

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

(followed by Novena to St. Anthony)

5:00 pm

+ Paul Angelini

+ Luiza & John da Costa

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

8:00 am

+ Gloria Raposo

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

5:00 pm (followed by Miraculous Medal
Novena to our Blessed Mother)

+ Giacomo, Giuseppa & Anna Gentile

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

(ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE)

8:00 am (followed by Divine Mercy Novena
and adoration 8:30 - 9:30 am)

+ Joseph Michael

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

5:00 pm

+ Antonio Machado & José Sousa

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

9:00 am

+ Teresa Moniz

11:00 am

Mass for the People - *pro populo*

“Lord, every nation on earth
will adore you.”



If you are visiting today,

St. Patrick's Parish welcomes you.



*Many
Thanks!*

Fr. Joe and Deacon Terry would like to extend their thanks to the many parishioners and friends of St. Patrick Church who were kind enough to offer cards and gifts over the Christmas season. May God bless you and keep you safe throughout 2022.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.
Tuesday	Rev. Vivek Trindade
Wednesday	Diocesan Priests
Thursday	Rev. Murray McDermott, C.R.
Friday	Rev. Stanley Zaryczny, C.R.
Saturday	Rev. Raphael Ma, C.R.

HEARING THE CALL TO A VOCATION TO SERVE THE CHURCH?

Contact Bishop Lobsinger at:
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JANUARY 2, 2022

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We become members of Christ and the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.



The Old Testament has many images of water that help us understand Baptism. Each year during the Easter Vigil, the water that will be used in baptism is blessed. The prayers of blessing call these images to mind. At the time of Creation, the Spirit breathed upon the waters (Genesis 1:2). During the great Exodus the waters of the Red Sea parted, allowing the people of Israel to cross from slavery to freedom (Exodus 14: 21 – 31). Later, in the New Testament, John the Baptist administered a baptism of repentance to Jesus in the waters of the River Jordan (Mark 1: 1 – 11).

Knowing that Baptism is necessary for salvation, parents have their babies baptized not long after they are born. Baptism signifies the baby's entrance into the Church. The community of believers and the parents make a commitment to care for and teach this child as he or she is raised in the Catholic faith.

In the early Church infant baptism was not the usual way that people became members of God's family. Initiation into the Church was primarily done for adults. They had to enter into a long period of learning and praying with the Christian community. Adults seeking to enter the Church today normally enter into the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults as catechumens. During this process they learn what God has done through Jesus, the teachings of the Church, and how they may respond in faith to God's call.

In the celebration of Baptism, a person is immersed in water. He or she goes all the way into the water and then comes out. This action is a symbol of dying to sin and rising to new life in Christ. Sometimes water is poured over a person's head. The celebrant proclaims "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." The person being baptized is anointed with two oils; the oil of catechumens is put on the chest, and chrism is put on the top of the head. Oil is a symbol of strength and healing.

A candle is lit during the celebration. This shows that the person baptized is asked to keep the flame of faith alive in his or her heart.

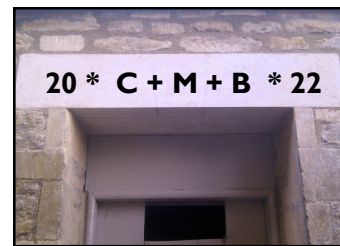
Through Baptism a person receives forgiveness of original sin as well as personal sins. The newly baptized person receives sanctifying grace and is sealed with a permanent spiritual mark. This is why Baptism can be celebrated only once.

St. Paul the Apostle wrote about the change that takes place in a baptized person in Romans 6: 3–4. Paul

explained that in Baptism Christians are united with the death of Jesus – they are in a sense buried with him. Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead by the glory of the Father. United with Christ believers also rise from the dead to live in newness of life. Adapted from <https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/sacraments/baptism/sacrament-of-baptism>

CHALKING THE DOOR AT EPIPHANY

This liturgical year we are inviting parishioners to chalk their doors at Epiphany. Blessed chalk will be made available on **Sunday, January 2, 2022**. The blessed chalk is to be used to inscribe a simple formula on the lintel of your door. The formula includes the numerals for the year in question and the letters C + M + B. You then say a simple prayer asking God to bless your home. The formula looks like this.



So what do the letters "C, M and B" stand for? Most people will tell you that they stand for the names of the three wise men – Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar – and that is certainly a venerable tradition – but the letters also stand for the Latin phrase **Christus mansionem benedicat** which means "May Christ Bless this House."

WAYS TO SUPPORT ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

There are several ways to help support St. Patrick's Parish – simply choose what works best for you.

Weekly Envelopes: An easy means of giving and an excellent way to practice stewardship. Using envelopes allows directed giving to both general and special collections throughout the year.

Weekly Sunday Offering Basket: You are welcome to drop cash or cheques into the collection baskets that are provided at each weekend mass.

Giving Securities: According to Federal law, publicly traded securities are not subject to capital gains tax. Eligible securities include: shares, bonds, bills, and mutual funds. The donor will receive a tax receipt from St. Patrick's Parish for the full value at the date of transfer.

Life Insurance: Transfer an existing policy or start a new policy making St. Patrick's Parish both the owner and the beneficiary of the policy.

Bequests and Planned Giving: A bequest is a written intention naming St. Patrick's Parish as a beneficiary when constructing or re-visiting a will.

Pre-authorized Giving: To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, St. Patrick Catholic Church depends entirely on the generosity of our parishioners. Pre-authorized giving allows you to give to the parish intentionally and faithfully through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account. On either the 1st or the 15th day of each month, your account will be debited the amount that you specify. These funds are then deposited into the church's account.