presence he would like to get rid of it. He pretended to the magi that he also wanted to pay homage. Fortunately the magi heard the message of danger and returned to their country by another route.

As God's people, we are called to make known what we find in the manger. Our second reading makes that a little difficult. The good Jews heard the news that the Gentiles, the ones they disliked and mistrusted, were to become coheirs and members of the same body. Already people understood that God wanted them to love God, but also to love one another.

Discrimination is passed on. If we see certain people or groups of people as being less than ourselves it is likely that notion was passed on to us by family members and friends. As the people in the time of Jesus were called to re-evaluate their pre-judgments, we may be called to do the same. Even distinctions such as male and female, old and young, distinctions of people based on colour, race, and language can cause us trouble. God calls us all to become coheirs and members of the same body.

Our house is to be God's house. When we leave Church on Sundays we are called to go home and "make known" what we have heard, seen and received. We are to reveal the very presence of God to our family members. When we leave our houses, we are to take the presence of the Lord with us and be reflections of God to our co-workers, friends at school and all we meet through the week.

The traditional names of the Magi or Kings were Balthazar, Melchior and Caspar. We are called to reveal the Lord's presence as the Magi did two thousand years ago. We can gather as a family and tell the story of Epiphany. We can ask God in our own words to bless us and our families, to remind us that our house is also God's house, and that when we leave we take God's presence with us. When people come to visit, they can expect to experience God's love within our homes as well.

God bless you,

Fr. Leo Felix Monroe SAC

*"Lord, Every Nation on earth
will adore you"*