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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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Rev. Charles McGuire • Rev. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Stephen McKenna

January 10, 2021 THE HOLY FAMILY

SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE EPIPHANY




¶ HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

The **Blessing of Religious Articles** is available at the Communion Rail following all Masses today. Sunday Classes resume at the usual time of 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM. Don't forget your family Rosary today on the feast of the Holy Family. The Epiphany Home Blessing kit is a gift today. Take one home, and use it.

¶ THIS WEEK

All of this week we pause in wondrous adoration at the crib of the King, Jesus Christ, as we continue Epiphany. Hilary term started last week, and Thursday we honor the patron of the second semester, St. Hilary, a great defender of the faith. Friday we honor the American historical feast of Our Lady of Prompt Succor. Come promptly to Mass, and to the Novenas to the Infant of Prague & the Sacred Heart.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: EPIPHANY II

The **Blessing of Expectant Mothers** will be available at the Communion Rail following all Masses next Sunday. Sunday Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.  **Set Your Missal:** Epiphany II, second collect of St. Anthony, Abbot. Trinity Preface.


"It behooves us unanimously and inviolably to observe the ecclesiastical traditions, whether codified or simply retained by the customary practice of the Church." — St. Peter Canisius



Wedding Banns

First time:

Gregory Hilliard & Caroline Briggs

Congratulations to Chip & Paige McClorey on the baptism of their son, Elliot Michael, on Thursday, January 7, 2021. 

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Frank & Malia Beck-erich, the Kitchen family, the Beck family, and all of our sick and shut in.

¶ CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE!

The 2021 Roman Catholic Calendars have arrived at long last, and are available in the bookstore for \$11. They are going fast—pick up yours today!

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday January 22nd: Our annual day of prayer for America's Conversion and Reparation for the sin of Abortion.

February 2nd: Candlemas. Blessing of Candles, Procession and Mass at 5:30 PM, followed by our Winter Soup Supper.

February 17th: Ash Wednesday, and a day of ashes and Holy Masses to start Lent.

February 19th: The first of our weekly Friday Evenings of Recollection, with 5:45 PM Mass followed by supper and Stations.

March 19th: St. Joseph's Feast Day and St. Joseph's Table for the poor.

March 25th: The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Collection Report

Friday, January 1 st	\$2,769.00
Sunday, January 3 rd	\$4,677.00
Second Collection.....	\$1,061.00

"Better that only a few Catholics should be left, staunch and sincere in their religion, than that they should, remaining many, desire as it were, to be in collusion with the Church's enemies and in conformity with the open foes of our faith."

— St. Peter Canisius

THE HOLINESS OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Our Lord spent three hours in redeeming, three years in teaching, and thirty years in obeying, in order that a rebellious, proud, and diabolically independent world might learn the value of obedience.

Home life is the God-appointed training ground of human character, for from the home life of the child springs the maturity of manhood, either for good or for evil. The only recorded acts of our Blessed Lord's childhood are acts of obedience—to God, His heavenly Father, and also to Mary and Joseph. He thus shows the special duty of childhood and of youth: to obey parents as the vice-regents of God. He, the great God Whom the heavens and earth could not contain, submitted Himself to His parents.

If He was sent on a message to a neighbor, it was the great Sender of the Apostles Who delivered the message. If Joseph ever bade Him search for a tool that was lost, it was the Wisdom of God and the Shepherd in search of lost souls Who was actually doing the seeking. If Joseph taught Him carpentry, He Who was taught was one Who had carpentered the universe and Who would one day be put to death by the members of His own profession. If He made a yoke for the oxen of a neighbor, it was He Who would call Himself a yoke for men—and yet a burden that would be light. If they bade Him work in a little plot of garden ground, to train the creepers or water the flowers, it was He Who was the great Dresser of the vineyard of His Church, Who took in hand the water pot and the gardening tools.

All men may ponder well the hint of a Child subject to His parents, that no heavenly call is ever to be trusted that bids one neglect the obvious duties that lie near to hand.

— *Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen*



WOMAN'S RIGHTS

The aim is to make woman as strong and intellectual as man, and the result must be to make her profane and vulgar. For her, above all, the question of right lies in the fulfillment of duty. In the First Epistle to the Corinthians, St. Paul speaks of the glory of the woman as of a thing distinct from the glory of the man. Their endowments are unlike, their work is different, their provinces are distinct. If she ape the man, she will lose the heart of love and yet not gain the commanding mind. The women who speak from our public platforms are so sharp and unlovely because they are displeased with themselves. To live in the hearts of those who make the laws is more than to have a vote. And if we must take a gloomy view, Madame de Staël, the most intellectual of women, says: "It were far better in order to keep something sacred on earth, that in marriage there should be one slave rather than two free-thinkers."

In any case, whatever increases the real influence of woman will give greater power to religion and to the Catholic Church; and I believe that she will extend her sway only by walking in the pathway which has been opened to her by Jesus Christ, whose Immaculate Mother remains forever the glory and the ideal of all women.

— *Bishop Spalding (1904)*

THE EPIPHANY

Look up, sweet Babe, look up and see
For love of Thee
Thus far from home
The east is come
To seek herself in Thy sweet eyes;
We, who strangely went astray,
Lost in a bright
Meridian night,
A darkness made of too much day,
Beckon'd from far
By Thy fair star,
Lo at last have found our way.

— *Richard Crashaw*



THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT

He called her Mary, who rode on my
back,
She called him Joseph, who walked by
my side
His hand was easy and his voice was
soft
And he walked with patience, love
and pride.

I was their beast, yet I sensed their
plight,
I heard them talk and plan and pray.
I knew the dream the angel brought,
And I shared their faith along the
way.

But the load I carried, a mother and
child,
Rode as light as the touch that guided
me;
And my master, Joseph, who walked
by my side,
Was as kind and gentle as a man
could be.

— *Johnielu Barber Bradford*

Happy Holy Family feast. A wish, a blessing, and a good resolution for this new year on this happy day which surely brings many blessings.

Cloudy days, these. A Dark Winter, in more ways than one. But surely the sun will come again. In the meanwhile, all is bright and lightsome within. The best part of Christmas unfolds. The world is enthralled with the latest psyop, and their last, masked mini Christmas is long forgotten.

But our children were not forgotten. What an encouraging group crowded the rails after each Mass last Sunday for the blessing. So *many* children, just like the old days. After the High Mass a packed Helfta Hall noisily joined the children for *their* party, with lots of sweets. The sermon-themed poem featured spiders, and the little ones didn't seem to mind. I enjoyed it.

The church is in glorious golden Epiphany now. The Miracle Star shines bright. Time for gentle light, and quiet visits to the Crib, Rosaries at the Tree. Take a look at your Christmas cards again, fondly, savor your Christmas cookies, relive memories of the long ago and yesterday. Yes, the Church bids us linger and wonder still, and love. Forty Days of Christmas will surely fortify us for the nevertheless inviting Forty Day Fast which **Fr. McKenna** pronounced for February 17th at Wednesday's Epiphany Pontifical.

The "Announcement of the Moveable Feasts" last Epiphany was **Fr. Cekada's** final service in our sanctuary. He had been in the back with the choir, but appeared as usual in his gold cope to sing this piquant paschal melody which lays out the great days of the Church year. By the last of them he would be gone. A profitable reminder for us all. Epiphany's closing hymn, "Brightest and Best," was a particular favorite of Fr. Cekada. How we sang it on Wednesday evening. So stirring! Surely enough to "raise the roof," and to be heard even in Eternity.

After a beautiful Epiphany Mass, we followed the star to Helfta and a fine holiday dinner by candlelight. The food, from hot hors d'oeuvres to dessert, was abundant for the happy crowd which filled the hall for this beloved tradition. Another fine Gertrudian custom is sticking around to help clean up after that one brutal moment when the lights so beckon. You did, and thank you! Thank you, dear workers and benefactors for everything, all year long. Thanks too, to the



caterer, Aponte, who always gives us a lagniappe.

While the Church calendar clears for a bit and quiets these last weeks of Christmas, the world grows noisy. Notice how Covid chatter subsides when something or another is staged for our benefit. But **Fr. de Caussade** put it in perspective: He prays "Every moment and every event is guided by You. I am content." He even goes so far as to say: "Events please me for their own sake, regardless of their consequences, because Your action lies behind them. Everything is heaven to me because all my moments manifest Your love."

I wish you all and your family such a heavenly week, and year!

– Bishop Dolan



CATECHISM CORNER

We must believe that Jesus Christ, after He died and was buried, arose on the third day from death to life, never to die again; and that, for the space of forty days, He was pleased, at different times, to manifest Himself to His disciples, and then ascended into heaven in their sight; where, as God-man, He continually intercedes for us. Thence He sent down the Holy Ghost upon His disciples, to abide with them forever, as He had promised, and to guide them and their successors into all truth.

LIVE, JESUS, LIVE

Live, Jesus, live! So live in me,
That all I do, be done by Thee.
And grant that all I think and say,
May be Thy thought and word today.

"We ought to instruct with meekness those whom heresy has made bitter and suspicious and has estranged from orthodox Catholics... Thus, by wholehearted charity and goodwill, we may win them over to us in the Lord." – St. Peter Canisius

✠ CALENDAR

MON 1/11/21 WITHIN THE OCTAVE • ST. HYGINUS, PM
8:00 AM Low Mass Relief of the Holy Souls (*Kolenich Family*)
11:25 AM High Mass †M. Elaine Browne – 5th Anniversary
(Christopher Browne)

TUE 1/12/21 WITHIN THE OCTAVE • ST. BENET BISCOP, AB
7:00 AM Low Mass Andrew Prell – Happy Birthday (*Mom & Dad*)
11:25 AM High Mass †Vivian O’Laughlin (*Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski & family*)
5:00 PM Low Mass †William & †Marcella Hable (*Kirby & Jean Bischel*)

WED 1/13/21 OCTAVE DAY OF THE EPIPHANY
7:00 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday, Michael Kustra (*Bill & Terri Young*)
 “Extra
 Eight” **8:00 AM Low Mass** †Fr. Anthony Cekada (*Jim Soli*)
11:25 AM High Mass †Ronald Lotarski (*Clare Lotarski*)
5:15 PM Low Mass The Mark Fischer Sr. Family (*Annie & Mark Fischer Jr.*)

THU 1/14/21 ST. HILARY, BPCD • ST. FELIX, PRM
7:00 AM Low Mass †Dennis Hille (*Patrick Omlor*)
8:00 AM Low Mass †Elsie Kloberdanz (*Christensen*)
11:25 AM High Mass Mary Beth Grumblatt & children
(M.E.G.)

FRI 1/15/21 ST. PAUL, FIRST HERMIT • ST. MAURUS, AB
OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR
8:00 AM Low Mass †Josephine Piper (*Mr. & Mrs. Bill Oleyar*)
11:05 AM Confessions
11:25 AM High Mass In thanksgiving to Our Blessed Mother,
 for her constant care (*Nathaniel Arnold*)
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:35 PM Infant of Prague Novena III
5:45 PM Low Mass A private intention (*Patrick Omlor*)
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction

SAT 1/16/21 ST. MARCELLUS I, PM
7:15 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass Holy Souls (*Arlinghaus family*)
8:05 AM Alma & Sermon
8:20 AM High Mass Poor Souls (*Simpson family*)

SUN 1/17/21 EPIPHANY II
ST. ANTHONY, ABBOT • OUR LADY OF PONTMAIN
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass †Ed Wilson – Rest in peace (*Ken & Regina Gilliam*)
9:00 AM High Mass Rest in peace, †Father Cekada (*Richard & Gloria Zbilicki*)
10:40 AM Catechism Classes
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass †Frank Youngworth – 16 year
 anniversary (*Diane Puglielli*)
4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

PRAYER TO THE INFANT OF PRAGUE *For Peace in Our Families*

O Divine Infant, Who at Thine entrance into the world didst proclaim peace, and Who art pleased to be called the Prince of Peace, to Thee is known the strife and discord in our homes, how much discord, enmity and strife rule in the midst of us, how many sins we commit against the love of our neighbor. A truly sad sight! Where shall we turn, if not to Thee, O peaceful Infant Jesus! Thou hast reunited those divided against one another, hast reconciled enemies and given peace to troubled souls. Give to us the precious gift of peace! Come to our aid, that all passions may be stilled, and that peace and harmony may return to our homes, that we may deserve to be called children of God. Amen.

Masses sent to the Missions:

(8x) Holy Souls in Purgatory, St.
 Anthony & St. Joseph – Thank
 you (*Arlinghaus Family*)
 Holy Souls (*K & M Christensen*)
 My Mother (*T. Bayer*)
 My Vocation (*T. Bayer*)
 Bishop Sanborn – In gratitude (*T.
 Bayer*)
 My friend Fr. Dutertre (*T. Bayer*)
 My family, friends & benefac-
 tors (*T. Bayer*)
 Special Intention (*HY*)
 †Marlene Helwig (*JCS*)
 (2x) A Private Intention (*Patrick
 Omlor*)
 (2x) For the relief of all the faithful
 departed (*Patrick Omlor*)
 (2x) †Thelma Macke Sieverding
(Mike Sieverding)
 (2x) †Ruth Sieverding Kieffer
(Mike Sieverding)
 †Jacob Vogel (*Mike Sieverding*)
 Next soul to be released from
 Purgatory (*Mike Sieverding*)

(2x) Henry Sieverding (*Mike
 Sieverding*)
 †Fr. Cekada (*Rebecca Stump*)
 William H. Young III – Merry
 Christmas (*Terri*)
 Terri Young – Merry Christmas
(Bill)
 For Bill & Terri Young’s relatives
 & friends in Purgatory (*Bill &
 Terri Young*)
 Poor Souls in Purgatory (*Bill &
 Terri Young*)
 For Bill & Terri Young’s Children
 & their families – Merry
 Christmas (*Bill & Terri Young*)
 Joseph Kustra – Merry Christmas
(Bill & Terri Young)
 John Kustra – Merry Christmas
(Bill & Terri Young)
 Madalyn Young – Merry Christ-
 mas (*Bill & Terri Young*)
 Elizabeth Young – Merry Christ-
 mas (*Bill & Terri Young*)



Servers

SUN 1/17 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: P. Omlor, M. Simpson TH: C.
 Richesson ACs: S. Richesson, A. McClorey TORCH: J. & B.
 McGinnis, T. England, T. Lawrence MC: J. Lacy
 11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, J. Kolenich
 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller