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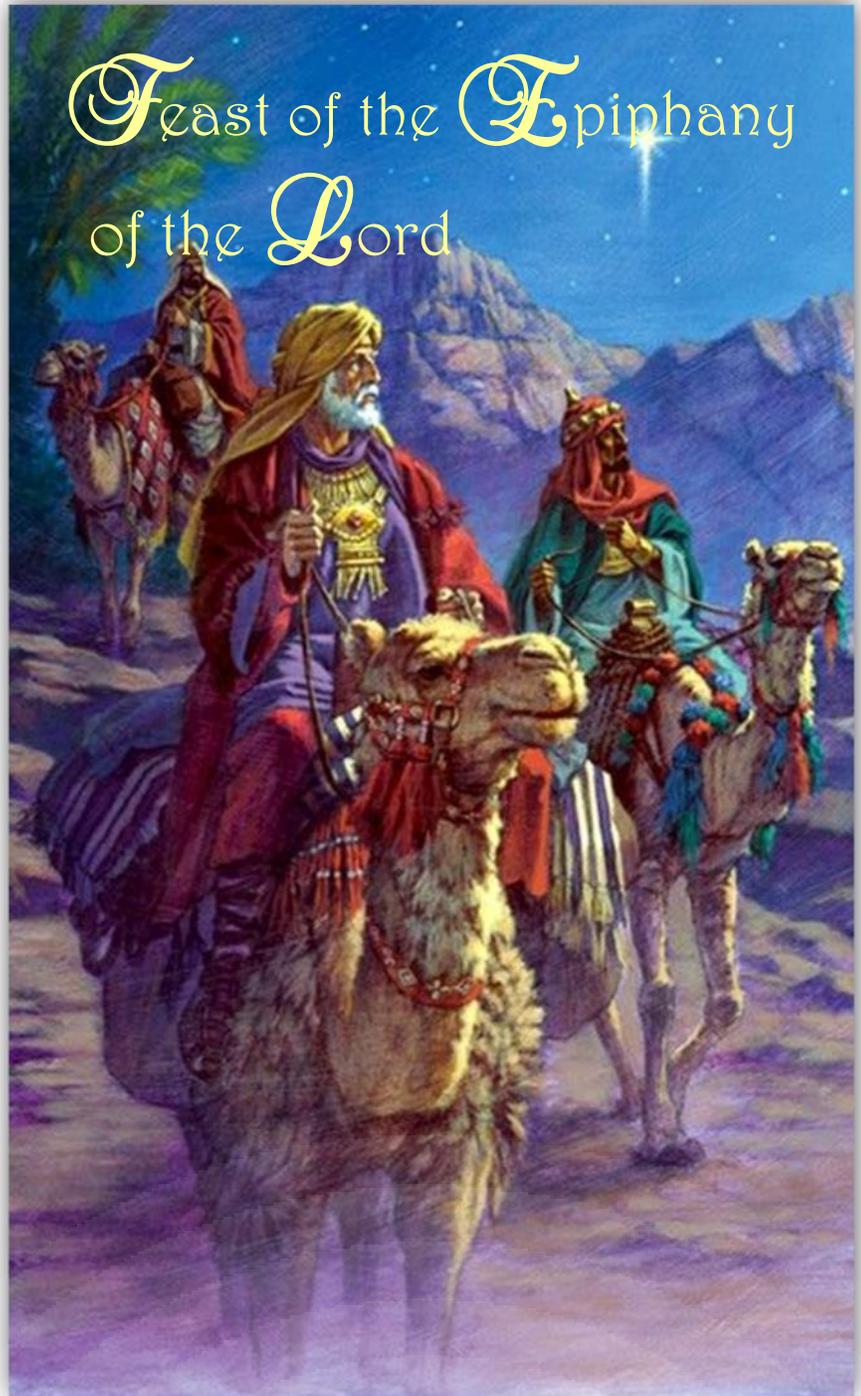
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January 3, 2021



Feast of the Epiphany
of the Lord

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

To Follow Jesus Christ
and to Invite others to do the same.

IN-PERSON MASS AND OTHER GROUP GATHERINGS ARE CURRENTLY SUSPENDED UNDER PROVINCIAL HEALTH ORDER.

LIVESTREAM MASS TIMES:

**Saturday 5PM
Sunday 9AM**

Tune in on  **YouTube** at [SOSParish](#) followed by **Drive-Up Communion**
(see drive-up communion procedure inside)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE
at Good Shepherd Church

Wednesdays 6:30PM - 7:30PM
Saturdays 10AM - 11AM

For Confession outside of these set times, please contact the Parish Office for an appointment.

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH remains **OPEN** for private prayer and visitation during Parish Office hours:

Open to the public: Monday – Friday
8:30am – Noon
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– *please knock to gain access*)



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Pastor's Corner

Feast of the Epiphany
of the Lord

Dear Parishioners,

This feast today of the Epiphany is the commemoration of the revealing of Jesus as the Christ to the gentiles, that is, the non-Jewish people of the world. The three Magi represent the world beyond Judaism, and underlies the teaching of the Gospel that Jesus came for the whole of mankind. The word epiphany means having a flash of insight, and so the three Wise Men lay their gifts before the child Jesus as a symbol of their own epiphany as to who they came to visit.

The gifts given to the Christ Child are symbolic of the identity and significance with which these men regarded this special child. Gold is for a King, and the support given to the well-being of his kingdom; Frankincense is for God, worthy of our worship and prayer; and Myrrh is for a man, whose body is anointed for burial. They portray the identity of Jesus as King, who is both human and divine, and who has come to proclaim the Kingdom of God for all peoples. This proclamation is the foundation and the mission of the Church.

As we prepare the bulletin for this weekend we still have no indication from the powers that be as to any changes in our lockdown situation. So we will continue with the live streaming of the Saturday 5pm Mass and the Sunday morning 9am Mass, with Holy Communion being distributed after each by way of our drive-thru set up in Good Shepherd parking lot. Many thanks to the volunteer helpers in assisting with the traffic directions.

As we begin this new year of 2021, can we all agree to make a good resolution in the face of this current pandemic. Let's follow the advice of Dr. Bonnie: Be Kind, Be Calm, and Be Safe, for our own good, and that of all others.

And a Blessed and Happy New Year to one and all ,

Fr. Dion

DRIVE UP HOLY COMMUNION

AFTER LIVESTREAM MASS



Reminders:

1. The Archbishop's dispensation of Sunday Mass continues. Therefore, we are not obligated to receive Communion. Rather, Drive-up Holy Communion is available for those who desire to receive.
2. Please stay home if you are a vulnerable member of the community or if you are sick.
3. Wear a face covering as per Provincial Health Order.

Before Communion:

1. Participate in the celebration of the liturgy by viewing our livestreamed Mass on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/SOSParish> in your home and come to Good Shepherd Church immediately after the Mass.

New Year's Livestream Mass times: New Year's Eve: 5PM | New Year's Day: 9AM

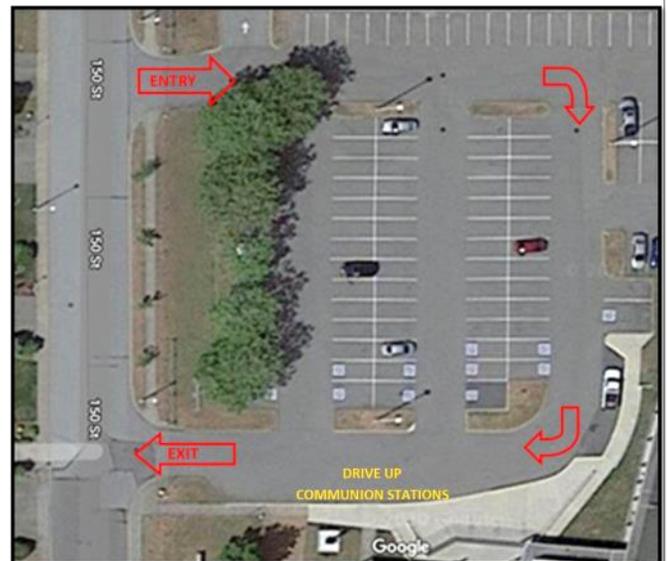
Saturday 5:00 PM Anticipated Mass and Sunday 9:00 AM Mass

The priests will be distributing Communion for an hour after the end of the Mass.

2. Please also try to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare for Holy Communion.

Drive Up Communion:

1. You will be directed by traffic volunteers to enter the parking lot at the north gate and exit through the south gate. See map:
2. Volunteers will direct you to drive up to the front entryway of Good Shepherd Church where two priests will be waiting at the Communion stations. Remain in your vehicle as the priests approach the vehicle to offer you the Eucharist.
3. You must receive in your hand. On the tongue is not permitted.
4. Those who intend to receive must extend their arms and open hands towards the open windows of their vehicle, saying their "Amen" when the priest offers them, "The Body of Christ".
5. You can say a silent prayer in your car for a few moments as you leave the premises.



This Sunday's Mass Readings:

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Papal Mass - Homily of Pope Francis
6 January 2018 www.vatican.va

Three actions of the Magi guide our journey towards the Lord, who today is revealed as light and salvation for all peoples.

Seeing the star. This is where it starts. But why, we might ask, did the Magi alone see the star? Perhaps because few people raised their eyes to heaven. We often make do with looking at the ground: it's enough to have our health, a little money and a bit of entertainment. I wonder if we still know how to look up...do we know how to dream, to long for God, to

expect the newness he brings, or do we let ourselves be swept along by life, like dry branches before the wind? The Magi were not content with just getting by, with keeping afloat. They understood that to truly live, we need to keep looking up.



Yet we can also ask why, among all those who looked up at the heavens, so many others did not follow that star. Perhaps because the star was not eye-catching, did not shine any brighter than other stars. We may ask ourselves what star we have chosen to follow in our lives. Some stars may be bright, but they do not point the way. So it is with success, money, career, honours and pleasures when these become our life. They are meteors: they blaze momentarily, but then quickly burn out and their brilliance fades. They are shooting stars that mislead rather than lead. The Lord's star, however, may not always overwhelm by its brightness, but it is always there, ever kindly: it takes you by the hand in life and accompanies you. It does not promise material reward, but ensures peace and grants, as it did to the Magi, "*exceedingly great joy*" (Mt 2:10).

Setting out, the second thing the Magi do, is essential if we are to find Jesus. His star demands a decision to take up the journey and to advance tirelessly on our way. It demands that we free ourselves from useless burdens and unnecessary extras that only prove a

hindrance, and accept unforeseen obstacles along the map of life. We need to get up and go, not sit around but take risks, not stand still, but set out. Jesus makes demands: he tells those who seek him to leave behind the armchair of worldly comforts and the reassuring warmth of hearth and home. Following Jesus is not a polite etiquette to be observed, but a journey to be undertaken. God, who set his people free in the exodus and called new peoples to follow his star, grants freedom and joy always and only in the course of a journey. In other words, if we want to find Jesus, we have to overcome our fear of taking risks, our self-satisfaction and our indolent refusal to ask anything more of life. Yet those risks are immensely worth the effort, since in finding that Child, in discovering his tenderness and love, we rediscover ourselves.

Bringing gifts. Having come to Jesus after a long journey, the Magi do as he does: they bring gifts. Jesus is there to give his life; they offer him their own costly gifts: gold, incense and myrrh. The Gospel becomes

real when the journey of life ends in giving. To give freely, for the Lord's sake, without expecting anything in return: this is the sure sign that we have found Jesus. To do good without counting the cost, even when unasked, even when you gain nothing thereby, even if it is unpleasant. That is what God wants. He, who become small for our sake, asks us to offer something for the least of his brothers and sisters. For he says: "*The gift you have received, give freely as a gift*" (Mt 10:8). We give a gift pleasing to Jesus when we care for a sick person, spend time with a difficult person, help someone for the sake of helping, or forgive someone who has hurt us. These are gifts freely given, and they cannot be lacking in the lives of Christians. Today let us look at our hands, so often empty of love, and let us try to think of some free gift that we can give without expecting anything in return. That will please the Lord.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us imitate the Magi: looking upwards, setting out, and freely offering our gifts.

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 Maria Becker, Magdalena Coombs,
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*Please pray for the
 Repose of the
 Souls of:*

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 Albert Siega
 Kim McClelland
 Keith Edward Donald



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OPEN Every Day
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Let's give the baby Jesus the birthday gift of our love and adoration and make Him smile! Servant of God, Father John A. Hardon, reminds us that Jesus wasn't born in this world to leave us, but He was born here to remain with us.

Bethlehem is wherever Christ is truly present.

*"O come ye to Bethlehem;
 come and behold Him,
 born the King of angels;
 O Come, let us adore Him,
 Christ the Lord."*

Hours needing a weekly adorer:
 Sunday, 6:00pm-7:00pm
 Monday, 12:00noon-1:00pm
 Monday, 5:00pm-6:00pm
 Thursday 4:00 pm-5:00pm
 Thursday, 5:00pm-6:00pm
 Friday, 12:00noon-1:00pm
 Friday, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Many other hours are open for you to spend a quiet hour with Jesus! Please call to inquire and to schedule your own weekly Holy Hour of prayer.

Sandra Perrin 604 542 6057 or
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Sundays 9:30AM

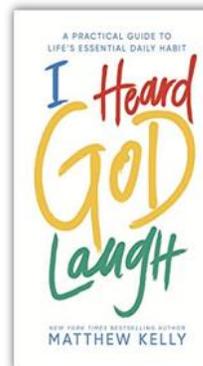
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new year new beginnings

If you just Googled **'New Year's Resolutions'** – guess how many results turn up? Over 24 million. Not surprising since every New Year's Eve, millions of people around the globe celebrate with the hope that next year will be better than the last.

Adults often make New Year's resolutions relating to health, to learn something new, make a lifestyle change or set some other personal goal in an effort to better themselves. The problem with New Year's resolutions is that more than 80% of these personal goals fail by February. *Why?*

Too often, resolutions are decided upon by looking at other peoples' expectations or by reading a magazine that tells you what you ought to be doing or getting more of something in your life than you have right now. Perhaps the problem is that the resolutions (what you think will make you better and therefore happier) lack a foundation of meaning or personal transformative power that makes sure they run out of steam? Perhaps what you need is something that comes from the inside, something that's based on what's ultimately important.

Living a full life isn't about making some woolly, half-hearted decisions that in the end don't really mean anything or leave you feeling less-than, wondering what's next... and so the hunt for meaning, relevance and happiness goes on.

Jesus said, "I have come so that you may have life, and have it to the full." (Jn 10:10) In other words, do you want a full life? The happiest life possible? The best version of yourself? **Look to Jesus.** What's God's plan and will for your life right now? The prologue of our Catechism gives us the answer: He created you and I to "share in his own blessed life. For this reason, at every time and in every place, God draws close to [you]. He calls [you] **to seek him, to know him, to love him** with all [your] strength."

God is drawing close to You right this very moment... all you have to do is take the step to meet Him!

So, this year, choose a New Year's Resolution that means something and will be of ultimate personal relevance to You: to know Him and to love Him - perhaps for the first time or all a-New. We have resources to help you and people to walk with you.

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