

January 2, 2022: Epiphany of the Lord

PRELUDE: *Performed by Tom Fagan*

In Dulci Jubilo – J.S. Bach

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tw-uevxikpU>

INTRODUCTION:

Good morning to all of you. Welcome to St. Joseph's Parish on this Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. Merry Christmas!

We acknowledge our presence on the traditional territories of the Algonquin communities of this region that preceded the founding of our parish. *–pause–*

All are invited to pray and sing joyfully during today's Liturgy of the Word. Our participation, in whatever form, is a gift and ministry to each other.

Today's homilist is our pastor, Fr. Jim Bleackley.

Let us begin with a moment of silence as we prepare our hearts and minds for transformation and renewal.

ONE Minute of Silence

Sharing in God's peace- let us turn and welcome one another.

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INTRODUCTORY RITES:

Entrance Chant:

As with Gladness Men of Old

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sp52sx2_GYs

Greeting:

Leader: **The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.**

ALL: **Amen.**

Penitential Act:

Leader: Sisters and brothers, not out of dread and fear, but believing that God is faithful to forgive, let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you were born in Bethlehem, one small corner of the earth: Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Christ Jesus, you fulfilled God's promise to be a light for all the nations: Christ, have mercy.

ALL: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you call us to extend our arms and hearts to all people: Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

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Leader: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

ALL: Amen.

Gloria:

Leader: Together let us sing praise to God.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qOPkiFXjqII>

Collect:

Leader: Let us pray: *- pause -*
Lord God of the nations, we have
seen the star of your glory rising
in splendour.
The radiance of your incarnate Word
pierces the darkness that covers the earth
and signals the dawn of peace and
justice. Make radiant the lives of your
people with that same brightness, and
beckon all the nations to walk as one in
your light.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, in the splendour of eternal light, God for ever and
ever.

ALL: **Amen**

Leader: Let us prepare to listen to God's Word.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

*** Please see the document titled “Readings for the Epiphany of the Lord”. The readings from the Children’s Lectionary are also included for those families with young children. The second reading is omitted when the readings for children are used. Pre-recorded readings are available via this link: <https://bible.usccb.org/podcasts/audio/2022-01-02-usccb-daily-mass-readings>

First Reading.....Isaiah 60.1-6

RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE FIRST READING: **Lector:**
The word of the Lord. ALL: Thanks be to
God.

**** 30 seconds of silence****

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 72

https://www.livingwithchrist.ca/mp3/C-038%20Epiphany%20of%20the%20Lord%20ABC%20-%20Psalm%2072.mp3?_ga=2.174469728.375600983.1640977009-1279089305.1591722439

Second Reading..... Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6

RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE SECOND READING:
Lector: The word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

**** 30 seconds of silence****

Gospel Acclamation..... Matthew 2.2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ghZAC16fXM>

RESPONSE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL:

Lector: **A reading from the holy Gospel according to
 Matthew.**

ALL: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel..... Matthew 2. 1-12

RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE GOSPEL:

Lector: **The Gospel of the Lord.**

ALL: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily.....Fr. Jim Bleackley

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oz4ycSx4pKY>

Profession of Faith:

**** Following the reflection, the Leader invites those gathered to profess their faith with the Apostles' Creed. Pg. 15 in the Sunday Missal.*

Leader: **Let us profess our faith together:**

ALL: **I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the
dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers of the Faithful:

Leader: As a people who walk in the light, we pray for our needs and for those of the whole world.

**** See the titled “Epiphany of the Lord 2022 – Prayers of the Faithful”
Response: **Loving God, hear our prayer.

Leader: Gracious God, you love all nations and peoples of the earth, and you sent Jesus for all of us.
Hear our prayers and show us how to extend our love to others, especially those who are in need.
Give us the courage to advocate on behalf of inclusion and to lift up those who are regarded as insignificant.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the light of all nations.

ALL: **Amen.**

HYMN:

The First Nowell

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hH7PshxnLiI>

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Leader: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

ALL: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

Leader: Deliver us, God, from every evil.
Graciously grant peace in our days,
that by the help of your mercy,
we may always be free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

ALL: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.**

Leader: Lord, Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
"I leave you peace, my peace I give you."
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your Kingdom, where you live for ever and ever.

ALL: **Amen**

Sign of Peace:

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Closing Prayer:

****The following Closing Prayer may be substituted with St. Joseph Parish's Mission Prayer (see PDF)*

Leader: Let us pray:
Guide us always and everywhere,
Lord, by your light from on high, that
we may discern with clear minds and
treasure with deep affection the
mystery you have given us to share.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen

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Dismissal:

Leader: Let us go forth in the peace and light of Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN:

What Child is This

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R2Un5nwlL5w>

POSTLUDE: *Performed by Tom Fagan*

Ou s'en vent ces gais Bergers – Belbastre

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJNiDI7CKMM>