



DAY	FEAST	READINGS	TIME
Mon 4	Monday after Epiphany Psalter Week II	1 Jn 3, 22-4, 6; Mt 4, 12-17. 23-25.	5:30 PM
Tue 5	Tuesday after Epiphany Psalter Week II	1 Jn 4, 7-10; Mk 6, 34-44.	5:30 PM
Wed 6	Wednesday after Epiphany Psalter Week II	1 Jn 4, 11-18; Mk 6, 45-52.	5:30 PM
Thu 7	Thursday after Epiphany Psalter Week II St Raymond of Penyafort	1 Jn 4, 19- 5,4; Lk 4, 14-22a.	5:30 PM
Fri 8	Friday after Epiphany Psalter Week II	1 Jn 5, 5-13; Lk 5, 12-16.	12.15 PM
Sat 9	Saturday after Epiphany Psalter Week II	1 Jn 5, 14-21; Jn 3, 22-30.	Novena: 5:00 PM Mass: 5:30 PM
Sun 10	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Psalter Week III	Is 55, 1-11; 1 Jn 5, 1-9. Mk 1, 7-11.	8:00 AM 5:30 PM

To register for Sunday Mass, visit rcvbd.com and look for COOL



ST. ANGELA SCHOOL

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Registration is now opened for KG 1 to Year 11.

We may not teach Catholics the Christian faith in our school but we teach them to practice their Christian values and let it shine brightly for all to see. Your children future depends on who is teaching them today. You can depend on our Catholic teachers to teach them Christian values.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Mt 5:16

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Reading I: Is 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: 71: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.

Reading II: Eph 3, 2-3a, 5-6.

Gospel: Mt 2:1-12

Revised Roman Missal: 236; Bahasa: 191.



REFLECTION

FOLLOW THE STAR OF FAITH

The route of the Magi is a symbol of our path to Christ. Almost always we come from afar, across the desert of faith, surrounded by darkness. Some get disoriented, others get lost, but a few lift their eyes up to the sky and in the middle of the night discover the star; we must follow it with all hope and to persevere to the end. The Magi set on their way they asked, "Where is the King of the Jews that was just born? We have seen his star and we've come to adore him".

1. The Magi can teach us a lot. One day, they began their search for Christ; they had to confront trials, but they reacted with courage. To believe in Christ means we will take some risks. The three Wise Men mortgaged everything, they submitted themselves to mockery from their neighbors... they took on the ways of the world back then, and went against those. For us, it is also a weight on our conscience that we cannot take away because we have been baptized and are committed to God.

2. The Magi teach us to believe bravely in Someone. They teach us how to believe, how to be truly free men that count on themselves; happy to discover the world, life, and their spiritual souls in a new way. **Faith, said Pope Luciani, "is to render oneself before God, but transforming one's life".**

We demand always many guarantees. To make this trip we'd go to a travel agency, we'd ask for an itinerary, we'd make reservations in the best hotels and we'd buy an insurance policy. We always want proofs, evidence, clear and visible. We want faith to be like geometry, we want to calculate God with our digital calculators. We want the Church to be how we'd like it to be, and to behave the way we'd like it to.

3. The Magi lost sight of the Star. Those are the faith crises we suffer sometimes. The moments of trial are part of God's teaching style. But **the Magi ask**, they don't want to solve their problems alone. Throughout history, God does not reveal himself directly, instead, he normally does it through his representatives. He wants to save man through man. That's the way he did it in the incarnation. That's what we feel after a good confession; we feel joy and peace again because we have found Christ.

How should we translate the attitude of the Magi in our daily life? They see the signal and set forth on their way to adore the Messiah; when the star disappears they keep on searching and asking. Later, they are filled with joy when the star reappears. Upon arriving in front of Mary and the baby - they accept Him as He is. They adore Him, offer their gifts and their lives.

Finally, they defend Him from Herod. Is this what we do everyday to follow Jesus Christ? We have all year to put this into practice with God's help.

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Second Collection (3rd January)

The Second Collection today will be for the Emergency Relief Fund.

Missionary Childhood Association Coin Boxes (3rd January)

The Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) Coin boxes was given out on World Mission Sunday. We will be collecting back the boxes this morning. Please return the box to the Parish Office as soon as possible if you forget to bring the box back today.



Sunday School Registration (3rd January)

Sunday School and COM classes will start on 7th February 2021. Registration starts this morning at 10 AM in the Parish Hall and for all the Sundays in January. There will be a parents orientation on 31st January at 10:30 AM in the Parish Hall.

Prayer for Vocations (3rd January)

We would like to encourage everyone to pray for Vocations for the vicariate. By praying for vocation, we may also hear God's call to us. The Vocation Team looks forward to seeing you in the Eucharistic Chapel at 10:30 am every first Sunday of the month.

PPC Meeting (6th January)

The first PPC Meeting for 2021 will be on Wednesday, 6th January at 7:30 PM. All PPC members/representatives are requested to be present at this meeting.

Holy Hour (8th January)

Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it is recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity!- St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Join us on Friday, 8th January at 7:30 PM for an hour with the Lord. Come, let us adore him.

Altar Server Training (8th January)

There will be an altar server training/refresher on the 8th of January 2020 @3:00 to 4:30 PM. Anyone interested to serve at Mass are invited to this training session.

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help (9th January)

The Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help is held every Saturday at 5:00 PM, before the daily Mass at 5:30 PM. If you want your petitions or thanksgiving to be read, please pass it to Fr Robert before the novena.

Infant Baptism (10th January)

The first Infant Baptism for 2021 will be held next Sunday, 10th January at 11:00 AM. Please register with the Parish Office as soon as possible. The pre-baptism class for parents and godparents will be on Thursday, 7th January at 7:30 PM.

Catechist Meeting (17th January)

There will be a Catechist Meeting on Sunday, 17th January at 12 noon in the Parish Hall. All focal points from each classes are requested to attend.

Children Mass (24th January)

There will be a Mass on Sunday, 24th January at 11:00 AM specifically for children only before we start the Sunday School and COM classes next month. As usual, parents are requested to drop their children 15 minutes before the Mass and to pick them up at 12:00 Noon. Since they will also be Sunday School class registration in the Parish Hall, parents can also register their children then and wait in the

parish hall for the Mass to end. There will be collection at Mass for the Missionary Childhood Association. Parents are reminded to encourage their child to bring money for this cause.

Confirmation (24th January)

After much delayed, the Sacrament of Confirmation for last year confirmandis will now take place on Sunday, January 24th at the 5:30 PM Mass. Parents, sponsors, and confirmandis, please take note of the date and time. More details will be conveyed to you in due time.

Blessing Your Home on Epiphany Sunday

A beautiful Epiphany tradition is the Chalking the Door. The family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows. A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance, 20 + C + M + B + 21. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and 2021 is the current year.

V. Our help is the name of the Lord:

R. The maker of heaven and earth.

V. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:

R. From this time forth for evermore.

Let us pray. Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people; and grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name that we who use it in faith to write upon the door of our home the names of your holy ones Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in or visit our home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows: 20 + C + M + B + 21 while saying: The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and nineteenth years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.



Then offer the following prayer: Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.