

Feast of the Epiphany January 2, 2011



Welcome to St. Helena Church



St. Helena Church is a Tithing & Evangelizing Parish Mission Statement

We, the Parish of St. Helena, are rooted in Jesus Christ and nourished by Eucharist. We are aware of our present diversity and the changes that enrich us. We strive with all that God has given us to live and to share the Gospel of love by creating a welcoming and united community. We seek to integrate actively people of all ages, races, and cultures into every area of life.

Masses for the Week Jan. 2nd to Jan. 9th

SATURDAY, Jan. 1, 2011

4:30PM St. Helena Parishioners

SUNDAY, Jan. 2, 2011 *The Epiphany of the Lord*

8:00AM Thanksgiving for Nguyen Family

9:30AM Personal Intention

11:00AM Dominique & Marie Nguyen

12:30PM Julio C. Mosquera

MONDAY, Jan. 3, 2011 *Most Holy Name of Jesus*

6:30AM John L. Tetley

8:00AM Timothy W. Mather, Sr.

TUESDAY, Jan. 4, 2011 *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

6:30AM Margaret Nally

8:00AM Sister Cecilia Maria

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 5, 2011 *St. John Neumann*

6:30AM Joseph Chiet & Rosa

8:00AM Anna Lorenz

THURSDAY, Jan. 6, 2011 *Bl. Andre Bessette*

6:30AM Stephen J. Pokorny

8:00AM Michael Moffitt

FRIDAY, Jan. 7, 2011 *St. Raymond of Penafort*

6:30AM Joseph Ty Doan

8:00AM John P. Geib

9:00AM Nora Lenahan Dempsey

7:00PM Joe Owens

SATURDAY, Jan. 8, 2011

8:00AM Thomas That Nguyen

4:30PM Stephen Yhost

SUNDAY, Jan. 9, 2011 *Baptism of the Lord*

8:00AM John Cuong & Maria Binh Nguyen
(7th Wedding Anniversary)

9:30AM Personal Intention

11:00AM William B. Miller

12:30PM St. Helena Parishioners

Please remember in your prayers the deceased members of our parish, families, and friends, especially those mentioned on our Christmas Flower Envelopes.

Our Church is a center for spiritual growth, where positive attitudes are developed, where good people become better, where hurts are healed, where lessons are learned, where friendships are developed, where marriages restless find peace, where love is alive, where God is understood, where the Holy Spirit leads, and where Jesus Christ is Lord. Together, let us spread the message of the Gospel to our neighbors.

We Remember in Prayer...Our sick

Theresa Palmer	Patricia Komly	Tina Hosgood
Judy Kovescek	Taryn & Jack	Betty Masi
Rita Klienknecht	Bernie Black	Rita Voras
Grace Sweeney	Donald Panaro	Priscilla Nguyen
Joseph Voras	Charles T. Benner	Charles Ball
	Rosa Di Nicola	Robertta Pohl

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, Jan. 2, 2011 *Feast of the Epiphany*

Is 60: 1-6 Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2: 1-12

MONDAY (03) 1 Jn 3: 22-4:6 Mt 4: 12-17, 23-25

TUESDAY (04) 1 Jn 4: 7-10 Mk 6: 34-44

WEDNESDAY (05) 1 Jn 4: 11-18 Mk 6: 45-52

THURSDAY (06) 1 Jn 4: 19-5:4 Lk 4: 14-22a

FRIDAY (07) 1 Jn 5: 5-13 Lk 5: 12-16

SATURDAY (08) 1 Jn 5: 14-21 Jn 3: 22-30

Feast of the Epiphany

Epiphany is the Christmas of the Gentiles; Christmas for those who were "not a people." Those who were once far off, are now drawn near. The star is their evangelist, proclaiming the "for you" of the Gospel to them in terms they can understand and apprehend. This Child, born of Mary, in Bethlehem, is King of the Jews, and He is also your King. The star brings them to Jerusalem, the capital city, where you would expect a king to be born. But the prophets tell of a different place. "In Bethlehem, in Judea." Lowly Bethlehem is the birthplace of this beggar king.

The star guides the Magi to the house. Things have improved a bit since the day of Jesus' birth. Now he stares up from His virgin mother's lap at these mysterious men who have come to visit. They fall to their knees, touching their foreheads to the ground and worship this toddler who is the King of all kings.

They worship with their gifts – gold fit for a king, incense telling of His divinity, myrrh symbolic of His suffering. Once Israel went into exile in Babylon, now the Babylonians bow before Israel's little King. He is King for all, and also for you.

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New Roman Missal

Greeting, Penitential Rites



PART OF MASS	PRESENT TEXT FOR PEOPLE	NEW TEXT FOR PEOPLE
Greeting	<i>Priest: The Lord be with you.</i> <i>People: And also with you.</i>	<i>Priest: The Lord be with you.</i> <i>People: And with your spirit.</i>
Penitential Act Form A (<i>Confiteor</i>)	I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault , in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.	I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.
Penitential Act Form B	<i>Priest: Lord, we have sinned against you:</i> Lord, have mercy. <i>People: Lord, have mercy.</i> <i>Priest: Lord, show us your mercy and love.</i> <i>People: And grant us your salvation</i>	<i>Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.</i> <i>People: For we have sinned against you.</i> <i>Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.</i> <i>People: And grant us your salvation.</i>



Blessing of Homes on the Feast of the Epiphany



This blessing of the home and inscription of the initials of the three Magi above each door can be performed either by a priest or the father of the family.

The feast of manifestation, or Epiphany, is traditionally celebrated the 12th day after Christmas, January 6th. In the dioceses of the United States this feast has been moved to the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.

On entering the home,

Leader (*Priest, if present, or father of the family*): Peace be to this house.

All: And to all who dwell herein.

All: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

All Pray: The Magnificat. *During the Magnificat, the room is sprinkled with holy water and incensed. After this is completed,*

All: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

Leader: Our Father. . . And lead us not into temptation

All: But deliver us from evil.

Leader: All they from Saba shall come

All: Bringing gold and frankincense.

Leader: O Lord, hear my prayer.

All: And let my cry come to You.

Leader: Let us pray. O God, who by the guidance of a star did on this day manifest Thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith may also attain the vision of Thy glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord. **All:** Amen.

Leader: Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee—Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary. **All:** And the Gentiles shall walk in thy light and kings in the splendor of thy rising, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee.

Leader: Let us pray. Bless, O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord. **All:** Amen.

After the prayers of the blessing are recited, each room of the home is sprinkled with Epiphany water and incensed. The initials of the Magi are inscribed upon the doors with the blessed chalk. (The initials, C, M, B, can also be interpreted as the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat" which means "Christ bless this house".)

Example: 20 + C + M + B + 11

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St. Helena Parish is a Tithing Parish since Jan. 19, 2003. God has provided for us in wonderful ways and we are committed to "making a return to the Lord for all His goodness to us." All we are and have is due to God's goodness.

Stewardship Report



Due to early Transmission,
the collection report
will be in next week's bulletin.

Last But Not Least

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. The English word Epiphany means to manifest or to shine forth. This Sunday we celebrate that Christ has entered the confines of our world and brought his grace and salvation. The story of the magi reminds us that this grace is offered not only to the Jews but instead to all people. The magi in the Gospel are symbolic of all the nations.

The story of the Epiphany is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. In fact there are three Epiphany stories in the Gospel of Matthew. The first Epiphany story is the story of the birth of Jesus. In that story Jesus is manifested as the Son of God both to his parents and to shepherds who are guided to his place of birth by angels. The shepherd than go back to the fields with the Good News that they have experienced.

The Gospel that we hear at Mass is the second epiphany story in the Gospel of Matthew. In this story Jesus is manifested as the king of the Jews and Messiah to the magi. Today is the first moment when it becomes clear to Mary and Joseph, that Jesus though he has a message for the Jews has a message for the whole world. With the arrival of the Travelers from the East with gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh, Mary and Joseph begin to realize that Jesus will be the answer to the world's prayers. We know so little about Jesus growing up, and his years as a young adult. We really know just the beginning and the end. We can make some guesses but we know that through that time he grew in wisdom, grace, and love. May we too, grow in wisdom, grace, and love during 2011.

I would like to first *thank all* who came out and *helped to decorate* the *outside* grounds and the *inside* of both *the upper and lower church*. Your hard work and dedication to our parish did much to enhance our Liturgies. To all who *attended* the *Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Liturgies*, especially to visitors and those who had been away for a while and decided to join us as we "Journeyed to Jesus". I hope you will continue to attend and take a more active role in the life of the parish in the year to come. To all of you for your *generous donations* and *gifts to our parish* during this season of giving, I thank you. *May the peace of the Christ Child fill your hearts and your homes now and throughout the coming year!* Thanks for reading and have a great week!

Your Brother and Shepherd,
Msgr. Joseph T. M. Trinh