

Thoughts Along the Way

Epiphany

Happy Epiphany! Epiphany comes from the Greek *epiphainein*, meaning “manifestation” or “revelation”—in this case a revelation of God in Jesus Christ.

For centuries Epiphany was the Church’s celebration of the birth of Christ, His revelation to the world, and the Baptism of the Lord—all rolled into one! Such a celebration was exhausting, so over time these events were separated into the way we celebrate them now in the Catholic Church.

In the Eastern branch of the Church, Epiphany still retains the great festiveness that marked its early celebration. Christmas gifts have traditionally been exchanged on this feast.

Today’s Feast of the Epiphany invites all of us to help proclaim Christ to the world and invoke the Lord’s blessing upon us and our house for the coming year.

We can observe Epiphany by following a tradition with ancient roots:

Epiphany Blessing

Members of the house should gather at the front door. Pray the Lord’s Prayer together. Then, the head of the house should pray the following:

“Let us pray. Bless, O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Your law and the action of graces through God the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who visit it. We ask this in the Name of Christ our Lord. Amen.”

With chalk, the head of the house writes the following over the inside of your front door (on the lintel, if possible):

AD 20 C+M+B 12

First write the center initials of the three kings (CMB) with the crosses between them and then the year is added with the first two numbers on the left of the initials and the last two numbers on the right, finally adding the AD at the beginning.

“AD” stands for “Anno Domini” (the year of the Lord). The three letters “C, M, B” stand for the three kings who were traditionally known as Caspar, Melchoir, and Balthazar.

The numbers “20” and “12” indicate the millennium, decade, and year in which the blessing is given. The letters also stand for “Christus Mansionem Benedicat” –“***Christ bless this house.***”

Christian tradition of blessing the doorways into our homes symbolizes our commitment to welcome Christ into our homes on a daily basis throughout the year.

May the Lord bless us during this Year of Grace,

Fr. Matthew L. O’Leary,

Pastor

Our Saints

January 13—HILARY OF POITIERS (315-367) was born into a noble family in Roman Gaul. He converted to Christianity from paganism after reading the Scriptures, especially the prologue of John’s Gospel. Hilary became a gifted interpreter of the Psalms and the Gospel of Matthew, and he was a defender of the faith against Arianism (denial of the Divinity of Christ). Hilary was thirty-five, married, and had a daughter at the time he was elected Bishop of Poitiers in 350. Hilary was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius IX.

July 1, 2011 thru June 30, 2012

Total FY Offering Budget:

Week 26 January 1, 2011

Our Financial Stewardship

Year To Date:

Offerings Received Dec 31/Jan 1, 2011	\$	17,315.00
FY '11-12 Year To Date Budgeted:	\$	380,179.17
FY '11-12 Year To Date Received:	\$	370,423.28
FY '11-12 Year To Date Surplus:	\$	
FY '11-12 Year To Date Shortage:	\$	(9,755.89)

Parish Mortgage Loan & Payment Status

Total Loan Amount (Rectory included):	\$	3,135,119.05
FY '11-12 Interest Paid To Date:	\$	55,040.36
FY '11-12 Principal Paid To Date:	\$	0.00
FY '11-12 Total Payments:	\$	55,040.36
Interest Past Due (as of 11/30/11):	\$	228,770.05

Other Donations:

Food Bank	\$	340.00
SVDP	\$	140.00
Other	\$	169.50

Thank You To All For Your Stewardship Support!

Let us know if you have any questions.

The Members of Your Finance Council are:

Denny Woyak (Chairman), Susie Brown (Bookkeeper),
Bob Lorenz, Chuck Nicholas, Walt Kuehlthau,
Janice Melodia, Kory Pederson
Fr. Matthew O'Leary (Pastor)

Justice in Action

Our next meeting is **Tuesday January 17,**
at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish conference room.

This group meets to discuss current social
concerns in light of Jesus' gospel message.
All teens and adults are welcome to join us.

For information, call Brian Peterson at
243-380-4850.

Stewardship Pledge Report

Thank you to all who have returned a pledge card for
2012. We have heard from 41% of our parish families.

Together you have pledged a total of \$600,839 in
support of our parish. These numbers are up from last
year and give us reason to be hopeful in the new year.
(Last year, 37% of the parish pledged \$544,625.)

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY DISCIPLES
PARISH**

Monday, January 9

Mom & Tot Group in Church Nursery/
Breakfast Potluck
Silver Threads Exercise Class-10:30AM
Hap-6:30PM
Baptism Prep-7:00PM

Tuesday, -January 10

Silver Threads-10:00AM
HAP-3:30PM
Jr. High Youth-6:00PM
8:30AM Choir-7:00PM
Country Gospel Jam-7:00PM

Wednesday, January 11

Rosary-8:40AM
Mass-9:00AM
Bible Study-10:00AM
Silver Threads Exercise Class-10:30AM
New Creation Choir-7:00PM
Book Study-7:00PM
K of C Officers-7:00PM

Thursday, January 12

Rosary-8:40AM
Mass-9:00AM
Book Study-10:00AM
Sr. High Youth-6:00PM
Liturgy Commission-7:00PM

Friday, January 13

Rosary-8:40AM
Mass-9:00AM
Silver Threads Exercise Class-10:30AM
First Reconciliation Celebration-6:30PM

Saturday, January 14

Facilities-9:00AM
First Reconciliation Celebration-10:00AM
Prayer Shawl-10:00AM
Faith Formation-3:30PM
Mass-5:00PM
K of C Family Potluck-6:15PM

Sunday, January 15

Mass- 8:30AM
Faith Formation-9:00AM
Mass- 10:30AM
Confirmation Class for Youth-12:00PM

St. Vincent de Paul Truck

St. Vincent de Paul will have their truck at
Holy Disciples Church parking lot to collect electronic
and other household items on:
Saturday, January 21 and Sunday, January 22.

LITURGY-Jan. 14/15

Sacristans:

5:00PM-Angela Maguire

8:30AM-Sheri Hodson

10:30AM- John Humble

Linen Warrior-Maureen Armstrong

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00PM-Jan-Marie Glaze, Michelle Goreczny, Bud & June Guimond, Alan Drake, Mimi Lampert, Tim Maguire, Ken & Marcia Maertens

8:30AM- Heidi Anderson, Maria Quinene, Delores Vitzthum, Alan Beck, Theres Hospenthal-Breault, Mark Bush, Tom Bush, Frank Chamberlain, Don Fouraker

10:30AM-Lucy Phillips, Adriana Posada, Oscar Rodreguez, Maria Rodreguez, Barbara Smith, Susan Taylor, Mary Tillman, Francisco Velasco, Connie Villaneva

Lectors:

5:00PM-Lori Marchetti, Margaret Kinsey

8:30AM-Gerald Moczynski, Kory Pederson

10:30AM-Susan Taylor, Jim Taylor

Altar Servers:

5:00PM-Katie, Sarah, Luralyn

8:30AM-Angeleena, Sarah, Eleanor

10:30AM-

Coffee & Donut Fellowship:

8:30AM: Brad & Carmen Rivers-Rood, Geri & Jack Haworth

10:30AM Mass:

LITURGY

Readings for the Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6;

Matthew 2: 1-12

Readings for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 3: 3-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6: 13-15, 17-

20; John 1: 35-42

Jan. 8, 2012 Epiphany:

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Cans so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

You can now donate to St. Vincent de Paul on line on the Holy Disciples web site.

SACRAMENTAL PREP

Preparation continues on January 22 when we learn about Reconciliation.

DEPLOYED PARISHIONERS

“Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as you protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform in our time of need. Amen.”

We especially remember our Parishioners:

Alex Martinez

If you have anyone who is deployed and would like their names to be published in bulletin for prayers, please contact the Parish Office at 253-875-6630

Prayer Requests

Sue Ford, Monica Harvey, Delores Reed.

When the names of the ill have been in the spoken Prayers of the Faithful for a month or more, they will then be remembered in our prayers from this list in the bulletin.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Junior & Senior High

If you aren't receiving the text reminders of upcoming events, please email your number to Carmen at cbryant@holydisciples.org. Last week we talked about priorities and what is urgent, not urgent, important, and not important. We asked ourselves where we spend most of our time. In matters that are not urgent and not important? Do we pack our days with our goals in mind or others tasks? Are we pausing to take into account God's will?

Annual Free-Throw Shooting Contest

WHEN- Sunday January 22,2012 1:30 P.M.

WHO-Boys/Girls Ages 10-14

WHERE-All Saints Gym-204 6th Ave S.W.

Puyallup,Wa. 98374

WHY-Have Fun!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus

Each contestant wins a certificate

Each age bracket boys/girls individually 10-14 wins trophy and opportunity to go to next level.

Contact-Mark McCoy 253-445-0106

**Religious Education
Faith Formation
Kindergarten thru Grade 6**

Classes are on regular schedule this weekend and for the rest of this month.

First Reconciliation will be celebrated Friday, January 13th 6:30 PM & Saturday, January 14th at 10:00AM

Adult Education Opportunities

Spanish Bible Reflection Class

Sunday mornings 9:00-10:00AM
Parish Office small conference room
Resumes January 8th

This group meets during Sunday morning Faith Formation classes.

**"The Sacred Trust of Parenting:
Living Your Faith"**

Parenting Education
Taught by parishioner and parent educator:
Barbara Frye
January 25, Feb 1, Feb. 8
6:45-8:00PM
Childcare available
with advance request!
875-6630

Monday Night Bible Study

If one of your New Year's resolutions is to learn more about the Bible, then Monday night Bible Study is for you. **Starting January 23 at 7:00PM**

this study will provide an overview of the Old Testament using the Little Rock Bible Study: Israel 1. Israel had a fundamental belief that in all areas of their history God was with them.

That belief is still affecting our world today.

We can't really know Jesus without knowing His roots, prophecies and fulfillment.

Call the office or Barbara Smith at 253-476-1635 to reserve books. We need to order soon.

Help, Help, Help

The Food Bank Manager is in dire need of anyone who could drive to various places in the area to pickup food for the Food Bank. All that is required is that you have a driver license and a good driving record. If you can help please call Julie Wiesen at 253-846-3805

"My Life with the Saints" Book Study

Join us as we discuss the book by Fr. Martin which you were given at Christmas Mass.

Come to Classroom 2 on

Wednesday evening (7:00PM – 8:30PM) or

Thursday Morning (10:00AM – 11:30AM).

This week we are talking about Joan of Arc and Therese of Lisieux (chapters 2 and 3).

RELAY FOR LIFE

Holy Disciples is once again going to participate in the Relay For Life, an event to raise money for cancer research. The event takes place in the latter part of June but we will be starting the planning process in January. We are looking for parish individuals and families to volunteer as members of our planning group, as support folks for the walkers and as walking team members. For information or to volunteer please call

Jennifer Huff at (253) 732-9732.

ATTENTION MUSIC LOVERS

**ON JANUARY 10 WE WILL HOLD OUR FIRST
COUNTRY MUSIC GOSPEL JAM SESSION**

at Holy Disciples Church.

Acoustics and electric instruments are welcome, as well as singers. Listeners are also welcome. We will start the music at 7:00PM and end at 8:30PM. Refreshments will

be served afterwards. Any questions: please call Don Fouraker at 253-847-448

**HAPpy New Year
from the**

Homework Assistance Program

Make a new year's resolution that the schoolwork gets done and that it's understood! Come to a HAP session; we can help! HAP sessions resume Mondays at 6:30PM in the St. Cecilia Room and Tuesdays in Classroom 4 at 3:30PM, Jan 9 & 10. Questions? Call 253-881-1002

ADULT FORMATION

Introduction to Contemplative Prayer (Jan. 27-29)-This retreat is designed for persons who wish to explore the practice of contemplative prayer. The retreat will be primarily but not exclusively silent. The presentations will draw from writings and material from St. Paul, St. John of the Cross, St. Therese of Avila, Thomas Merton, and Fr. Thomas Keating. There will be time for group and private contemplative prayer, group sharing, discussion and reflection of contemplative living. For more information call the Palisades at 1-800-330-7622 or visit www.seattlearchdiocese.org/palisades.