

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – JANUARY 5, 2020

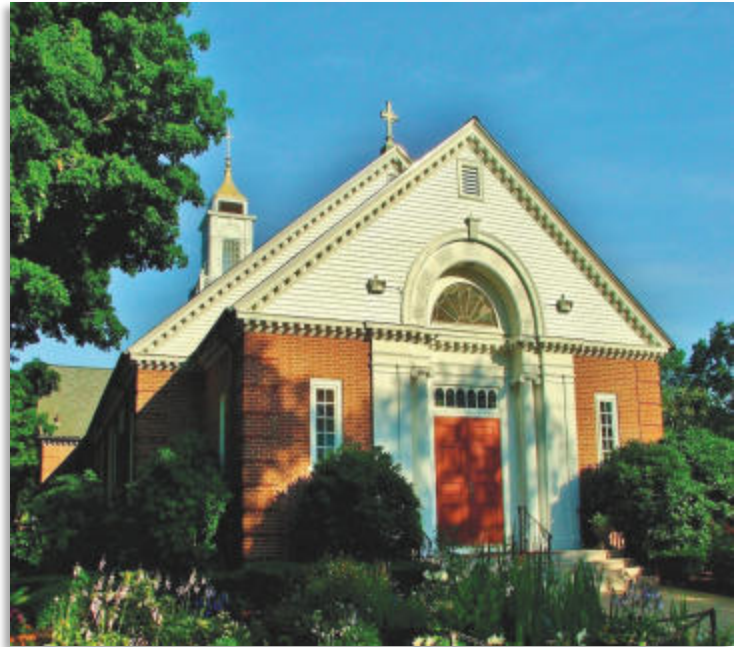
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MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Daily Mass:

8:30AM

Monday at St. John's
Tuesday at St. Vincent's
Wednesday - No Mass
Thursday at St. John's
Friday at St. Vincent's
Saturday at St. Vincent's

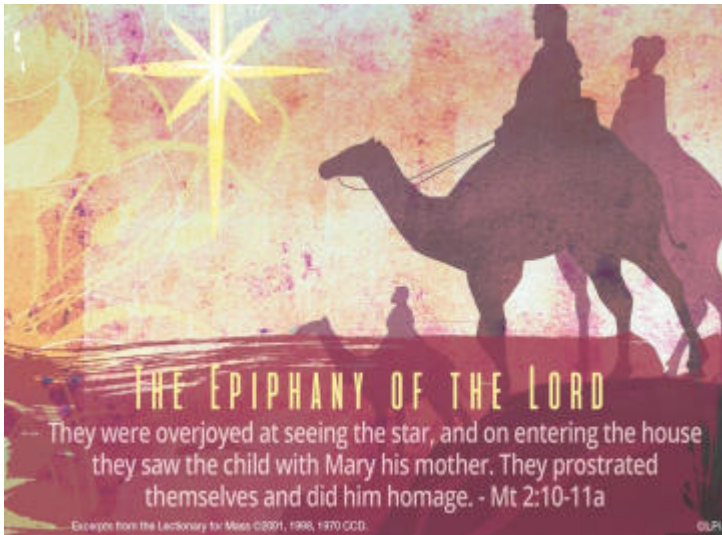
Saturday:

3-3:45PM Confession at St. John's
4PM Mass at St. John's

Sunday:

8AM at St. John's
10AM at St. John's
11:30AM at St. Vincent's
1PM in Spanish at St. Vincent's
4:30-5:15PM Confession at St. Vincent's
5:30PM at St. Vincent's

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Readings for the Week of January 5, 2020

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt
4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34
-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/
Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17
[cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk
5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and
9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

The **SECOND COLLECTION** at **St. John's** this weekend is
for the Monthly Development Fund.
The **SECOND COLLECTION** at **St. Vincent's** this weekend
is for the Fuel Collection.



ST. JOHN'S

Offertory for December 21 & 22 - \$5,862.45

ST. VINCENT'S

Offertory for December 21 & 22 - \$2,405.25

*Due to the early transmittal of this bulletin, donations
for the weekend of December 28 & 29 will appear in
next weekend's bulletin. As always, thank you for
your generosity and support!*



FUNERAL MASSES: were celebrated recently for
Elane Briggs, Joseph Aguiar, Francesca Spadaro,
& Cecile Thibeault. Please keep them and
their families in your prayers.

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Mass Intentions

This Weekend | January 4 & 5

4PM - For the Intentions of Mary Gill

8AM - Mary E. Keating

Birthday Remembrance

10AM - Roberta Tinkham

11:30AM - For the Parishioners

1PM - Eterno Descanso de Gudelia Mendez Perez

5:30PM - Olivia Freitas

This Week | January 6 - 11

Monday 8:30AM - Luciano Alves

Tuesday 8:30AM - Joao Jorge

Birthday Remembrance

Thursday 8:30AM - Jose M. Aguiar Sr.

Friday 8:30AM - For the Christmas Flower Intentions

Saturday 8:30AM - For the Respect of Life

Next Weekend | January 11 & 12

4PM - Virginia Santos, 5th Anniversary

& Jeanne Silva, Birthday Remembrance

8AM - For the Intentions of Fr. Matthew Gill

Birthday Remembrance

10AM - Stephanie Chicoine

11:30AM - Ronald, Joseph, Mary, & George Rocha

1PM - Por las Intenciones de Carmen Zapata

en su 2do Aniversario de Fallecida

5:30PM - Jose Moniz

The **4:15PM Christmas Eve Mass** was offered for **Elaine Piazza**. The **midnight Christmas Mass** was offered for **Gina & Anthony Cossette**. We apologize for the error written in the December 22 bulletin.

The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at **St. John's** this week burns
for the Intentions of **our parishioners**.

The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at **St. Vincent's** this week burns for the
Intentions of **our parishioners**.



The **HOSTS** for **January** at **St. John's**
were donated in loving memory of **Michael A. Scott**.

TWEETS FROM POPE FRANCIS

The nativity scene reminds us that God did not remain
invisible in heaven, but came down to earth and
became man. To set up a nativity scene
is to celebrate the closeness of God, to
rediscover that God is real, concrete; He
is humble Love that came down to us.
#NativityScene



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 5 - The Epiphany of the Lord

10AM Mass Christmas Pageant, St. John's
After 10AM Mass Coffee & Donuts, St. John's

Monday, January 6 - Feast of St. Andre Bessette

6PM Rosary, St. John's

Tuesday, January 7 - Feast of St. Raymond of Penafort

12PM Legion of Mary, St. John's
7PM Spanish Rosary, St. Vincent's

Wednesday, January 8

6PM Rosary, St. John's
6:45PM Rosary, St. Vincent's

Thursday, January 9

Friday, January 10

6-7PM St. Joseph's Food Cellar Open, St. Vincent's

Saturday, January 11

Sunday, January 12 - The Baptism of the Lord

12PM Baptisms, St. John's
1PM Baptismal Prep. Class, St. John's

Monday, January 13 - Feast of St. Hilary

6PM Rosary, St. John's
7PM SVdP Society Mtg., St. John's

Tuesday, January 14

12PM Legion of Mary, St. John's
7PM Spanish Rosary, St. Vincent's
7:30PM Knights of Columbus Mtg., St. John's

Wednesday, January 15

6PM Rosary, St. John's
6:45PM Rosary, St. Vincent's

Thursday, January 16

6:30PM Fellowship Rosary Group, St. John's

Friday, January 17 - Feast of St. Anthony

6-7PM St. Joseph's Food Cellar Open, St. Vincent's

Saturday, January 18

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins



CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS:

Thank you for your offering towards our beautiful Christmas decorations! The envelopes with the names of your loved ones are on the side altar with a candle lit throughout the Christmas season. Father Dariusz, at his convenience, will offer three Masses for all those whose names are on the envelopes.



Please remember the following who are serving overseas in the **MILITARY**:
Sgt. Keith Aussant, PV2 Adam Baker, General Jon Braga, US Army James Brasar, Matt Brasar, Andrew DiFonzo, US Army Aaron Kuffrey, & Theodore Stronghert.

St. Vincent's Parish is **LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER** who is gifted and creative, would like to upkeep the altar and sanctuary, and decorate the altar area for different liturgical holy days. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Offices at 508-226-1115.



FAMILY MASS: will be held **this Sunday, January 5, at the 10AM Mass**. All children are invited to sit up on the rug in the sanctuary during the homily. We will be led in song by the St. John's Youth Choir under the direction of Mrs.

Maureen Merriam. **The Christmas Pageant will take place during the Mass. Deanne Anderson will be signing the Family Mass for the deaf community. All Religious Education students in grades K-2 are asked to attend!** Students in grades one and two will sit in designated pews with their class, and Kindergarteners are asked to sit with their families. **All are invited to the Hospitality Center for refreshments following Mass.** There will be a **parish nurse available** for blood pressure checks and any questions.



PRAYER FOR EPIPHANY

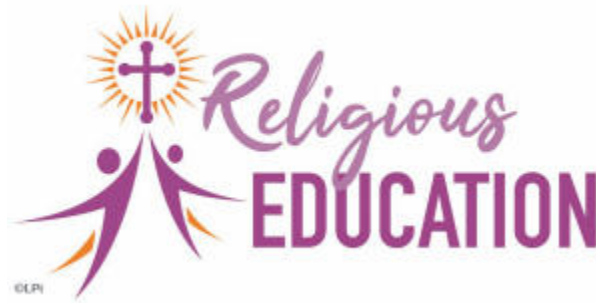
Dear Jesus,

Though a newborn,
 the wise men knew your greatness.
 On a hint from the heavens,
 they traveled far from their places of comfort
 so that they could honor you.
 From their belief in your divinity,
 they gave amazing gifts, offerings that symbolized
 your life, power, and even your death.
 And because of a dream in the night,
 they altered their well-laid plans to
 return home in order to protect you.
 May we be so willing to honor, sacrifice, and obey,
 all for love of you, as we meditate
 on the meaning of this day.

Amen.

ST. JOSEPH'S FOOD CELLAR: is open
 every Friday from 6-7PM and located
 across from St. Vincent de Paul Parish,
 71 Linden Street, Attleboro MA.





****All Classes, K-9 Confirmation II, will be held as usual this week!****

All students in Grades 1 & 2 are asked to attend the Family Mass at 10AM this Sunday, January 5, in addition to class. Students will sit in designated pews with their class.

Confirmation II (Grade 9) will attend the 5:30PM Mass this Sunday, January 5 at St. Vincent de Paul Parish and sit in designated pews with their class. Class will follow the Mass at 6:30PM at St. John's Hospitality Center.

OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: will be held this Epiphany Sunday, January 5, during the 10AM Family Mass. The Kindergarten children of the Religious Education Program will be placed in various parts of the nativity story. The St. John's Youth Choir will be leading the music. Refreshments will be served following the Mass in the Hospitality Center. There will be a **Christmas Pageant Rehearsal** for the Kindergarten participants of the Christmas Pageant only on **Saturday, January 4, at 11:00AM in St. John's Church**. Costumes will be distributed at this time.

STUDENTS IN GRADES 3-7: are asked to **attend Mass** with their families **next weekend, January 11-12 at either St. Vincent's or St. John's**. Please consult the bulletin cover for Mass times.

FIRST EUCHARIST RETREATS: There will be a retreat for all First Eucharist students on **Saturday, January 25, from 8:30AM-12PM or 1-4:30PM** and **Saturday, February 1, from 8:30AM-12PM**. A letter will be sent home informing all parents of the time their child(ren) should attend. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Religious Education Office.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Our **21st Annual Souper Bowl Sunday** will be held the weekend of **February 1-2**. The Confirmation I (Grade 8) students will once again sponsor a collection for the local soup kitchen in the area. Students will be standing **at the doors of St. John's Church** with large soup pots for this event. This is a national effort by many churches and denominations to help out their local communities. Thank you for your support!

MASS CARDS: We have a selection of cards available in the Parish Offices for Mass Intentions.

THE ADORATION CHAPEL: at St. Vincent de Paul Parish is accessible 24/7. The front door of the church is always open, and the chapel door has a combination lock. If you want to stop by the chapel to pray and do not have the access code, please call one of the

contact people (listed on the bulletin contact list) who will provide you with the access code. Perhaps you want to make a commitment for a particular time; if so, one of the contact people can set that up for you. We do not yet have enough people to assure that there is always someone in adoration, therefore, when no one is in the chapel, we close the doors of the tabernacle. **Please do not use the chapel when Mass or Exposition is in the main church.**



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: We welcome interested students and parents to come and see what makes our school special at our Annual Open House on **Sunday, January 26, from 11AM-1PM**. Located at **13 Hodges Street, Attleboro MA**,

we are fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Our grades include Pre-K through Grade 8 with a full day Kindergarten and an after school program. Our Pre-K program includes full or half-day options for 2, 3, 4, or 5 days. Our students are well prepared for high school with a diverse curriculum, but above all, we make every attempt to assist the children to foster caring relationships among each other in a safe environment. Interested students are welcome to come and shadow for a day. For more information, please visit www.sje-school.com, call 508-222-5062, or email kkickham@sje-school.com. Applications are available on our website.



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THE SVdP CLOTHING STORE: is open Saturday, January 11 and located at 95 Pine Street, Attleboro MA. Donations are accepted between 9-10AM and merchandise is between 10-11:30AM.

Unable to make the January drop off? Please contact the SVdP Office Helpline at 508-222-8400.



The **MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION** at St. John's is this weekend, January 4 & 5. This month we are in need of tuna, boxed potatoes, and canned fruit. Monetary donations are also welcome. Baskets are available for food drop off at the doors of the Church or the Hospitality Center Monday-Friday, between 9AM-3PM.



FACE WINTER BRUNCH ON CAPE COD: The Catholic schools in the Diocese of Fall River serve almost 7,000 students in 20 schools. Students are challenged to achieve their highest potential, and are called to grow in faith and academic excellence.



They are future leaders and the core of our community. Each year, FACE brings the community together to raise much needed scholarship funds for Catholic school children in need. Event Co-Chairs Albert Makkay Jr. and Gillian Lewis Milligan invite you to **The 15th Anniversary FACE Winter Brunch which will be held on Sunday, February 9, at the Coonamesett Inn of Falmouth.** All proceeds from this event go directly to student scholarships across the Diocese. Please consider becoming a sponsor and helping make a difference for hundreds of students and families in need. So many young lives will be changed for the better with your support! To register online and learn more about sponsorship opportunities please visit www.FACEwinterbrunch.org or call Jane Robin 508-380-7521 for more information. **Individual Ticket Prices:** Adult \$35, Youth (under 13) \$15, and Children (under 6) \$5.

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BETTER WOOD FOR
FEEDING THE FIRE
OF GOD'S LOVE
THAN THE WOOD
OF THE CROSS**

St. Ignatius of Loyola

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THE VOCATIONS CRUCIFIX: at St. Vincent's is located on a table in the alcove of the Holy Spirit Crown. We invite families or individuals to participate in this program. If you would like to participate, please sign out for the crucifix in the notebook provided. Simply take the crucifix home for a week and designate a time for prayer each day. Offer the Vocations Prayer or other prayers, such as the Rosary. **Please return the crucifix to the table by 8:30AM on Saturday.**



PRAYER LINE: We are blessed to have a wonderful group of people who pray for individuals in need, whether it be a physical, mental, or spiritual illness. If you know someone you would like to place on the prayer line (with their permission), please contact Antonia Erwin at 508-222-2944 or umbrellla@comcast.net or Marie Martin at 508-222-3436 or bobmarie5@comcast.net with their names. You may also contact the Parish Offices.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: "Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another." Work to live in your marriage as God desires by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. **The next weekends are March 13-15 in Duxbury, MA and April 18-19 in Brewster, MA.** For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit <https://www.mema.org>.



If you would like a letter stating your **PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS for 2019**, please fill out the clip-off below and return to the Parish Offices or place in the collection basket. Your statement will be mailed to you. **Note:** If you want your statement to reflect your donations, please be sure to use budget envelopes or a plain white envelope with your name, address and budget number (if known) on it. If using on-line banking, please be sure to include your budget number. Unfortunately loose checks will not be reflected on your statement.

2019 Tax Statement

I would like a statement of my contributions for 2019.

Budget Envelope #: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

DEVOTIONS

Rosary: Monday & Wednesday 6PM at SJE
Wednesday 6:45PM *at SVdP*
Thursday 7PM in Spanish *at SVdP*

Legion of Mary: Tuesday 12PM at SJE

Marian Cenacle: Fourth Tuesday 8-9PM *at SVdP*

Prayer Group: First & Third Thursday 6:30PM at SJE

First Friday Devotions: 7PM at SJE
8-9PM *at SVdP*

Adoration Chapel: Chapel open 24/7 *at SVdP*

CLERGY & STAFF

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SACRAMENTAL MINISTRIES

Baptism: Parents requesting the baptism of their child should be registered members of St. John's or St. Vincent's and attend weekend Mass on a regular basis. Please contact the Parish Offices for a census form if you are not yet registered. If this is your first Baptism, parents are asked to attend a Baptismal Prep. Class. Classes are held one Sunday a month in the St. John's Hospitality Center. Contact the Parish Offices to register. Baptisms are held one Sunday a month at 12PM at St. John's, and the second Saturday of the month at 12PM at St. Vincent's.

First Eucharist & Confirmation: Please contact the Religious Education Office to register. Two year preparation required.

Marriage: Please contact the Parish Offices at least eight months in advance. Preparation course required.

Ministry to the Sick: Please contact the Parish Offices if someone is unable to attend Mass and wishes to receive the Sacrament of the Sick and/or Communion. If you or a member of your family is hospitalized and would appreciate receiving pastoral visits, please be sure to state your religious preference and place of worship upon admission, and to indicate your desire to be visited by your clergy.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process whereby adults become members of the Catholic Church. For more information, please contact the Parish Offices or email *rcia@attleborocatholics.org*.

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Bulletin Requests: Please send bulletin requests to *office@attleborocatholics.org* at least nine days before desired publication date.

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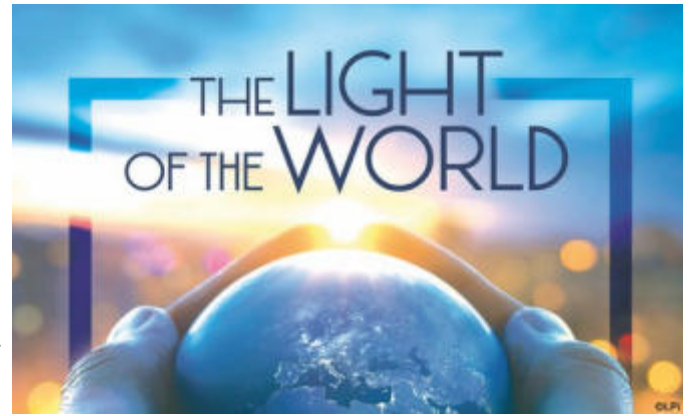
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GOSPEL MEDITATION

We may walk many roads when we search for God, and He leads us all the while. The men we honor today were not Jews. The Messiah wasn't coming for *them*, not in the minds of Jesus' contemporaries. These men were astrologers. They were adept at reading portents in the sky, a practice condemned in the Mosaic covenant. Still, to the best of their knowledge and awareness, they were seeking the truth. This truth led them to journey from their own homeland to honor a king they'd never met, one they couldn't be sure truly existed. "We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." Who do you know seeks God so tenaciously?

"Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem," the Gospel tells us. Who are the seekers in your own life? Maybe it's your cautiously curious co-worker, the neighbor who unexpectedly found peace on a yoga retreat, or your desperately angry child who has chosen, for now, to go their own way. Perhaps they're not overtly headed for Jesus now, not yet. But they may well be seekers of truth in ways we didn't expect. Our invitation is to listen, inquire, and give directions when appropriate.

The magi and modern-day seekers can inspire us as well. When is the last time you sought God's truth so tenaciously? As believers, it can perhaps be easy to become desensitized to the Christmas season and to the miraculous reality we recently celebrated. Mass may have been lovely, but so was the succulent roast beef, the crisp smell of evergreen, and the warm glow of family. Consider asking yourself, "God, do I know you as well as I should? Would I journey as far as the magi to meet You, if I could? Do I journey to meet You daily in prayer? What do those answer say about me, and about our relationship?" Perhaps we, like the magi, can once again be "overjoyed" at seeing the Light of the World.



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