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Epiphany of the Lord • January 2, 2011

# dear Padre

## Why "present" a child?

January 2, 2011

*Last week at Mass a Latino family "presented" their three-year-old daughter. It was very sweet, but I'm still not sure exactly what they were doing. Can you explain?*

*Rosemary*

**Dear Rosemary,**

This Hispanic celebration is rooted in two sources, one religious and one cultural.

The religious source is the story of Mary's presentation in the temple by her parents, Anna and Joachim, when she was three years old. There is no account of this in the Bible. The main source of this story is an apocryphal document called the *Protoevangelium of James*, which was written before the third century.

Since the sixth century the Catholic Church has celebrated the memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on November 21, which was the dedication date of a temple the Emperor Justinian built for Mary in Jerusalem in the year 543. This memorial helps us remember that Mary from the very beginning was set apart by God. From the religious perspective, families present their sons and daughters in church when they are three years old as a way to dedicate them to God.

Culturally, the celebration remembers that at one time Mexico's mortality rate for children under age three was much higher than it is today. If a child reached age three, the parents went to church to thank God for the health of their child. From a cultural perspective, Hispanic families presenting a child at Mass are offering the child to God, thanking God for their child's health and asking for God's continued blessing.

*Patrick Keyes, CSsR*

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### WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 PM

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 AM

Holy Days - 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Saturday from 3:15 P.M. to 3:45 P.M.

Also by appointment.

### BAPTISMAL INITIATIONS:

Please call the rectory (643-4466).

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and Sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

### WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, Please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor your parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

### VISITATION TO THE SICK

We are most anxious to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us in church because of illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call.



*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." - Mt 2:1b-2*

### Readings for the Week of January 2, 2011

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22---4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19---5:4/Lk 4:14-22a  
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30  
 Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

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## NEXT WEEK

### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

#### **SATURDAY, January 8:**

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for +Jerry Chemerka (6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

*Altar Servers:* Elena Fiano, Catherine Fiano and Maria Cinea

*Ministers of the Word:* Barbara Fiano

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:* Patti Cinea, Linda Wiley and Georgette Pelletier

#### **SUNDAY, January 9:**

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for +Cecile Lavoie

*Altar Servers:* Kirsten Cianci and Ally Cianci

*Ministers of the Word:* Judy Knox

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:* Arlene Giglio

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Jason Bates

*Altar Servers:* Angelica Czercowy and Alex Czercowy

*Ministers of the Word:* Evelyn O'Connor

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:* Donna Bradford, Sharon Scorso and Cliff Scorso

## GOD'S PLAN FOR TITHING

### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

**Last Week's Collection was: \$**  
**Last Year's Collection was: \$2,979**

*"Over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts." - Colossians 3:14-15*

Jesus is God's ultimate gift of love to us. The countless other blessings that God showers upon us are nothing compared to the gift of His only Son. And the only appropriate way for us to respond to such generous love is with our own generous love. When we dedicate our lives to sharing all the many gifts that God has placed within our hands, the peace of Christ truly will control our hearts. We will know Christmas joy every day.

### **2011 NATIONAL COMBINED COLLECTION PROGRAM**

Next weekend is the National Combined Collection which benefits: The Retirement Fund for Religious, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father, The Catholic Communications Campaign, and Catholic University of America. You will receive a mailing about this important collection. Please read the material and if you are so inclined, please bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend, January 8/9, 2011. Your support of these needs of the Universal Church will truly make a difference. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you.

## THIS WEEK

*January 1<sup>st</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup>*

USHERS GROUP I

#### **SATURDAY, January 1:**

**THE OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS – THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

9:00 a.m. **NO** Mass

#### **THE EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD**

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for Volunteers of the Bolton Fire Department requested by Stephanie Labanowski

After Mass **NO** Youth Choir Rehearsal

#### **SUNDAY, January 2:**

#### **THE EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD**

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for Husband and Children of Anna Czercowy requested by Anna Czercowy

After Mass Pray the Rosary

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Richard Hein requested by The Family

After Mass **NO** Youth Choir Rehearsal

9:15 - 10:30 a.m. **NO** Faith Formation Classes (K-5) at Sacred Heart

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

6:15 – 7:30 p.m. **NO** Faith Formation Classes (6–8) and Confirmation Preparation Sessions at Sacred Heart

7:30 – 8:45 p.m. **NO** Youth Group at Sacred Heart

#### **MONDAY, January 3:**

No Mass

#### **TUESDAY, January 4:**

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for the Holy Souls in Purgatory requested by Anne Tindel

After Mass Pray the Rosary

7:15 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal

#### **WEDNESDAY, January 5:**

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Robert Maher requested by Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Cusano

3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

4:30 – 5:45 p.m. **NO** Faith Formation Classes (1-5) at St. Maurice

6:30 – 7:45 p.m. **NO** Faith Formation Classes (6–8) at St. Maurice

#### **THURSDAY, January 6:**

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for the Intentions of Joseph Tindal requested by Anne Tindel

#### **FRIDAY, January 7:**

No Mass

#### **SATURDAY, January 8:**

3:15 - 3:45 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

### **CHILDREN'S MASS CELEBRATIONS:**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2010 AT 6:00 P.M.**  
 Lector: Amanda Baum

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010 AT 6:00 P.M.**  
 Lector: Megan Shorey

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2010 AT 6:00 P.M.**  
 Lector: Paige Olivieri

“Behold, I make all things new.” Revelation 21:5

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**YOUTH MARCH FOR LIFE TRIP**

January 23 to 24, 2011



*Stand up for your faith and  
it will change your world!*

Join us for an exciting faith-filled two days as we experience all that the D.C. area has to offer for the March for Life. We will

travel by coach bus to Woodbridge, Virginia and attend "Life is *VERY* Good," an evening for teens celebrating life in prayer and song. Accommodations are quad occupancy at the Courtyard Marriott in Woodbridge. On Monday, January 24, 2011, we will go to D.C., participate in the march, and return home late evening. For details, contact Jill Patten at 860-460-3947.

**VERNON DEANERY****PASTORAL PLANNING UPDATE**

Sunday, January 9, 2011, after the 7:30 a.m. Mass and after the 10:00 a.m. Mass, during the Coffee Social at the Parish Center, there will be an opportunity to meet with the St. Maurice members of the Vernon Deanery Pastoral Planning Committee. Please plan to attend. Thank you.

**PRAY THE ROSARY****EVERY SUNDAY AFTER 7:30 A.M. MASS***(commencing approximately. 8:15 a.m.)***EVENING OF PRAYER FROM  
THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS****EVERY SUNDAY AT 5:30 P.M.**

Evening Prayer from The Liturgy of the Hours will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. each Sunday. For more details, go online to: [www.saintmauricebolton.org/other.html](http://www.saintmauricebolton.org/other.html).

**ADORATION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT****WEDNESDAYS****3:00 TO 7:00 P.M.****THANK YOU TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEER TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN!****ST. MAURICE PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**

It's time for a new pictorial directory for St. Maurice Parish. Would you like to volunteer for the project? For more information, call Kathy Perlitz at 860-649-1210.

**PROPERTY MANAGEMENT TEAM**

Interested in working with the property management/building and grounds committee? If so, please call Lou Cloutier at 860-649-6255 or Ron Massimino at 860-647-9859.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN USHER?**

If so, please call Lou Cloutier at 860-649-6255.

**NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK**

National Vocations Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country January 9 through 15, 2011. Please pray for all those who are being called to the priesthood and consecrated life. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's invitation to live one of these vocations.

**By the grace of Baptism we are created anew as children of God. May the young people of this community and our diocese hear the call of the Lord, respond generously with open hearts and willing spirits to live out their Baptismal graces more deeply as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. We pray to the Lord.**

**CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR  
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**LECTIO DIVINA****An Encounter with the Bible**

Do you want to learn how to pray with Scripture? Do you want greater intimacy in your conversations with God? Do you want to discover God's will for your life? Do you want to live out the Gospel message and be authentically happy? Then Lectio Divina is for you. Come and learn this ancient practice of praying with Scripture. Saturday, January 15, 2010, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 63 Old Norwich Road, Quaker Hill/Oakdale. \$20 per person; lunch included. For more information contact Marge Vanner, Office of Faith Formation, at 860-848-2247 or by e-mail at [faithevents@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:faithevents@norwichdiocese.net).



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