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Minute-A-Month Mass: January 16, 2022

Celebrants & Homilists for January

January 2nd Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-5 / Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 /

Matthew 2:1-12

Fr. Matthew Baum

Celebrant & Homilist

Main

January 9th Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 /

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Fr. Matthew Baum

Main Celebrant & Homilist

January 16th 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5 / 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 /

John 2:1-11

Fr. Matthew Baum

Main Celebrant & Homilist

January 23rd 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 /

1 Corinthians 12:12-30 / Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Fr. Matthew Baum

Main Celebrant & Homilist

January 30th 4th Sunday Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 /

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 / Luke 4:21-30

Bishop Mark Barchak

Main Celebrant & Homilist

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us on the Proclaim TV Ministry Team. We would really like to thank Bishop Mark for joining us for our Christmas Eve liturgy. All week, we've been receiving phone calls, emails and notes thanking us for broadcasting Mass on Christmas Eve. Let me just say what a joy it is to read all of the notes that some of you include each month. It's wonderful to know the work that our ministry is doing for our community.

Christmas is a time of hope in the darkness. This is the season when we celebrate the fact that the infinite God, creator chose to come to earth to save us from our sins, knowing full well exactly what was in store for him. The people in darkness have seen a great light. As we move into this new year, and as I become more familiar with our Live TV Mass, I'm beginning to really appreciate just how much our mass serves at a light in the darkness for so many. Just this week, I was called in for an anointing, an as this woman was in the hospital on a ventilator, her son looked at me and said, "hey, you're the priest from TV, my mother watches you every Sunday, it helped keep her connected to her faith through all of this." It's moments like those, or when I speak to inmates in our State Prison, who share how much they liked the Bishop's Christmas Homily, that I realize just how powerful this TV Ministry we have at St. John Gualbert really is. Especially right now as we read in the news about the uptick of COVID cases in certain areas, while I know we're all thankful that most of us are still able to come physically to Sunday mass, I hear every week about folks under quarantines who are so thankful to be able to remain connected.

With that in mind, I'd like to take a moment to thank all of you, our Minute-a-month contributors for helping us to stay on the air every week. Without your support, none of this would be possible. Every month, as I look at that list of names, I'm in awe over just how many people watch our Mass broadcast and how many lives it touches. That list of names in this newsletter is a living testimony to the impact this ministry has for so many. Thank you for all the contributions you have made in the past that keep us on the air.

We're looking forward to some of our special events in the upcoming weeks, join us through January as we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, the Baptism of the Lord, the Week of Christian Unity, and Catholic School's week. Then, looking forward to February, we'll be celebrating the week of Consecrated Life and more.

God Bless you now and always, Fr. Matt



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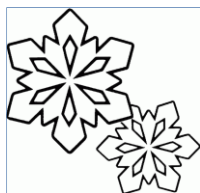
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Celebrating the Epiphany of the Lord

Roman Traditions:

The celebration of the visitation of the Magi – whom the Bible describes as learned wise men from the East – has developed its own distinct traditions throughout the Roman Church.

As part of the liturgy of the Epiphany, it is traditional to proclaim the date of Easter and other moveable feast days to the faithful – formally reminding the Church of the importance of Easter and the resurrection to both the liturgical year and to the faith.

Other cultural traditions have also arisen around the feast. Dr. Matthew Bunson, EWTN Senior Contributor, told CNA about the "rich cultural traditions" in Spain, France, Ireland and elsewhere that form an integral part of the Christmas season for those cultures.

In Italy, La Befana brings sweets and presents to children not on Christmas, but on Epiphany. Children in many parts of Latin America, the Philippines, Portugal, and Spain also receive their presents on "Three Kings Day."

Meanwhile, in Ireland, Catholics celebrate "Women's Christmas" – where women rest from housework and cleaning and celebrate together with a special meal. Epiphany in Poland is marked by taking chalk – along with gold, incense and amber – to be blessed at Mass. Back at home, families will inscribe the first part of the year, followed by the letters, "K+M+B+" and then the last numbers of the year on top of every door in the house.

The letters, Bunson explained, stand for the names traditionally given to the wise men – Casper, Melchior and Balthazar – as well as for the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat," or, "Christ, bless this house."

In nearly every part of the world, Catholics celebrate Epiphany with a Kings Cake: a sweet cake that sometimes contains an object like a figurine or a lone nut. In some locations lucky recipient of this prize either gets special treatment for the day, or they must then hold a party at the close of the traditional Epiphany season on Feb. 2.

These celebrations, Bunson said, point to the family-centered nature of the feast day and of its original celebration with the Holy Family. The traditions also point to what is known – and what is still mysterious – about the Magi, who were the first gentiles to encounter Christ. While the Bible remains silent about the wise men's actual names, as well as how many of them there were, we do know that they were clever, wealthy, and most importantly, brave.

"They were willing to take the risk in order to go searching for the truth, in what they discerned was a monumental event," he said, adding that the Magi can still be a powerful example.

Lastly, Bunson pointed to the gifts the wise men brought – frankincense, myrrh and gold – as gifts that point not only to Christ's divinity and his revelation to the Magi as the King of Kings, but also to his crucifixion. In giving herbs traditionally used for burial, these gifts, he said, bring a theological "shadow, a sense of anticipation of what is to come."



VIEWER NOTES

Thank you for the telecast. We are Anglicans in a nursing home (Graystone Personal Care) and cannot make it to our church in Philipsburg anymore. Our services are identical - we watch every week @ 11am.

Zane & Sonia Williamson Philipsburg, PA

Here is a donation for the Proclaim TV Mass. I really enjoy watching Mass as a widow at 84 yrs of age. I lost my husband to Covid on Dec. 18, 2020.

Sincerely, Frances Yetsko Portage, PA

Thank you for Sunday morning Mass with Fr. Matt.

Ron & Karyn King Brookville, PA

Please accept this donation. We appreciate your broadcasting Mass on TV. Merry Christmas!

Charles & Marlene Henry Johnstown, PA

Thank you for providing the opportunity to watch the Mass. The sermons and music are great!

The Seders Portage, PA

Thank you, especially for the beautiful Christmas Eve Mass.

Tim McNellis State College, PA

We very much appreciate having the Proclaim TV! Ministry (live mass broadcast) available every week. Enclosed is our gift to help support the live mass broadcast.

Steve & Mary Weaver Roaring Spring, PA

I'm so thankful for your 11:00am televised Sunday Mass on Proclaim TV! Since I have limited internet skills, your program has made it possible for me to "attend" Sunday Mass throughout the past 2 years.

Gratefully yours,

Rose Ann McMullen Johnstown, PA

Fr. Matthew Baum,

My wife (Carol) and I have been home bound for a long time. She is totally confined to a wheelchair. We both watch the 11:00 Mass at the Johnstown Cathedral on Sunday mornings. Both you and the previous rector have very inspiring sermons. Keep up the good work. Please pray for us. Thank you.

Larry & Carol Kokoskie Houtzdale, PA

Thank you for what you do!

Drs Vince & Joey Vena Johnstown, PA

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