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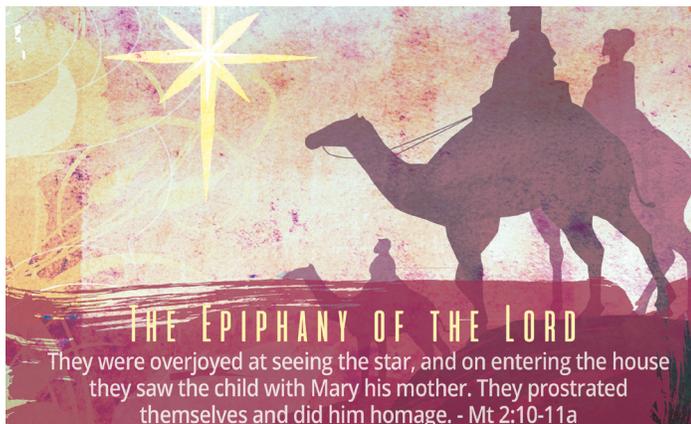
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January 04 - January 12



SAT 04	4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord		
	5:00 p.m.	Mass: St. Paul's Newman Center
SUN 05	8:30 a.m.	Mass: Uvalda Vialpando
	11:00 p.m.	Mass: Norma Deibert
	2:00 p.m.	Misa en Español
	3:00 p.m.	Rosca de Reyes reception
MON 06	10:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting/Parish Office Closed
	12:00 p.m.	Meditation
	5:00 p.m.	Mass
	6:00 p.m.	Bridgmon Funeral Vigil
TUE 07	11:00 a.m.	Bridgmon Funeral Mass
	5:00 p.m.	Mass
	5:45 p.m.	Music Rehearsal
WED 08	3:00 p.m.	Offices Closed for Staff Development
	5:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
	7:30 p.m.	Young Adult Ministry Game Night
THUR 09	5:00 p.m.	Misa en Español
FRI 10	5:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
SAT 11	4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord		
	5:00 p.m.	Mass: Kevin Collins
	6:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Anointing
SUN 12	8:30 a.m.	Mass: St. Paul's Newman Center
	11:00 a.m.	Mass: Kay Tencick
The 5:00 p.m. Liturgy returns January 26		
Wednesday Sacrament of Reconciliation returns January 29		

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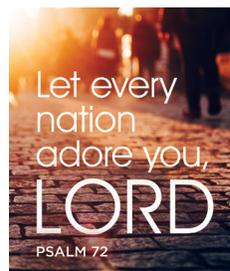
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New to our parish? Would you like to become a member?

Whether you are new to Laramie or new to our community, we welcome and invite you to stop by the office weekdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. for membership information or contact us at newman@newmancenter.org



Observances for the week of January 5, 2020

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday: St. André Bessette, Religious

Tuesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

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eucharist times & sacramental preparation info

Saturday
5:00 p.m.
Sunday
8:30, 11:00 a.m.
Monday - Friday
5:00 p.m.
Thursday-Misa En Español
5:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. first Sunday of the month

reconciliation
Saturdays 4:00 p.m.
(or by appointment)



RCIA
Are you interested in exploring the possibility of becoming Catholic? RCIA meets Mondays at 6:00 p.m. For information, contact Fr. Rob: rob@newmancenter.org

infant baptism
Anyone interested in having their baby baptized needs to attend preparation sessions that explore the meaning of the Sacrament, explain the Rite, and support parents and godparents in the Christian role of sharing faith with their children. Email Fr. Rob for information.

sacrament of anointing
This sacrament that brings spiritual and physical strength will be celebrated following the evening liturgy on January 11.

Jan. 11-12	5:00 p.m.
Lector	S. Kaiser/L. Kaiser
Altar Server	J. Vaske
EMoHC	G. Claude
	C. Kellogg
	D. Gaddis
	C. Aneiros
	C. Curry
Hospitality	C. Vaske Family
Eucharistic Bread:	A. Heard



Thank You

Sunday, December 29, Gift Offerings \$8,589 including our tithe (\$859) for our sisters and brothers in need
"Give to whoever as of you." Matthew 5:42



Hispanic Ministry

Todos son bienvenidos a unirse a nuestra comunidad hispana para **misa en español** el domingo 5 de enero a las 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us for **Mass in Spanish** on Sunday, January 5 at 2:00 p.m.

Se les hace una cordial invitación de parte de la parroquia a que nos acompañe a la celebración de la partida de la tradicional **Rosca de Reyes** despues de la misa en español de las 2:00 p.m. Ven y convive con nosotros y disfrutemos un momento agradable, donde tendremos chocolate caliente, y cafecito. ¡Te esperamos!
Rosca de Reyes is a special sweet bread for Three King's Day, known as "Día de Reyes" in Spanish or Epiphany, and celebrated on January 5. Join us for a reception after the 2:00 p.m. Spanish language liturgy on January 5 to enjoy some Rosca de Reyes. But chew gently as there may be a baby figurine in your slice of bread!

Upcoming 2020 Events

January 24-25
Pro-Life Events in Cheyenne
January 26
Sunday 5:00 p.m. Liturgy Resumes
January 27
UW Spring Semester Begins
February 9
Family Faith Formation Resumes
February 26
Ash Wednesday

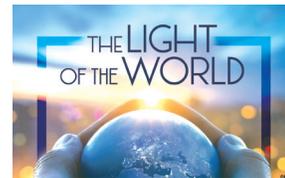
Liturgical Ministry Schedule

8:30 a.m.
P. Parish/B. Belsler
B. Alvarez
R. Richter
M. Hardjito
T. Leathers
Needed
Needed
Downey Family

11:00 a.m.
A. Hayden/C. Miller
F. Olson
J. Sheaffer
B. Pier
S. Loza
B. O'Flannigan
E. Barnett
Atencio Family



A longtime member of our community has entered the kingdom. We ask you to come together as people of faith to support the family of Catherine Bridgmon as they mourns her death. Please join us for Catherine's funeral vigil on Monday, January 6:00 p.m. The funeral liturgy is Tuesday, January 7 at 11:00 a.m. If you would like to help with the reception, contact Sandy: sandy@newmancenter.org.



Live the Liturgy-Weekly Inspiration

Have you ever experienced a time in your life when everything came together and became abundantly clear? You may have been confused about something, in the dark, at a point of doubt, or unclear as to how to act. You may have questioned someone's motivation and found yourself coming to the wrong conclusion. Then out of nowhere, the insight came and reality dawned. You experienced an epiphany of sorts! Today, we celebrate Christ's manifestation to all of the nations of the world. Has it dawned on you yet that Jesus Christ is the answer humanity has been seeking? Jesus is truly the beginning and end of all things and the key to understanding God's presence in every human heart. Once this real Epiphany dawns on us, we can never see God, ourselves, or one another in any other way. The Divine Light illumines everything and connects the dots.©LPi



"Cor ad Cor loquitur."

"Heart Speaks to Heart"



Bringing Home the Word

The Epiphany of the Lord (A)
January 5, 2020

Wise Humility

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

An amazing thing happens in today's Gospel: Representatives from the farthest ends of the earth follow a heavenly light and end in a humble cave in Bethlehem.

The Wise Men first consult with King Herod, Galilee's civil authority. He checks with the high priest and rabbis to determine when and where the Messiah is to be born. The Jewish leadership is able to read the Scriptures and give Herod and the Wise Men all the information they need. Yet only the Eastern travelers go to adore the Lord.

The priest and lawyers lack faith to see in those Scriptures a fulfillment of their hopes, while King Herod is blinded to Christ's salvific mission and moved by a will to power, as the killing of the Innocents will make clear. They all have ears to hear and eyes to see but few pay heed to the signs of the times.

The Wise Men from the East, merely following their study of the stars and asking help from others, travel months in search of Jesus. Raphael's painting *Adoration of the Magi* shows the moment when they finally find what they have been looking for. The band of travelers—complete with horses, guards, and royalty—arrives at a broken-down stall. One of the Wise Men kneels, removes his crown, and offers Jesus his treasure. This small gesture shows an internal attitude that Herod and the chief priests were missing: the humility to lay aside power, wealth, and status to bend the knee before the king born in their midst. +

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 60:1–6

Arise! Shine, for your light has come,
/ the glory of the LORD has dawned
upon you.

Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6

The Gentiles are coheirs, members
of the same body, and copartners in
the promise in Christ Jesus through
the gospel.

Matthew 2:1–12

The star that they had seen at its
rising preceded them, until it came
and stopped over the place where
the child was.

*The priests, lawyers,
and King Herod
all have ears to hear
and eyes to see,
but few pay heed.*

A Word from Pope Francis

Do we know how to dream, to long for God, ...or do we let ourselves be swept along by life, like dry branches before the wind? The Magi were not content with just getting by, with keeping afloat. They understood that to truly live, we need a lofty goal and we need to keep looking up.

—Epiphany homily, January 6, 2018



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Am I willing to humbly accept Jesus for who he is: the Son of God?
- From what must I detach myself in order to accept Jesus more fully?

God Calls Us to His Banquet Because He Loves Us

By Richard Rohr, OFM

God does not love us because we deserve it but because we need it. Does that sound startling? It shouldn't. If there is one prime idea in the Bible, it is God's undeserved love for what he has created. There is no accounting for God's love. It is not earned. There is nothing we can do to attain it or lose it. All we can do is surrender to it, trust it, and let it flow through us.

The main difference in this world is not between those who are worthy of God's love and those who are not. We are all unworthy to various degrees. The major difference is between those who know and enjoy God's love and those who don't. God doesn't love us because we are good. We are good because God loves us. That is a major transformation of consciousness! It moves us from life as an obstacle course to life as a banquet to be eaten and shared.

This truth may make us uncomfortable, especially if we think in terms of a merit system where we can change God's feelings about us by doing good or evil. We can't absorb this good news through conventional thinking, but rather the gospel must eliminate our attitudes of merit, reward, and punishment.

Before conversion, we often view God

as a parent who controls, punishes, and rewards according to legitimate criteria. But God's love doesn't work that way. We can never keep our side of the bargain or be good enough. But that does not keep God from loving us.



Covenant of Love

This is what makes the Bible extraordinary and different from other literature. It conveys the great, central theme of grace: God's unearned favor is his steadfast covenant of love. The merit system has been destroyed forever!

Human love depends upon the merits of something or someone. Is a person worthy of my love? Is he or she attractive? We are attracted to something or someone for reasons. Goodness, beauty may be among them. That's the only way we know how to love. God's love, however, is different because the object does not determine it. It is determined by the subject, by God's self. By loving us, God is being true to God's self—not working out some arithmetic about our degree of worthiness.

Perhaps nowhere in the Bible do we see God's covenant love manifested more than in the recurring theme of the free but resented banquet. For example, in one parable a king sends his servants to call everyone to a wedding feast, a symbol of loving union. But one by one,

the invited guests make excuses. They are not interested.

The master becomes furious and sends out his servants again, this time into the main roads to invite anyone, bad or good. The banquet hall is finally filled—not with the "worthy" but with the willing!

God's Inclusiveness

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus invokes banquet symbolism on many occasions. Along with the little child, it seems to be his primary metaphor. He eats with sinners, invites outcasts to share a meal, does not wash his hands or the food, and allows a woman to dine at a symposium for men. He always expands the meaning of the table, even breaking social conventions to communicate the hospitality and inclusivity of God.

If we're grateful and confident in God's grace, we will spend our lives trying to give back to others what has been so graciously given to us and invite all of God's children to God's table. +



Lord, your light gives us strength and shows us the way to God.

Remove my blindness that I may see the light of goodness, peace, and love within myself and others.

—From *Joyful Meditations for Every Day of Advent and the 12 Days of Christmas*,
Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

January 6–11

Monday, Christmas Weekday:
1 Jn 3:22–4:6 / Mt 4:12–17, 23–25

Tuesday, Christmas Weekday:
1 Jn 4:7–10 / Mk 6:34–44

Wednesday, Christmas Weekday:
1 Jn 4:11–18 / Mk 6:45–52

Thursday, Christmas Weekday:
1 Jn 4:19–5:4 / Lk 4:14–22

Friday, Christmas Weekday:
1 Jn 5:5–13 / Lk 5:12–16

Saturday, Christmas Weekday:
1 Jn 5:14–21 / Jn 3:22–30