

January 8, 2012 • Epiphany of the Lord

Holy Family

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Parish

A Word from Father Jerry

Dear Friends and Parishioners of Holy Family!

Welcome to our annual celebration of the spirit and history of Holy Family. On this Feast of the Solemnity of the Epiphany we acknowledge how often the light of Christ has shown on our parish community. We are blessed to have so many here today to celebrate at our liturgies.

I am delighted to welcome Bishop Alberto Rojas to the 9:45 Liturgy. Bishop Rojas is making his first of what I hope will be many visits to Holy Family. We are honored that he will be dedicating our newly restored doors at the beginning of the liturgy.

As I reflected in my homilies at Christmas, our doors have served us so well for 151 years. They were beautifully restored this Fall by the Paul Borg Construction Company. I also welcome the team that designed and implemented this project who are here this morning. There has been much interest in these doors because they are the oldest public doors in the city. I am deeply grateful for your generous support of this project. We have raised over \$100,000 as we get closer to the 140,000 needed for the cost of this project. Thank-you so much. We will be dedicating a plaque for donations over a \$1000 at Easter time. We will also have a book listing all donors blessed at that time. Check out our web site to see all the media coverage this project has attracted. Thanks to Dick Barry, who does an unbelievable job telling the story of Holy Family to Chicago and beyond!

Throughout the Christmas Season I have been deeply moved by all the people who have come to celebrate the feasts of this time of year. During the week several people have stopped by to visit the Church and to recall memories they have had here. Holy Family holds a special place in the hearts of many generations of Chicagoans.

Yesterday, the steering committee for the formation of our new parish pastoral council met. We are getting very close to launching a new and revitalized Council. The Council will bring new energy as we plan for the future of Holy Family. Sr. Mary Therese Freymann BVM has done a great job helping us design the Council for the future. Our parish is changing by the day it seems. I just received a copy of data from the 2010 census and it is amazing the changing dynamics of the neighborhood that surrounds



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Masses

Monday-Friday..... 7:30 am
(St. Ignatius Chapel)
Sunday..... 9:45 am & 5:00 pm

Confessions

Sunday mornings from
8:45 - 9:15

Weddings

Arrangements must be made at least
six months in advance.



Focus on the Word

The Sunday readings are placed in this bulletin for the benefit of those who might have a hearing impairment, and for your reflection before Mass and during the week. Since an important part of our Sunday worship is hearing the scripture proclaimed, we urge you to LISTEN to the readings as they are proclaimed. Thank you.



Reading 1

Is 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Reading 2

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters:

You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel

Mt 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. 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. 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

The Gospel of the Lord

Holy Family. There will be much for the new Council to reflect on.

On Sunday, Jan. 29th our new religious education program begins. Jim Bruton has done a great job of listening and designing a program that will fit Holy Family's community of children. We will soon have a great program that will help build a strong foundation of faith for our children. The primary teachers of faith are parents but religious education can really help support the values and traditions of our faith that parents are giving their children.

Have a blessed week!

Knights of Peter Claver
Ladies Auxiliary
Present
Valentine
Stepper Set
Friday February 10, 2012
6:00 PM -12:00 AM Damen Hall
1080 West Roosevelt Road
Chicago, IL 60608
\$5.00 Tickets Sold in Advance
\$10.00 At Door
Must be 25 up
B.Y.O.B

ENVELOPES

Please use your Sunday envelopes. If you have not received your envelopes please see Sr. Marion or call Sharon in the parish office.

Your donations can not be tracked and counted for your tax credit if you do not use envelopes.

Also to assure proper credit, please write your name and address on the front of your envelope.

Liturgy

January 8 at 9:45am

Presider Reverend Jeremiah Boland
Cross Bearer.....Caretha Carroll
Candle Bearers.....Julia Haynes
& Jane Justic
Banner Carrier.....David Gardner
Lectors.....Terry Conway
& Judy Neafsey
Responsorial Psalm.....Marilyn Reidy
Communion Ministers.....

Altar Servers..... Angel Gandy
& Justin Evans
Greeter.....

January 15 at 9:45am

Lectors.....Jerry Walton
& Kathy Walton
Altar Servers..... Stephanie Okiro
& Amare Wilson
Greeters.....

January Collection Ministers

Eastside.....Miguel Rios
East Center.....Carl Luss
Westside.....Richard Gardner
West Center.....Amare Wilson

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Kay Ansani, Priscilla Archer, Tracy Beyers, Angela Balthazar, MaryAnn Burke, Michael DeBlasis, Wilfred Cashman, Paul Cordero, Rachel Cordero, Betty Ferguson, Jesse Hernandez, Dale Gurney, Eleanor Kotleba, Jim McNally, Philip Mendoza, Phillip Miller, Neil Morris, Dan O'Holleran, Christopher Olkiewicz, Eric Shepherd, Patti Tierney, Lupe Torres, Christine Watson, and Jesse West

Sunday Collection

Goal: \$3,000.00

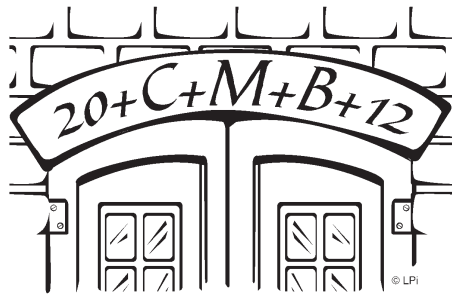
Dec. 25.....\$3,297.00
GiveCentral.....\$185.00
Difference: +\$482.00
Jan. 1.....\$2,282.33
GiveCentral.....\$185.00
Difference: -\$532.67
Solemnity of Mary.....\$624.15

If you wish to contribute to the Door Restoration Project you can do so on GiveCentral.com by choosing the event "Church Door Restoration"

We have a new addition in the reception area of the Parish Center!

We have put a set of mailboxes for the heads of all organizations on the south wall of the room. Each box has two names as well as the organization. Any mail we received for an individual or an organization will be put in the appropriate box. If you have any mail for someone in a particular group, please use the mail box rather than leaving it on the counter. We ask you to check your box every Sunday and whenever you come to the parish.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR BOX FOR MAIL



Remember to bless your home today!

Have some incense burning, a sprig from a bush, some water, and divide a cake into as many pieces as you have participants. Hide a coin or dry bean in one piece and distribute them at random. Whoever gets the special piece of cake with the bean/coin in it is crowned (paper crown or party hat), robed (bathrobe), saluted (noisemakers left over from New Year's), and toasted (hot apple cider or whatever...)! The new royalty now writes with chalk over the front door of your home the following:

20+ C + M + B + 12

The numbers represent the new year. The four crosses are the four seasons. C-M-B are the initials of the legendary names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. Another explanation of C-M-B is "Christus mansionem benedictat - May Christ bless this dwelling place".

Now, say a simple blessing such as:

Dear God,
we thank you for this past year
and for the year to come.

Be with us as we fill our home with kindness, hospitality, and caring for others. Help us to dream the dream of a better world and to work towards that dream daily.

Hold us close to each other. Keep us close in spirit with those who have died or who are far away. May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, Jesus who is Lord for ever and ever. Bless us as we burn this incense. Bless us as we use this chalk to mark our door. Bless us as we sprinkle our home with this water. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Now, everyone moves from room to room sprinkling the home with water, a sign of Jesus' baptism in the River Jordan. Try singing some Epiphany songs such as "We Three Kings" or "O Come All Ye Faithful". When done with all the rooms, say the Lord's Prayer, and finish with exchanging the sign of peace.

HOSPITALITY

Over time we have been able to enjoy hospitality graciously offered by Betty Ferguson, Josephine Ramirez and Sister Marion. The time has come to share the weekly duties. Below is the rotation of groups responsible for hospitality. Please contact Josephine for guidance and direction. We would like to thank all of our members who help to make Holy Family the great parish that it is.

1. Knights of Peter Claver
2. Choir members
3. Betty Ferguson & Josephine Ramirez
4. Ladies Auxiliary/ Knights of Peter Claver
5. Liturgy Team

Calendar

Today - Feast of the Epiphany
Blessing of Holy Family's restored front doors 9:30 a.m.
Bishop Alberto Rojas presiding Solemn Liturgy of the Epiphany at 9:45 a.m.
5 p.m. Epiphany Mass