

# St. Anthony's Parish

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD—JANUARY 3, 2021



**A** family is on the road for a vacation. Passing by a church, they spot a nativity scene with the three wise men wearing fire helmets. They stop and ask a local person why the wise men are wearing helmets. "Y'all must not read the Bible much!" says the local man. "Why do you say that?" they ask. "Cause, it says right thar in the Bible that the wise men came from a-fahr!"

Over the past year, in addition to the pandemic, there have been several natural disasters and wars that have taken the lives of so many innocent people. As Christians, we should approach these disasters and wars as we do all things in light of the Gospel. Today's story of the Magi presents us with two truths that will not only help us understand these tragedies but also direct our reaction to them. The story of the Magi presents the truth of universality and the importance of action.

The story of the Magi proclaims that the Good News of Christ is for all people. We do not know too much about the Magi themselves, but one thing is clear from the Gospel: they were not Jewish. They came from another country, from the east. They were foreigners. This dimension of the story makes it clear that the Good News of Christ's salvation is not to be limited to any one nation, people, culture or race.

The universality of connectedness between all people is central to the Magi story. But there is another truth to that story that is equally important, and that is the necessity of action. The Magi in the story not only saw the star and realized its significance, they followed it. They chose to act. They left their comfortable homes, undertook an arduous journey, and came to pay homage to the Christ Child. In the same way, we are called to act. The story of the Magi says we must not simply know and understand, but we must act.

But what are we to do? The answer is clear: we are to help those who are in need. We must translate our faith into action. So let us resolve to act, to give whatever we can as a gesture that shows our connectedness to others and our desire to address the catastrophic needs that have struck our planet. Let us choose to act in some way to give from our abundance, to help our brothers and sisters on the other side of the world, as well as those suffering right here at home.

*Fr. Joseph*

Thank you to all the volunteers who have given of their time and talent to the parish over the past year. Your dedication and tremendous flexibility with the ever-changing COVID-19 protocols have allowed St. Anthony's to continue to serve our parish family. Without you, we would have had no option but to close our doors during the pandemic!

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Mon - Fri: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Closed during lunch from  
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## MASS TIMES

(No in-person Masses)

Live Streamed Masses:

January 1st 10:30 am

Sundays 10:30 am

Tuesdays 6:30 pm

Thursdays 9:00 am

[Click here](#) for the  
Live Streamed Masses  
[Click here](#) for Mass readings

## CONFESSIONS

(In the vestibule, but enter down-  
stairs by the office)

Saturdays 10:00 - 11:00 am  
& 3:00 - 4:00 pm

## ONLINE GIVING

[Link](#) to make an offertory gift to  
St. Anthony's Parish.

## WEEKLY MASSES &amp; INTENTIONS

Sat - Jan 02 <i>Sts. Basil &amp; Gregory</i>	Sp. Int. of Deidre Ng † Lawrence Marquis <i>Sp. Int. of Elizabeth Elsener</i>
Sun - Jan 03 <i>Epiphany of The Lord</i>	<b>FOR PARISHIONERS</b> Pro life intentions † Sadhbh O'Laughlin † Mr. & Mrs. Scott
Mon - Jan 04	† Gina Charles
Tue - Jan 05	<i>Sp. Int. of Abby Andrew</i> † Harvey Sazunic
Wed - Jan 06	<i>Sp. Int. of Emily Andrew</i>
Thu - Jan 07 <i>St. André Bessette</i>	<i>Sp. Int. of Barry Callaghan</i>
Fri - Jan 08	† Ed Hauser
Sat - Jan 09	† Heather Fay † Paul Porter <i>Sp. Int. of Angela Vendargon</i>
Sun - Jan 10 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	<b>FOR PARISHIONERS</b> † Stan & Clair Strung <i>Sp. Int. of Dilys Solstad</i> <i>Sp. Int. of Robert Novak</i>

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Communion after January 1st and Sunday Live Streamed Masses**

After the live streamed Mass and until 12:15 pm on January 1 (*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*) and January 3, you may drive to St. Anthony's parking lot and receive Holy Communion from the safety of your vehicle. Do not park or exit your vehicle. Please enter the parking lot from the driveway beside the rectory, drive slowly around the church and stop your vehicle where instructed at the west side of the church beside the office. As usual for receiving Holy Communion ensure you are in the state of grace and maintain the one hour fast. Please wear a mask.

**Private Prayer in the Church**

The church is open for private prayer Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4 pm and Thursdays until 8pm.

**Adoration**

On Thursday, January 6 (10am to 8pm) and Friday, January 7 (10am to 4pm) there will be Eucharistic Adoration in the church. Please click [here](#) to confirm your attendance. We require at least two adorers at all times.

## ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

**The Gospel of Matthew: A New Exodus**

In this webinar presented by Fr. Nick Meisl, we will investigate the brilliant way in which the Gospel of Matthew describes the person and mission of Jesus. In particular, we will see how Matthew portrays Jesus as a new Moses working a new Exodus of liberation. In this way, Matthew's Gospel continues to provide hope to all, especially the oppressed. Join us online on Saturday, January 9 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Register for free [here](#).

**Making Sense of Anxiety in Children and Youth**

The escalating level of anxiety in our children begs for an explanation as well as a solution. Dr. Gordon Neufeld sheds light on this age-old problem, paving the way for natural interventions that can actually get to the root causes as opposed to just managing symptoms. Although the focus is on children, this video course contains material that will benefit anyone suffering from anxiety. Join us for four consecutive Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 pm, January 6 through January 27. Register online for a \$10 fee [here](#).

**PRH Workshop: Helping My Children Become Themselves**

This workshop series will be delivered online over several dates: January 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2021. It will help you to understand your children and their needs (thus foster their development), improve your relationship with each child, and to understand the cause of certain behaviours in order to manage the difficulties encountered. Contact Leah Bittante at [lbittante2@gmail.com](mailto:lbittante2@gmail.com) for more information.

**Bible in a Year - 2021!**

If you've always wanted to read the entire Bible, 2021 is the year to do it! Starting January 1, Fr. Mike Schmitz of Ascension Press will be hosting a daily podcast (20-25 minutes in length) guiding Catholics through the Bible in 365 episodes that accompany scheduled daily readings. Several St. Anthony's parishioners will be tuning in. Join them! For more information, and to sign up for free, click [here](#).

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

**Epiphany of the Lord**

*"..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..." - Matthew 2:11*

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!