

Saturday – January 7, 2023 and Sunday – January 8, 2023

The Epiphany of the Lord

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

A King to Behold:

Readings:

[Isaiah 60:1-6](#)

[Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13](#)

[Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6](#)

[Matthew 2:1-12](#)

An "epiphany" is an appearance. In today's readings, with their rising stars, splendorous lights, and mysteries revealed, the face of the Child born on Christmas day appears. Herod, in today's Gospel, asks the chief priests and scribes where the Messiah is to be born. The answer Matthew puts on their lips says much more, combining two strands of Old Testament promise—one revealing the Messiah to be from the line of David (see [2 Samuel 2:5](#)), the other predicting "a ruler of Israel" who will "shepherd his flock" and whose "greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth" (see [Micah 5:1-3](#)). Those promises of Israel's king ruling the nations resound also in today's Psalm. The psalm celebrates David's son, Solomon. His kingdom, we sing, will stretch "to the ends of the earth," and the world's kings will pay him homage. That's the scene too in today's First Reading, as nations stream from the East, bearing "gold and frankincense" for Israel's king. The Magi's pilgrimage in today's Gospel marks the fulfillment of God's promises. The Magi, probably Persian astrologers, are following the star that Balaam predicted would rise along with the ruler's staff over the house of Jacob (see [Numbers 24:17](#)). Laden with gold and spices, their journey evokes those made to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba and the "kings of the earth" (see [1 Kings 10:2, 25](#); [2 Chronicles 9:24](#)). Interestingly, the only other places where frankincense and myrrh are mentioned together are in songs about Solomon (see [Song of Songs 3:6](#); [4:6, 14](#)). One greater than Solomon is here (see [Luke 11:31](#)). He has come to reveal that all peoples are "co-heirs" of the royal family of Israel, as today's Epistle teaches. His manifestation forces us to choose: will we follow the signs that lead to Him as the wise Magi did? Or will we be like those priests and scribes who let God's words of promise become dead letters on an ancient page?



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**PRAYERS FOR OUR
PARISHIONERS**
Pray for the soul of:

Eira Morgan, Tina Guida, Gene Bishop, Ed Judge, Sandra Finch, Peggy Lanzetta, Roger Paquette and Patrick Paquette, Peter Eichert, Charles Cutshall, Deacon Larry Casey, Deacon John Mason, Pat Seidel,
Please pray for:
Megan, Justen, Bruce Culbert, Betty Mason, Maryanne Martin, Doug Long, Jane Stone, Bobby Bond, Kathy & Jack Morrow, Syl Findley, Lorraine Reynolds, Bonnie Boiani, Candy Zacher, Allen Jones, Evie Jones, Rosemary Orsini, Debi Spriggs, Betty Mason, Holman Family, Candy Wilson, Chad & Elijah Long, Chris Ensley, Elaine McCormick, Steve Marteski, Baine Allgarey, Rachel Callahan, Dooley Family, Lori Thompson, Robert Stevens, Terri Mazziotti, Mike Romano, Jean Paul Geldres, Robert Marsh, Sterling Wise, and Raymond O'Keefe. **Please pray for: the safety of our marines, soldiers, sailors Luke Malonis, Sean Hastings, Phillip Thomas, John J. Banaghan, Carlos Rodriguez, Christopher, Greg Langas, Jeff Longhurst, Nicholas Horton, Josh Adkison, Chris Jones, David Rogers, Anthony Clark Yebba, Edward Bowen, Matthew & Patrick Mills, Clayton Cornell, Taylor Biggers, Anthony Difiore, & Donald P. Lozano.**



All parishioners are invited to come together monthly from 6:30 to 8 pm for adoration and prayer. Please join us in the church Monday, January 09, 2023 for our next prayer group. Adoration along with group prayer, with silent adoration at the conclusion of prayer. Info: Contact Steve Lusignan at [404-786-5711](tel:404-786-5711) or Sally Lusignan at [706-258-7985](tel:706-258-7985).

Donations for our church renovations can be made by:

1. Contacting the office
2. Mail at our address: PO Box 1448 Blue Ridge, Ga. 30513
3. Drop in collection basket with RENOVATIONS in the for space on your check.
4. Dropped off at the office after 1:00pm.

Thank you in advance!



2nd Coll. For Jan.

Jan. 1st-Georgia Bulletin
Jan. 15th- Local STVDP
Jan. 22nd- Arch Hispanic Ministries



If you would like to donate flowers in memory or in honor of someone, please call the office.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Jan. 9th -9:00am Mass

Eira Morgan-RIP

Requested by: St. Anthony Parish

Tues. Jan. 10th -9:00am Mass

Pat Seidel-RIP

Requested by: Zacher Family

Wed. Jan. 11th -9:00am Mass

Michael Condon-RIP

Requested by: Bob Stevens

Fri. Jan. 13th- 7:00pm Mass

No Mass Intention Scheduled

Sat. Jan. 14th -9:00am Mass

Deceased members of the BrennanFamily- RIP

Requested by: Bob Stevens

Sat. Jan. 14th -4:00pm Mass

Penny Voissem-RIP

Requested by: Debi Spriggs

Statements for year

2022

Statements for the year ending 2022 will be in the vestibule the 2nd week of February. If you need your statement earlier, please call Nanci in the office.

INTERCESSIONS

For the legal protection of unborn children and for loving support for their mothers before and after their births;

We pray to the Lord:



Please join us downstairs for coffee and donuts after the Sunday, 11am Mass. If you would like to help serve the donuts, please see or call Nanci in the office. Donuts are paid for and all you do is pick them up from Ingles and make the coffee! **Our servers for January**

Jan 1st- NO DONUTS—New Years Day

Jan. 8th- Wolschlager Family

Jan. 15th - Holman Family

Jan. 22nd- Cornell Family

Jan. 29th- Fay Family

We thank you for volunteering your time so we can get together for fellowship!

NINE DAY RESPECT LIFE

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Join Catholics worldwide praying the respect life novena January 19th through January 27th. Get daily intentions and reflections at: www.9daysforlife.com In addition, January 23rd is the annual Day of Prayer for the legal protection of unborn children. We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. You can pick up a copy of the 9 day novena in the church foyer.



ADORATION WILL BEGIN AGAIN ON:

Wednesday, January 11th.