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Parish Devotions

Adoration:

Second Tuesday from 7:00pm-8:00pm at St. Luke Daily at St. Clement Parish (Call office for info)

Rosary:

Thursdays at 7:45am at St. Clement Parish Thursdays at 7:00pm at St. James Parish Saturdays before 4:30pm Mass at St. Luke Parish

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday • 8:15am at St. Luke Thursday • 8:15am at St. Clement Friday • 8:15am at St. James First Saturday • 8:15am at St. Luke

Weekend Masses:

Saturday • 4:00pm at St. Clement Saturday • 4:30pm at St. Luke

Sunday • 8:30am at St. Clement Sunday • 9:00am at St. Luke Sunday • 10:30am at St. James Sunday • 11:00am at St. Luke

Confessions:

Saturday • 3:00-4:00pm at St. Luke Saturday • 3:00-3:30pm at St. Clement

Readings and Intentions for the Week of January 5, 2025

Monday, January 6: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Luke: Motoko Reece †

Tuesday, January 7: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Luke: Deceased Members of the Conway Family

Wednesday, January 8: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Luke: Renee DeCourville +

Thursday, January 9: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Clement: John Caja +

Friday, January 10: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Mass Intention 8:15am St. James: Aidan Raus

Saturday, January 11: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Jn 3:22-30

Mass Intention 4:00pm St. Clement: Jerry Gribek †

Mass Intention 4:30pm St. Luke: James William McIntee †

Sunday, January 12:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1-4, 24-25, 27-30/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Mass Intention 8:30am St. Clement: Patricia Eversole +

Mass Intention 9:00am St. Luke: Patrick Elbert +

Mass Intention 10:30am St. James: Patricia Kopechek +

Mass Intention 11:00am St. Luke: For the People

Gospel Meditation

Have you ever wondered why the magi had gold, frankincense, and myrrh? Matthew's Gospel tells us, "Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matt. 2:11). Why are these things their "treasures"? One possible answer is they were magicians and astrologers, and these three items were the tools of their questionable trade. In offering them to Christ, they demonstrate that they will cease using such items to predict or control life. They place this baby-king, the God of Israel, at the center of their lives, and not their own devices of control, manipulation and prediction.

Isn't that what we need to do, too? Consider, for example, the magical power of money, symbolized by the magi's gold. Seemingly whatever we ask of money, it does. It wields a god-like power over the world. It can predict the future by guaranteeing better outcomes for us — which is why it is such a tempting alternative to trusting in God. The problem is such absolute trust in money enslaves us to the economic forces that make money so powerful. In paying homage to Jesus with "gold" (i.e., tithing), we participate in his authority over (and therefore freedom from) the magical sway of money.

What things in your life do you use to predict or control your future? What in your life seems to give you power over the world? Those are your treasures. Are you tired of feeling enslaved to them? Find a way to open them and give them to Christ, and you will be freer.

Father John Muir ©LPi

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Looking for Winter Activities?

Looking for meaningful indoor activities during the colder months? Visit the Cleveland Museum of Art and explore its stunning collection of Christian art. Admire masterful works from artists like El Greco, whose pieces beautifully capture the depth of faith and spirituality.

Take time to reflect on these extraordinary expressions of Christian devotion and artistry, perfect for enriching your understanding of the faith. Admission is free, making it an ideal way to spend a winter afternoon! For more information, visit Cleveland Museum of Art.

St. Luke Happenings

Epiphany

Question:

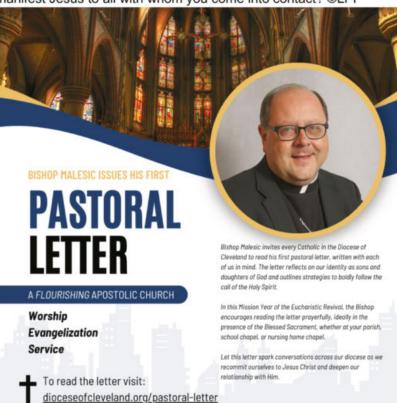
Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

Answer:

Epiphany means "manifestation," or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold,

frankincense, and myrrh. This part of Matthew's infancy narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text. Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact? ©LPi





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Diocesan Mass for Life - January 17

Join us for the Annual Diocesan Mass for Life on Friday, January 17, 2025, at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. This special Mass is a time to pray for the protection of all human life, from conception to natural death. Let us come together in faith to honor the dignity of life and seek God's guidance in building a culture of life. All are welcome! For more details, contact the Diocese of Cleveland Respect Life Office.

Lakewood Community Services Center Seeks Volunteers

If you have a few hours to spare each week and if you want to join Lakewood Community Services Center in the fight to end hunger in the community, theses volunteer opportunities could be a perfect fit for you. LCSC is the emergency food pantry for Lakewood, Rocky River, and Westlake and we could use some dedicated help during the hours of 9:45 am to 12:00 pm. We currently provide food assistance to over 2,800 individuals each month: We could not do this important work without our volunteers. Pantry volunteers are responsible for making sure that there is a consistent flow of emergency food available to make sure that clients are served quickly and efficiently. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Colleen Timm at 216-226-6466. Thank you!

St. Clement Happenings St. James Happenings



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Poinsettia Plants

It is well known that St. Clement has the most giving parishioners. With your generosity, we are able to purchase amazing flowers for Christmas. We are also known for our love of singing and love of flowers. A Big Thank You to all who donated money to remember our Family and Friends who have passed on. Thank you for always being so generous to our Parish!

Many Hands Make Light Work

We are asking all who can join us to meet in the church on Sunday, January 12th, at 9:30 am to take down the decorations. We would love to get our church back to "Ordinary Time" with your help. Afterwards we can have some refreshments in the hall and again socialize. Our thanks, again, for taking care of our beautiful church!

Women's Discernment Gathering

A time for women (ages 18+) who are considering consecrated life or actively discerning to come together in prayer and fellowship. Join us on Saturday, January 11th, for 6 pm Holy Hour, 7 pm Vigil Mass - social to follow - 9:30 pm Night Prayer at the Center for Pastoral Leadership Sacred Heart Chapel, 28700 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe 44092. For more information please call, 440-943-7630.

Today - University of Notre Dame Chorale Concert

St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish will host the University of Notre Dame Chorale. The Chorale is the official concert choir of the University of Notre Dame. A mixed ensemble of 70 voices specializing in choral works from the Renaissance to the present. Please join us on Sunday, January 5, 2025 at 2:30pm. It is free and open to the public. You won't want to miss this special opportunity to see this world class chorale. St. Ignatius of Antioch, 10205 Lorain Ave, Cleveland, Ohio 44111 - 216.251.0300.

Pray the Rosary



Please join us as we pray the Rosary in the church Thursdays at 7:45 am before the 8:15 am Mass. A powerful prayer to increase faith, hope and charity.

Adoration Chapel



Prayer Ministry



Website





Did you Know? Complicated financial problems faced St. James as the church was under construction during the darkest days of the Depression. For a time the apse was left unpainted until funds were available to complete the decoration.

Do you know who the mural figures represent? Above the high altar is Our Lord in glory, enthroned in Heaven. Around Him are the figures of the Blessed Virgin, St. Joseph, and four of the Archangels. St. Michael holds his flaming sword with which he slays Satan. St. Gabriel is given the lily of the Annunciation and scepter, and a scroll which reads "God is my Strength" while St. Uriel holds a scroll with the words "God is my Light". In the background are adoring angels.

Below this is the Apostolic Frieze, running around the apse. Each of the apostles is represented along with his familiar symbol. St. Peter with his keys, and at the opposite end, St. James with his cross sword and the shell denoting pilgrimage. Between them are St. Andrew, St. John, St. Philp, St. Bartholomew, St. Thomas (with his poor sagging halo!), St. James Minor, St. Matthew, St. Jude, St. Simon, and St. Matthias. Each is depicted with objects symbolizing his martyrdom or some important event in his life.

Prayer to St. James

O Glorious Apostle, Saint James, who by reason of your fervent and generous heart was chosen by Jesus to be a witness of His glory on Mount Tabor, and of His agony in Gethsemane; you, whose very name is a symbol of warfare and victory: obtain for us strength and consolation in the unending warfare of this life, that, having constantly and generously followed Jesus, we may be victors in the strife and deserve to receive the victor's crown in heaven. Amen. St James the Apostle, Pray for Us ...



Our Parish Community Welcomes...

Olivia Rose Cander Daughter of Michael and Felicia Cander Baptized on December 22, 2024



Coffee and Donuts

Please join us for coffee and donuts on Sunday after Mass. A special invitation is extended to new parishioners and visitors.

For the Kids

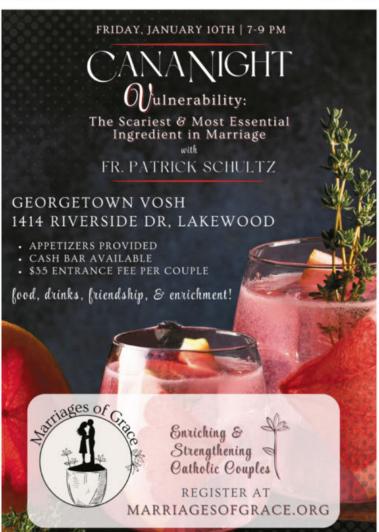


Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Our Lakewood Community





THINGS FIROUND TOWN

January 5 • University of Notre Dame Chorale Concert at St. Ignatius of Antioch (2:30pm)

January 10 • CanaNight - Vulnerability: the Scariest & Most Essential Ingredient in Marriage with Fr. Patrick Schultz at Georgetown Vosh (7pm-9pm) Register at marriagesofgrace.org.

January 12 • Baptism class for all new parents at St. Luke Church (12:15pm in the church)

January 17 • Mass for Life at Cathedral (10am)

January 25 • Called by the Spirit: Day of Reflection at the Center for Pastoral Leadership (8:30am - 2:30pm) Register at dioceseofcleveland.org/events

January 31-February 2 • Believeland Young Adult Retreat. For more information visit dioceseofcleveland.org/events.

February 8 • St. Luke Valentine's Day Dinner. More info to come.

February 22 • Ignite Young Adult Conference at St. Ignatius High School. (9am-9pm) For young adults age 18-40. Register at dioceseofcleveland.org/events



Stream Fr. Schultz's podcast on Apple, Spotify, or any major podcasting platform.



The Diocese of Cleveland invites young adults to the Ignite Catholic Conference on Saturday, February 22, 2025, at St. Ignatius High School. This day-long event is an incredible opportunity to grow in faith, connect with others, and be inspired by powerful speakers and uplifting music. Speakers include Fr. Patrick Schultz, Sr. Mercedes, OP (Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist), and Jackie Angel (speaker, singer, and songwriter). Worship music will be led by Damascus Worship, creating an unforgettable atmosphere of praise. For tickets and more information, visit ignitecatholic.com. Don't miss this chance to ignite your faith and deepen your relationship with Christ!

Baptism Class for New Parents - January 12

Our next baptism class will be held on Sunday, January 12, at 12:15 PM at St. Luke Church. This class is for all new parents preparing for their child's baptism. All are warmly invited to attend, but we kindly ask that you contact your parish office beforehand to complete an intake form for your child's baptism. The meeting will take place in the church with Deacon Tom Bizon.



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