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**Sacrificial Giving**

Dec 24/25	
Recognizable Offering.....	\$7,957.95
Loose Cash .....	\$1,268.00
Total Weekly Offering.....	\$9,225.95
Mass Attendance Dec 24/25	597
Dec 31/Jan 1	
Recognizable Offering.....	\$12,236.00
Loose Cash .....	\$598.31
Total Weekly Offering.....	\$12,834.31
Mass Attendance Dec 31/Jan 1 .....	294

**Mass Intentions**

Jan 9 - 15	
Monday .....	C.J. Niedlinger(+)
Tuesday .....	Antonio Cavallucci(+)
Thursday .....	Darlene Zelina (liv)
Friday .....	Trey Corbitt(+)
Saturday .....	Angela Zangerle(liv)
<b>Sunday.....</b>	<b>Michael White(+)(8:00 a.m.)</b>
.....	<b>St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)</b>

**MINISTRY MATTERS**

Around Town Community Outreach Ministry will meet on Wednesday, January 11, at 6:30 PM in the high school youth room. Please make an effort to be present as we discuss the needs in our community and the interests that you as ministry members have to share with the group. Together we can set realistic goals for 2017. Anyone who has an interest in community outreach is welcome to attend.

**In Loving Memory** and lasting peace for all who have died, especially **Mary Rushlau**, the mother of our parishioner Joe Rushlau and **Verna Demoruelle**, the mother of our parishioner Nanette Bell. Please pray for the consolation of their families as they mourn their losses.

**Weekly Calendar of Events**

1/8	K - 5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m. <b>“Lectio Evangelization”</b> - 9:15 a.m. First Communion Parent Meeting - 9:30 a.m. MS/HS Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
1/9	Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass R.C.I.A - 6:30 p.m.
1/10	Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass Bunco - 9:30 a.m.
1/11	Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
1/15	K - 5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m. <b>“Lectio Evangelization”</b> - 9:15 a.m. Confirmation Class - 4:30 p.m. MS/HS Meeting - 6:00 p.m.



**Saturday, Feb. 18 – 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.**  
**Emerald Coast Convention Center**  
Every two years, we come together as a diocese to celebrate the joy and beauty of our Catholic faith. Join us as we dive deeper into what it means to live out our vocations, whether to religious life, married life or single life. To register online visit <https://ptdiocese.org/celebratefaith2017> or contact **Erica Johnson at 850-435-3528. This event typically fills up, so register soon to ensure your space!**



Weekend of Jan 14/15

Altar Servers: Kevin Van Dorn  
Extraordinary Ministers: Patty Shawbitz, Louise Perreault, Al Perreault, Mary Van Dorn, Shareen Ketchem  
Lectors: Mary Pinsoneault, Ron Berthelette  
Ushers: Eric Van Dorn, Cora Podrang, Mickey Shawbitz  
Greeter: Liz Simmons  
Sacristan: Doug Hoover  
Elijah Cup: Al and Louise Perreault

8:00 a.m.  
Altar Servers: Emily Moore, Audrey Moore  
Extraordinary Ministers: Maria Bridges, Nancy Brandewie, Bruce Brandewie, Nancy McCreary, Jean Jordan  
Lectors: Lynn Griggs, Susi Evers  
Ushers: Arnold Soto, Bob Flanagan, Joni Flanagan  
Greeter: Maria Bridges  
Sacristan: Stan Griggs  
Elijah Cup: Deidre Henderson  
Coffee & Donuts: Tina Henderson

10:30 a.m.  
Altar Servers: Gannon Casey, Micayla Colwell, Austin Wise  
Extraordinary Ministers: Becky Bittakis, Bill Roth, Jean Schlitt, Ray Schlitt, Judy Robinson  
Lectors: Susie Rushlau, Joseph Rushlau  
Ushers: Brian Prescott, Mike Sweeney, Jim Wise  
Greeter: Terri Turnbull  
Sacristan: Mike Brennan  
Elijah Cup: Kathleen Garcia  
Coffee & Donuts: Tom Blossman, \_\_\_\_\_

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, contact Susi Evers at 664-9165 or email her at [saintpeterparishprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:saintpeterparishprayerchain@gmail.com)

Hospitalized Parishioners: If you or a family member are hospitalized, please call the Parish Office, otherwise we have no way of knowing who in our parish is there.

*In Your Daily Prayers, Please Remember our parishioners who are deployed and:*

Monday Johanna Adam\*, Charles Cummings\*, Steve Lange, Margie Wadsworth\*

Tuesday Lynn Graham\*, Thomas Holdsworth, Pam Stockbridge, Mary Eichler, Hiram Alaniz

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard\*, Ken and Bette Dellner\*, Caroline Frederick, Barbara Kirschten\*

Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz\*, Robert Welniak, Theresa Stegall, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler, Clare Van Zelfden

Friday Lloyd Biehl\*, Doug Babiak\*, Sharon Lewis, Shannon Anderson, Vera Thornburg\*, Ann Crouch\*

Saturday Peter Adam\*, Mary Anyel\*, Dan Brenton\*, Rick Zern\*, Faith and Hope Powell

Sunday Ann Hart, Cipriano Matiga\*, Bonita Long, Kimberly Arnold and unborn twins

\*Indicates our parishioners.

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. The word “epiphany” comes from the Greek *epiphainen*, a verb that means “to shine upon,” “to manifest,” or “to make known.” What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem, He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him.

The Epiphany should be and is a great Feast for us. The joy we felt at the birth of Christ on Christmas must be renewed today (and every day for that matter). In a sense this is a second Christmas Day as it puts the Lord in a new light. This day manifests the divinity of Jesus. At Christmas it was a few shepherds who were invited by the Angels to go and witness and recognize the Lord.

However, today, at the Epiphany, the voice of God calls the whole world, each and every one of us, to adore Jesus, and to hear Him. The Epiphany or the realization of the divinity and saving grace of the Lord should lead us as individuals to a personal epiphany. In a sense an epiphany is representative of conversion, conversion to the truth.



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 8, 2017

The Epiphany of the Lord (A)

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

## Wise Humility

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

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### For Reflection

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?



Piece: The Adoration of the Magi, sixteenth century  
Artist: Raphael  
Location: Pinacoteca (Vatican City)

*"Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you—  
Your sons from afar" (Isaiah 60:4).*

## Calendar

**Monday**

January 9

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or

Acts 10:34-38

Mt 3:13-17

**Tuesday**

January 10

Weekday

Heb 2:5-12

Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday**

January 11

Weekday

Heb 2:14-18

Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday**

January 12

Weekday

Heb 3:7-14

Mk 1:40-45

**Friday**

January 13

Weekday

Heb 4:1-5, 11

Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday**

January 14

Weekday

Heb 4:12-16

Mk 2:13-17

**Sunday**

January 15

Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Is 49:5, 5-6

1 Cor 1:1-3

Jn 1:29-34

## Dear Padre,

**If God wants everyone to believe in him, why doesn't God offer undeniable proof of his existence? Surely more would join the Church if adequate proof were available.**

Perhaps what is missing is the ability to perceive and understand the evidence before our eyes. In the *Catechism* we are taught that God "provides men with constant evidence of himself in created realities" (CCC 54).

Despite the evidence, however, God does seem to be hidden from the sight of some. Why might this be? Again, the *Catechism* offers an important truth: While faith is a grace, it is also dependent on the "free assent" of the human person to accept what God has revealed (CCC 150). Faith is a gift, but it is also a human act: "Believing is an act of the intellect assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by God through grace" (CCC 155; see *Summa Theologica*, II-II.2.9).

In the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31), Abraham declares to the rich man, "If they [his brothers] will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead" (16:31). So evidence of God's presence, the witness of the Church, and even the most persuasive arguments might not be enough to convince every person to come to faith.

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### A Word From Pope Francis

*"Religious man is a wayfarer; he must be ready to let himself be led, to come out of himself and to find the God of perpetual surprises."*

—On Faith (*Lumen Fidei*), 35