



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, January 7, 2018
The Epiphany Of The Lord

4:00 PM
8:00 AM

Gathering: As With Gladness Men Of Old
BB 103

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 98)

*All the ends of the earth have seen
the power of God. (2x)*

Preparation What Child Is This BB 104

Mass Parts Mass of Christ the Savior

Communion: It Came Upon The Midnight Clear
BB 89
Bread For The World BB 351

Recessional: The First Noel BB 107

10:00 AM

Gathering: Canticle Of The Sun BB 426

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 98)

*All the ends of the earth have seen
the power of God. (2x)*

Preparation O Little Town Of Bethlehem BB 99
Away In A Manger BB 77

Mass Parts Mass of Joy and Peace

Communion: What Child Is This BB 104
God's Holy Gifts BB 343

Recessional: All The Ends Of The Earth BB 549



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✠ PARISH TITHING ✠

Our Parish needs to take in \$7,000.00 each week in order to make ends meet. Thank you for your generosity to our parish! Your weekly contribution helps ensure that the parish remains a vibrant community. Please remember to submit your weekly gift even if you will be away. We depend upon your support!

December 24, 2017

Offertory \$6,509.34

December 25, 2017

Christmas \$6,862.00

**COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR
DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND JANUARY 1, 2018
WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN**

PARISH GIVING

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish has engaged *Parish Giving* to provide parishioners with an opportunity to make your offertory and other contributions through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Parish Giving is a simple, secure, and convenient way to manage your stewardship without weekly envelopes and without worries. It allows you to select contribution amounts and special collections right from your own computer or smart phone. You can be a good steward for the Parish even when you are away from the area on a weekend. Parish Giving allows you to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year. This program is available to parishioners at no cost. Log on to the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish website at <http://stlukenh.org>, click on the Parish Giving logo, and follow the easy registration instructions.

UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

January 7, 2018

Property Management



Out of respect, please remember
to silence or turn off
your cell phones during Mass.
Thank you!

Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on Income

Annual Income	5% Commitment annually/ weekly	3% Commitment annually/ weekly
\$100,000	\$5,000/\$100	\$3,000/\$60
\$75,000	\$3,750/\$75	\$2,250/\$45
\$60,000	\$3,000/\$60	\$1,800/\$36
\$50,000	\$2,500/\$50	\$1,500/\$30
\$40,000	\$2,000/\$40	\$1,200/\$24
\$30,000	\$1,500/\$30	\$900/\$18
\$25,000	\$1,250/\$25	\$750/\$15
\$15,000	\$750/\$15	\$450/\$9

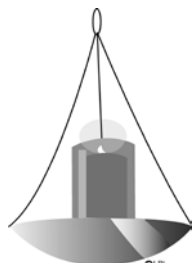
Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on a Percentage Increase

Your Current Offertory Contribution	25% Increase	30% Increase	40% Increase
\$75.00	\$93.75	\$97.50	\$105.00
\$50.00	\$62.50	\$65.00	\$70.00
\$40.00	\$50.00	\$52.00	\$56.00
\$35.00	\$43.75	\$45.50	\$49.00
\$30.00	\$37.50	\$39.00	\$42.00
\$25.00	\$31.25	\$32.50	\$35.00
\$20.00	\$25.00	\$26.00	\$28.00
\$15.00	\$18.75	\$19.50	\$21.00
\$10.00	\$12.50	\$13.00	\$14.00
\$5.00	\$6.25	\$6.50	\$7.00

✠ PARISH NEWS ✠

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

If you would like an "end of year" financial statement of your contributions to the parish for 2017, please call the Parish Office at 382-8324. **Financial Statements are issued on a request only basis.**



The Sanctuary Candle in Holy Angels Church will burn this week in loving memory of
**Carl Vincent Guilbert,
Dr. Julie Guilbert Maher
and Ronald R. Guilbert**
by their family

SANCTUARY CANDLES

The Sanctuary Candles in both Newton and Plaistow may be offered in memory or honor of a loved one. The suggested offering is \$10.00. Please call the Parish Office 382-8324. **VIGIL CANDLES** in Newton may also be offered.

AMAZON SMILE

AmazonSmile.com is the same market platform as Amazon.com, but with the added benefit of allowing customers to donate 0.5% of the price of items purchased to a charitable organization. Please register today to start shopping and donating at www.amazonsmile.com. For questions, please call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. Be sure to choose:

St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow.

From the Pastor's Desk



HOLY ANGELS CEMETERY CLOSED

Holy Angels Cemetery in Plaistow is now closed until Spring 2018. This decision comes as result of the real dangers of snow and ice in the Cemetery and the costs to Parishioners to inter during the winter months. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.
Fr. Albert



THE ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

Our Parish community continues with our Capital Campaign to replace roofs on the Plaistow campus, and to raise funds to complete other projects in Newton and in Plaistow. Our three-year goal is to raise \$250,000.00. Besides the Plaistow roofs, we would like to accomplish the following projects: Plaistow church access ramp, Plaistow office building & convent window replacement, Newton rectory interior flooring, Newton church lighting and painting, Newton rectory painting as funds become available.

How can you help?

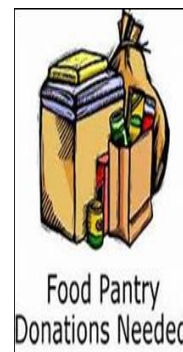
Any contribution is welcome.

Make checks payable to

Saint Luke the Evangelist – Capital Campaign.

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST FOOD PANTRY

Food or care items are always needed – donations can be dropped off at Church or are welcome at the Parish Office during regular business hours. Cash donations for food are always welcome – make checks payable to **St. Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry**. All donations to the Food Pantry go toward helping the needy of our communities.



FOOD PANTRY HOURS

Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Thursday from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Friday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

For more information, call the St. Luke Food Pantry at **603-819-4949**.

WHILE AWAY THIS WINTER...

We appreciate all of you who remember to send in your Parish Offertory during the Winter even when on vacation or visiting other parishes. Thank you for remembering that our expenses also continue through the Winter months. We invite others to consider doing the same before or even after you return home.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, January 7

10:00 AM	Religious Education – Pre-K to 8	<i>Plaistow</i>
11:00 AM	RCIA	<i>Plaistow</i>
11:00 AM	Baptism Catechesis	<i>Plaistow</i>
12:00 PM	Clothing Drive	<i>Plaistow</i>

Wednesday, January 10

HOLY ANGELS CHURCH

OPEN ALL DAY FOR PRAYER

7:00 PM	Reader Scripture Share	<i>Plaistow</i>
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Thursday, January 11

8:30 AM	Adoration Begins	<i>Newton</i>
9:00 AM	Intercessory Prayer	<i>Plaistow</i>
8:30 PM	Adoration Ends	<i>Newton</i>

Saturday, January 13

3:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	<i>Plaistow</i>
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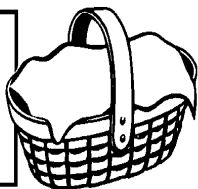
Sunday, January 14

10:00 AM	Religious Education – Pre-K to 8	<i>Plaistow</i>
11:00 AM	RCIA	<i>Plaistow</i>

PRAYER LINE

St. Luke's offers a prayer line as a resource for those seeking prayer assistance. To submit your prayer request please call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 314 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

**St. Vincent
de Paul
Society**



The generosity of your contributions have allowed us to help out those in need with rent, medical, and heating oil assistance. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is so grateful and blessed.

Our next meeting on **Wednesday, January 17 at 7:00 PM**. We meet downstairs in the Church Hall in Plaistow. **New members are always welcome!**

If you seek assistance or need information about the St. Vincent de Paul Society, call 603-382-8324 x315.

**Hear, OH LORD, and answer me
for I am poor and needy.**

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, January 6 ~ Vigil / The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

4:00 PM	June and Bud Wizst by Tina Bonnell & family	<i>Plaistow</i>
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Sunday, January 7 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

8:00 AM	Joseph and Isabelle Krafton by their family	<i>Newton</i>
10:00 AM	Bill Lueders (14 th Anniversary) by his wife, Carole Lueders	<i>Plaistow</i>

Monday, January 8 ~ Baptism of the Lord

Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

8:00 AM	Mary Sceggell (Month's Mind)	<i>Newton</i>
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Tuesday, January 9 ~ Weekday

1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:27-28

8:00 AM	For Michael and his recovery	<i>Plaistow</i>
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Wednesday, January 10 ~ Weekday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

6:30 PM	People of the Parish	<i>Plaistow</i>
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Thursday, January 11 ~ Weekday

1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

8:00 AM	People of the Parish	<i>Newton</i>
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Friday, January 12 ~ Weekday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

No Mass

Saturday, January 13 ~ Hilary, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mk 2:13-17 (Day)

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42 (Vigil)

4:00 PM	Mary Coltin by Mark and Colleen Hammond	<i>Plaistow</i>
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Sunday, January 14 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

8:00 AM	Walter and Gladys Metcalf by their family	<i>Newton</i>
10:00 AM	Pauline (Hines) Paris by Paul Roberts	<i>Plaistow</i>

HOSPITAL VISITATION

If you or someone you know is in the hospital and wants to receive a visit, please contact the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. If you or someone you know faces a hospital admission, make sure they know to inform the hospital that they are Catholic and are members of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish. If a person cannot make this information known at the time of admission, a family member may be able to make that information known to the hospital staff.

✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you an adult who has been Baptized and received Eucharist, but has not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation? The adult Confirmation process is an opportunity to complete the Sacraments of Initiation. If you would like to prepare for Confirmation, or if you have questions, call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

RCIA

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is the process by which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. **RCIA** is intended to serve:

- Those not Baptized who would like to learn more about the Catholic religion.
- Those Baptized in another religion who think they might like to become Catholic.
- Those Baptized Catholic but have not been raised in the Faith.

If you or someone you know is interested in inquiring about becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church, call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

PARENTS BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

The monthly preparation session for infant Baptism will be held after the 10:00 AM Liturgy on **Sunday, January 7, 2018** in the Parish Office living room. All parents planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism are welcome. Families wishing to celebrate Baptism in the Church must be registered (according to Church Canon Law) and practicing (attending Sunday Mass) for 3 full months before a Baptism can be scheduled. The use of the envelope system is always optional; however, it does guarantee a manner of accountability. For most families, the Pastor or staff can easily verify attendance during these three months. Church Canon Law also regulates baptismal sponsors (godparents). Sponsors must be at least 16, fully initiated (having received Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), and be practicing Catholics living Christian lives consistent with the Church's teaching. Please see Fr. Albert with questions.

ADORATION

We are truly blessed to have times for Adoration of Our Lord in our Parish. This time of prayer and intercession is not only a source of great grace for the individual, but it is a great source of grace for us as a parish family, as well.

We have many who have made the commitment to spend an hour each week with our Eucharistic Lord, **but** we need more people so there will be at least two people at each hour. We are also looking for people who would be able to substitute.

Newton – Thursday

8:30 AM – 8:30 PM

If you can commit to one hour a week in Adoration of our Lord, or if you can be a substitute, please contact Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

The Church in Plaistow is open all day on Wednesdays for people to stop by and pray before the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle.

CONTEMPLATIVE WEEKENDS

Our Lady of Hope House of Prayer

Our Lady of Hope House of Prayer invites you to come away for awhile and BE STILL! These weekends are precious times of silence to be alone with God. Cost is \$140 for the weekend. The retreat weekend dates are:

January 19-21, 2018

February 16-18, 2018

For more information, or to register, call Sisters Rita Pay or Suzanne Rivard, p.m. at 603-878-2346.

MARRIED COUPLES DAY OF ENRICHMENT

January 13, 2018

St. Peter Church, Auburn, NH

\$30 per couple includes all day seminar and lunch

Space is limited to first 25 couples – register early and reserve your spot! For more information, contact Scott or Martha at ScottnMartha@comcast.net or register online at www.VitaNova.org.

✠ PARISH DIRECTORY ✠

Parish Office	382-8324
Parish Prayer Line	382-8324 x 314
St. Vincent de Paul Society	382-8324 x 315
St. Luke's Food Pantry	819-4949
Preschool	382-9783
Presentation of Mary Convent	382-2744

Fr. Albert Tremblay
Cathy Smith
Joyce Szczapa
Jackie Tremblay
Thomas Kondel
Val Barczak
Youth Ministry
Parish Council

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✠ Parish News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese ✠

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Martin Luther King holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on:

Monday, January 15



Altar Flowers are a special opportunity for remembering a departed loved one or offering thanksgiving for a blessing or family event. A floral arrangement placed in front of the altar for the Sunday Liturgy can be purchased for an offering of \$85, with an accompanying announcement in the weekly bulletin. Availability is limited according to the Liturgical Calendar. Offerings can be reserved on a first-come basis by contacting the Parish Office at 382-8324.

JESUS ACROSS THE BORDER

January 19, 2018

St. Joseph the Worker Shrine, Lowell, MA

7:30 to 11:00 PM

Young adult Catholics are invited to join JESUS aCROSS the Border, the umbrella organization which unites over 17 different young adult Catholic groups, at their next monthly event. The evening begins at 7:30 PM with Eucharistic Adoration and Praise & Worship led by Brandon Fitts of LIFT Ministries. Fr. Richard Clancy will be the main Mass celebrant at 9:00 PM, followed by a pizza networking social. This is a fantastic opportunity for the over 17 Catholic young adult groups to network with one another and for YOU to get to know the many groups out there that are ready to support you in your faith journey. Please email Billy Beauchesne at JESUSaCROSSTheBorder@gmail.com for more information.



WINTER 2018

6 WEEK BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS

The Rockingham VNA & Hospice is offering 6-week interactive support groups that will explore the grieving process and provide an opportunity for those who are grieving to meet in a safe, supportive environment and share with others who are also grieving. Afternoon sessions are being offered in Epping, NH and evening sessions are being offered in Exeter, NH. For more information, call Molly Brewster at 772-2981.

Kimberly's 12th Annual Holiday Give Away!!!

It's time again to clean your closets and start fresh!!! We all have clothes taking up space in our homes while there are people on the streets who are cold. Because of this, Kimberly Andrade is holding her 12th Annual Clothing/Coat/Canned Food Drive at **St. Luke the Evangelist Parish** in Plaistow, NH from **12:00 to 4:00 PM on January 6 & 7, 2018**. Items that will be collected include, but are not limited to: winter jackets, new and used clothing from any season and any decade, non-perishable food items, business clothing, blankets, sheets, hats, gloves, and unused socks and underwear (*preferably in their packages*). **All clothing must be cleaned prior to donation.** Clothing received will be donated to organizations such as Ruth's House, Emmaus House, and Catie's Closet. Non-perishable food items will be brought to St. Luke's Food Pantry. If there are any questions, or individuals interested in volunteering, please contact Kimberly at kimberly-andrade@comcast.net. Thank you so much for your generosity.

WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Office, Holy Angels Cemetery Office, Saint Luke Food Pantry and the Parish Liturgical schedule complies with the longstanding inclement weather policy of Saint Luke Religious Education Program and Holy Angels Pre-School-Kindergarten:

If the Timberlane and/or Sanborn regional school districts close because of inclement weather, ALL Parish Offices and Parish programs will be closed or suspended. All activities by any Parish or non-Parish groups will be cancelled for that day/evening on both campuses.

In the event of a weather related closing, the scheduled weekday Liturgy will not be held and the intention (if any) will be moved to a conveniently available date. **Sunday (or Saturday evening) liturgies can never be cancelled, but all are advised to use prudence when deciding to travel to Church during winter storms.**

PLEASE HELP US!

As you leave church, kindly take your Bulletin with you – or return it to the basket at the entrance of the Church, return your music book and Mass card to their proper place, and pick up after yourself as you leave. Thanks for being attentive and respectful! F. Albert.

ST. LUKE'S WEBSITE!

<http://stlukenh.org>

WELCOME!!!!

WOMEN AND MEN PRAYER BREAKFAST



“WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?”

(Matthew 16:15)

Please join us for a reflection and talk by Sr. Deborah, osf, on Saturday, January 27, at 9 a.m., with a snow date of February 3, in the Church Hall. We will come together for breakfast, a talk, discussion, and prayer. We will close our sharing and prayer at 12 noon. If you are interested in attending, please e-mail the office at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net by **Monday, January 22**, or call the office at 382-8324.

(There will be a free will offering that will be donated to The Little Sisters of Saint Francis.)

✠ AROUND THE DIOCESE ✠



MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH Did you know that ALL Catholics are required to be married in the Church as a condition of the validity of their marriage?

Any Catholic married in a civil ceremony (JP) or in any religious ceremony other than a Catholic one (unless specifically excepted by the Bishop) is not living out the Sacrament of Marriage in its fullness according to the teaching of the Church. Contact Father Albert at the parish office for more information.



STAY INFORMED WITH FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP NEWS

The Diocese of Manchester wants to inform Catholics about important public policy matters facing our elected officials. Faithful Citizenship News provides briefs on legislation as well as information about Catholic social teaching on some of today's pressing issues. To read the current issue of Faithful Citizenship News and to subscribe, visit www.catholicnh.org/fcnews.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING

New Hampshire Catholic Charities provides individual, marital, family, and couples' counseling, helping people with a variety of personal difficulties, including: Depression, Stress, Family Conflicts, Relationship Problems, Anxiety, Substance Abuse, Life Adjustment Issues, Grief and Loss. Counseling also helps individuals and families strengthen communication skills in order to build and sustain healthy relationships and live more satisfying lives. A sliding scale fee is offered. Contact Arlene Dody, LCMHC in Salem at 603-893-1971 for more information.

HOW TO MAKE A REPORT OF SEXUAL ABUSE

Child sexual abuse is a crime in the State of New Hampshire and the Church. New Hampshire law requires that anyone who has reason to suspect that a child is being or has been abused or neglected must make a report to the Division for Children, Youth & Families ("DCYF") of the State of New Hampshire, 1-800-894-5533. Any person who suspects or alleges child abuse on the part of a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of a parish, school, or institution of the diocese of Manchester is also encouraged to make a report to the Office for Ministerial Conduct, 603-669-3100. Church personnel – clergy, paid employees, and volunteers – have additional reporting requirements if they believe that Church personnel have sexually abused a child. You can learn more about these reporting requirements on the diocesan website at www.catholicnh.org or by speaking with our Parish Safe Environment Coordinator, Cathy Smith at 382-8324.

The Pregnancy Care Center

The Pregnancy Care Center is a non-profit organization that offers its confidential services at no cost to its clients. We are committed to promoting the culture of life by assisting expectant parents in the birth and subsequent development of their child during his or her first year of life. We are also committed to helping young people embrace the virtues of chastity and continence as a sign of their Christian dignity.

Main Center

496 Main St., Haverhill, MA (978-373-5700)

www.pccnortheast.org

Helpline: 866-254-4440



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? Get away from all those worldly anxieties and take time to just focus on each other by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance, and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in New England. For more information, call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-9963 or visit www.wwme.org.

NH COUPLE ENRICHMENT CIRCLE

Have you attended a Marriage Encounter Weekend? If your answer is yes, you are invited to participate in the NH Couple Enrichment Circle to continue to strengthen your marriage relationship. For more information, contact David and Karen Demers at 617-480-9989 or ddemers@aviconpartners.com.

RETRouvaille...A Lifeline

Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille weekend. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help you. For more information, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



SUPPORT FOR DIVORCED AND SEPARATED

Divorce and separation can be painful experiences. Support groups are available to those who are seeking healing, comfort, and empowerment. Visit www.catholicnh.org/support for a listing of groups.



To enroll in St. Luke the Evangelist online giving program, log on to: www.stlukenh.org and click on the Parish Giving logo and follow the easy registration steps.

Sunday's Simplified



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Parish Giving



Flower Donations Were Made In Loving Memory Or Honor Of:

*Molly Wetzel
David Wetzel
Willy Bergeron
Robert Bergeron
Mildred Tremblay
Ma & Dad Bergeron
Nicole Rau
Lisa M. Stefanski Sliviak
Deceased Members of the
Stefanski & Ustick Families
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph DeMonaco
Mr. & Mrs. Archie Desrosiers
Deceased Members of the
O'Hara Family
Gloria Chiminiello
Johana Power
Gene Vater
Ann & Joseph Manewicz
Ralph & Eliza Ernst*

*Robert & Emily Hoppler
Kathleen Sweeney
The Cotter Family
The Doran Family
Mr. & Mrs. Roland Chabot
Our Special Angel
Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Lajoie
Serafino & Mary Giallongo
Wilfred & Antonia Fisetts
Kathleen Giallongo
Roger, Gilles, Raymond, and
John Fissette
Richard Sullivan
James & Frances Sullivan
Jack & Agnes Kelly
Peg & John Riordan
Jack & Jeanne Kelly
Pat & Fred Caddick
Bob & Bobbie Mahoney*

*Deceased Members of the
Silveria Family
Josephine Salamanca
John Meese
Elaine Wilson
Blair Gosselin*

*Deceased Members of the
Lozeau Family
Walter & Mary Wozney
Ted & Lillian Karavedas*

*Billy Whitson
Elaine Basque
Lena Lambert
Mary Mullen
Shirley Martin
Joyce Valli
Leo Cronin, Jr.
Marshall Jolotta
Lillian Jolotta
Kathleen McCarthy
Grace Wehrli
Werer Wehrli*

*Gertrude O'Sullivan
John J. McGowan
Joyce C. Lockhart
Joshua Cahill
Everett Burke
Mark Burke
Mary Edwards
Thomas Hofbauer
Mary Safka
James Doran*

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Pearl & Arthur Caduette
Barbara Greenwood
Gail Rodrigues
Mary Cronin
Jeremiah Cronin
Effie Tassie
My Loved Ones
Frank Szczapa
Alex & Sophie Szczapa
Helen & Frank Perry
Deceased Members of the
Ayers & Obert Families*

*Kippenberger Family
Ventura Family
Gaudreau Family
DeSimone Family
Aloia Family
Solari Family*

*Aurel & Rose Duhamel
Alyce & Mary Fallon
Deceased Members of the
Russo & Borgesi Families
Mary O'Leary*

*Deceased Friends and Family
Members of the
O'Leary, Doherty, & Ronan Families*

*Marilyn Landry
Alice Mahoney Acton
William E. Acton
William J. Warren
Anne Armani Acton
Debbie Caron
Mary Hesse
Ted Hesse*

*Ann Sullivan
Ed Thurnquist
Donald Culbert, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Earl Stark
Mrs. Constance Troy
Helen Araskiewicz
The Gagnon Family
The Emerson Family
The Lanseigne Family
The Charest Family*

*Geraldine Miele
Richard White
Roderick Rogers
Mary Guilmette
Roland Guilmette
Simone G. Matson
Richard Matson
Herbert Ahearn
Norman Lessard
Edward Ahearn
Joan Simpson
Mark Travis
Raymond Fournier*

Harold Lloyd
 Deceased Members of the
 Krajewski & Viles Families
 Harold & Rose Mulqueeney
 Charles & Ida Stern
 Joe & Rose Urick
 Agnes Ahearn
 Ed Ahearn
 Dan Mulqueeney
 Jack Mulqueeney
 Jim Sebastian
 Tom Frink
 Pat Urick
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 Martin P. Downey
 John H. Walsh
 Kirk P. Walsh
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 Ross & Santangelo Families
 The Bettencourt Family
 The Halko Family
 John W. Rogers
 Karl & Mary Brotz
 John & Louise Szematowicz
 Joan Brotz
 Paul Brotz
 Lillian Wagner
 Gerard & Monique Provost
 William & June Goodwin
 Simone Boulet
 Daniel Driscoll
 Marguerite Driscoll
 Robert Driscoll
 John Driscoll
 John Healey
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 Margaret M. Cote
 Leon E. Cote
 Robert & Eleanora Davidson
 Jesse & Regina Cote

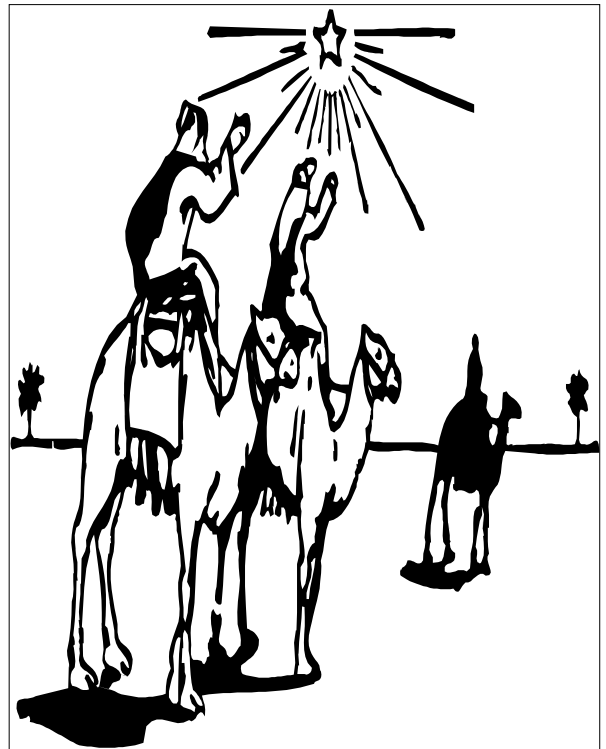
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 Nappi, Sweeney, & Burke Families
 Rescuers Everywhere
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 The Harper Family
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 Krystyna Smardz
 Charles F. Sielicki
 Helen T. Sielicki
 Louise R. LaFleur
 Lionel J. LaFleur
 Cecilia Sielicki
 Frank J. Bukowski
 Susanna Fairbrother
 Henry P. Fairbrother
 Anne Heffler
 The Cluette Family
 Jesus, Mary, & Joseph
 Father Albert
 The Lozeau Family
 The Laliberte Family
 Norman Tremblay
 Mary & John Madore
 The Fred Santos Family
 The Marciano Family
 The Muscianesi Family
 Timothy Hercules
 Agnes Massei
 Mr. & Mrs. John Murphy
 Patricia Dolan
 Kay Gallo
 Mary Donahue
 Beatrice Clark
 Deceased Members of the
 Richards & Souza Families
 Virginia Kawana
 Joseph J. Walsh
 Breau Walsh
 James Walsh
 Deceased Members of the
 Consentino Family
 Peter Tomaselli
 Ella Tomaselli

*Sophie Bengtson
Stephan Antkowiak
Kevin A. Gallant
James and Mary Wentworth
Margaret and Fred Gallant
Edmond and Doris LeBlanc
Costante & Lena Morigi
Bishop Anthony LeBlanc
Harvey and Irene Lee
Sr. Elizabeth Anne
Gene Kirkpatrick
Bertha Kirkpatrick
All Deceased Members of our Parish
Robert B. Tremblay, Sr.
Lea M. Roberts
Edward DeMarco
Donna K. DeMarco
Freda and Andy DeMarco
Agnes and Elba Carrier
The Lesiczka Family
Edwin and Evelyn Sadowski
Ben, Irene, Antonia, Stanley, Joe,
Lucy, and Patrick Zakiewicz
Jo Chudzicki
Nancy Raymond
Stanley Plonowski
Carl Vincent Guilbert
Ronald R. Guilbert
Dr. Julie A. Maher
Barbara Girard
Robert Girard
William Poist
William Esposito
Jerry Cabral
Debbie Rheault
Joseph Fitzpatrick
Ryan Fitzpatrick
Molly Perin
Gail Sanford
The O'Shea Family
Dr. Albert B. Consentino
Lewis and Rosa Feuer
Delia A. Consentino
Walter*

The Epiphany Proclamation, traditionally read on the Solemnity of the Epiphany, is proclaimed to announce the most important dates in the Church calendar. It is proclaimed today to announce the living Christ revealed to us in the Liturgy of the Church.

Brothers and sisters, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return. Through the rhythms of times and seasons, let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall together the year's culmination, the Easter Triduum of the Lord: his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial, and his rising to be celebrated between the evening of the 29th of March and the evening of the 1st of April.



Each Easter - as on each Sunday, the Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed by which Christ has forever conquered sin and death.

From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy:

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of holy Lent, will occur on the 14th day of February. The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated in the Churches of the Boston Metropolitan on the 10th of May. Pentecost, the joyful conclusion of the Great season of Easter, will be celebrated on the 20th of May; and this year the First Sunday of Advent will be on the 2nd of December.

Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the Passover of Christ in the feasts of the holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints; our patron Luke on October 18, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.

To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, the Lord of time and history, be endless praise, forever and ever. AMEN.

The Gospel at Home

Christmas and Epiphany Gospels: Luke 2:1-14 and Matthew 2:1-12

Christmas celebrates God becoming one of us and one with us. Jesus comes as an infant, placed in the care of a struggling but loving family. The Solemnity of the Epiphany is considered by Eastern Catholic Churches to be far more important than Christmas, the day celebrating Jesus' birth. On Epiphany, a word that means "manifestation," Jesus was revealed as far more than the king of the Jews. Matthew's story of the visit of the Magi from the East makes it clear that Jesus came for all people who seek God.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Even though your child is very young, he or she is now very aware that Christmas celebrates Jesus' birth. Make sure you visit the Nativity scene in your parish church during the time between Christmas and the Epiphany. Let your young child tell you about all the figures in the scene and what he or she knows about each. It is best to visit the Nativity scene when you can spend some time there with your child.

Promise (Grades K-1): Make a ceremony of setting up the simple Nativity scene made from this week's lesson. Don't forget to add the Magi from last week's lesson. Before you set it up, share the Christmas story that is on the back of the booklet or tell the story in your own words. Ask your child to tell the story that was shared by the cat who lived in the stable on the first Christmas night.

Good News (Grades 2-3): The lesson for the week covers both Christmas and the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Your family will be celebrating all the joys and wonders of the Christmas

season. In addition to family attendance at Christmas Mass and Mass on the Feast of the Holy Family (the Sunday after Christmas), set aside some time to talk about what Jesus' coming means to your family. Sing together some of your favorite Christmas carols. Every carol helps us remember the great mystery of the Incarnation.

Venture (Grades 4-6): Because Christmas can be busy and even a bit stressful, it may be difficult to find time to share as a family. Make an extra effort to talk about the Christmas story as a family. Be sure your child understands that Jesus Christ is the whole reason there is a Christmas feast. Talk about the journey to Bethlehem, the vision of the angels, the shepherds at the manger, the great star, and the visit of the Magi. Ask your child to share the story of "The Three Skaters" with the family. The story expresses the meaning of the Solemnity of the Epiphany.

Visions (Grades 7-8): Your teen learned how to "be Christmas" throughout the Christmas break and into 2018 by being a prophet, an angel, a shepherd, a wise person, and a disciple. Ask your son or daughter to share the commitments he or she made in class. Talk about ways each of the members of your family can "be Christmas" for others.

Pray Together

Pick one of the feast days during the Christmas season to attend Mass together as a family. Use the opportunity to pay a visit to the Nativity scene at your parish church and pray that you will always bring the Good News to others and reveal the love God has for all people.



Where is the newborn King of the Jews?
We observed his star at its rising

EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

20 + C + M + B + 18

It is an ancient custom for Christians to bless their homes on Epiphany each year. With chalk, they put an inscription on the inside lintel above the front door. The series of numbers, letters and crosses changes only slightly from year to year. For example, at the start of the year 2018, the line will read as follows: 20+C+M+B+18.

Because Epiphany comes so near the beginning of the New Year, the numbers represent an annual renewal of God's blessing.

The letters have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. They also abbreviate the Latin words "*Christus mansionem benedicat.*" "*May Christ bless the house.*" The letters recall the day on which the inscription is made, as well as the purpose of blessing.

The crosses represent Christ, whom we invoke, and the saintliness of the magi. The inscription is made above the front door, so that all who enter and depart this year may enjoy God's blessing. The month of January still bears the name of the Roman god Janus, the doorkeeper of heaven, and patron of the beginning and end of things. This blessing adds a Christian dimension to the traditional observance of the first month. The inscription is made of chalk, a product of clay, which recalls the human nature taken by God's eternal word in this holy season.

If you want to bless your home this Epiphany, read the opening verses of John's Gospel, pray the Lord's Prayer, then write the inscription for this year above your front door with chalk.

Head of Household: Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. *Luke 19:1-9*

Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in height. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "Jesus has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Head of Household: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here. Fill us with the light of Christ. that our concern for others may reflect the light of your love. We pray through Christ our Lord. *All:* Amen.

Head of Household: May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Blessed 2018 to all!

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



People of Light

O God of all nations,
who beckon us to live in the light,
you scattered the darkness through the birth
of your Son, Jesus.
Prophets of old foretold that your brilliance
would cover the earth
and draw all peoples into your loving care.
Grant that we, who, like the Magi,
seek the radiance of your glory
are found worthy to proclaim your holy name.

Shine brightly within our hearts
and illuminate our minds as we faithfully
share the Good News.
May all peoples be drawn closer to you by the
revelation of your Incarnate Word.
Keep us ever in your care,
so that, filled with joy,
we may always work to build a just and
peaceful world.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, January 7, 2018

Revealing Light



Today's Readings: Isaiah 60:1–6; Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13; Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6; Matthew 2:1–12. The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates God's manifestation to all the nations. We are familiar with the story of the three wise men and the song "We Three Kings," but do we stop and think about what the Scriptures tell us today?

In the First Reading, the prophet demands that Jerusalem rise up; God has restored the city, bathing it in light. God's glory is revealed in this thriving city and its renewed people: all the "Nations shall come to your light" (v. 3). Jerusalem reveals the Good News of salvation so that the world can bask in God's redeeming love. In the Gospel, Magi from the East (representing different cultures/places)

seek the Christ Child. They follow a star; they are in pursuit of truth. Upon seeing Jesus, they paid him homage. Jesus has come to save all people, and Christ's manifestation transforms the way we see one another. Christ is at the center of our relationships, and he uses our diverse gifts and experiences to reveal the Father. When the visitors from the East find Jesus, they are made part of the story of God's people.

In Baptism, bathed with the Light of Christ, we are delivered from our misfortune and made into the Body of Christ. We are no longer a people of darkness; we must shine out like Jerusalem. Our lives should reflect Christ's Divine Presence, proclaim justice to the poor, release to the captives, and attract all who seek to know truth.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time is divided into two periods. The first begins with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and ends with Ash Wednesday (February 14). The second and longest period begins after Pentecost and concludes on the Saturday after the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of All the Universe. The word *ordinary* means “ordered.” The season is called *Ordinary* because we number the weeks outside of festal time to help us mark the time. During Ordinary Time, the Lectionary narrates the works of Jesus and outlines what it means to be a disciple. This season is not mundane or unimportant but a season to reflect on what it means to be a faithful disciple of Christ and to practice the faith we profess. During these weeks of Winter Ordinary Time, relish the quiet of winter, listen attentively to the Scriptures, and notice the simplicity of the decor in your parish church. Allow these few weeks to be a time of contemplation and of sharing the Good News, especially as we ready ourselves for the celebration of Lent and Easter.

Monday, January 8

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Today marks the official end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. Along with the wedding at Cana and the story of the Magi, this story reveals God’s presence among us. Adrien Nocent, OSB, says, “The baptism of Christ, leads us even more deeply into the paschal mystery. For the baptism of Christ in the Jordan manifests the fact that salvation is now given to all: sin is destroyed” (*The Liturgical Year*, Liturgical Press, 2013). As Jesus comes up from the water, God reveals that Jesus is his beloved Son. Because of the waters of Baptism, we share in the life that Jesus promised. We have a share in the Kingdom and are required to work that all people have peace, justice, and love. *Today’s Readings: Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7 or Isaiah 55:1–11; Psalm 29:1–2, 3–4, 3, 9–10 or Isaiah 12:2–3, 4bcd, 5–6; Acts 10:34–38 or 1 John 5:1–9; Mark 1:7–11.*

Friday, February 2

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Though forty days after Christmas, this feast brings Christmas Time to mind. The liturgy for this day reminds us that Jesus is a light of revelation to the Gentiles (2:32). Simeon and Anna recognized the divine child, the King of Glory, who became like us in order to save us from our sins. This feast reminds us that Jesus is truly the light that banishes all darkness and purifies all peoples so they might share in God’s goodness. At Mass today, many parishes will bless the candles used throughout the year and invite parishioners to bring candles from home to be blessed. The liturgy begins with the blessing and a candlelight procession to remind us that Jesus is our light in the darkness. *Today’s Readings: Malachi 3:1–4; Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Hebrews 2:14–18; Luke 2:22–40.*

Saturday, February 10

St. Scholastica

Not much is known about Scholastica’s early life: she is the twin sister of St. Benedict and the foundress of the Benedictine nuns. Hagiography tells us that Scholastica was deeply devoted to prayer and deepening her friendship with God. The readings today point out both this idea of deep love for God and the theme of service to the Lord. Though Scholastica was cloistered, her devotion to God, her brother, and her community revealed the love and mercy of God to others. Take a moment today to read her story. There’s a gem that tells us of a time she outwitted Benedict. *Today’s Readings (from the Memorial): Song of Songs 8:6–7; Psalm 148:1bc–2, 11–13a, 13c–14; Luke 10:38–42.*





Bringing Home the Word +

The Epiphany of the Lord | January 7, 2018

Come See the Christ Child

By Mary Katharine Deeley

Mary Chapin Carpenter's wonderful Christmas carol "Come Darkness, Come Light" calls all people, regardless of their situation or where they are in their faith, to come see the Christ Child. All are welcome to see that love has come to earth and to bring whatever they have to the Child who waits for them in a manger.

Whenever I hear this song, I'm moved to tears by its simplicity. For reasons of which I'm not entirely sure, I'm reminded of the beginning section of John's Gospel, which lays out so beautifully the coming

of Christ to earth. "Through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race," John narrates. Later he tells us, "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us."

What is our response? Do we come as the song invites us? Do we hold back, afraid that it's too late for us? Do we listen to the siren songs of other gods, who whisper that they have the key to our happiness?

Today's readings are an invitation to know ourselves as children of God, to know the hope of his call to us, and to know that this light cannot be overcome by any darkness the world has to offer.

The rush of the holidays is behind us, and a new year has begun. We have a little breathing space. In our liturgical calendar, though, the Christmas season is still with us.

There is still time to come, by whatever means we're able, and give our lives over to Christ. +

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise! Shine, for your light has come, the glory of the LORD has dawned upon you.

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ.

Matthew 2:1-12

Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

*All are welcome
to see that love
has come to earth*

A Word From Pope Francis

Continue to overcome apathy, offering a Christian response to the social and political anxieties, which are arising in various parts of the world. I ask you to be builders of the world, to work for a better world.... Don't be observers, but immerse yourself in the reality of life, as Jesus did.

—Vigil, July 27, 2013



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Do I trust that Jesus wants to and can reach any soul, no matter how far away?
- Will you renew your prayer and gentle testimony to invite those who are still searching?



By Richard Rohr, OFM

Many of us have been privileged to be present with someone on his or her deathbed. In this setting we are concerned about listening to every word the person is saying—and about choosing our own words carefully. It is with this degree of reverence that we should approach the Bible: with humility.

Biblical language is more poetry than prose. It doesn't so much describe events historically as it seeks to lead us into those experiences. We can change words, but an experience changes us. Good biblical interpretation finds the balance between words that get us started, and encounters that are beyond words.

At the transfiguration (Matthew 17), Jesus appears to several disciples, his face shining "like the sun" and clothes "white as light." Afterward, Jesus cautions them: "Do not tell the vision..." In this example we observe the spiritual tradition balancing darkness and light, presence and absence, speaking and silence, seeing everything so well that we don't need to see anything in particular.

Reverencing the Bible

The Bible repeatedly finds the balance between knowing and not knowing, between using words and having humility about words. To read the Bible well, we should appreciate the balance and allow the Spirit to stir its meaning for us. But for most of us in the contemporary West, it is an uphill struggle. We prefer to read the Bible literally and to turn to it for precise answers to questions.

Need for Grounding

Ours is a time of such change that the human psyche struggles to handle it all. Recent terrorist attacks and political turmoil have shaken us deeply. No wonder many of us look to certitudes for grounding. Subconsciously, we seek to make God our private property by taking the Bible literally, reading it from our own perspective and cultural interpretation. When we do this, we lapse into a kind of rigid time capsule that does not enlighten us. God gives us just enough light for the next faith-filled step, never a blueprint for our lifetime.

The "Jesus Seminar" offers an example. Here scholars combed through New Testament texts in an effort to determine if Jesus said this or that and did or didn't use certain precise words. When we take that approach, more is lost than gained. We risk moving out of sacred space and trivializing what we might have experienced. We risk declaring victory before we have even struggled. We settle the dust by giving

ourselves answers, when the raised dust might have revealed the right questions.

Journey of Faith

Though we often wish it were so, the biblical God is not a cure-all, a cosmic answer man or woman. The God living inside of history uses it and suffers from it, gives us truths on which we can rely. But he doesn't give us all the answers. In fact, God leads us through the dilemma of our lives and invites us into a daring journey of faith. God always comes to us disguised as our lives.

The Bible offers hope, but not an escape from life. It is in life that we meet God. So very little in life is ever resolved or solved, settled or answered. There is only the crisis itself, the struggle. Our need for an answer leads us toward eternal life. God calls us to stay in the struggle—still wanting to know, but as people of faith being willing not to know. All because we can trust the One who knows all. +



Lord, your light gives us strength and shows us the way to God.

Remove my blindness that I may see the light of goodness, peace, and love within myself and others.

From Joyful Meditations for Every Day of Advent and the 12 Days of Christmas,

Rev. Warren J. Savage
and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

January 8-13

Mon. Baptism of the Lord: Is 42:1-4, 6-7
or Is 55:1-11 / Acts 10:34-38
or 1 Jn 5:1-9 / Mk 1:7-11

Tue. Weekday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 / Mk 1:21-28

Wed. Weekday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 /
Mk 1:29-39

Thu. Weekday: 1 Sm 4:1-11 / Mk 1:40-45

Fri. Weekday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a /
Mk 2:1-12

Sat. Weekday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a /
Mk 2:13-17