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INSTITAURARE SACRA
Restoration of the Sacred

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday
7:30 a.m.  Low Mass: 1962 Missal (Latin) *1st Sundays 2002 Missal
9:00 a.m.  Sung Mass (English)
11:00 a.m. Sung Mass (Latin)
12:30 p.m. High Mass: 1962 Missal (Latin) *1st Sundays 2002 Missal
5:00 p.m.  Sung Mass (English)

Monday – Friday
7:00 a.m.  Sung Mass (English)
8:00 a.m.  Low Mass: 1962 Missal (Latin)

Saturday
8:30 a.m.  Low Mass: 1962 Missal (Latin)
5:00 p.m.  Anticipated Mass (English)

Wednesdays and First Fridays
7:30 p.m.  Low Mass: 1962 Missal (Latin)

DIVINE OFFICE

Sunday
6:30 a.m.  Matins and Lauds
2:00 p.m.  Rosary, Vespers
6:00 p.m.  Compline

Monday – Friday
6:30 a.m.  Matins and Lauds
11:45 a.m. Midday Prayer
4:30 p.m.  Rosary, Vespers
7:00 p.m.  Compline (8:15 p.m. Wednesday)

Saturday
7:55 a.m.  Matins and Lauds
4:00 p.m.  Rosary, Vespers
Compline after Mass

BAPTISMS

Arrangements must be made in advance.
Contact Fr. Joseph Brom, SJC.

MARRIAGES

Please view the guidelines on our website before making any arrangements. Contact Fr. Joseph Brom, SJC.

CONFESSIONS

Available when requested, at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, and before all Masses on Sunday.
Sunday, January 1st, 2023
Mary Mother of God (2002 Missal)

Sunday, January 1
7:30 A.M. Special Intention
9:00 A.M. Pro Populo
11:00 A.M. † Katarzyna Bil—Req. The Ryan Family
12:30 P.M. Intentions of the Patron Patrons
—Req. The Canons Regular of St. John Cantius

Monday, January 2
7:00 A.M. † Faustino Lara Pablo
—Req. The Priests & Brothers at St. John Cantius
8:00 A.M. † Lazaro Torrado—Req. Friend
Chapel Blessings for Adam Koszyk—Req. Parents
Private Kevin Mallory—Req. Jean & Jeff Mallory

Tuesday, January 3
7:00 A.M. † Stella & Henry Konopka
8:00 A.M. Diane Ticich
Chapel Birthday Blessings for Rebecca Voccola
Private † Craig Kosar—Req. the Kosar Family

Wednesday, January 4
7:00 A.M. † Jim Strom & Patti Born—Req. Xavier Family
8:00 A.M. Int. Living Members of the Perpetual Mass Association
Chapel Purita Fortuna, Birthday—Req. Children
Private Anniversary Blessings for Patrick & Minna O’Leary
—Req. Tim & Jane O’Leary
7:30 P.M. Intentions of the St. Monica Sodality
7:30 P.M. Int. Deceased Members of the Perpetual Mass Association

Thursday, January 5
7:00 A.M. Agile & Yvonne - Special Intention—Req. Cindy Carter
8:00 A.M. Anniversary Blessings for Al & Barbra Villalba
Chapel Johnny Fisher—Req. The Dan Fisher Family
Private † George Bleskin

Friday, January 6-First Friday-Feast of the Epiphany
7:00 A.M. Troy Daquioag, Birthday—Req. Liza Valdez
8:00 A.M. Blessings for the Barajas Family—Req. Ryan & Diana Vandeliv
Chapel Joseph & Leona Carabott—Req. Rogelio R. Guico, M.D. & Family
Private Andrew Kim—Req. Grace Jarka
7:30 P.M. Andrew Litwinskie—Req. John Litwinski

Saturday, January 6-First Saturday
8:30 A.M. Living and Deceased Members of the Altman and Janowski Families—Req. Family
5:00 P.M. Birthday Blessings Joan Bicle—Req. Xavier Family

Wedding Banns
Second Call- Michael Riordan and Michelle Downar
Behold, the Lord the Ruler is come [advenit]!

The Kingdom is in His hand, and power, and dominion (Introit).

With these words, the Church proclaims that today’s feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season.

“Rejoice in the Lord, my dearly beloved brethren; again I say, rejoice. For it is but a few days since the solemnity of the birth of Christ, and already the world is illumined by the feast of His manifestation. On this feastday the world acknowledges Him who was born of a Virgin on the former feast” (Matins: Sermon of Pope St. Leo).

For the second time in the Advent-Christmas season, the liturgy’s solemn observances reach high tide. If December twenty-fifth is Christendom’s family feast and a time for home gatherings, Epiphany is the official, universal solemnity for the Catholic Church. As already intimated, the feast’s basic message pertains less to the historical event from the infancy of Jesus than to the implications of the great “epiphany,” viz., the Son of God becoming manifest to the world. Three historical episodes are employed to illustrate this truth: (a) the adoration of the Magi; (b) the Baptism of Jesus; (c) the miracle at the Cana wedding. Among Christians of the East, it is the second of these episodes, the Baptism of Jesus, that is stressed (hence the name “Jordan Feast”). The Western Church prefers the first, the adoration of the Magi, and often calls Epiphany the “Feast of the Three Kings.”

Our understanding of Epiphany will gain in depth and dimension if we consider some of the ways and manners of the Orientals, especially of times past. When, for example, an Oriental ruler paid a state visit to one of his cities, he was greeted with great color and fanfare. He appeared in full regal pomp and splendor; his visit was a lavish occasion, marked by feasting and reveling and the granting of privileges—all at the ruler’s request and expense. Such festive visitations came to be known as a theophany or epiphany, i.e., “an appearance of god”—as if the divinity had come to earth. When the Son of God appeared among men, there was an epiphany in the truest sense of the word. A divine King, He “appeared” to His city, the Church, manifesting His glory. The inhabitants of the city (the Church) give Him triumphant welcome, while He prepares for them a Eucharistic Banquet.
FEAST OF EPIPHANY

In the absence of a priest the family gathers around the crib with lighted candles and recites the following prayers:

All: A Child is born in Bethlehem, alleluia!
   Full joyous sings Jerusalem, alleluia, alleluia!
   From Orient, behold the star, alleluia,
   And holy kings come from afar, alleluia, alleluia!

The father reads the Gospel for the Feast of Epiphany, St. Matthew 2: 1-12
After the Gospel is read the following antiphon is recited.

All: From the East came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord: and opening their treasures, they offered costly gifts: gold to the Great King, incense to the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial, Alleluia!

After the above antiphon is recited, the father sprinkles the rooms of the house with Epiphany water or holy water, incense may be burned (a charcoal is lit and grains of incense are placed on the burning coal-care is to be exercised with the hot coal.)

The rest of the family recites the Canticle of Mary, The Magnificat. Make the sign of the cross as you begin the canticle.

Canticle of Mary

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, Because He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid, for behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed,

Because He who is mighty has done great things for me, [All bow at this phrase] and Holy is His Name;
And His mercy is from generation to generation toward those who fear Him.
He has shown might with His arm;
He has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.
He has put down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.
The hungry He has filled with good things and the rich He has sent empty away.

He has given help to Israel His servant, mindful of His mercy
As He promised our fathers toward Abraham and his descendants forever.
[All bow] Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning in now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

All: From the East came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures, they offered costly gifts: gold to the great King, incense to the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial, Alleluia!

Father: Many shall come from Saba.
All: Bearing gold and incense.
Father: O Lord, hear my prayer.
All: And let my cry come unto Thee.
Father: Let us pray: O God, who by the guidance of a star did this day reveal Thy Only-Begotten Son to the Gentiles, grant that we who know Thee by faith may be brought to the contemplation of the heavenly majesty. Through Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

All: Be enlightened and shine forth, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come, and upon thee is risen the glory of the Lord, Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary.
Father: Nations shall walk in thy light, and kings in the brilliance of thy rising.
All: And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Father: Let us pray. O Lord, Almighty God, bless this house that it may become a shelter of health, chastity, self-conquest, humility, goodness, mildness, obedience to the Commandments, and thanksgiving to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Upon this house and those who dwell herein may Thy blessing remain forever. Through Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

With the blessed chalk, mark the lintels above the door with the initials of the Three Magi and with crosses in the manner below:

20 + C + M + B + (last numbers of present year)

Father: Let us pray: O Lord God, through the power of the priest, Thou did bless this chalk to make it helpful to man. Grant that we who use it with faith and inscribe with it the names of Thy saints Caspar, Melchior, and Baltassar upon the entrance of our homes, may through their merits and petition enjoy physical health and spiritual protection. Through Christ our Lord.
All: Amen

A verse of the Hymn, “We Three Kings” may be sung now.

We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EPHANY BLESSING OF HOMES**

There is an old custom of the blessing of homes on the Feast of Epiphany, which is thought by many to be a Polish custom. But in fact, it is actually a very old Catholic custom formerly practiced in many countries, which has just managed to survive the longest in Poland. In order to invoke the blessing of the Three Magi, whose entrance into the home of the Holy Family we commemorate on the Feast of the Epiphany, their initials are inscribed, either by a priest or by the head of the household, on the lintel of the main door leading into the home. Then, incense is burned in remembrance of the incense offered by the Three Kings.

Because we would like to encourage the revival of this beautiful old Catholic custom, boxes of blessed chalk and incense will are available at the Fatima altar for a nominal offering. The accompanying prayer for the blessing of the home is found in this bulletin.

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**PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND**

**May 31 – June 10, 2023**

Visit Poland this coming June with chaplain and guide, Fr. Dennis Koliński, SJC. Long known as the bastion of Catholicism in Europe, Poland is, perhaps, the last unabashedly Catholic country in Europe. In the Royal City of Kraków, known as the “Rome of the North,” you will visit beautiful churches and the shrines of many saints, including St. John Cantius, St. John Paul II, and St. Faustina. The pilgrimage will take you to Auschwitz where St. Maximilian Kolbe and St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) were martyred, as well as, to Wadowice, the hometown of St. John Paul II. And after a visit to the great Marian shrine in Częstochowa, the pilgrimage will conclude with Corpus Christi Mass at the cathedral in Kraków and Eucharistic procession through the streets of the Old City. Look for more details to come!

For further information contact:
Fr. Koliński at dkolinski@cantius.org

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**Epiphany Incense**
available at the Fatima shrine
(suggested donation—$5.00 per box)

**Blessing of Epiphany Water**

The blessing of Epiphany Water will take place Thursday, January 5 after Compline at 7pm.

People may bring empty bottles to fill with the blessed water.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Located in the lower level of the church.

BLESSING OF SACRAMENTALS
All blessings of sacramentals will be given in Our Lady’s Chapel in the back of the church on Saturday mornings after the 8:30 A.M. Mass. Please bring your sacramentals to the chapel immediately following the Mass.

2023 Spring Language Classes
In-Person and Virtually
Registration for Latin, Greek, and Hebrew classes for the Spring 2023 semester is now open. Classes begin on Saturday and Sunday January 14 and 15, 2023. Our in-person Latin Classes all begin on Sunday January 15, 2023. Visit our website for more details and to find out how to register and pay: cantius.org/classes

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Find a Fraternity & Chicago-Wide Event Dec. 27
Exodus 90 starts January 9th: StartMyExodus.com

BIRETTA BOOKS
Located in the lower level of the church.
RECESSIONAL — 9:00 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 12:30 P.M.

1. Maid-en, yet a moth-er, Daugh-ter of thy Son, High be-yond all oth-er, Low-li-er is none; Thou the con-sum-ma-tion
2. Thus His place pre-par-ed, He Who all things made ‘Mid His crea-tures tar-ried, In thy bos-om laid; There His love He nour-ish-ed
3. Noon on Zi-on’s moun-tain Is thy char-i-ty; Hope its liv-ing foun-tain Finds on earth in thee. La-dy, such thy pow-er,
4. Nor a-lone thou hear-est When thy name we hail; Of-ten thou art near-est When our voic-es fail; Mir-rored in thy fash-ion
5. La-dy, lest our vi-sion, Striv-ing heav’n ward, fail, Still let thy pe-
ti-tion With thy Son pre-vail, Un-to Whom all mer-it,

Planned by God’s de-cree, When our lost cre-a-tion No-bler rose in thee!
Warmth that gave in-crease To the root whence flour-ish-ed Our e-ter-nal peace.
He who grace would buy Not as of thy dow-er, With-out wings would fly.
All cre-a-tion’s good Mer-cy might, com-pas-sion Grace they won-an-hood.
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