

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

The Epiphany of the Lord

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Communal - Suspended for now.

Individual - Call the parish office.

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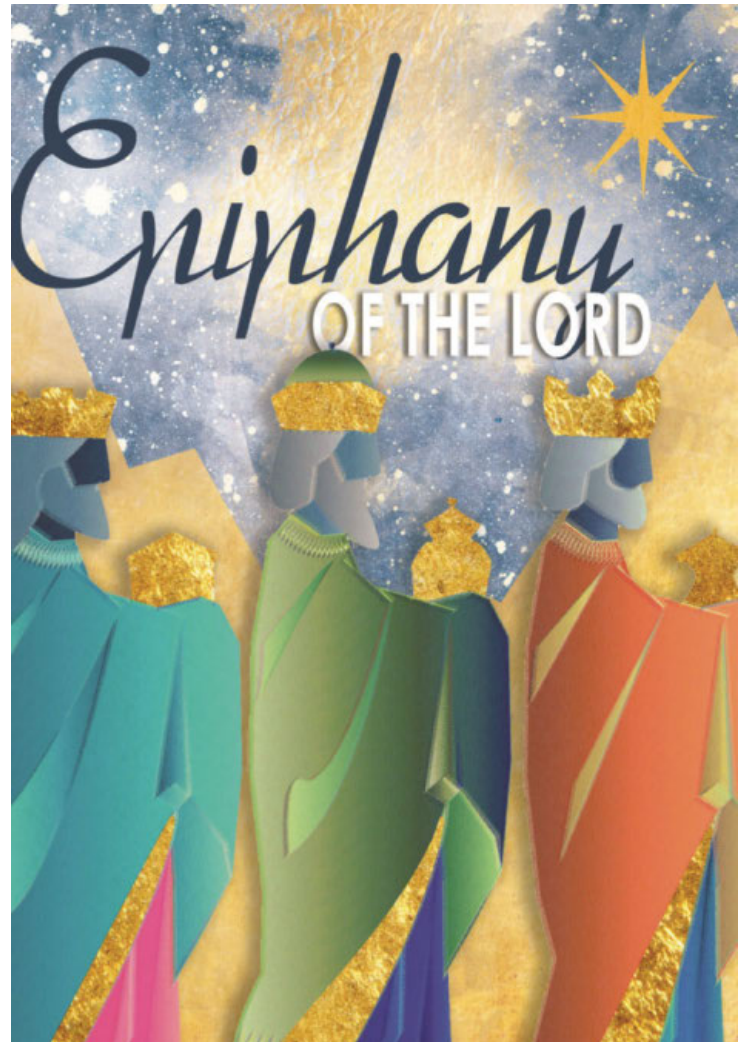
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Mission Statement



Blessed Savior Catholic Parish, a welcoming open community of diverse disciples of Christ, affirms a way of life through prayer, service, and sharing.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 1/7 - Vigil of The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6 / Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

4:00pm † All Souls

Sunday, 1/8 - The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6 / Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

9:00am † Rosemary Baranek

Rosary at 8:15am

Saturday, 1/14 - Vigil of the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6 / Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 / 1 Cor 1:1-3 / Jn 1:29-34

4:00pm † Cornelia Bina

Sunday, 1/15 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6 / Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 / 1 Cor 1:1-3 / Jn 1:29-34

9:00am † Anna Ngoc Pham

† Joseph Minh Ly

Rosary at 8:15am

There will be no Morning Mass during the month of January.

**The Epiphany House Blessing**

Our church doors are blessed on The Epiphany of the Lord. We should also bless the doors of our own homes as a reminder to welcome all as one would welcome Christ, and as people leave to wish them a safe journey and happy homecoming.

The markings above the doors, C+M+B stand for Casper, Melchior and Balthazar, the names traditionally given to the Three Kings. It also stands for the phrase in Latin, *Christus Mansionem Benedicat; May Christ Bless this House*. The numbers 20 + 23 refer to this present year.

*May God bless your homes
and may His peace reign in them.*

Dear Parishioners,**Feast of Epiphany and New Year:**

The Church celebrates the Feast of Epiphany this Sunday. It is a celebration that often goes unnoticed. The feast of Epiphany comes on the heels of Christmas and New Year celebrations and it is the official conclusion of the Christmas season.

Epiphany essentially means “manifestations.” It is based on the belief that the birth of the Savior is to be followed by other manifestations of God’s glory in the world. The special star seen by the Magi was one of those manifestations. Recall that the star guided the three wise men to the manger where they saw the baby Jesus and his parents and gave praise to God. Hence, Epiphany is an invitation to watch for the manifestations of God’s presence in our lives and in the world. These manifestations could be as subtle as a flash smile on a baby’s face or as profound as an apparition.

Furthermore, Epiphany is an invitation to become agents for the manifestations of God’s glory in the world. Kind words or gestures could reveal God to someone searching for meaning in life. Mean words or gestures manifest the absence of God’s glory and could be a hindrance to evangelization. We know that sometimes people who are normally nice and pleasant could become mean and sour due to the pains and anxieties of life. Still, those experiences do not justify meanness to others since part of our vocation is to manifest the glory of God. Recognizing and living out this vocation make for a good New Year resolution.

Most often, New Year resolutions revolve around health, finances and good looks. We all know the typical New Year resolutions: sleeping more, losing weight, exercising more, quitting smoking, getting treatment for alcohol and drug abuse, changing hairstyle, paying bills on time, saving more, et cetera. These are good resolutions that promote healthy lifestyle and personal responsibility.

However, New Year resolutions need not focus solely on improving oneself. It is also important to consider resolutions that directly improve our relationship with God, namely: finding more time for prayer, attending Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of obligation, volunteering for parish ministries, increasing our financial support of the parish, et cetera.

By the same token, we should also consider resolutions that improve our relationship with family members, friends, and neighbors, namely: being more forgiving, asking for forgiveness, having time for family meals, being more patient, trusting more, sharing resources with the less fortunate, being nice to our neighbor, volunteering for programs that help the poor, visiting the sick, et cetera.

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A balanced resolution is one that addresses the needs of an individual as well as those of the individual in relation to God and neighbor. New Year resolutions should be rational, realistic, and achievable. Apart from coming up with New Year resolutions, we also need to come up with good plans of action for accomplishing those resolutions. I sincerely hope that our New Year resolutions for 2023 would contribute to the ongoing manifestations of God's glory this New Year and every year of our life.

*Wishing everyone a Glorious Epiphany
and a Happy New Year!*

Fr. Romanus

2022 Statement Distribution

In order to eliminate some of the postage costs, the Finance Council and Pastoral Council will be handing out 2022 contribution statements in the Villard hallway after Mass on January 21 & 22. Because of the sensitivity of this information, you cannot pick up any other person's statement. Thank you for your cooperation.

Adopt a Bill Giving Tree

This is the last weekend to take an ornament off our "Adopt a Bill" Giving Tree. Please return all ornaments by next weekend, January 14 & 15, 2023. Thank you to all who have generously supported Blessed Savior with your contribution.



Advent Giving Tree Thank You

Human Concerns thanks all who donated the wonderful gifts for our Advent Giving Tree. Once again, the response was great! The beautifully wrapped presents under the tree were sorted, picked up and appreciated by the various organizations. With the help of all of Santa's Elves, the work was done in no time. May God Bless all and have a very Happy New Year!

Human Concerns Commission



Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Please pray for the following parishioners and others with health problems and for all those in nursing homes and those with continuing health concerns:

Judy Adrian, Jackie Ballering, Gene Brunner,
Kathleen Brunner, David Cheever,
Rhey Clemente, Catherine Felber, Katie Flynn,
Robin Flynn, Gayle Hanus, Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry,
Rita Hohensee, Mike Hubbard, Mary Anne Janke,
Gertrud Kaegler, Amber King, Karla Klaybor,
Edward Richard John Kurhajetz, Ellen Malloy,
Barb Moroder, Bob Oettinger, Jr., Joe Ratke,
Sr. Gina Redig, SSND, Wayne Ring,
Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Judith Scheible,
Thomas Schmid, Sharon Tym, Eleonore Ulik,
Mary Frances Williams

Lord Jesus, You went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless our friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience with pain.

If you wish to add someone to the Sick List with their permission, call the parish office at 414-464-5033.

Remember to pray for all the intentions in the book of "Joys and Concerns" and all those who wrote them.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 9, 2023

The Baptism of Jesus is similar in purpose to our own. As Jesus was distinguished as the beloved Son in whom God is well pleased, so, too, are we. We share that same special favor with God and are brought into an intimate relationship with Him. Does this reality change how we feel about ourselves? It certainly does. Baptism forever changes us and calls us to the ministries of mercy and humility.

God has formed each of us in our mother's womb and asks us to be a light for all people. We carry this light humbly as we know who ultimately has a claim on us and to whom we belong. We then are called to live our lives in imitation of Christ and become incarnate vessels of mercy. Our world needs to be touched by compassion and only we can complete the task.

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