



5/6 January 2019-Year C The Epiphany of the Lord



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Sacramental Life

Celebration of the Eucharist:

Mass Schedule:

Saturday - 5.30pm Vigil (Includes
Children's Liturgy during School
Term)

Sunday - 7.30am

Sunday - 9am (Includes Children's
Liturgy during School Term)

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday - 9am

Wednesday - 9am

Thursday - 9am

Friday - 9.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday

4.30 - 5.15pm

Baptisms & Marriages:

By appointment at Presbytery

Anointing: Every 2 months -

check bulletin for dates

Sick Calls: Any time - day/night.

Funeral Masses: In co-operation
with Funeral Directors.

Entrance Antiphon: Vigil: Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

7.30 & 9am: Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kinship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

Responsorial Psalm: All: Lord, every nation on earth will adore You.

Gospel Acclamation: All: Alleluia, Alleluia! We have seen His star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. **Alleluia**

Communion Antiphon: Vigil: The brightness of God illumined the Holy City Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light.

7.30 & 9am: We have seen His star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Epiphany, the coming of the Wise Men to worship the Child of Bethlehem

1. Mary the Mother of God

In his moving musical composition *Like Winter Waiting*, John Foley, SJ, has Joseph sing about Mary, "Who is this woman?" For many people (and, of course, maybe for Joseph too) the question is really, "Who is this woman *to me*?" These two questions are very different in character. Consider the first one. The traditional answer to it is that Mary is the Mother of God.

You might think, how much care and commitment should I have for Mary? This answer can be hard to understand. All Christians agree that God is without beginning. It seems that a God without beginning *can't* be born. And so it seems that God can't have a mother either.

But Jesus is fully human *and* fully divine. As man, God *can* be born. And so, after all, God can have and did have a human mother.

The woman who was that mother is Mary.

And that is why, if it is taken theologically, the answer to the question Joseph sings in John Foley's music, "Who is this woman?" is this: Mary is the Mother of God.

But the more pressing question remains: "Who is this woman *to me*?"

The answer to this question depends on the life and love of each person who answers it, doesn't it?

Think about it this way. For every person who reads this Saint Louis University Liturgy Website, John Foley is the Jesuit priest who is the editor of the website and the composer of powerful and influential liturgical music. But the answer to the question, "Who is John Foley *to me*?" depends on the person answering the question. *To me*, he is a dear friend. But that is because the history of my life includes care for him and commitment to him. But, you might think, how much care and commitment *should* I have for Mary?

Isn't that a backwards way to think about relationship with any person, Mary included? What a person is *to you* depends on you, on your own care for her and commitment to her. We will discover our right relationship to Mary if we ask ourselves the question Elizabeth asked: "Who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"

2. Result of the Christmas Raffle



- 1st Prize: The Microsoft Xbox—Mrs Christine Modolo
2nd prize: Christmas Ham-Kerry DeVries
3rd Prize: Fruit hamper-Mary Grima
4th Prize: IGA Hamper- Lea DeAngelis
5th Prize: Sweet n Savoury Voucher-Mary Farrugia
6th Prize: Perfume Box (assorted)-Anthony Casha Snr
7th Prize: Chocolate Hamper-Rita Hamori

My thanks to all parishioners for supporting the raffle.
Money raised totalled: \$965.00

My thanks to the businesses and parishioners who provided the prizes:

Frank Zammit, IGA Austral, Melina Macri,
Faye Palamara Family, Maria Zucco, Minto Mall Fruit Market.

I would like to sincerely thank these people and their businesses for their ongoing support that they give to St Anthony's on so many occasions over the five years, I have been here.

I hope parishioners support them, as well.

3. St Vincent de Paul:Christmas Appeal

Thank you to all who donated for the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Your donation was greatly appreciated by Vinnies.

4. Children's Liturgy

There is a sign up sheet at the back of the Church for Children's Liturgy for next year, please think about helping out next year.

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries:

Victor Vella

Also for:

Leonard Hoeven, Laurie Macri, Vincenzo Macri, Angelina Macri, Holy Souls, Special Intention, Dec'd of the Vartuli Family.

We remember those who are sick in the community that the Lord will be their comforter and healer as we pray for:

Paul Farnsworth, Erminia Demasi, Domenic Zucco, David Angeles, Peter Kelleher, Fred Pjanic, Marie Gough, Chris Smith, James Dimech, Paul Galea.



THERE ARE NEW REVISED ROSTERS FOR READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ON THE TABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH PLEASE TAKE ONE HOME

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

7-12 January 2019

S Mercieca, M Farrugia, T Gimellaro,
K Puric, J Camilleri



14-19 January

V Casha, S Arcuri, M Masini,
M Cvetko, M Pisani

READERS ROSTER

5/6 January 2019

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Charlie Cilia

Readers:

Charlie Cilia: 1st Reading

Rita Moro: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Chris Pisani

Readers:

Chris Pisani: 1st Reading

Margaret Pisani: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Nicole Hext

Readers:

Nicole Hext: 1st Reading

Maria Zucco: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

12/13 January (The Baptism of the Lord)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Jorja Simat

Readers:

Jorja Simat: 1st Reading

Rita Moro: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: James Gill

Readers:

James Gill: 1st Reading

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Margaret Cvetko

Readers:

Margaret Cvetko: 1st Reading

Tessie Christophers: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

5/6 January 2019

Saturday Vigil

Rose Crescini & Cheryl McKell



Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Karen Power & Phil Gigliotti

12/13 January

Saturday Vigil

Catherine Florio & Robert Gimellaro

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Margaret De Vries & Pam Ajkay

ACOLYTES ROSTER

5/6 January 2019

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

12/13 January

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

5 January 2019

Saturday Vigil

Sabrina & Leo

Steimbesser

6 January 2019

Domenico Mirarchi

12 January

Saturday Vigil

Daniel Garzaniti

Mark Vassallo

13 January

Domenico Mirarchi

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

5 January 2019

School Holidays

12 January

School Holidays

9am Sunday

School Holidays



NURSING HOME ROSTER

6 January 2019

Santina & Frances

20 January

Lina & Faye

POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Pope's New Year's Advice: Entangled in Life's Knots, Lift Your Eyes to Mary

Mary, Mother of God: January 01, 2019

Pope Francis gave this New Year's advice in his homily in St. Peter's Basilica the morning of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, on New Year's Day, which also marked the World Day of Peace. Recalling in Luke's Gospel that: "All who heard were amazed at what the shepherds told them," the Pope stressed that at the conclusion of the Octave of Christmas, as we continue to contemplate the Child born for us, "lacking everything yet abounding in love," what is asked of us today is to be amazed. "Amazement is what we should feel at the beginning of each year, for life is a gift that constantly gives us a chance to make a new start."

Today, the Pope underscored, is also a day to be amazed by the Mother of God. Reflecting on the Good News of this New Year, Francis said:

"God is no distant lord, dwelling in splendid isolation above the heavens, but love incarnate, born like us of a mother, in order to become a brother to each of us."

"He rests on the lap of his mother, who is also our mother, and from there he pours out upon humanity a new tenderness," he said. "Thus we come to understand more fully God's love, which is both paternal and maternal, like that of a mother who never stops believing in her children and never abandons them. God-with-us, Emmanuel, loves us despite our mistakes, our sins, and the way we treat our world."

God believes in mankind, the Holy Father said, "because its first and preeminent member is his own Mother."

"At the beginning of the year, let us implore from Mary the grace to be amazed at the God of surprises. Let us renew the amazement we felt when faith was first born in us," he said, reminding the Mother of God helps us.

"She, the Theotókos, who gave birth to the Lord, now presents us, reborn, to the Lord," the Pope stressed, reminding: "She is a mother who generates in her children the amazement of faith. Without amazement, life becomes dull and routine, and so it is with faith."

Entangled in Life's Knots, Lift Our Eyes to Our Lady

"Let us allow ourselves to be gazed upon. Especially in times of need, when we are entangled in life's knots, we rightly lift our eyes to Our Lady. Yet first, we should let ourselves be gazed upon by Our Lady. When she gazes upon us, she does not see sinners but children."

The Holy Father recalled that many say the eyes are the mirror of the soul, and hence, the eyes of Mary, full of grace, reflect the beauty of God, and show us a reflection of heaven.

God Himself Needed a Mother

"God himself needed a Mother: how much more so do we! Jesus himself gave her to us, from the cross: "Behold your mother!" (Jn 19:27). He said this to the beloved disciple and to every disciple.

"Our Lady is not an optional accessory: she has to be welcomed into our life," he said, praying: "Mary, take us by the hand. Clinging to you, we will pass safely through the straits of history."

