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*We saw his star
in the East
and have come
to worship Him*





Epiphany of the Lord

Mass Readings & intentions

Sun., January 3 Is 60.1-6 ~ Eph 3.2-3a,5-6 ~ Mt 2.1-12

Epiphany of the Lord

9:00am Jim Armstrong *deceased*

11:00am For our parishioners and their families

Mon., January 4 1 Jn 3.22-4.6 ~ Mt 4.12-17,23-25

Tuesday, January 5 1 Jn 4.7-10 ~ Mk 6.34-44

7:30 pm For the intentions of Ken Kucher & family

Wed., January 6 1 Jn 4.11-18 ~ Mk 6.45-52

9:00 am In thanksgiving of the 92nd birthday of
Zofia Podstawka

Thur., January 7 1 Jn 4.19-5.4 ~ Lk 4.14-22a

Saint Andre Bessette

9:00 am Deulah Merriman *deceased*

Friday, January 8 1 Jn 5.5-13 ~ Lk 5.12-16

Saint Raymond of Penyafort

9:00 am Emil & Freda Zakrecki *deceased*

Sat., January 9 1 Jn 5.14-21 ~ Jn 3.22-30

5:00pm For the intentions of Ken Kucher & family
Christopher Fernandes *deceased*

Sun., Jan. 10 Is40.1-5,9-11~Ti2.11-14;3.4-7~Lk 3.15-16, 21-22

Baptism of the Lord

9:00am Jose Pinheiro & deceased family
members

11:00am For our parishioners and their families

Please pray for the sick

Geri Heyes, Megan Williams, Gail Grundle, Raymond
Constantin, Joyce Gillelan, Ken Kucher, Gerald (Gerry)
Ayling.

**And for the repose of the souls of those who have died
especially: Brian Cormier**

Mary, Mother of God

It's one week since Christmas Day. In the nativity scene we have at home or at our parish, we gaze at Baby Jesus in the manger just as the shepherds did so long ago. We see Mary, his mother, and Joseph, Jesus' foster-father.

Mary was the daughter of Joachim and Anne. She loved God and her Jewish religion very much. Her neighbors probably thought Mary was very ordinary. It would be God's work in her that would make her so special, so full of grace. God chose Mary from all women to be the mother of his Son. The Lord sent the Archangel Gabriel to Mary's town of Nazareth. Gabriel asked Mary to become the mother of God's Son. Mary wanted to please God, and so she answered "yes." With her "yes," Mary became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. She became Jesus' mother. Because she is the mother of Jesus, God's Son, Mary *really* is the Mother of God! What a blessing it was for Mary and her husband, Joseph, to be the ones to raise Jesus! They spent many happy years with him in Nazareth.

When Jesus was about thirty years old, he began his preaching and healing ministry. This is usually called his public life. (It seems that Joseph had died sometime before.) Mary often went with her friends to be near her Son and listen to his words. One day, she attended a marriage celebration in a town called Cana. Jesus and his disciples came too. When the wine ran out, Mary asked Jesus to do something. She wanted him to save the couple from being embarrassed in front of their guests. That's when Jesus worked the miracle of turning plain water into delicious wine!

Mary loved Jesus and believed in him. She was there when he was nailed to the cross. She received his body into her arms after he had died and was taken down from the cross. After Jesus' resurrection, Mary waited with Jesus' apostles for the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. The apostles loved her. They knew they needed more courage to be real followers of Jesus. Mary prayed for them and encouraged them. She taught them how to be disciples of her Son. Mary's feast days are special events that we celebrate throughout the year. Today we honor Mary as God's Mother by going to Mass. We can be very happy because Jesus gave Mary to us as our mother, too.

~ ~

Mary's life was closely connected with the life of Jesus. To remember the events of Mary's life is to remember the life of Jesus too. Let's ask Mary to help us love her Son Jesus more each day of this New Year.

Taken from 'Saint A Day', an application on iTunes



From the Pastor's Desk

Change in Weekday Mass times:

Effective Wednesday, January 6th the weekday morning Mass will change to 9:00 a.m. The new Daily Mass schedule will be:

- Tuesday - 7:30pm (no change)
- Wed., Thur., Fri. - 9:00am (new)

Fr. John

Who is at the center of your life?

JESUS

It is Jesus to whom we look.

It is Jesus whom we imitate.

It is Jesus who is with us so we can be with him.

Yes, we work with others.

Yes, we learn from others.

But in Jesus we find our ultimate identity and purpose.

He is the Alpha and Omega for each one of us and for every human being.

*Prayer of His Eminence Aloysius Cardinal Ambrozic
(January 27, 1930 – August 26, 2011)*

Giving Tree

Thank you to all who contributed to the Giving Tree this year. We collected 200 wonderful gifts. The financial contributions are still coming in and are over \$10,000.



Classes begin:

Wednesday, January 13th, 2016

6:00pm for First Communion

7:30pm for Confirmation

**Parents are expected to attend and stay for the first session only.*

2015 Tax Receipts

This year Fr. John will personally distribute the 2015 tax receipts after Sunday Masses. They should be available in mid-January.

Envelopes 2016

If you haven't picked up your 2016 envelopes, they are available at the back of the church until the last week of January.



FIRST TUESDAY

January 5th

Holy Hour & confessions – 6:00pm

Benediction - 7:15pm

Mass – multiple intentions - 7:30pm



Fifty Years and growing

For a number of months, myself and the pastoral council debated the idea that J.P. Antonacci introduced to us; to write a book on the history of St. Gregory's Parish. It took numerous interviews and months of gathering information, including old pictures, to have quality information to in turn share.

And that is what this book is about. It recognizes the roots of our parish and those who, with the Grace of God, made it possible. The social and religious events that brought the community together as well as give all of hope for many tomorrow as a community of faith. Why not get your own copy and enjoy a simple and informative read.

Fr. John

CWL NEWS

St. Gregory's CWL Membership

All women of the parish aged 16 and older are invited to join St. Gregory's CWL or to renew their CWL Membership for 2016. Dues are \$25. Please help us update our records by detaching and including this form with your payment. Envelopes marked "CWL Membership" may be placed in the collection basket at any Mass.

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