



St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

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Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

Acts 4:8-12; Psalms 105:47; Luke 2:21

3 January A.D. 2021

The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Ephesians 3:2-3A and 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

From the Pastor

Our parish has made history as the first in the Archdiocese to restore Sunday and weekday traditional Latin Mass. Our growing young homeschooling families, young men's group, thriving hall meals and social activities demonstrate the blessing of the Holy Spirit on our efforts to restore the sacred in the Church once again as our community grows.

In this New Year of Our Lord 2021 we continue to pray for the restoration of the true Faith throughout the Church, beginning with the worship handed down through the work of the Holy Spirit. We will continue to guide our parishioners in observing the Lord's Day properly each week as the bedrock of family life.

God love you,



Stewardship

To designate a gift that stays within the parish please place your check or cash in a plain envelope labeled with your offertory number or your name, the amount enclosed, and which expense you are designating. If using a check, please also include your offertory number and the designated expense on the memo line. Thank you.

- **Oct/Nov Physical Plant Maint/Labor:** +\$286.90*
- **November Maintenance Supplies:** \$67.25
- **Nov Elect/Nov-Dec Fuel Oil:** \$516.41*
- **CR-6/Blue Rock for parking lot:** \$561.87

(*Amount changed this week)

Prayer to offer the Holy Face of Jesus to God the Father to appease his justice and draw down mercy upon us.

Almighty and Eternal Father, since it has pleased Our Divine Saviour to reveal to mankind in modern times the power residing in His Holy Face, we now avail ourselves of this treasure in our great need.

Since our Savior Himself promised that by offering to you His Holy face disfigured in the passion we can procure the settlement of all the affairs of our household, and that nothing whatsoever will be refused to us, we now come before Your throne.

Eternal Father, turn away Your angry gaze from our guilty people whose face has become unsightly in your eyes. Look instead upon the Face of Your Beloved Son; for this is the Face of Him in whom you are well pleased. We now offer You His Holy face covered with blood, sweat, dust, spittle and shame, in reparation for the worst crimes of our age, which are atheism, blasphemy and the desecration of Your holy days.

We thus hope to appease Your anger justly provoked against us. The All-Merciful Advocate opens His mouth to plead our cause; listen to His cries, behold His tears, O God, and through the merits of His Holy Face, hearken to Him when he intercedes for us poor miserable sinners. Amen.

The Sunday Gospel

Luke 2:21

In that time: when eight days were accomplished, that the child should be circumcised, his name was called Jesus, which was called by the angel, before he was conceived in the womb. And so on.

Homily by St. Bernard, Abbot (of Clairvaux)

Behold a mystery, great and full of wonder! The Child is circumcised, and His Name is called Jesus. Why are these two things thus mentioned together? It would seem that circumcision should rather be for the saved than for the Saviour; that the Saviour ought rather to be Circumciser than circumcised. But behold here the Mediator between God and men, how even from His childhood He joineth the things of the Highest to the things of the lowest, the things of God to the things of men. He is born of a woman, but her womb is made fruitful without the loss of the flower of her virginity. He is wrapped in swaddling-bands, but these swaddling-bands are a theme for the jubilation of angels. He is laid in a manger, but a bright star standeth in heaven over the place. So also in His circumcision, the ceremony gave proof of the reality of the Manhood which He had taken, and that Name which is above every name proclaimed the glory of His Blessed Majesty. As very son of Abraham He underwent circumcision; He assumed the Name of Jesus as very Son of God.

Source: Divinum Officium

Waldorf Pro-Life Prayers - January 9

Join other pro-lifers 10-11am at Planned Parenthood in Waldorf, 3975 St. Charles Parkway, Gateway Plaza, 20602, on the second Saturday of each month, next on January 9th, to peacefully protest unjust, unlawful killings which take place there. We will be praying for the permanent closure of this and every Planned Parenthood in our nation.

Sanctuary Lamp in memory of Richard K. Estes

A \$25 contribution dedicates the lamp to the memory or intentions of a family member or loved one and helps defray the cost of altar and votive candles.

Pope Francis announces Year of St. Joseph

December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021 in honor of the 150th anniversary of the Saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church. The decree, authorized by the Pope, said that Francis had established a Year of St. Joseph so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will."

Source: Catholic News Agency

"Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church" is now on Facebook. "Like" us today!

**Christmas Offertory
2020**

\$7410.00

Thank you for your generous support!

Pray for our ill, hospitalized, those undergoing medical care and homebound: Irving Chappelle, Dorothy Hume, Robin Magnelli, Ray Stublarec, Miles and Elizabeth Torreyson, Eleanor Vaughn, Carolyn Parson, Ruth Anne Carr.

Please call the rectory at 301-274-3416 or contact Father Cusick at mcitl.blogspot.com@gmail.com to arrange for him to visit any homebound, ill or hospitalized parishioners or family members.

Rite of Christian Initiation - Adult Faith Formation Classes

Classes for adults seeking to enter the Church are scheduled by our faith formation director Aaron Percich. Email him to start formation: aaron.percich@comcast.net. Pick up a copy of the weekly Wanderer Newspaper available in church and see the "B" section for a basic adult catechetical resource.

Children's Faith Formation

Our Church teaches that parents are the first teachers in the ways of Faith for all of our young people. No one has more power or responsibility before God for witnessing to our children of the fact of the Lord's Resurrection and His presence through the Church in our lives. Those parents who wish to augment home school with parish faith formation are asked to contact Aaron Percich to enroll children in weekly home lesson support at aaron.percich@comcast.net.

Families must be attending Sunday Mass throughout the year before enrolling children.

Holy Sweepers for the weeks of December 27 and January 3

Futrell Family

Holy Sweepers are the families and individuals who graciously keep our church clean and tidy. They clean once a week, for a two week period, on a rotating basis. The more Holy Sweepers in the rotation, the more time between each assignment. If you would like to be a Holy Sweeper, please email Caitlin Sanders at braun.cait@gmail.com.

We are currently in need of some additional Holy Sweepers. Please prayerfully consider joining in this service to our parish community.

Service on the Altar

Training for all current and prospective members of the Society of Saints Aloysius and Alphonsus (SSAA) altar boy society will be held on the first Saturday of each month after the 9:00 am Mass.

All interested boys and men are invited to please contact Jamieson Scarlata at 1619surfer@gmail.com

UPCOMING:

Archdiocesan 2021 Appeal Announcement Sunday: January 31,

Commitment Sunday: February 7 & **Follow-Up Sunday:** February 14

Mass Schedule and Intentions this Week

Sunday	3 Jan	9:00 am* <i>Pro pópulo</i>	The Epiphany of the Lord
		11:00 am †David Welch	Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus
		5:30 pm* †Souls in Purgatory	The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday	4 Jan	9:00 am †Kevin Tettimer	Octave of the Holy Innocents
Tuesday	5 Jan	** †Wilson Goldsmith	Vigil of the Epiphany
Wednesday	6 Jan	6:00 pm <i>Adoration</i>	
		7:00 pm †Marian Goldsmith	The Epiphany of our Lord
Thursday	7 Jan	9:00 am †Richard K Estes	
Friday	8 Jan	9:00 am †Morris Goldsmith	
Saturday	9 Jan	9:00 am Intns Ponton Family	
Sunday	10 Jan	9:00 am* <i>Pro pópulo</i>	Baptism of the Lord
		11:00 am †Richard K Estes	Feast of the Holy Family
		5:30 pm* Intns Ponton Family	Baptism of the Lord

* Mass in English ** Father away; no public Mass

If you would like to have a Mass offered, you may email mcitl.blogspot.com@gmail.com, stop by the parish office during regular business hours, drop a note in the collection basket or see Father after Mass. The customary offering for a Mass, per Archdiocesan guidelines, is \$10.00.

Staff

Bookkeeper: Mr. Dennis Haspert

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Mass and Sacrament Schedule

Sunday: 9:00am*, Traditional Latin 11:00am, 5:30pm*

Weekday Masses in Latin: See schedule in bulletin

Saturday: 9:00am and Vigil (by appt)

Holy Day Masses: 8:00am, 6:00pm* & 7:00pm

Confessions offered prior to all weekend Masses

*Mass in English

Baptisms and Marriages: By appointment 6 months in advance. **Bulletin Deadline:** Two Thursdays prior to the date of publication. Send to braun.cait@gmail.com or call the rectory 301-274-3416. **New Parishioners: Welcome!** Please complete a registration form, available in the back of the church, and return it to Father or drop it in the collection basket.