

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2016

All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises for they have been called to hear the good news and worship the long awaited Messiah and King with the gift of their lives.

Next Week's Readings

*Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1-4, 9-10
Acts 10:34-38 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22*

Mass Schedule

Monday – Friday ~ 6:55 am & 12:15 pm
Saturday ~ 8:00 am
Sunday Vigil (Saturday evening) ~ 5:30 pm
Sunday ~ 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am
1:00 pm (Spanish), 5:30 pm LifeTeen
National Holidays ~ 9:00 am

Confessions

11:00 – noon ~ Wednesday & Friday
4:00 pm & 7:00 pm ~ Saturday

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Seven Ways to Find Post-Christmas Joy

By Cory Busse

It happens every year. At some point during the lead up to Christmas, you hear a news story about how this year's projected retail sales weren't as strong as last year's, spelling doom and gloom for the season. (As if *that's* what makes for a joyous Christmas season!) As the tree gets a little dry and droopy, it's difficult not to think that we have to pack away all of our Christmas spirit with the ornaments and lights. This year, fight the post-Christmas letdown. Stay focused on the real reasons for the season. Here are seven better questions to ask than "What did you get?"

1. **Where did you give?** Notice I didn't say, "How much?" Telling others where you shared your gifts of time, talent and treasure is a way of sharing with others what you value. Ask your children what they value enough to make them want to give of themselves.
2. **What will you remember?** Memories are the reason we have traditions at all. Without them, all of the work and energy we put into the Christmas season are for nothing. Share with loved ones the things that stood out to you this year so that they can become part of your mutual history of this most recent Christmas.
3. **What did you make?** Food. Decorations. Music. Open the door to let others talk about what kinds of personal creations they contributed to the season.
4. **Who did you see?** Out of opportunity, tradition or obligation, those we see at the holidays become an indelible part of how we experience Christmas. Think together of those you didn't get to see this Christmas whom you wish you would have, friends or family who have passed on or who weren't nearby. Make a concerted effort to visit – in prayer, in person or virtually – those whom you missed this year.
5. **What will you do differently next year?** No, not resolutions. This is different. Some Christmases just don't live up to our expectations. Sometimes we put too much pressure on ourselves, or even others, to act or be a certain way. Some traditions, rituals and memories detract from the joy of the season rather than augmenting it. Talk honestly as a family about the parts of last Christmas that weren't so great. If possible, agree on compromises or changes to make Christmas merry for everyone.
6. **Why wait until Easter?** There's nothing quite like our faith community to make Christmas meaningful and memorable. If all the Christmas and Easter Catholics attended Mass the way we do at this time of year, imagine how full and joyous even the most average Sunday morning would feel. Make Mass a priority.
7. **How are you keeping the spirit of Christmas going?** Christmas doesn't end when the clock strikes midnight on the 26th. The liturgical season goes well into January. And the phrase "we need a little Christmas right this very minute" is true year-round. Even if for only through the feast of the Epiphany (traditionally, January 6), leave the Nativity scene up.

Mass Intentions

January 4 - January 10, 2016

Daily Morning Masses

M ~ Thomas Skarda †

T ~ Lucile Blek †

W ~ George & Marjory Brennan †

T ~ Deceased Member of the Heidt Family †

F ~ Frank McDonald †

S ~ Gen Hainley †

Daily Afternoon Masses

M ~ Reynold Costa †

T ~ Intentions of Christina Shaneyfelt

W ~ Betty Ammerman †

T ~ Deceased Member of the De La Fuente Family †

F ~ Danielle Dolechek †

Sunday Masses

5:30 pm Vigil ~ Adam & Stella Klocek †

7:30 ~ Jim McGrath †

9:00 ~ Intentions of Rev. Ronald Nelson

11:00 ~ Serafina Obispo †

1:00 ~ Rosa Lozano †

5:30 LifeTeen ~ Belmira Coelho †

In Our Prayers

Let us remember:

...all those who are ill, including,

Marge Catha, Joseph Couture, Rick Dunham,

Judy Gough, Lavonne Hamlin, Terry Ianora,

Jim Kinsman, Don Klenke, Craig Leadon, Timothy Lewis,

Babe Roshau, Scarlet Rudy Craig, Blaise Schaal,

Leah Shepherd, Mary Jane Valdez and Julie Woodworth

...all those who have died, including,

Louise Koenig and Evelyn Premazzi

Perpetual Adoration

No Coverage

Monday 2-3 am

Thursday 8-9 am

Monday 3-4 am

Friday 7-8 am

Thursday 3-4 am

Friday 2-3 pm

WEEKLY COLLECTION

We will have an account of the weekly collections for December 20, December 27 and January 3 in the weekend bulletin of January 10, 2016.

Accompany Children

We ask that a parent, adult or older teen accompany children to the restrooms during Mass.

Servers

January 4 - January 10, 2016

6:55 am Mon. - Fri. ~ Victor Nholi

8:00 am Sat. ~ Victor Nholi

12:15 pm Mon. - Fri. ~ Francisco Damian Palacios

Sunday, January 10

5:30 pm Vigil ~ Oliver Tracer, Olivia Tracer

7:30 am ~ Knights of Columbus

9:00 am ~ Patrick Armbrust, Elian Mora, Hadley Peterson

11:00 am ~ Tarrin Campbell, Jack Sotelo, Tommy Sotelo

5:30 pm LifeTeen ~ Eli Brown, Carter Heer, John Mozan

Lectors

January 4 - January 10, 2016

6:55 am Mon. - Fri. ~ Steve Chipman

8:00 am Sat. ~ Steve Chipman

12:15 pm Mon. - Fri. ~ Dave Tobin

Sunday, January 10

5:30 pm Vigil ~ David Evarts, Pat Murphy

7:30 am ~ Knights of Columbus

9:00 am ~ Julie Armbrust, Sharon Hainley

11:00 am ~ Francisco Garcia, Josephine Tapp

5:30 pm LifeTeen ~ Andy Fudge

Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2016

Matthew 2:1-12: The Gospel tells the story of the Magi (wise men from the East) following a star to find "the newborn King of the Jews." In this feast we celebrate the way Jesus was first revealed to people beyond Israel.

How is Jesus a star in your life?

Does Jesus make a difference?

Saints of the Month

St. Julian and St. Basilissa

St. Julian and St. Basilissa were a married couple who lived in the late third century in what is modern-day Turkey. They converted their home into a hospital that housed as many as 1,000 people. St. Julian was the spiritual father to many monks, and St. Basilissa did the same for many women. St. Basilissa died first, and St. Julian was eventually martyred around the year 304 under the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian. While other details of their lives have been lost to history, they stand as a reminder that from the foundation of the Church husbands and wives have found their salvation together through mutual devotion to good works and charity.

In their honor:

- Renew your wedding vows.
- Visit someone in the hospital.
- Offer to help someone learn more about the Faith.
- Find a ministry that you can do as a couple.

Year of Mercy Companion

The Pope has proclaimed a Jubilee Year of Mercy because, as he writes, "at times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives" (MV 3). To assist with that attentive gaze, MAGNIFICAT is pleased to offer this *Year of Mercy Companion*.

St. Mary has acquired these beautiful Magnificats for the parish. They are located in the vestibule of the church. Please take **one per family** so that there is enough for all our parishioners to enjoy.

Holy Doors

In accord with the Holy Father's request, the Archbishop has designated Jubilee Year of Mercy Holy Doors at three churches in the Archdiocese of Portland:

1. The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Portland
2. The National Shrine of Our Sorrowful Mother (The Grotto)
3. Sacred Heart Church in Medford

If you would like to plan a pilgrimage to one of these locations, please contact the office of the respective church.

Year of Mercy website: www.pdxmercy.org

Gospel of Life/Pro-Life Ministry

The Gospel of Life/Pro-Life Ministry is in great need of committee members who would help our ministry to be more active in the pro-life movement and pray to end abortion. Please contact Eric Walter at 541-554-2074. Meetings are every third Thursday at 6:00 pm in the Luke classroom of the Parish Center.

Words of St. Francis de Sales

*Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life;
rather, look to them with full hope that as
they arise,*

*God, whose very own you are,
will lead you safely through all things;
and when you cannot stand it,
God will carry you in His arms.*

*Do not fear what may happen tomorrow;
the same understanding Father who cares for
you today will take care of you then and
every day.*

*He will either shield you from suffering
or will give you unfailing strength to bear it.*

*Be at peace,
and put aside all anxious thoughts
and imaginations.*

Helping Children Experience God's Mercy

By Dr. Joseph D. White

God has created us in His image, and He has created us for good things. Sadly, we do not always live up to the goodness we were made for, but God loves us so much that He can't give up on us. He extends His mercy to us, forgiving us when we are truly sorry and giving us grace to do better. The Jubilee Year of Mercy is an important time to remember, celebrate and experience God's mercy in our lives, and especially in our families.

Around the ages of 6 and 7, children enter what we call the "age of reason." They begin to get a better grasp on cause and effect, and they learn that the world works according to rules. When kids learn about God's commandments, usually around age 7, in parish and school religion programs, they also realize they have broken some of God's rules. They need to be assured of God's unconditional love and experience His forgiveness.

We might sometimes be reluctant to discuss sin with young children, but it's important for kids to learn how to handle the sin we all experience. Children cannot rise to standards that we do not set.

Practical Tips for Helping Children

Understand God's Forgiveness and Mercy

- **Look for natural opportunities to discuss God's rules, as well as sin and forgiveness, in the context of family life.**

We have ample opportunities to do this in our relationships with one another (parents, siblings, etc.). Practice forgiveness and reconciliation even in difficult family situations.

- **Help your child understand the difference between a sin and an accident.**

We sin when we choose to do wrong. Make an extra effort to be patient with your child's mistakes, but hold him or her responsible for wrong choices.

- **If possible, implement logical consequences when your child has wronged someone.**

For example, fighting over a toy may result in temporarily losing the privilege to play with that toy. In addition, **assign your child a "good deed" to help repair the damage** that is done to a relationship after a conflict. Coach the child who was wronged in receiving this good will mercifully.

- The life of Jesus (and the parables He told) is full of surprising examples of God's mercy. It is important for parents to be consistent with rules and consequences, but, **every once in a while, consider surprising your child with mercy.**

For example, if your child is already "beating himself up" over a wrong choice, remind him that God made him for good things and will help him do better, and give him a hug instead of a consequence – just this once.

- **Attend a communal reconciliation service as a family** (many parishes offer them during Advent and Lent). This helps children become more comfortable with the sacrament and allows them to see others celebrating it. Emphasize that confession is not a punishment, but it is a way to experience God's mercy and forgiveness: "God loves us no matter what."

Funding for Julie Woodworth

The niece of one of our parishioners was one of the victims of the Roseburg shooting and was severely wounded. She has a long and expensive road to recovery. If you would like to contribute to help the family with expenses, you can contribute at any US Bank branch to a trust for the Julie Woodworth Donation Fund with no fee.

Or you can contribute through [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com/pq5g36mg) at:

<https://www.gofundme.com/pq5g36mg>
which takes 8% of the donation.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Register for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – it's the best gift you'll ever give to each other and your marriage!

February 19 – 21, 2016

Mt. Angel Abbey

Call 503-853-2758 or apply online at:

www.rediscoverthepark.org

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

For some, it may seem like their abortion is an event totally left in the past, yet vast evidence shows that abortion has long-lasting, life-altering affects in the lives of women and men who have experienced it. To feel, deal, and heal from abortion(s), attend a life-changing Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Contact Project Aurora for information about the **April 8-10, 2016** retreat near Medford: 541-942-2861 or email: projectaurora@aol.com. Para Español llamada a Aracely: 541-621-7047.

Women's Silent Retreat

**Benedict Hall Guest House & Retreat Center
Mount Angel Abbey
January 15-17, 2016**

This weekend includes quiet and prayer with the Monks of Mount Angel Abbey, wholesome foods prepared in the Guest House kitchen, and spiritual conferences offered by the Guest Master, Fr. Pius X, on Saint Benedict's wisdom for living with one another in peace and charity.

St. Mary Conference of St. Vincent de Paul

St. Mary Conference of Saint Vincent de Paul is in desperate need of men and women who are physically strong enough to visit the needy. We never visit the poor alone, but in pairs of two. At our meetings, we study the word of God and the teachings of St. Vincent de Paul. We pray for those we have visited and our own members. We report on the visits we have made and where we are financially.

This plea has become necessary because the majority of our present members, who have faithfully served for many years, are now older. Pray for us that God will bless us with new members. You will receive all the necessary training you will need to be effective Vincentians.

For more information, call our president Ray Evans at 541-968-7859 or just show up at our meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 5:30 pm in the St. Joseph room next to the Adoration Chapel.

Tools to Prepare Your Family for Confession

As the Year of Mercy begins, Pope Francis and Archbishop Sample have invited us to rediscover the beauty of Reconciliation, the "sacrament of mercy." Visit www.pdxfamilife.org, where you will find quality reconciliation videos for families, a step-by-step guide to the sacrament, as well as an examination of conscience for children.

Marist Preview Day

Please join us for Preview Day on **January 9, 2016** at 1:00 pm in the Marist school gym. Marist is committed to educating the whole student – mind, body, and soul. It is our goal to provide your child an affordable, world-class, faith-based education. Prospective families are invited to discover the value of a Catholic high school education, take a tour, receive information about tuition assistance, and more. Marist is located at 1900 Kingsley Rd. in Eugene. Doors open at 12:30 pm for registration. **Pre-register online at www.marisths.org by Monday, January 4, 2016 and you will be entered into a raffle to win one of two \$50 gift cards for the Marist Spirit Store – where you can purchase Marist apparel and more.**

Contact Kim Bastable, Admissions Officer, at 541-681-5464 or kbastable@marisths.org.

Are You Called to be a Monk?

Serve the Lord in Prayer and Work
Monastic Vocation Retreat at Mount Angel Abbey
January 8 – 10, 2016

Open to men 18 – 45 yrs. old; Free of charge

Contact Fr. Odo Recker, OSB at:

503-845-3123

Odo.recker@mtangel.edu or visit our website:

www.mountangelabbey.org/vocations

Catholic Community Services

Help those in need during the holidays through Catholic Community Services. Donate warm clothes, shoes and socks at either of our two locations (1464 W. 6th in Eugene or 1025 G St. in Springfield). Contact Sarah, Outreach Coordinator at 541-345-3628, ext. 330.

Ducks Give Back

Join the University of Oregon men's basketball team to raise money for St. Mary Catholic Church while cheering on the Ducks! For every ticket sold by referral from St. Mary Catholic Church for the Duck game vs. Stanford on **Sunday, January 10, 2016 at 7:00 pm**, St. Mary Catholic Church will receive \$4 back. To get your tickets, call Ryan Lane at the University of Oregon Athletic Department at 541-346-8453.

Religion in Literature

The next Religion in Literature meeting will be on **Thursday, January 14, 2016** at 7:00 pm in the Elizabeth Seton Room of the Parish Center. The book to be discussed will be "The Bluest Eye" by Toni Morrison.

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Información en Español Lunes, Martes y Viernes de 9:00 am 12:00

Apologética (Parte 12)

(Es dar una Explicación Razonada de tu Fe)

La Apologética cumple con la orden de San Pedro: "sigan adorando interiormente al Señor, a Cristo; y siempre estén dispuestos a dar una respuesta acertada al que les pide cuenta de su esperanza. Pero háganlo con sencillez y deferencia" (1 Pe 3:15-16).

Los Padres de la Iglesia los Primeros Siglos
Sobre Eucaristía

San Ignacio de Antioquía. Discípulo y contemporáneo del Apóstol Juan (alrededor del año 110 D.C.) acerca de ciertos herejes: "Se abstienen de la Eucaristía y de la oración, porque no confiesan que la **Eucaristía es la Carne de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo**, la carne que sufrió por nuestros pecados y la que el Padre, en su bondad, volvió a levantar.

En otra carta, San Ignacio escribe: "Deseo el Pan de Dios que es la Carne de Jesucristo ... y por bebida deseo su Sangre que es amor incorruptible."

Escuela Católica Marist High School (El Día de Presentación)

¡Están invitados! **Sábado el 9 de Enero** es el Día de Presentación. Día de Presentación es una oportunidad para conocer más de nuestra escuela. Todos los futuros estudiantes y sus familias están invitados para saber más de la experiencia de la Escuela Católica Marist High School, una experiencia formativa de educar a la totalidad del estudiante: cuerpo, mente y alma. Le pedimos que se registre antes del Día de Presentación en www.marisths.org

(Si no se registra por internet se puede registrar antes del programa 12:30 pm) 1:00 pm empieza el programa.

Confirmaciones J. Ruthledge

- Estudiantes High School
- Registrados En Santa María
- Asistir a todas las clases
- Es un programa de 2 años

Adultos Ogilvia

- Clases empiezan febrero

Programa de Confirmaciones

Es un programa de 2 años para estudiantes de "High School" Requisitos: estudiantes y sus familias deben estar registrados en Santa María, asistir a todas las clases requeridas. Las clases serán miércoles en la tarde. Pueden inscribirse los días 7, 14 y 21 de septiembre después de las Misas de 9:00, 11:00 y 5:30. Para más información llamar a Julie Rutledge al 541 342 1139

Información Importante

Si asiste regularmente a la iglesia de Santa María y aún no está registrado, favor de pasar a la Oficina Parroquial durante las horas de oficina y registre. También avisenos si su teléfono o dirección ha cambiado.



Fe Familiar Preguntas para Compartir

† La Epifanía del Señor †
Mateo 2: 1-12

El Evangelio de hoy nos habla sobre la llegada de los Reyes Magos de oriente que vienen buscando al niño Jesús para adorarlo.



¿Qué guió a los magos a Jerusalén? ¿Qué les dijo el rey Herodes cuando lo fueron a ver? Después de ver al niño, los magos ¿fueron a ver a Herodes como les había indicado? ¿Qué regalos llevaron los magos a Jesús

Requisitos para Primera Comunión

- † Ser miembro activo y estar registrado en la iglesia por lo menos 6 meses antes.
- † Su hijo/a debe asistir por lo menos 2 años a clases de catecismo.
- † Las inscripciones se llevarán a cabo **al empezar el año escolar** después de Misa con Rosa Zavala y después en la Oficina Parroquial

Matrimonios

Si planea una boda aquí en Santa María, necesita hacer primero una cita con la secretaria y después el sacerdote para las Pláticas Pre-Matrimoniales en línea

Requisitos para los Bautizos

- Antes de bautizar a su niño/a los **PADRES** necesitan:
- † Ser miembros activos y estar registrados en la iglesia por lo menos 6 meses antes del bautizo.
 - † Registrarse para asistir a las pláticas Pre-Bautismales
- Los **PADRINOS** también deben haber asistido a las pláticas Pre-Bautismales, y cumplir con lo siguiente:
- † Haber recibido los Sacramentos de Iniciación: Bautizo, Confesión, Primera Comunión y Confirmación.
 - † Tener por lo menos 16 años de edad.
 - † Ser miembros activos de la Iglesia Católica.
 - † Si están casados deben ser casados por la Iglesia Católica.

Pláticas Pre-Bautismales

Se llevan a cabo cada **3° y 4° sábado del mes**. Necesita registrarse en la Oficina Parroquial.
Favor de no traer niños pequeños a las pláticas ya que distraen la atención en las clases.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>Sunday, January 3 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Esperanza Breakfast 7:30 † Mass 9:00 † Mass/Children's Liturgy 11:00 † Mass 12:00 ~ English Baptisms 1:00 † Misa 2:15 ~ Spanish Religious Ed. Activity 5:30 † LifeTeen Mass</p>	<p>Monday, January 4 ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON 6:55 † Mass 12:15 † Mass 7:00 ~ Spanish Stations of the Cross (for Victims of Abortion)</p>	<p>Tuesday, January 5 ST. JOHN NEUMANN 6:55 † Mass 9:15 ~ DJM 12:15 † Mass 5:30 ~ St. Mary Conf./SVdP 6:30 ~ Esperanza Music Practice 7:00 ~ RCIA</p>	<p>Wednesday, January 6 6:55 † Mass 11:00 ~ Reconciliation 12:15 † Mass 1:00 ~ Marian Prayer 6:30 ~ Choir Practice (11:00) 6:30 ~ Confirmation Class 6:30 ~ Esperanza Music Practice</p>
<p>Thursday, January 7 6:55 † Mass 12:15 † Mass 1:00 ~ Stations of the Cross (for Victims of Abortion) 5:30 ~ Choir Practice (9:00) 8:00 ~ Esperanza Prayer Group</p>	<p>Friday, January 8 6:55 † Mass 10:00 ~ Prayer Shawl Meeting 11:00 ~ Reconciliation 12:15 † Mass 6:30 ~ La Esperanza</p>	<p>Saturday, January 9 8:00 † Mass 9:00 ~ Spanish Baptisms 4:00 ~ Reconciliation 5:30 † Vigil Mass 6:30 ~ Esperanza Music Practice 7:00 ~ Reconciliation</p>	<p>Sunday, January 10 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Coffee & Donuts 7:30 † Mass 9:00 † Mass/Children's Liturgy 10:00 ~ English Baptismal Prep. 11:00 † Mass 1:00 † Misa 2:15 ~ Spanish Religious Ed. 4:00 ~ Charismatic Prayer 5:30 † LifeTeen Mass 6:45 ~ LifeNight</p>
<p>Monday, January 11 6:55 † Mass 12:15 † Mass 6:30 ~ Religious Ed./Edge</p>	<p>Tuesday, January 12 6:55 † Mass 12:15 † Mass 6:30 ~ Esperanza Music Practice 7:00 ~ RCIA</p>	<p>Wednesday, January 13 6:55 † Mass 11:00 ~ Reconciliation 12:15 † Mass 1:00 ~ Marian Prayer 6:00 ~ Regnum Christi 6:00 ~ Ministry of Healing 6:30 ~ Choir Practice (11:00) 6:30 ~ Confirmation Class 6:30 ~ Esperanza Music Practice</p>	<p>Thursday, January 14 6:55 † Mass 12:15 † Mass 5:30 ~ Choir Practice (9:00) 7:00 ~ Religion in Literature 8:00 ~ Esperanza Prayer Group</p>
<p>Friday, January 15 6:55 † Mass 11:00 ~ Reconciliation 12:15 † Mass 6:30 ~ La Esperanza</p>	<p>Saturday, January 16 8:00 † Mass 4:00 ~ Reconciliation 5:30 † Vigil Mass 6:30 ~ Esperanza Music Practice 7:00 ~ Reconciliation 7:00 ~ Spanish Baptismal Prep.</p>	<p>Sunday, January 17 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME KC Breakfast 7:30 † Mass 9:00 † Mass/Children's Liturgy 11:00 † Mass 1:00 † Misa 2:15 ~ Spanish Religious Ed. 5:30 † LifeTeen Mass 6:45 ~ LifeNight</p>	<p>Monday, January 18 9:00 † Mass</p> <p><i>Martin Luther King Day</i></p> <p><i>Parish Office Closed</i></p>