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**Thank you,  
Msgr. Stan Carson**

# Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**  
2010 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
[www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org](http://www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org)

**Rectory Office Hours:**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

**Parish Office:** 814-942-0371  
or call the Cathedral Office at 944-4603.

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**  
Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator

**Parish Secretary**  
Paula Hall

**Director of Music Ministry**  
Cathy McFee

**Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:**  
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.

**Our Lady of Fatima Church is open**  
**Sunday through Saturday: 7:30 AM - 5PM**  
**for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.**

**Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be**  
**held at Our Lady of Fatima.**

**Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be**  
**held at the Cathedral. 944-4603**

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**  
Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to make arrangements. 814-944-4603

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH IS A RESULT OF  
THE MERGER BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC  
CHURCHES OF SS. PETER & PAUL AND ST. LEO  
THE GREAT IN 1995.

**Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603**

**One Cathedral Square**

**Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop**

**Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator**  
**PH: 814-944-4603**

**Rev. Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar**  
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**Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO**

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**Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday  
12:30 PM Saturday**

**Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11**

**Sacramental Formation @ Cathedral: First Reconciliation  
First Communion  
Confirmation**

**Sacramental Formation @ the Cathedral: Baptismal Prep  
Marriage Prep  
Christian Initiation**

**Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603**

**Cathedral Eucharist:**

**Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM**

8:00 AM	8:00 AM	12:00 Noon
10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	
12:00 Noon	5:30 PM	Saturday: 8:00 AM
5:00 PM		12:00 Noon

THE FATIMA TOWERS

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

**11:30 AM**

**This Sunday, January 2, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.**

James R. Riley (Pam and Tim Seasoltz)

**Next Sunday, January 9, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

Duane Eichenlaub (Bryan and Eileen Starr)

### Cathedral Mass Intentions

**January 2, Sunday, Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00 AM +Mary Jeanette Marlett (Kathy & Greg Clemens)

10:00 AM +Rebecca Longwill, Birth. (Tim & Anne Marie Longwill)

5:00 PM +Pro Popolo/For the People

**January 3, Monday, Holy Name of Jesus**

6:45 AM +Richard Anthony (Mike & Mary Malligan)

12:00 PM +Kimberly Kokolis Moran, Anniv. (Mom & Dad)

**January 4, Tuesday, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

6:45 AM +Carrie Moffa (Estate)

12:00 PM +Vocations to the Religious Life (Rita Kibler)

**January 5, Wednesday, St. John Neumann, Bishop**

6:45 AM +Alverda Weaver, Anniv. (Jim & Eileen Weaver)

12:00 PM +Mary Louise Forr (Dan, Sandy, Theresa, Joanne, Kevin Casey)

**January 6, Thursday, St. Andre Bessette, Religious**

6:45 AM +Dorothy Stephens (Robert Farabaugh)

12:00 AM +Deb Capotosti, Anniv. (Mother & Children)

**January 7, Friday, Christmas Weekday**

6:45 AM +Bishop Joseph V. Adamec (Anonymous)

12:00 PM +John Adams (Bill & Crystal Lidwell)

**January 8, Saturday, Christmas Weekday**

8:00 AM +Bernard J. Joyce (Family)

Noon PM +John Duffy (The Pleva Family)

**Vigil: Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

5:00 PM +Patricia Koeck (Bob & Josh Hoff)

**January 9, Sunday, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

8:00 AM +Patty Wiedemer, Anniv. (Family)

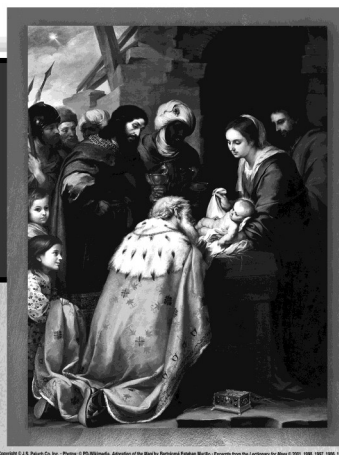
10:00 AM +Herbert Kuttruff, Birth. (Family)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For The People



### SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle for the month of January has been donated in memory of Joseph and Helen Carson by Msgr. Stan Carson. Months are available in 2022.



January 2, 2022

## *The Epiphany* OF THE LORD

Magi from the east  
arrived in Jerusalem, saying,  
"Where is the newborn  
king of the Jews?  
We saw his star at its rising and  
have come to do him homage."  
Matthew 2:1-2

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;  
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;  
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4,  
3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;  
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;  
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

### Thank You Very Much

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for Sunday, December 19, were \$3,577, for Christmas Day they were \$2,252 and for Sunday December 26, they were \$1,488.



Our Lady Of Fatima

Say the  
Rosary  
every day  
to obtain  
peace for  
the world.

# WHAT KIND OF GOD IS THIS?

Christmas is a season of abundance. Christmas cookies and carols. Parties and presents. Mangers and mistletoe. The same is true in our church. Within a period of nine days we celebrate Christmas, the Holy Family, Mary Mother of God, and today the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Truly an embarrassment of liturgical riches. (And we are not finished yet!)

However, for many people, Christmas is already over. Trees litter the curbside or make their way back to the attic. Presents are put away or returned. We prepare to go back to school or work. But as Christians we have barely dipped our toes into the profound mystery of a God who walks among us. What kind of a God is this whose kingdom is not limited by our borders, fears, expectations, or imaginations? Today's psalm reminds us, "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you." Diversity and inclusion are not new to God's agenda.

Two traditional rituals, one liturgical and one domestic, help underline the meaning of the Epiphany. The Proclamation of the Date of Easter is an option for inclusion at Mass today. This text which formally announces the dates of the upcoming major feast days reminds us that Christmas is best honored in the context of the whole story of salvation that culminates in Easter. Or as writer Nathan Mitchell reflects, the wood of the crib becomes the wood of the cross.

The second tradition connected to Epiphany is the blessing of the door of one's home with chalk. It includes a prayer for protection for all who enter therein. One explanation of this tradition ties it to the Passover in the Book of Exodus: the marking of the doorposts with the blood of the lamb kept the Israelites safe. This tradition too offers a connection between Christmas and Easter.

As we continue to mine the richness of this season we hum along with the angels, *Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Today's Readings: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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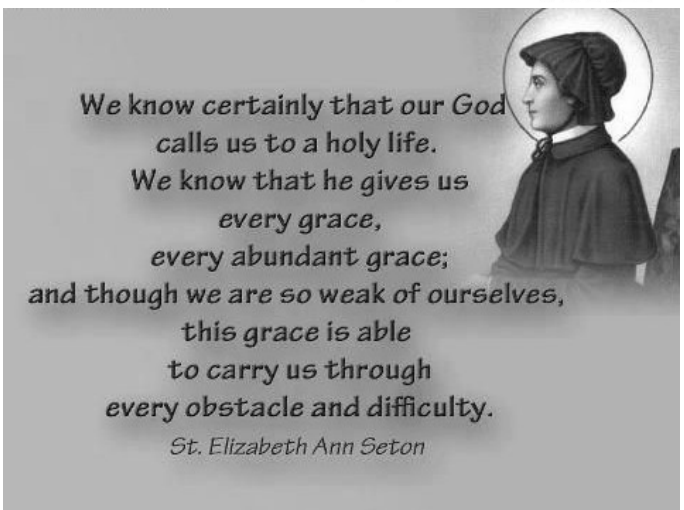
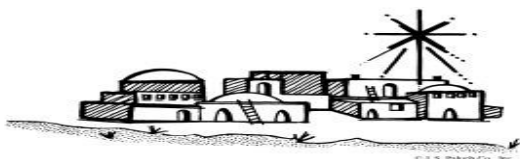
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## The Epiphany of the Lord TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This week Christmas Day is observed in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Ceasar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

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Lord God almighty, bless + this home,  
and under its shelter let there be  
health, chastity, self-conquest, humility,  
goodness, mildness, obedience to your  
commandments, and thanksgiving to  
God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
May your blessing remain always in  
this home and on those who live here;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FROM THE ROMAN RITUAL EPIPHANY BLESSING OF HOMES