

# The Chimes

The weekly bulletin of  
**HOLY CHILD JESUS PARISH**  
**AT ST. MARGARET MARY**

2324 W. Chase Ave. • Chicago, IL 60645



January 3, 2021  
*Epiphany of the Lord*



## The Epiphany OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem. - Mt 2:1

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### PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor**, Rev. Phi Nguyen  
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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Saturday

4:00 pm (English)

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

#### Sunday

10:00 am (English)

12 noon (English & Vietnamese)

#### Weekdays

Monday-Saturday 8:00 am (English)

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 3:00-3:30 pm

1st & 3rd in English

2nd & 4th in Vietnamese

### RECTORY OFFICE

(773) 764-0615

2324 W. Chase

Hours: Monday-Thursday

9:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00-5:00 pm

#### Parish Website:

[www.smmchicago.org/parish](http://www.smmchicago.org/parish)

#### Activity Center

7341 N. Claremont

#### Holy Hands

(773) 764-0615

## The Epiphany of the Lord – Year B

Today's Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12, retells the story of the wise men from the east who went in search for the New King of the Jews and arrived in Jerusalem. However, these visitors, the pagan magi from the east, surprised the father, mother and the special tiny Baby with their coming.

The wise men set out on the journey based on their intuition and some "direction" from a star. Theirs was a journey of faith in the deep darkness of the night. And yet they went willingly. Compounding to difficulties of the journey they lost sight of the star. Natural knowledge and wisdom could take them only so far. They had to seek help from King Herod who in turned consulted the experts in the Scriptures.

The world of religion and the world of politics met to direct the magi to Bethlehem. It seemed that the wise men had no fear for their journey. They faced the difficulties and harshness with open heart and mind. They were willing to accept all things in order to achieve their only goal - to find the child. When they found the child, they did him homage. *"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."* (Matthew 2: 11b)

When they had enjoyed the presence of the child, Jesus, and his parents, they packed up once again to resume the perilous journey, returning home by a different route.

Let us all reflect on some questions about ourselves:

What are we preoccupied with on this day of the Epiphany?

How is our faith in Jesus? Do we believe that Jesus is our King?

What do we bring to the Christ Child? Are we holding anything back? What might that be?

Will we be generous in our openness to the grace that the Lord offers us?

Will we leave his presence changed and determined to live our lives, in faith of course, with as much joy and happiness and concern for others whom we encounter?

Fr. Phi Nguyen



**COLLECTION REPORT**

**December 20, 2020**

Sunday Envelope Budget.....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual.....	\$1,602.00
Loose Money .....	\$2,296.00
Total Collection .....	\$3,898.00
Variance.....	(\$5,044.00)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used .....	42

**COLLECTION REPORT**

**December 27, 2020**

Sunday Envelope Budget.....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual.....	\$900.00
Loose Money.....	\$1,518.00
Total Collection .....	\$2,418.00
Variance.....	(\$6,524.00)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used .....	29

**HOLY CHILD JESUS PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS**

We support our faith through our prayers, our works and our contributions to Holy Child Jesus Parish. Our contributions support our growing ministries.

If you currently make your contributions to Holy Child Jesus at St. Timothy, St. Henry or St. Margaret Mary, please continue to do so and make your contributions payable to whichever church you are currently contributing to.

Parishioners may also contribute through GiveCentral by going to [www.hcjp.org](http://www.hcjp.org), or [www.sainthenrychicago.org](http://www.sainthenrychicago.org) or [www.smmchicago.org](http://www.smmchicago.org) and following the Donate prompts.

Thank you for your prayers and generosity for Holy Child Jesus.

**PLEASE HELP WITH MASS RESERVATIONS**

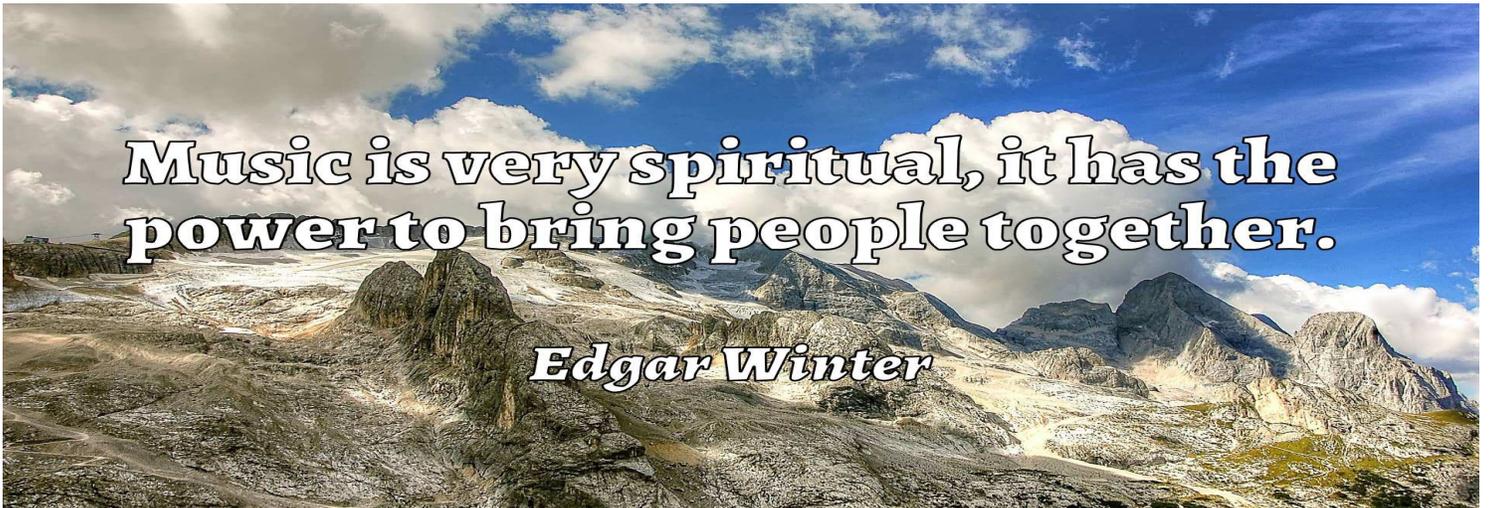
We have recently seen a decline in the number of reservations, especially for the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass. Although Mass attendance remains high and we welcome everyone's presence, we strongly rely on our reservation system to help us plan our seating which still remains limited.

**We ask that everyone makes a reservation for every Mass that you plan to attend. If you attend every week, please make a reservation for every week. Please do not rely on the list that we keep for walk-ins.**

If you have access to the Internet, please go to our website at <https://smmchicago.org/parish/> or and follow the prompts for signing up for Mass.

If you do not have access to the Internet, please make a phone reservation by calling the parish office at (773) 764-0615. Please note that the deadline for phoning in your reservation for weekend Masses is Thursday at 4:30 p.m. We are unable to honor any requests made after the deadline.

Thank you for your cooperation.



# *Epiphany* OF THE LORD



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- Mt 2:10-11

## CYCLES OF FAITH

### The Epiphany of the Lord

“Where is that thing?” mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. “I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!” Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, “Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear.” The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

“And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.” The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God’s tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God’s salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God’s healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

### Readings for the week of January 3, 2021

- Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- Monday: 1 Jn 3:22–4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19–5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
- Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

### REST IN PEACE

Our blessed Lord has called home **Ezra Peter** for whom we promise our prayers that he may live in joy in His presence.



### SACRAMENTS

**Marriage:** Arrangements should be made at least three months in advance.

**Baptisms:** On the 2nd (in English) and 3rd (in Vietnamese) Sundays of the month following the 12 noon Mass.

### R.C.I.A

Program/Process for adults interested in the Catholic Faith (Sept.-April). Call the Rectory for information.

### NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome our new parishioners and invite them to register at the rectory.

# W O R S H I P C A L E N D A R

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, January 3 Epiphany of the Lord

English

10:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Bilingual English & Vietnamese

12:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

### Monday, January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00 am Ruben Saldana, Sr.

### Tuesday, January 5 St John Neumann

8:00 am In Thanksgiving: Luciano Family

### Wednesday, January 6

8:00 am Terry Luciano

### Thursday, January 7 St. Raymond of Penyafort

8:00 am Christian Luciano

### Friday, January 8

8:00 am Fred Gula

### Saturday, January 9

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

English

4:00 pm Don Varallo

Ann Donohue

Vietnamese

6:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

### Sunday, January 10 Baptism of the Lord

English

10:00 am Teodora Santos

Bilingual English & Vietnamese

12:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

## WOMEN'S CENTER NEWS FOR JANUARY 2021

In our nation approximately 1 million abortions are performed each year. The aborted babies aren't the only victims. Their mothers, who in many cases were pressured into the abortion, are also victims. Sooner or later, they experience horrible grief and depression. At the Women's Centers we try to enable women struggling with problem pregnancies to give birth and save them from grieving later.

Seeking Family Room donations: We need infant car seat/carriers (by law all car seats must be less than 7 years old), cribs, infant strollers, highchairs, toddler beds, exersaucers and baby swings.

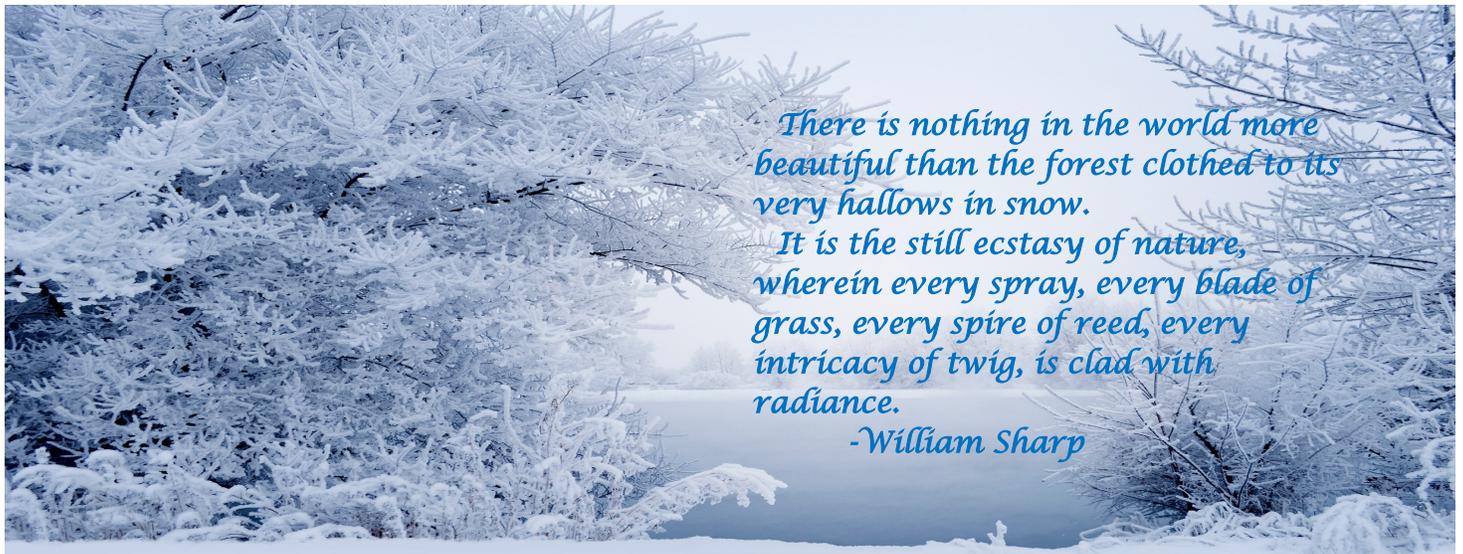
We have a great need for all brands of baby formula (especially Enfamil Formula-the yellow box). All baby food must be in date.

Also needed are diapers and pull ups in sizes 4, 5 and 6, boys' and girls' sleepers in sizes 9 to 12 months, receiving blankets, new pacifiers, baby wipes, shampoo and lotion and breast pumps.

We also need boys' winter jackets in size 5, gently used winter clothes in sizes 24 mo and 2, 3, 5, 6, 14 & 16 as well as maternity clothes in extra large sizes. The families who receive these items are grateful for your generosity.

Seeking donations for new mothers. Our moms need items for their own use such as lotions, shampoo, toothpaste, soaps and other health and hygiene items. They will appreciate your thoughtfulness.

For more information, please call 773-794-1313.



*There is nothing in the world more beautiful than the forest clothed to its very hallows in snow.*

*It is the still ecstasy of nature, wherein every spray, every blade of grass, every spire of reed, every intricacy of twig, is clad with radiance.*

*-William Sharp*

## CLASSIFIEDS

**FOR RENT:** jumbo furnished apt on 2nd fl, 1 blk from church, Frank, 773-743-7030; sm office spaces \$300-\$600/mo, perfect for 1-8 person office, quiet environment, 24 hr access, Neal Gallo, 773-743-6565 or Neal.gallo.gzm@statefarm.com; 3 bdrm, 1500 sq ft, 3rd fl, Peg, 773-274-7534;

**FOR SALE:** 2003 silver Malibu, 67,112 mi, 773-764-3789.