

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 2012

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

Psalm 72:11



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TODAY'S READING

First Reading — You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow (Isaiah 60:1-6).

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

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

Gospel — The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother (Matthew 2:1-12).

PROMISE FULFILLED

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 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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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 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
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri 9:00 am – 4:00 pm CLOSED
12:30 – 1:30 Lunch. CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY.**

**Rosary Dedication for January: For the courage to turn away from sin
and make a new beginning in the New Year.**

This Week at Our Lady of Sorrow

Saturday, Jan 7th

Mass 8:00 am Mass
Altar Guild Meeting 9 am
2:30 – 3:30 Confessions
Mass – 4:00 pm

Sunday, Jan 8th

Rosary, 7:35 am
Mass - 8 am
K of C Breakfast after 8 am Mass
9:00 am PRE Classes
Mass – 10:30 am
Mass – 5:00 pm

Mon, Jan 9th

Mass- 8:00 am

Tuesday, Jan 10th

Mass – 8:00 am
Zumba classes, 6-7 pm GYM
School Board Meeting 7 pm TL

Wed. Jan 11th Rectory Closed

Legion of Mary, 4:30 pm LH
Mass – 6:30 pm,
RCIA, 7 pm KH

Thurs. Jan 12th

Mass– 8:00 am
Zumba Classes , 6 pm GYM
Youth Group Meeting 6:30-8pm GYM

Friday, Jan 13th

Communion Service- 8:00 am
Altar Guild Cheese Roll 8am

Saturday, Jan 14th

Altar Guild Cheese Roll 8 am
2:30 – 3:30 Confessions
Mass – 4:00 pm

Sunday, Jan 15th

K of C Rosary, 7:35 am
Mass - 8 am
9:00 am PRE Classes
Mass – 10:30 am
Mass – 5:00 pm



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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week
Monday: The Baptism of the Lord;
National Vocation Awareness Week
Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins
Friday: St. Hilary
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

EASTERN STAR

Fair eastern star, that art ordain'd to run
Before the sages, to the rising Sun,
Here cease thy course, and wonder that the
cloud

Of this poor stable can thy Maker shroud.

—Sir John Beaumont

**Ministers & Altar Server
Schedule for Jan 7 & 8**

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>	<u>5:00 pm</u>
Communion	F. Bursi G. Hooten	Deacon Henry M. Hensley	G. Pannell B. Allard	N. Vinturella D. Marquez
Reader:	P. Lutts	J. Bish	R. Pannell	J. Isabel/M. Barrera
Altar Servers:	W. Durbin J. Lopez	K. Owen An. Martini	K. Hissong A. Lopez	Javier Roque Jose Roque

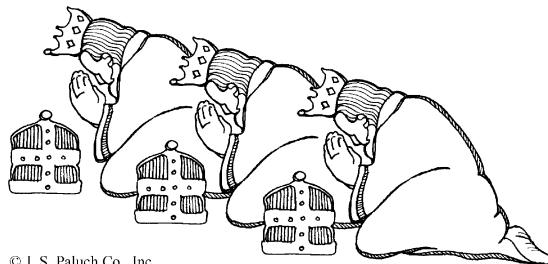
**Ministers & Altar Server
Schedule 14 & 15**

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>	<u>5:00 pm</u>
Communion	E. Monroe N. Vinturella	Deacon Henry S. O'Brien	B. Bustos J. DeStefano	N. Vinturella E. Roque
Reader:	G. Taulman	D. Gohman	A. Humphrey	D. Marquez/M. Barrera
Altar Servers:	L. Carter C. Sawicki	K. Hudson Al. Martini	S. Roque A. Roque	E. Barrera B. Barrera E. Garcia

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Therese Acklen, Fr. Jack Atkinson, Theresa Baker, Ann Balcom, Deacon Don Bennis, June Bennis, Rebecca Bethune, Ed Bisner, Deanna Bolgeo, Rena Bolgeo, Johnny Boletta, Roy Bridges, Thomas Brown, Carole Brunner, Trudi Collier, Jessica Mann Dean, Abraham Delgado, Danny Dunn, Elena Everroad, Rena Frazier, Theresa Greco, Eileen Haklitch, Ruth Hill, Raymond Hosse, John & Lisa Hutchison, Mike & Donna Jackson, Bill Johnson, Margaret Jones, Brad Kitts, Butsy Lanigan, Fr. Joe Lattus, Angelo Lobianco, Ericka Lopez, Robert Lutts, Jerry Lynn, Sadie Claire Lynn, Joseph Mangold, Rita McKenzie, Alex Mosby, Dewitt O'Brien, Waldyr Poilis, Nancy Pope, Dr. Cheryl Pearson, Ester Ralph, Bea Remmert, Mary Dorothy Scola, Jean Shemwell, Mona Stringfellow, Fr. Bryan Timby, Marie Torres, Vera Trudell, Henry VanNess, Maria Isabelle Vega, Mike Walsh, Victor Weirich, Helene Weiss, Lewis Wilkinson, Angie Wright .



Stewardship of the Altar – Flowers can be put on the Altar in memory of a loved one; a deceased couple of the departed of an entire family or in honor of someone's special anniversary, birthdays or other happy occasions or just to honor someone you think is special. Please contact Frances Bursi at 357-5874 or 634-1168.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Jan 7th 8:00 am

Louise Macdonald+

Sat. Jan 7th 4:00 pm

Irene Frantzen+

Sunday, Jan 8th 8:00 am

Louise Macdonald+

Sunday, Jan 8th 10:30 am

People of Parish

Sunday, Jan 8th 5:00 pm

Mary Timby+

Monday Jan 9th 8:00 am

Rose Sterenchak+

Tuesday, Jan 10th 8:00 am

Louise Macdonald+

Wednesday, Jan 11th 6:30 pm Rectory Closed

Fr. James Gaffany+

Thurs. Jan 12th 8:00 am

Rose Sterenchak+

Friday Jan 13th 8:00 am

Communion Service

Sat. Jan 14th 4:00 pm

Langston/Bray Families & Rachel Renee

Hooten+

Sunday, Jan 15th 8:00 am

Louise Guasco+

Sunday, Jan 15th 10:30 am

Theresa Greco+

Sunday, Jan 15th 5:00 pm

People of Parish

PARISHONERS IN NURSING HOME:

Dolores Bair

Ava Maria Home

St. Lukes

2805 Charles Bryan Road, 38134

Ginger Shemwell

King's Daughters & Sons

3568 Appling Rd, room 144

Bartlett, TN 38133

Jean Shemwell

Millington Healthcare Center

5081 Easley Ave, room 57

Millington, TN 38053

Vera Trudell

Grace Healthcare

Room 306 A

955 N. Germantown Pkwy

Cordova, TN 38018

Henry Van Ness

Spring Gate Healthcare

3909 Covington Pike #302

Bartlett, TN 38135, 371-3182

Helene Weiss

St. Francis Nursing Home

5959 Park Ave, room 328

Memphis, TN 38119

Women's Morning of Spirituality: The second Women's Morning of Spirituality will be held at the Church of the Incarnation, 360 Bray Station Road in Collierville on Saturday, February 18, 2012. There will be keynote speakers from around the country, an opportunity to go to confession and the celebration of Mass. Last year more than 800 women from across the Diocese of Memphis participated. Don't get left in the tailwind of the Holy Spirit!

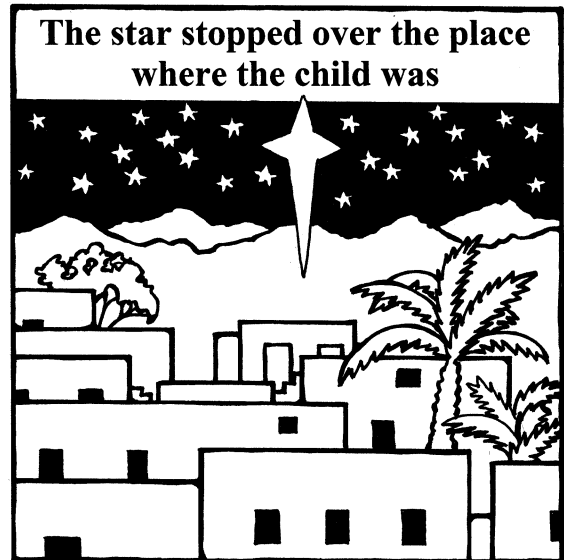
OLS School Registration: Our Lady of Sorrows School will begin registering students for the 2012-2013 school year on Monday, January 9, 2012. The tuition rate is \$5,000 per student for all students. Substantial tuition grants will be available to all students, but students must be registered BEFORE they can apply for financial assistance. There is a registration fee of \$75 for new students and \$50 for returning students. There is a maximum registration fee of \$200 per family. Documents needed to complete registration are:

- 1) A copy of each child's BIRTH CERTIFICATE, if not already on file;
- 2) If Catholic, a copy of each child's BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE;
- 3) A current immunization record for each child, if not already on file
- 4) A statement of church affiliation or non-affiliation.

Please note, that all immunization records must be updated each year and should be done before the start of classes in August.

**Financial Report
Weekend of 01/01/2012**

Envelopes	\$3,014.00
Loose Checks & cash	526.00
Debt Reduction	1,416.03
Christmas	10.00
Solemnity of Mary	326.00
Initial Offering	296.00
Total Collection	5,588.03
Church Budget for the week	- 4,449.00
Collection Diff for the week	\$ 1,139.03
Collections Revenues Y-T-D	\$ 99,212.49
Church Budget Y-T-D	<u>115,674.00</u>
Collections Deficit Y-T-D	\$ (16,461.51)



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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Before long, people will be throwing Mardi Gras beads in the streets of New Orleans—purple, gold, and green. A few will be in on the secret: the colors of the beads are derived from the gifts of the magi. Gold for wealth, purple for power, green for good health. The gifts are also a key to the identity of the Christ Child: the incense for God; the gold for a king; the myrrh, fragrant burial ointment for one who comes to die.

Centuries ago, today's feast bore the heavy burden of celebrating all the manifestations of Christ's identity: the birth of Jesus, the coming of the magi, the baptism of the Lord, the wedding feast at Cana. It was too much for one day. Fortunately the one day has blossomed into a whole season of grateful celebration, stretching behind us into Advent, and ahead of us into the Baptism of the Lord and to Christ's coming again in glory. Tonight, be sure to light the Christmas lights, and gather at the crèche for a favorite carol and a prayer. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

OLS Centennial of Catholic Ministry: Our Lady of Sorrows will be celebrating 100 years of Catholic ministry in the Frayser community throughout 2012. Our kick-off celebration will be on Saturday, January 21st, with Mass to be celebrated by Bishop J. Terry Steib followed by a catered dinner and dancing to a live band. Mark your calendars now! Reserve the date!

First Communion & Confirmation Mass Attendance: All OLS parishioners desiring to celebrate their First Holy Communion or Confirmation this Spring 2012 must meet the following criteria:

- Have been enrolled and an active participant in religious education for at least two full consecutive years at the time of the sacramental celebration;
- Participate in the weekly celebration of Sunday Mass;
- Receive a Mass attendance ticket from Fr. Timby following each Sunday liturgy and give it to their religion teacher for safe-keeping.

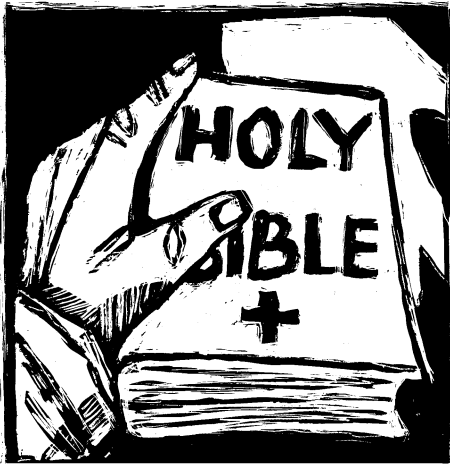
Those just beginning their sacramental preparation process must complete the following if they wish to receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation in Spring 2013:

- Be enrolled in and an active participant in religious education for at least two full consecutive years at the time of the sacramental celebration;
- Participate in the weekly celebration of Sunday Mass, even during summer months;
- Receive a Mass attendance ticket from Fr. Timby following each Sunday liturgy and give it to their religion teacher for safe-keeping.

Church History, Part 2: Our study of Church history will resume on Thursday, January 19 (9:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.) and Sunday, January 22 (6:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.). The textbook (Epic: Church History) remains the same. There is only a charge of \$3.00 for the textbook if a participant is new. Please call the Parish Office (353-1530) to register for this class which will take us from the Crusades to the 20th century and introduce us to the Borgias, St. Pope Pius V, Bl. Pope Pius IX, the two Vatican Councils and much, much more.

LORD OF ALL

Saint Paul was born and brought up as a Jew, deeply aware of the Jewish people as the Chosen Race. Thanks to his education by rabbis, Paul was steeped in the Hebrew scriptures, which emphasized God's particular love for Jews. Paul expected a Jewish Messiah for the Jews, and may well have believed such a one would be a great military or royal leader like King David. Jesus did not fit that profile. Paul was ardent in his conviction that all those who believed Jesus was the promised Savior were deluded and dangerous, and he was willing to hunt them down and kill them off. After his vision of Jesus on the road to Damascus, Paul's change of heart and mind was profound. All his preconceptions were wrong. He was wrong about Jesus and wrong about Jesus' followers. He was wrong about the Messiah being only for the Jews. Paul was a remarkable man who was prepared to admit that he was wrong! He knew that he had been given an insight into the mystery of God's grace, hidden until the world was ready. God's love and grace are universal and no human being is beyond that love; only those who choose not to receive it cannot benefit from God's grace. He was certain that those who were not Jews were also called to be part of the body of Christ. This was an astounding idea and, at first, brought conflict with apostles such as Peter. Yet these convictions took Paul and his companions out into the world around the Mediterranean on long and dangerous journeys. Jesus was born a Jew in Bethlehem yet, as Risen Lord, he is Lord of all nations and peoples. Paul knew this. It changed his mind. It changed his heart. It changed the world. Copyright © 2011, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



OLS Alumni?: We are seeking the names addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of any and all who every graduated from or attend Our Lady of Sorrows School so we can invite them to our homecoming events planned for 2012. If you have children who attended OLS school please get the information to us by mail, telephone or email. Please do it even if you have supplied the information to us before because e lost a lot of data in recent years. Also, if you have friends and acquaintances who used to attend OLS Church but have moved away from the neighborhood, we are looking to contact them about our Big Homecoming events of 2012 so get out your Christmas card list, your address books, and work on your memories and sent the information to us ASAP by mail, telephone, or email. Thank you!

OLSS "Reading Counts" Needs Help: Our Lady of Sorrows School has a program called "Reading Counts" that encourages our students to read outside the classroom. For each book that a student reads the student earns points which are accumulated so they can choose a prize for the prize closet. Prizes range from small toys to larger toys and board games and stuffed animals. Our school needs help in replenishing the display case closet this Christmas. When you are out shopping for family and friends could you pick up an extra toy or two, a board game, a children's book, or a stuffed animal to add to our collection? To get an idea of appropriate items just stop by the school anytime we are open or during PRE on Sunday mornings and someone can show you the "Reading Counts" display case. We LOVE visitors to the school!

Marriage Help: Rediscover Your Marriage! *Thousands headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriage by attending Retrouvaille.* Retrouvaille (*pronounced retro-vi*) means rediscovery. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, a sensitivity group, a seminar, nor a social gathering. For confidential information about or to register for the program call Shelly and Jerry, weekend coordinators: 901-210-6532, email: 3042@retrouville.org, Website: www.HelpOurMarriage.com. The next marriage saving programs begins with a weekend on Feb. 24-26, 2012.

Our Prayers Were Answered! As evidence that God listens to and answers our prayers, our parish school was chosen to take part in a research project that will measure how well our educational ministry is doing in the Frayser area. When the project is finished, we expect that our students and personnel will receive benefits that will help us to improve educational offerings at OLS. One aspect of this project is that it includes a renovation of the kitchen, which will take place during the summer of 2012, in order to serve hot meals to our students in the morning and at lunch. Now that we have received that for which we so fervently petitioned God we must be equally diligent in offering thanks and praise to God both in prayer and by working together to transform our school into a premier community of faith, learning and service.

New Principal: We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Tracey Russell to our parish family as the Interim Principal at our parish school. Mrs. Russell is a native Memphian and has been the vice-principal at St. Michael School for the past five years. Mrs. Russell will help us through the transition that is necessary for the school to adopt the model required to implement the study for which we have been chosen.

Youth Ministry Director: Fr. Timby is pleased to announce that Mr. Joey Solomon has agreed to serve as the Director of Youth Ministry at OLS. He will attend the meeting of OLS Youth4Christ this week and will be working closely with Fr. Timby in the development of a youth program founded on spiritual growth, recreation, and service. Parish youth group members are always welcome to join the ministry as volunteers to provide refreshments, help supervise, and serve as chaperones. Please welcome and thank Mr. Solomon for stepping forth for this ministry.

Youth4Christ: The OLS Youth Group will meet this Thursday in the cafeteria. Pizza will be served. Bring your own drink. We will welcome our new Youth Ministry Director, Mr. Joey Solomon, and discuss fundraising for our mission trip this summer.

RSVP's Needed: Don't forget to call the Parish Office and tell us whether or not you plan on attending the Opening Dinner and Dance for our Centennial celebration on January 21. The deadline is next weekend so we can let the caterer know who many to expect. There will be no walk-ins on the day of the dinner since the caterer will prepare only for those who made reservations.

Ravioli Roll: The Altar Guild needs your help this Friday and Saturday to make cheese ravioli. They meet in the cafeteria at 8:00 a.m. on both Friday and Saturday. Don't let a language barrier keep you away. Food conquers everything!

Winterfest 2012: Please come to Winterfest 2012 and celebrate *La Bella Vita* on Sunday, January 15, 5:00 pm to at The Racquet Club on Sanderlin Avenue. Tony Barraso, Sam Bomariti, and Angelo Lucchesi are providing an evening of great food from restaurants such as Pete & Sams, Frank Grisanti's, Folks Folly, Coletta's, Garibaldi's, Andrew Michael's, The Rendezvous, Holiday Ham & Deli, The Italian Rebel, and Swanky's Taco Shop. There will be Italian Table Music as well the old favorites on piano. The cost is \$35.00 per person. All proceeds support the Catholic Education Fund (including OLS) and the Ave Maria Home.

Help OLSS: Our Lady of Sorrows School is in need of mouse pads for use at student computers. If you have one or two mouse pads in good repair and do not need them, please consider donating them to the school. Remember, even these little gifts count!

DON'T THROW GOOD MONEY AWAY!!!! Please clip and save the Box Tops for Education labels from General Mills products and put them in the box in the vestibule of the church. Every label is worth 10¢ to our school. As you prepare to bake for the holidays, please consider purchasing Betty Crocker mixes that have TWO labels per box and doubling your contribution to the school. This is a great way to support the school without having to write a separate check.

Campbell Soup Labels: We are still collecting Campbell Soup labels. Like the Box Tops for Education, these labels are worth cash money to our parish school. All you have to do is remove the label from the can after you have used it and put the labels in the same box in the vestibule of the church used for the Box Tops promotion. It's another easy way to support OUR parish school.