

CHRIST CHURCH NEWMAN CENTER

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January 2, 2022

Epiphany of the Lord



Sunday Masses

9:15 am & 8:00 pm

Weekday Masses

Thursday, 8:00 pm

Friday, 12:00 pm

Confessions

Sunday, 7:30 pm

Thursday, 7:30 pm

Adoration

Thursday, 7:30 pm

Happy New Year

Fr John Paul and I were talking on Christmas day about how overwhelmed we were with the cards, prayers, gifts, well wishes, food and love that we received this Christmas. All of your kindness means so much to us! Thank you.

On New Year's Day we celebrate Mary Mother of God. This is an old title but a relatively new feast for New Year's Day. It used to be the feast of the circumcision and that line from Luke's Gospel is still given to us: "*When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.*"

Of course the readings also reflect that it is New Year's day with the ancient blessing of Moses:

The LORD bless you and keep you!

The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!

*The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!
So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites,
and I will bless them."*

So we do celebrate Mary Mother of God but also through the circumcision of Jesus and a New Year's blessing.

May God bless your New Year!

fr Joe and Fr John Paul

This Week's Happenings

Wednesday (1/5):

SEND—7pm

Family Formation—7pm

Thursday (1/6):

Mass—8pm

Friday (1/7):

Mass—12pm (Noon)

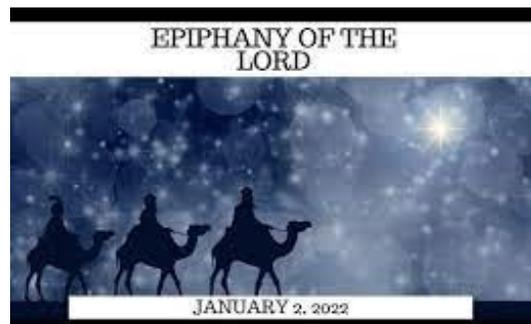
Saturday (1/8):

Community Meal—11:30am

Sunday (1/2):

Mass—9:15am & 8pm

Coffeehouse—9pm



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Spring Confirmation Session – Spring Session starts January 12, 2022 7-8:30 pm at St. Anthony

Family Formation – next session will be Family Night Jan. 5, 2022

SEND - next session will be Family Night January 5, 2022

CGS Level 1- next session Tuesday, January 4, 5:00-6:30pm at SEAS; Wednesday, January 5, 9:30-11:00am and 6:00-7:30pm at Mary Center

High School Youth Group – next session Sunday January 9

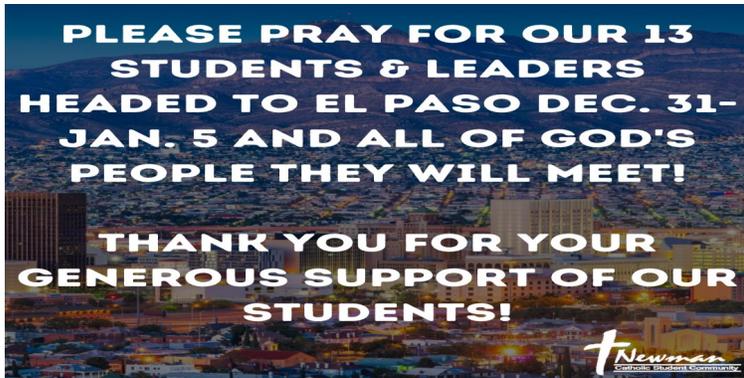
First Sacrament Families – be sure to sign up your Child (and one adult) to attend First Reconciliation Retreat either January 2, at St. Mary's Church or January 16, at Holy Spirit Church

Hats, Gloves & Mittens Needed

Donations of hats, gloves & mittens (especially extra large), underwear, and socks will be accepted until January 7. Thank you!

Men's Group Invite

Present members are encouraging other adult males to experience a monthly Men's Spirituality Group that gathers the first Thursday of the month from 7:00pm—8:30pm. Inspiration is primarily drawn from daily meditations by Fr. Richard Rohr (CAC.org). An opportunity is provided to share their relationship with God as well. Confidentiality and accepting everyone where they are is important. This can be a perfect New Year's Resolution! For more information leave a message for Al Lawrence at 493-8607.



Parish Prayers

Anne Fields—Nancy Huber—Penny Zook—Waletzko's grandson Isaac—Kathy Williams—Kevin & Melissa Kruger's brother Mark—Linda Urbik—Dave & Caroline Williams's son Jeff—Courtney Vorell's father Paul Snyder—Grace Bellicot—Doug Nieters—Katie & Amy's Uncle +Bill Hoffarth—Mil Voelker—Bob Huber—Tom Keaveny—Dale Baune—†Katie Waletzko—†Don Prom—†Renee Miller—†Will Ellenbecker—†Stanley McElhone—†Bill Schroeder—†Vern Cronin—†Donald Lardy—†Sallie Bellicot—†Deborah Rodriguez—†Valerie Meinz—†Bette Bartos—†Rich Theisen—+Mike Schmiesing, brother of Sharon—+Carol Reiter—+Ed Schnettler—+Jim Pehler—+Denise Keller—+Mary Kelley, sister of Barb Grachek—+Jennifer Symalla—+Elaine Quella—+Bob Huber—+Dawn Newton—+Jim Bestick, uncle of Jill Schultz

Community Meal—Sat., Jan. 8 @ 11:30am

The Chalking of the Doors: An Epiphany Tradition Explained

Epiphany (also known as Twelfth Night, *Theophany*, or Three Kings Day) marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of "chalking the doors." The formula for the ritual is simple: take chalk and write the following above the entrance of your home: **20 + C + M + B + 22**

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "22" at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.

The chalking of the doors is a centuries-old practice throughout the world, though it appears to be someone less well-known in the United States. It is, however, an easy tradition to adopt, and a great practice whereby we dedicate our year to God from its very outset, asking His blessing on our homes and on all who live, work or visit them there.

After many Epiphany Masses, blessed chalk, incense, and containers of Epiphany water (holy water blessed with special blessings for Epiphany) are distributed. These can then be brought home and used to perform the ritual.

Practicing traditions like the chalking of the doors helps us to live our Faith more concretely and serve as an outward sign of our dedication to Our Lord. Our homes are also the place where many of us will make the greatest strides in our spiritual growth, through observance of daily prayer, spiritual reading, and work offered as an oblation to God.

The chalking of the doors of a home encourages Christians to dedicate their life at home to God and to others. Seeing the symbols over our doors can help to remind us, while passing in and out on our daily routines, that our homes and all those who dwell there belong to Christ. It also serves as a reminder of welcoming the Magi gave to Jesus. We should strive to be as welcoming to all who come to our homes to visit us!

You can get a piece of blessed chalk and the Epiphany Home Blessing in the back of the Newman Center. You can also take a bottle of Holy Water to bless the rooms in your home.



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