

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
 JANUARY 8, 2012

All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.— Psalm 72:11

Liturgy Intentions for the Week

January 9th - January 15

- Monday
7:00 PM Charlie Ficke by Larry & Conni Lupus
- Tuesday
9:00 AM Mary Potts-Nagel by Jim & Loretta Potts
- Wednesday
10:00 AM
- Thursday
No Liturgy
- Friday
9:00 AM
- Saturday
5:30 PM Charlie Ficke by Jack Tessier & Judi Williams
- Sunday
9:00 AM Jeff Kirkpatrick by his Family



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Magi from the east arrived

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Today's Readings

- 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).

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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

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



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Prayer of the Week is found on page 6, this week.

Happenings for the Week

Monday—January 9

6:30 PM Respect Human Life Rosary

7:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday—January 10

8:30 AM Rosary for Life

9:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration commences

Wednesday—January 11

8:30 AM Rosary Prayer Group

8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration concludes

10:00 AM Women's Guild Mass & Potluck

Thursday—January 12

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday—January 13

8:30 AM Pro Life Rosary

Saturday—January 14

5:00 PM Pro Life Rosary

Sunday—January 15

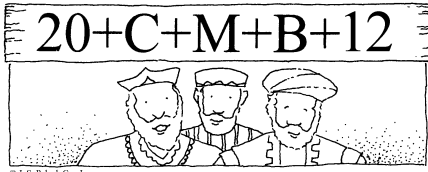
8:30 AM Rosary for Lost Souls

10:00 AM Faith Formation K-5th Grade

11:15 AM Faith Formation 6th Grade-Confirmation

PLEASE NOTE:

Faith Formation resumes, TODAY, January 8th.



Stewardship

December 24th & 25th: Offertory: \$ 10,236.04

Building Fund: \$ 1,180.00

Priest Welfare and Retirement: \$ 3,529.10

Sincere thank you to Mary & Hans Van Welzen and Beth Wootten for their service.

Appreciation and gratitude to all our parishioners and visitors for their generosity to the church.



Catholic Perspective, the weekly Diocesan TV program airs on the Time-Warner Find It on Demand Channel, 1083 in Craven, New Hano-

ver, Brunswick, Onslow and Pender Counties, allowing viewers to watch at any time during the week. The program is also available on the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofraleigh.org.

Upcoming Meetings

The next **Parish Council** meeting will be January 9th at 7:30 PM. All are welcome!



The next meeting for the **Women's Guild** will be January 11th. There will be a meeting following the 10:00 AM Mass and a Potluck Luncheon along with the annual Birthday Party. Bring a friend along to share in the fun of this wonderful women's group!



The 4th Degree Assembly **will not** hold a meeting during December. The next meeting for the Assembly is January 16th after the 6:30 PM Rosary and followed by the 7:00 PM Mass.

The next **Home-school Mass** will be January 18th at 9:00 AM. All are invited to join us. Our home-school children will provide short presentations exhibiting some of their studies during or immediately following the Mass.

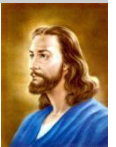
The Knights of Columbus will have their business meeting on February 6th at 7:30 PM, **after** attending the 7:00PM Liturgy.

Music Ministry News - Anyone 6th grade to adult is invited to join in on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. We happily welcome all who enjoy praising through music.

Please pray for those of our parish and the community who are ill or may be in distress as well as those deceased who may be in need of our prayers. If you would like to submit a name for special prayers, please contact the Prayer Chain **via Terri Speciale at 252.393.6678**. You may also email her at terispeci@yahoo.com. If you would like to be a part of the Parish Prayer Chain, call Terri and she will add your name and phone number to the list.

Eucharistic Adoration

...takes place weekly starting at 9:30am on Tuesday and continuing until 8:30am on Wednesday. All are welcome. Come & spend some quiet time in the Lord's presence. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer or substitute for maintaining the vigil during Adoration,



please call Don Keating at 252.393.6106.



The beautiful Poinsettias that adorn the altar this Christmas are the results of the kind and generous nature of the parishioners and visitors of St. Mildred. Vicky Stump and the Youth Ministry would like to thank all who supported us through your generous purchases, you all are very much appreciated. May all your intentions and prayers be answered by our good and gracious Lord, not only for the Christmas Season, but always.



THANKS
FOR YOUR SERVICE!

As the new year begins we would like to extend a sincere and heartfelt Thank You to Tim Bennett, Harold Yingling and Dan Shipko for all their hard work, dedication and service these past years to the Parish Council, it is greatly appreciated...Thanks!



Please join us for a retreat on March 16th - 18th at Casa Maria Sister Servants of the Eternal Word Convent in Birmingham, Alabama. (departure March 15th) The topic will be: Prayer in the School of

Pope Benedict XVI, presented by Father Roger Landry. The cost for the retreat will be \$160 per person, or \$270 for double occupancy (friends can be considered double occupancy). There will be an additional cost for transportation (vans), which will be determined at the end of January, based on attendee number. Casa Maria is only minutes from EWTN Studios and we do plan on attending Mass on the first day there, as well as visit their wonderful gift store. Check out Casa Maria's website at <http://www.sisterservants.org/index.php>. Casa Maria also has a wonderful gift store, as well as beautiful and peaceful grounds. The first 60 people registered for the retreat (including non-St. Mildred people), will be able to stay at the retreat center, with meals included at no additional cost. Space is limited, so kindly let us know by January 8th, if you are interested. We will also need a \$50 deposit by this date, checks made out to Casa Maria. Please contact Anne Jelinek at 252-764-2351 or Francine Sabisch at 910-326-5589. Casa Maria is the new home of our very own, Sister Victoria. Go to: <http://www.sisterservants.org/content/visitCasaMaria.php> for a video of Casa Maria.

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

The Knights will be holding their annual Basketball Free Throw competition on Sunday, January 29th at the Swansboro Middle School main gym from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.

All boys and girls ages 10 thru 14 (as of January 1, 2012) are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2012 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. Each participant gets 15 Free Throws.

The winner of each boys and girls age group will receive a KofC Basketball and will be eligible to participate in the district competition. Please **contact Harold Yingling at (910) 326-1010** for more details.

open the book, build the foundation, grow your faith.



CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE

Catechetical Institute Session

facilitated by Wojciech

The next course of Diocesan Catechetical Institute of the Diocese of Raleigh will begin on **January 25, 2012** at 6:30pm. This course is a requirement towards becoming a Certified Catechist. There is no registration or fee. Please, invite a friend, neighbor or relative to attend.

The theme of this Catechetical Institute Session is: *Christian Prayer and Spirituality.*

Project Rachel Support Group Abortion is one of the most common procedures in the US, experienced by millions of women, many of whom are Catholic. Abortion creates a wound in post -abortive woman, (and men) resulting in spiritual and emotional problems. The Project Rachel ministry assists women and men who have been wounded by abortion to find truth and healing. There is a support group beginning in the Triangle area in December, if you have experienced an abortion and would like more information about the support group, contact Project Rachel at (919) 852-1021 or email projectrachel@nc.rr.com. For more information go to <http://projectrachelnc.org/> (website) Calls and appointments are kept strictly confidential.

May you find peace and happiness through our Lord for your generous spirit:



Prayers for. . .

In Thanksgiving by Pat Boni
Kohurt & Murawski Families by Helen Murawski
Leslie Mallard by Elizabeth Mallard
Mary & Frank Asta by Phyllis Nastasi
Angela & Nicola Nastasi by Phyllis Nastasi
All by Susan & Mike Regensburger
Anna Moriarty by The Wootten Family

In Memory of. . .

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Balog by Patti Hill
Col. & Mrs. Glen Hill by Patti Hill
Margaret & Bob Bailey by The Belser Family
Bob Godwin by The Belser Family
Richard Baulch by Lillian Baulch
Patty Bragg by Frank Bragg & Family
Bertha Bragg by Frank Bragg & Family
Audrey & Herb by Sue & Roger Brake
Helen & Doug by Sue & Roger Brake
Christine & Erin by Sue & Roger Brake
Hilda Carreau by Elizabeth Mallard
Pauline Cotto by Mr. & Mrs. L. Cotto
Arthur Crosby by Anita Crosby
Becky & Greg Graham by Deacon & Mrs. Fatica
Fatica & Graham Families by Deacon & Mrs. Fatica
Bob Daas by The Daas Family
Cordelia Daas-Fox by The Daas Family
Sharrion Gleghorn by Sharron Mohr
Graham & Lelek Families by Bill & Eileen Graham
John & Jean Klepacki by Chris & Craig Brewer
Ernest & Dot Brewer by Chris & Craig Brewer
Teresa & Jesus Muniz by Maria Hickox
Mary & Frank Asta by Phyllis Nastasi
Angela & Nicola Nastasi by Phyllis Nastasi
Kathleen Oehl by Mike Oehl
Reynold & Anna Peduzzi by Carolyn Peduzzi
Adelson & Viola Wilson by Carolyn Peduzzi
Our Son, Christopher by Susan & Mike Regensburger
Regina Sewell by Margaret Hughes

For those who supported us. . .

Susan Gasperson	Lillian Harter
Anne Jelnik	Debra Olsen
Richard Naldi	The Women's Guild

Thank you one and all!

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WASHINGTON MARCH FOR LIFE - The Raleigh Respect Life Group is reserving buses for the Annual March for Life on Monday, January 23, 2012. The cost of the day trip is \$50.00 per person. This year we are offering an overnight trip, one bus will leave for DC on Sunday, January 22 and return on Monday, January 23. Price per person for the overnight trip is \$72.20. Price includes hotel, light breakfast on Monday and round trip bus ticket. (hotel rate is based on 4 occupants/per room). Make your reservation through email address: blk4jmi@gmail.com. Reservations after December 5 will be put on a waiting list. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Klein at 815-1369 or Bob Klein at 815-3237.

The Catholic Poland - 12 day Tour (May 10-21, 2012) will be directed by our Pastoral Associate, Wojciech. Join us for a wonderful experience of the Catholic culture of Poland and visit places of great religious and historical significance. Please contact Wojciech at: 910-340-2300 for more information.



10th Annual Ignited By Truth Catholic Conference February 24-25, 2012

NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh **Raymond Arroyo**, *Host of EWTN's "The World Over Live,"* **Michael Barber, Ph.D.**, *Professor of Theology, Scripture, & Catholic Thought;* **Dr. Philip Mango**, *Catholic Psychotherapist;* **Sister Miriam James Heidland**, *Former Volleyball Star;* **John W. Garcia**, *Founder of Sober for Christ;* **Mario St. Francis**, *Fashion Model on a Mission;* **Bishop Michael F. Burbidge**, *Vigil Mass Celebrant and Homilist.*

FREE Friday Night "Discover the Catholic Church" including Praise & Worship Music and talks in English and Spanish. Early Registration Discounts for full program Saturday: Adults \$25 (groups of 5 or more), Individuals \$35, Students (age 10+) \$20, including Lunch! After Feb 5, prices increase to \$45/Adult, \$25/Student. Gift Certificates available! **Who will you invite?** Questions: (919) 789-1IBT
www.IgnitedByTruth.com

**WELCOMING CHRIST IN THE MIGRANT:
NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK 2912 TO BE
CELEBRATED JANUARY 8-14**

Catholics called to offer hospitality to those in need.

Washington-National Migration Week will be observed in dioceses around the country January 8-14. This year's theme "Welcoming Christ in the Migrant" is in regard to the disciples welcoming a stranger on the road to Emmaus.

"Just as on the road to Emmaus, Christ's disciples met him in the guise of a stranger, this year's theme helps remind us that Christ makes himself present to each of us in the lonesome traveler, the newcomer, and the migrant," said Archbishop Jose' Gomez of Los Angeles. "We are called to open our hearts and provide hospitality to those in need, especially for migrants who find themselves far away from home and in vulnerable situations." Archbishop Gomez is the chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Migration.

Pope Benedict said "Christian communities are to pay special attention to migrant workers and their families by accompanying them with prayer, solidarity and Christian charity, as well as fostering new political, economic and social planning that promotes respect for the dignity of every human person."

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

January 8, 2012, The Epiphany of the Lord

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

What can I do this week to come to know God better?

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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



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

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. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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