



Parishes of the
**Resurrection
of the Lord**



St. Anne | St. Gabriel | St. Catherine | St. Raphael



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

2ND SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS, YEAR C | JANUARY 2ND, 2022

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DEARLY BELOVED— *Opening Prayer: Since Jesus took human form and dwells with us may we live by the fact that Jesus came to save all the peoples of the world.*

INTRODUCTION AND READINGS: To think as some of the Jews had thought that Jesus came for them alone is wrong. God is present not just with the Jews but with the Gentiles too. As we celebrate the manifestation or revelation of Jesus to the non-Jews (Gentiles), the Gospel reading today relates the story of how Gentiles from the East after they had a dream were led by a star and brought to Jerusalem where they saw the child Jesus, with Joseph and Mary his mother. While the Gospel reading brings out all that Epiphany entails, the first reading lay the foundation for this solemnity when it predicted that Jerusalem will be a place that will bring together not just the scattered Jews but also all the nations of the world. All the people who flow to Jerusalem will bring with them gifts and their sons and daughters as well. The response to the Psalm: *“Lord every nation on earth will adore you,”* expresses this gathering of the Gentiles from other places and the Psalm itself voices a prayer to God requesting him to send the perfect king who will establish Justice and peace for all. In the second reading St. Paul expresses how the prophecy in the first reading became a reality in Jesus Christ: *“that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.”* Through Christ salvation has become a thing for the Gentile and Jews alike.

THEY HAD A DREAM AND BELIEVED IT! THEY SAW THE STAR AND FOLLOWED IT!!: The Gentiles from the East, represented by the Magi had a dream which they believed. They also saw a star and they followed it. Their dream and the star they saw led to what we celebrate today. The Magi were brought to the infant king to whom they offered their gifts and did him homage while king Herod remained disturbed and ordered all Jewish boys under the age of two to be killed to try to wipe out the chance of a new king replacing him (Matt. 2: 16-18). Besides their dream and the star the Magi also followed the directives of the chief priests and scribes until they were finally brought to the child Jesus in the crib. We too are called to search, believe, and follow Christ who daily reveals himself to us. For us Christians, our dream and the star that lead us to Christ include daily reading and meditation on the word of God, our belief in God and our readiness to follow Christ.

THROUGH CHRIST ALL NATIONS WILL BE SAVED: The manifestation of Jesus to the Gentiles today shows us that all nations not just Jews partake in the salvation Christ has come to bring. God by this singular act makes us to understand that Jews and non-Jews share in the life of God: *“giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light. He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins”* (Colossians 1: 12-14). What St. Paul proclaims had been prophesied long ago through the word of the Prophet Isaiah: *“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who lived in a land of gloom a light has shone”* (Isaiah 9: 1). So Jesus became human in order to be the savior of everyone. By His passion, death, and resurrection too, Jesus embraced us all and became the Savior of the whole world.

CHILDREN OF GOD ADORE HIM IN THEIR HEARTS AND PHYSICALLY: While King Herod sought to kill the child Jesus, the Magi instead went through the pain of looking for him and when they found him they bow down before the Child Jesus and did him homage as their Lord and King. The Magi prostrated before Him in complete surrender and adoration and by so doing show us the perfect example of how we can adore Christ in such a profound manner ourselves. It is literally possible to lay down prostrate in prayer before God, for instance before the blessed sacrament in imitation of the Magi or at least we can do so in our hearts when we pray. The adoration of the Magi is grounded in the truths of who this Child is. If we are to adore Christ properly, we must also honour Him as our king and as our God who will offer his life to free us from our sins.

CHILDREN OF GOD OFFER HIM GIFTS: The Magi from the East did not only go through the pain of tracing where the child Jesus was born, but before they set out on their journey they parked their bags with three different gifts for the infant King. To the infant king the Magi offered gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These three gifts presented to our Lord show that they acknowledged this Child as the Divine King who would die to save us from sin. Gold which is very precious is a gift which is presented to Jesus as a King. Frankincense is a kind of gum that is burned for its aroma and is considered as a burnt offering to God. Myrrh which is an expensive perfume is used to anoint a body after death. Whenever we approach God in prayer and worship we are invited to do so not empty handed but carrying gifts to present to the Lord also. All of us have something to present to God. No one should say I have nothing to offer to God because if we do not have material things we can offer God our strength, knowledge, talent or even our very self.

Closing Prayer: *May God bless us and grant us the grace to accept others as sons and daughters of God who also share the salvation brought by Christ.*

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

~ FR. JOHN WILLIAM

“As each of us has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace” (1Pt 4:10). Thank you all for the sacrifices you make as we all labor in God's vineyard to bring the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our neighbors. 10% of everything received is donated to support charities near and far.

	<u>St. Anne</u>	<u>St. Catherine</u>	<u>St. Gabriel</u>	<u>St. Raphael</u>
Needed Each Week:	\$2,242.45	\$2,548.08	\$508.62	\$800.60
Needed Year-to-Date:	56,061.20	63,702.00	12,715.50	20,015.00
Actual Year-to-Date:	51,811.90	60,841.39	12,609.58	18,677.64
Date: Dec. 26th, 2021				
Other Collections:				

This Week in our Parishes

Saturday, January 1, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Anne

(Fr. Robert Bissot)

9:00am Mass at St. Raphael

*(Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,
St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)*

11:00am Mass at St. Gabriel

(Janet Palin)

Sunday, January 2, 2022

8:30am Rosary at St. Catherine

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine

(Craig Rolston)

10:30am Rosary at St. Anne

11:00am Mass at St. Anne

*(Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,
St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)*

Monday, January 3, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Anne

(Special Intention for Margaret Conway)

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Anne

(Special Intention for Katherine Ryan)

9:30-10:30am Adoration/Reconciliation

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine

(For the sick)

5:00pm-6:00pm Adoration and

Reconciliation at St. Catherine

Thursday, January 6, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine

*(For those grieving the loss
of a loved one)*

9:30am-10:30 Adoration at St. Catherine

Saturday, January 8, 2022

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael

4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael

4:30am Mass at St. Raphael

*(Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,
St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)*

6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel

6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel

(Joe & Harriet Gauthier)

Sunday, January 9, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine

(Al Vichunas)

11:00am Mass at St. Anne

*(Special Intention for Margaret
Mary Boyd)*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

For The Week (Year C)

SUNDAY:

IS 60:1-6, EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6,

MT 2:1-12

MONDAY:

1 JN 3:22-4:6, MT 4:12-17, 23-25

TUESDAY:

1 JN 4:7-10, MK 6:34-44

WEDNESDAY:

1 JN 4:11-18, MK 6:45-52

THURSDAY:

1 JN 4:19-5:4, LK 4:14-22

FRIDAY:

1 JN 5:5-13, LK 5:12-16

SATURDAY:

1 JN 5:14-21,

JN 3:22-30

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL LADIES OF OUR PARISHES: All ladies of our parishes are invited to the East Region Gaylord DCCW Meeting, Tuesday, January 11th, 9:30 Registration, 10AM Meeting, at St. Paul Catholic Church, 3856 Oak St., Onaway. To register please call Sally Schaar at (989)217-0629 (Please leave a message) by January 4th with parish name and attendees(s). Please bring a \$10 reservation fee per person for the luncheon to the meeting.

Any Eucharistic Minister who was not able to attend one of the recertification classes:

By watching this they will be able to recertify. <https://dioceseofgaylord.org/liturgy-workshop-2021> or the direct link to YouTube is <https://youtu.be/uo-HZOZNzNc>. **Also to let the parish office know that you completed this video so that they can let the diocese know.**

Do you have anything that you would like shared in the weekly Bulletin?

Contact Kayla Adams at kadams@resurrectionacgr.org with your request.

To help reduce exposure to COVID-19, it is strongly recommended that all parishioners and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

Sunday:

Rev. Donald Libby

Monday:

Rev. Michael Linguar

Tuesday:

Deceased Priests

Wednesday:

Rev. William Lipscomb

Thursday:

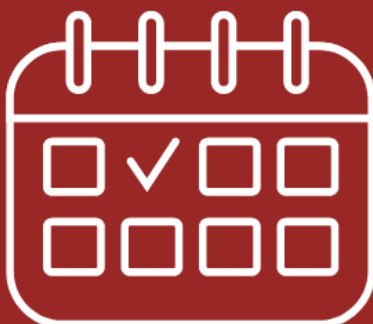
Rev. T. Patrick Maher

Friday:

Rev. Benjamin Martin

Saturday:

Most Reverend
Walter A. Hurley



1/20, 2/03,

2/17, 3/03,

3/31, 4/21

FAITH FORMATION FOR OUR PARISH CLUSTER

TEEN/ADULT FAITH FORMATION

THURSDAY, JAN 20, 2021 | 6:30-7:30PM

Location: St. Catherine Parish Hall

If you have any questions, please contact
Adam Brege at bregeadam@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAYS FROM 10-11:15

Location: St. Catherine Parish Hall

Please sign up after Mass any Sunday, or contact Cathy Macfalda:
Cathy@resurrectionacgr.org. There are options available if your child(ren)
cannot physically join us.

Dear Priests, Directors of Parish Life, Deacons, Parish and Diocesan Staff:

We are pleased to share the news that His Holiness Pope Francis has named the Reverend Jeffrey J. Walsh, priest of the Diocese of Scranton, Pennsylvania, as the sixth bishop of the Diocese of Gaylord. The announcement was made today by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, in Washington, D.C.

Bishop-elect Walsh, 56, is a priest of the Diocese of Scranton and currently serves as pastor of Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Carbondale, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Carbondale. Bishop-elect Walsh's episcopal ordination and installation as bishop of the Diocese of Gaylord has been set for March 4, 2022, at 2 p.m. in St. Mary Cathedral, Gaylord.

Further details are attached and a full biography and additional materials are available on the diocesan website.