



# ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, YEAR B

Reading I: Isaiah 60:1-6

Reading II: Ephesians 3:2-3a. 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12.

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### **Gospel Summary**

The Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, asking the whereabouts of the newborn king of the Jews. Herod was troubled by this news of the birth, as was all of Jerusalem. He sent the Magi to Bethlehem to search for the child, asking that they bring the child to him so that he could do the child homage. The Magi set out and followed the star to the place where the child was. They did the child homage and offered him their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, and they left for their country by a different route.

This Gospel narrative is full of adventure, danger, mystery, and yes—gifts! During this Christmas season, enjoy dramatizing this Gospel as a family. Then think about how far you would travel, how far you would go to pay homage to Jesus. Would you go as far as your parish to receive the Sacraments or to spend some time in quiet prayer? Would you go as far as the soup kitchen to serve a meal to the hungry? Would you go as far as to tell someone to stop bullying a classmate or a coworker? Would you go as far as to give up a morning cup of coffee or a favorite treat in order to give to someone in need the gift of food or clothing or the necessities of life? How far would you go? What would you give as your gifts to the King?

### **Bringing the Gospel into Your Family**

The star led the Magi to the place where Jesus was. With your family, cut out several yellow construction paper stars. On each star write either a way you can find Jesus—such as “read God’s Word”—or the name of a person who has helped you find Jesus, such as “Grandma Joan.” Create a mobile of your stars using coat hangers and yarn or string. Hang your stars in a place where all family members will see them.

### **Discussion Starters**

1. I can be like a star and show Jesus to others by . . .
2. The greatest gift I can give Jesus is . . .
3. The greatest gift our family can give Jesus is . . .

# “ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS”



*We would like to wish everyone an abundance of peace,  
love and joy for the new year.*

- **SECOND COLLECTION**

There will be a second collection at all Masses in support of the Tunggalian Cemetery Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

- **REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS CLASSES 2021**

Registration will be held over two Sundays, 10<sup>th</sup> January from 10.30am—11.30am and 17<sup>th</sup> January from 10.30am—12 noon in the Parish hall . The registration fee is \$20 per child (Registration fee-\$15 and Catechism workbook-\$5).

- **INFANT BAPTISM**

Parents who wish to have their child baptized, please register at the Parish Office during office hours.

- **SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION**

Those who wish to have the Sacrament of Confession is requested to contact the Parish Office for an appointment.

## **The year of St. Joseph.**

Sacred Scripture describes St. Joseph as “a Just man” (Matthew 1:19) which can also be translated as “righteous,” “upright,” or, “he who is virtuous in all things.” If we want to learn from St. Joseph, we must begin by imitating the virtues he practiced daily in his quiet, hidden life.

The monthly themes for the Year of St. Joseph are taken from St. Joseph’s virtues and titles as prayed in the Litany of St. Joseph (see below).

### **January – Most Valiant Protector of Church**

St. Joseph had the entire Church under his protection since the Holy Family was the Church. Our Lady is the Mother and Image of the Church, the Holy Spirit the soul of the Church and Christ the Church’s head. To Joseph this treasure was entrusted and by his wit, his obedience and his sacrifice he valiantly defended them.

<b>DAY</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>READINGS</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<b>Monday</b> <b>4</b>	MONDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	1 Jn 3: 22—4:6 Mt 4: 12-17. 23-25	5:30 pm
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>5</b>	TUESDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	1 Jn 4: 7-10 Mk 6: 34-44	5:30 pm
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>6</b>	WEDNESDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	1 jn 4: 11-18 Mk 6: 45-52	5:30 pm
<b>Thursday</b> <b>7</b>	THURSDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	1 Jn 4: 19—5: 4 Lk 4; 14-22	5:30 pm
<b>Friday</b> <b>8</b>	FRIDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	1 jn 5: 5-13 Lk 5; 12-16	12:15 pm
<b>Saturday</b> <b>9</b>	SATURDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	1 Jn 5: 14-21 Jn 3; 22-30	6 pm (Pre- registration)
	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (FEAST)	Is 55: 1-11 1 Jn 5: 1-9 Mk 1: 7-11	
<b>Sunday</b> <b>10</b>	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (FEAST)	Is 55: 1-11 1 Jn 5: 1-9 Mk 1: 7-11	9 am (Pre- registration)