

The Epiphany of the Lord January 4, 2009

All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.



— Psalm 72:11

Music for Jan 3 & 4

346 - Angels We Have Heard on High
367 - What Child Is This Holy, Holy
Memorial Acclamation
Amen
Lamb Of God
791 - O Sacrament Most Holy
341 - Go Tell It On the Mountain



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalms — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Mt 4:13-17, 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 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29 or Is 12:2-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
New Year Blessing of the Home;
National Migration Week
Monday: St. John Neumann
Tuesday: Blessed André Bessette
Wednesday: St. Raymond of Peñafort;
Orthodox Christmas
Saturday: Muslim New Year 1430

Change in Mass Schedule — Because of the very low numbers of people who take advantage of the daily morning Mass on Saturdays and the absence of commissioned lay readers to proclaim the readings of the liturgy, the Saturday morning Mass will be discontinued effective in January 2009. This decision was reached after consultation with Bishop Steib about the spiritual needs of the parishioners of OLS and the number of liturgies offered on the weekends in the parish. There will continue to be a Mass celebrated on the First Saturday of each month when the Altar Guild has its monthly meeting.

Honors for OLS — Erick Foote, grandson of Mrs. Carol Maher, was recently elevated to the rank of Master Sergeant in the Civil Air Patrol. Congratulations, Erick!

Martyrs of Memphis Award — It was announced by Bishop Steib this past week that Mr. Don Gohman of OLS will be one of the recipients of a Martyrs of Memphis Award for “outstanding service to the Church” at a celebration commemorating the foundation of the Diocese of Memphis on Sunday, January 5, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. All OLS parishioners are encouraged to attend and show our support for Mr. Gohman. When one of our own is honored, we are all honored.

GOD'S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE

Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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Altar Servers — Please remember that **YOU** are responsible for finding a substitute if you are not going to be present for your assigned Mass on the weekend and holy days. The parish counts on your being present to assist at the altar and disregard for the schedule disrupts the worship of the entire community. Last weekend, there were **NO SERVERS** at neither the 8:00 a.m. nor the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. It was embarrassing to our parish community with so many visitors for the holidays. Please pay attention to the schedule that is mailed to you because we are counting on you to be present.

This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday Jan 3rd

Mass 8:15 am
Altar Guild Meeting 9 am
Confession 3:00 – 3:45 pm
Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday, Jan 4th

Mass 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Spanish Mass 5:00 pm , Potluck dinner after Mass

Mon, Jan 5th

Mass– 8:15 am

Tuesday, Jan 6th

Mass– 8:15 am

Wednesday, Jan 7th

Mass – 6:30 pm
RCIA – after 6:30 pm Mass Krug Hall
Youth Group Meeting after 6:30 pm Mass

Thursday, Jan 8th

Mass – 8:15 am
Bible Study 9:30 – 11:30 Krug Hall
Spanish Baptisms 7:30 pm Krug Hall

Friday, Jan 9th

Mass– 8:15 am

Saturday, Jan 10th

Confession 3:00 – 3:30 pm
Mass 4:00 pm

SCHOOL NEWS - If you have an old monitor you want to get rid of, the school is in need of monitors. Please call Lisa Petzinger at 358-7431.

Deadline for bulletin news is on Tuesdays by 4:00 pm. Please call the office with any news.

Basic Preparation Course for Parish Nursing/Faith Community Nursing 7:30-5:00 PM. January 30 & 31, February 6 & 7, 2009 St. Francis of Assisi Church– 8151 Chimneyrock, Cordova, TN 38016. Course open to Registered Nurses of all faiths. To register, call Alma Abuelouf @ 901-373-1224 or email: alma.abuelouf@cc.cdom.org

Are You or Do You Know Someone Who Is An Inactive Catholic?

– Most of us do not have to look very far to find inactive Catholics in our circle of family and friends, but we may not know how to help them. If you are inactive, you may not know where to begin exploring your relationship with the Church. Many inactive Catholics are simply waiting for some kind of invitation. The parish communities of St. Ann, St. Francis of Assisi, Church of the Nativity and the Diocesan Office of Pastoral Services have joined together to extend an invitation to all inactive Catholics to “Gathering to Remember,” a six-week program to assist inactive Catholics in exploring their relationship with the Catholic Church. This special program will begin on Thursday evening, January 29, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Ann Family Life Center. You can make a tremendous difference in someone’s life simply by reaching out to them and extending an invitation and sharing with them an invitation to “Gathering to Remember.” Please encourage them to visit the St. Ann web site at www.stannbartlett.org and click on the “Gathering To Remember” link on the right side of the home page for more information. For questions and additional information, contact Barbara King at the St. Ann parish office, 266-5201.

Victim of Domestic Violence? – The Athena Project is a research clinic that serves women who have experienced domestic violence and are troubled by stress after the violence ends. Offered by the University of Memphis, Department of Psychology, the Athena Project is a free service to all members of the community. Trouble recovering from the violence may include nightmares, trouble concentrating, avoidance of situations that remind you of abuse, feeling jumpy and related emotional problems. Participants will receive free evaluation and (where appropriate) treatment focusing on alleviating signs and symptoms of stress. For more information, call 678-3973 and ask to speak with Dr. Gayle Beck.

Adult Greek Class – An enjoyable class to learn the basics of Greek taught by Fr. Nick Vieron begins on Monday, Jan. 19, 2009, at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church located at 573 North Highland. Class meets at 6:30-7:30 p.m. on either Monday or Tuesday (your choice) for 15 weeks. Some weeks the classes are combined for special events (like Orientation on Jan. 19). The cost is \$75/person and includes a Greek graduation dinner and guaranteed graduation with honors! Classes usually fill early, so call 323-9530 to leave a message or 327-8177 during office hours to have a registration form sent to you. Classes are filled on a first come basis.

Please note the dates
for the Minister and Altar Server Schedule
Ministers & Altar Server
Schedule
– for Jan 3 & 4**

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	5:00 PM
D.Bennis	H.Littleton	L.O'Donnell	
C.Vasquez	P.Stavrum	J.DeStefano	
Lector			
C.Specht	B.Plessinger	M.Owen	
Altar Server			
L.Carter	K.Owen	K.Hissong	J.Rivera
C.Sawicki	E.Foote	S.Hupp	J.Romero

**Ministers & Altar Server Schedule
– for Jan 10 & 11**

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	5:00 PM
D.Bennis	H.Littleton	K.Pope	
N.Vinturella	L.Hall	A. Humphrey	
Lector			
B.Pettit	J.Hall	L.Pope	
Altar Server			
A.Younger	K.Hudson	C.Bailey	S.Roque
	B.Hudson	D.Bailey	A.Roque

Respect Life Breakfast – Sat., Jan. 17, 9 AM.
Family Room, Holy Rosary Church, 4851 Park Avenue, Memphis. Guest speakers: Rev. Victor Ciaramitaro, Pastor, St. Michael Church, Memphis and Robert Hutton, Attorney, Glankler Brown PLLC. Topic: "Life, Faith and the Law: What to do when faith and morals conflict with the law". The breakfast will begin immediately following the celebration of the 8:15 AM Mass. Call 901-230-7577 for additional information.

Please update your new church directory: Miguel & Carolina Roque 3592 Ripley Street, Memphis, TN 38127
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In your prayers please remember: Barbara Allard, Grace Aspinall, Dewey Aureli, Theresa Baker, June Bennis, Rebecca Bethune, Julius (Sonny) Black, Louis Bompreszi, Crissy Brigance, Carole Brunner, Fred Brunner, John Calipari, Keith Carpenter, Trudi Collier, Bonita Comans, Abraham Delgado, DePriest Family, James Essary, Elena Everroad, Tony Drewitz, Margaret Dries, Rena Frazier, John Paul Fields, Carolyn Fracchia, Alice Fricks, Sue Guinn, Lee Gonzales, Linda Gonzales, Theresa Greco, Eileen Haklitch, Amanda Hall, Bootsie Hammett, James Humphrey, Peggy Hooten, Lynn Hupp, Michael & Donna Jackson, Margaret Jones, Robert Kuehner, Pat Kurrus, Butsie Lanigan, Mildred Lewis, Bill Lindsley, Ericka Lopez, Robert Lutts, Jerry Lynn, Sadie Claire Lynn, Louise Macdonald, Joseph Mangold, Thomas Miller, Johnny Mitchell, Bill Nutt, Eudora Mays, Brinda Paravicini, Jackie Perfetti, Waldyr Poilis, Fr. Robert Ponticello, Nancy Pope, Dr. Cheryl Pearson, Nanette Quinn, Kenneth Rainey, Louisa Reilly, James & Maureen Spain, Mona Stringfellow, Steve Stromberg, Brooklyn Swann, Florence Taulman, Fr. Bryan Timby, Keith Trenham, Carolyn Walsh, Helene Weiss, Lewis Wilkinson, Mary Wilson, and Angie Wright.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Jan 3rd 4:00 pm

People of Parish

Sunday Jan 4th 8:00 am

Louise & Paul Belisomo+

Sunday Jan 4th 10:30 am

Int. of Jonovan Trinh

Sunday Jan 4th 5:00 pm

Int. of Amanda Macaiao

Monday Jan 5th 8:15 am

Joseph Wooldridge+

Tues. Jan 6th 8:15 am

Fr. Patrick Heenan+

Wed. Jan 7th 6:30 pm

Chris Mosley+

Thur. Jan 8th 8:15 am

Delia Owen+

Friday Jan 9th 8:15 am

Communion Service

Saturday, Jan 10th 4:00 pm

Angelo Bursi+

Pro – Life – The infant Jesus adored at Christmas was, like each of us, an unborn child who began and grew in His Mother's womb. God-made-man accepted each and every phase of our humanity to demonstrate the sacredness of human life at all stages.

PARISHONERS IN HOSPITAL:



room 532

Brinda Paravicini - Baptist East room
4206
Nancy Pope – Meth North ICU room
307
Lee Gonzales – St. Francis (Park Ave)

PARISHONERS IN NURSING HOME:

Carolyn Fracchia
St. Peter Villa, 331-A
141 North McLean
Memphis, TN 38104

Jackie Perfetti
St. Francis Nursing Home
5959 Park Ave, room 328
Memphis, TN 38119`

Helene Weiss
St. Francis Nursing Home
5959 Park Ave, room 328
Memphis, TN 38119

Ginger Shemwell
Luther Tower
274 S. Highland apt. 106
Memphis, TN 38111

Visit the sick and/or send them a card to let them know they are not forgotten

ALTAR Guild - Flowers can be put on the Altar in memory of – anniversary – birthdays and any other occasion. Please contact Frances Bursi at 357-5874 or 634-1168.

We are scheduling MASS INTENTIONS for 2009. Please call the rectory for your intention.

**Financial Report for
Weekend of Dec. 28th
2008**

Envelopes	\$ 1,808.00
Loose Checks	2,950.00
Loose Currency/Coin	161.60
Improvements	459.00
Christmas	11,899.71
Solemnity of Mary	100.00
Initial Offering	10.00
Total Collection	\$17,388.31
Church Budget for the Week	<u>-4,894.23</u>
Collection Diff for the Week	\$12,494.08
Collections Revenues Y-t-D	\$116,059.31
Church Budget Y-t-D	<u>127,255.98</u>
Collections Deficit Y-t-D	\$ (11,196.67)
Villa Vianney	\$1,144.18

Honors for OLS – Fr. Timby recently received notification from the Diocesan Office of Evangelization that all catechists (those who teach religion) in the school, P.R.E., and adult education are current in their certification and continuing education, making OLS the first parish in the Diocese to achieve perfection for the current year. Our thanks must be given to Mrs. Barbara Pettit, our school principal, and Brenda Plessinger, P.R. E. Director, for creating opportunities for our teachers to continue their religious education through quality programs on Sacred Scripture, Church History, and a number of other topics.

Adult formation and religious education is not something reserved for those who teach but should be the goal of every Catholic. If you are not involved in a Bible Study or other form or ongoing religious formation seek one out for your own good. It has been proven that those who study their faith find more contentment in life.

“Ministering through the Arts: The Sounds of Music” – Thursday January 15, 2009 5:30-8:00 PM;

Shady Grove Presbyterian Church 5530 Shady Grove, Memphis, TN. Speaker Lee Cagle, President of the Memphis, Dulcimer Gathering. Sponsored by: Health Ministers Network of the Mid-south, RSVP to Alma Abuelouf at 373-1224.

Diocesan Marriage Preparation in Spanish

Spanish Marriage Preparation Class will be offer at Sacred Heart Church, 1324 Jefferson Avenue. **Saturday, January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2009**
Sessions will be from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.
For information, please call Sacred Heart Church (901) 726-1891

Diocesan Preparation Class for Quinceañera

Preparation Class for Quinceañera will be offer at St. Joseph Church, 3825 Neely Road. Sundays, January 4, 11, 18, 25 and February 1, 2009. Sessions will begin at 9:00 am. Candidates must have received the sacrament of confirmation. Please pre-register by calling St. Joseph's office (901) 396-9996

Please come to the **Lyrics for Life Benefit Concert** on January 17th, 2009, 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm at Christian Brothers University. This concert will be held in the CBU Theater and all proceeds go to benefit the children stricken with childhood cancers and other catastrophic illnesses at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. It will feature the most talented vocalists from CBHS, St. Agnes, and CBU. Admission is \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. Our fundraising goal is over \$7,500. Please be as generous as possible. Your support and contributions are very much necessary to save the lives of these children. For additional information, please contact Jordan Tedford at (901) 605 - 4856 or Anthony Maranise at (901) 634 - 4280; by email at: amaranis@cbu.edu. Checks may be made payable to: Lyrics for Life Benefit Concert and may be mailed to: Lyrics for Life Benefit Concert, C/O Anthony Maranise at CBHS, 5900 Walnut Grove Road, Memphis, TN 38120.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Where on earth would you go to honor the magi? Iran or Saudi Arabia, Tarshish or the Isles come to mind, but Cologne, Germany would be a good choice. There the Shrine of the Three Kings has been the centerpiece of the city's cathedral since the fourth century. Today it is the largest reliquary in the world: a gilded and ornamented triple casket gleaming high above the altar. In the fourth century, the supposed relics of the wise men were taken from Constantinople to Milan, where they remained until the German Emperor with the unlikely name Frederick Barbarossa (Red Beard) gave them to the Archbishop of Cologne. Ever since, pilgrims have streamed into the city to honor the magi, the first of all pilgrims, and thus the heavenly patrons of all who have some holy wanderlust.

This largest Gothic cathedral in Europe today was begun in the mid-1200s to house the relics. In medieval times, the relics in a city's possession were often the key to a sound international economy. The reliquary was last opened in 1864, and the remains of three men were indeed discovered. The cathedral is well worth a visit, with enormous twin spires forming the largest façade of any church in the world (it is the model for St. Patrick's in New York). Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880, a six-hundred-year project. Today, it is a World Heritage Site, described by the U.N. as "an exceptional work of human creative genius." This great treasure of our tradition suffered fourteen direct bomb hits in World War II but did not collapse. It survived while the city burned around it, preserved, the townspeople say, by three heavenly patrons.

—Rev. James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co

Congratulations: Dereck & Ashely Goode (Ashley is the daughter of Ron & Betty Marshak) proud parents of twin girls, Sofia 5lbs 9oz and Sadye 4lbs 15oz. born Sunday, December 28, 2008.