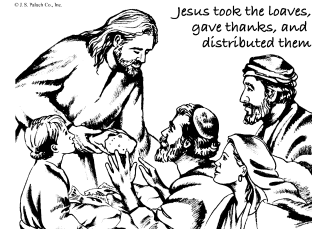




St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Shreveport, Louisiana

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January 6, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord

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A message for the Epiphany of the Lord

The Greek word Epiphany (*επιφάνεια*), which means *appearance* or *manifestation* or showing forth, is used to describe Jesus' first appearance to the Gentiles. Originally the word Epiphany referred to the visit of a king to the people of his provinces. "Epiphany" refers to God's Self-revelation as well as to the revelation of Jesus as His Son. Epiphany is an older celebration than the feast of Christmas, having originated in the East in the late second century. In Italy and Spain, the gifts traditionally associated with the Christmas season are exchanged today, on the feast of the Epiphany. Among Italians, it is believed that the gifts are brought by the old woman, *Befana* (from Epiphany), whereas Spanish custom attributes the gifts to the *Kings* or *Magi*. The feast commemorates the coming of the Magi as the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles in the Western Church. In the Eastern Church, the feast also commemorates the Baptism of Christ. The angels revealed Jesus to the shepherds, and the star revealed him to the Magi, who had already received hints of Him from Jewish Scriptures. Later, God the Father revealed Jesus' identity to Israel at his Baptism in the Jordan. In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus revealed himself as the promised Messiah. Finally, Jesus revealed himself as a miracle worker at the wedding of Cana, revealing his divinity. These multiple revelations are all suggested by the Feast of the Epiphany.

Today's Old Testament reading, Isaiah 60:1-6, is chosen partly because it mentions non-Jews bringing gifts in homage to the God of Israel. Here the Prophet Isaiah, consoling the people in exile, speaks of the restoration of New Jerusalem from which the glory of Yahweh becomes visible even to the pagan nations. Thus, the prophet in this passage celebrates the Divine Light emanating from Jerusalem and foresees all the nations acknowledging that Light, enjoying that Light and walking by that Light. As a sign of gratitude for the priceless lessons of Faith offered by Jerusalem, the nations will bring wealth by land and sea, especially gold for the Temple and frankincense for the sacrifice. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 72) declares that all the kings of the earth will pay homage to and serve the God of Israel and His Messiah. Thus, these two readings express hope for a time when "the people of God" will embrace all nations. As the privileged recipient of a Divine "epiphany", Saint Paul reveals God's "secret plan" – that the Gentiles also have a part with the Jews in Divine blessings. Hence, in the second reading, St. Paul affirms the mystery of God's plan of salvation in Christ. Paul explains that this plan includes both Jews and Gentiles. Jesus implemented this Divine plan by extending membership in his Church, making it available to all peoples. Thus, the Jews and the Gentiles have become "*coheirs, members of the same Body and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.*" Hence, there are no second class members of Jesus' Body, the Church. Paul claims that he was commissioned by Christ to make this mystery known to the world. Today's Gospel teaches us how Christ enriches those who bring Him their hearts. Since the Magi came with joy in their hearts to visit the Christ Child, God allowed them to see wondrous things. At the same time, today's Gospel hints at different reactions to the news of Jesus' birth, foreshadowing his passion and death, as well as the risen Jesus' mandate to make disciples of all nations (Matt 28:19).

~Fr. Joseph Ampatt

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Readings for the Week

Sunday	Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a. 5-6 Mt 2:1-12
Monday	1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Mk 4:12-17, 23-35
Tuesday	1 Jn 4:7-10 Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday	1 Jn 4:11-18 Mk 6:45-52
Thursday	1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Mk 4:14-22
Friday	1 Jn 5:5-13 Lk 5:12-16
Saturday	1 Jn 5:14-21 Jn 3:22-30
Sunday	Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Mass Intentions

+ indicates Deceased
(SI) indicates Living

Saturday, January 5

4:00 PM +Angel & Marie Vallillo
+Marian Pierce
+Jennifer Osherwitz & Sistilla Poli
+Salvador Sarullo

Sunday, January 6

8:15 AM +Wilbert Maxey
11:00 AM Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
5:00 PM Sam Anthony Sardisco

Monday, January 7

7:30 AM +Russell Pedro
9:30 AM, +Andrew & Josephine Miciotto

Tuesday, January 8

7:30 AM, + Jeanne Jackson

Wednesday, January 9

7:30 AM (SI) Bridget McFerrin
+Eric Millen

Thursday, January 10

7:30 AM +Mary Maney

Friday, January 11

7:30 AM +Grace Ann Titone

The Week at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, January 6-13

✠ Sunday, January 6

Masses: 4 pm 8:15 AM ; 11 AM; 5 PM

The Epiphany of the Lord

Feed My Lambs

No G.I.F.T.

9:30 AM, Adult Faith Sharing in the Library

9:30 AM, Christian Initiation in the Burleigh Center

9:30 AM, Discerning God's Voice, Burleigh Center

✠ Monday, January 7

7:30 AM. Mass in the Chapel

9:30 AM, Mass at the Oaks

6:30 PM, HS Youth Group in the Burleigh Center

6:30 PM, SVDP

6:30 PM, Knight of Columbus

✠ Tuesday, January 8

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel

8 PM, Alcoholics Anonymous in the Youth House

Wednesday, January 9

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel

9:30 AM, Bible Study in the Library

1:00 PM, Yarn Angels in the Burleigh Center

6 PM, Our Lady's Ladies in the Burleigh Center

✠ Thursday, January 10

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel

10:00 AM, St. Anne

6:00 PM, Book of Acts Bible Study

✠ Friday, January 11

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel

6:30 PM, High School Youth Group

✠ Saturday, January 12

4:00 PM Mass

✠ Sunday, January 13

9:30 AM, G.I.F.T., 2nd Grade Parent Meeting

9:30 AM, Adult Faith Sharing in the Library

9:30 AM, Christian Initiation in the Burleigh Center

9:30 AM, Discerning God's Voice, Burleigh Center

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive & Breakfast

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for our sick, including Shirley Anderson, Ashley Assuline, Joe Bianca, Bernadette Bitting, Marklyn Boucher, Al Boudreau, Shelby Ann Brakefield, Linda Brown, Bill and Carmen Cocke, Mike Crevak, Emily Dean, Dale Dupuy, Emilie Epard, Gerald Govin, Butch Graham, Charlotte Emma Graham, Kim Green, Lily Green, Terresa Grigsby, Lynn Gautier, Martha Hannigan, Robert Hermes, Doug Hill, Imelda King, Joan Kislack, Lynn Lawrence, Joanne Levitte, Edward Loreson, Dwayne Malone, Bill Maroma, Carol Ann Marsala, Joseph Roy Maxey, Dustin Maxey, Helen & Nancy Mershell, Alvin Michiels, Joe Miciotto, Mallori Miciotto, Dottie Murray, Father Joseph Nasser, Louise Overly, Catherine Nelson & Family, Pattie Neurauter, Cole Pasquier, Dale Phillips, Nicholas Politz, Ron Rice, Randy Richter, Normand Roy, Matt Savage, Tressie Sepeda, Randy Sorrell, Ray Vallillo, Shelly Zippi Werner

Religious Education Upcoming Events

January

- 1 Mary Mother of God Holy Day
- 5 SEAS Feast Day Celebration, 6 PM
- 6 GIFT resumes
- 13 GIFT; 1st Communion Parent Meeting 9:30 AM; Burleigh Center
- 18-20 High School Retreat
- 21 MLK Holiday
- 26 10 AM—Noon, First Reconciliation
- 27 GIFT; Confirmation Parent Meeting 9:30 AM in Church Sanctuary
- 27 5 PM, Service of Commitment, 8th graders

Monthly Service Opportunity For Middle School and High School Youth and their Families

Monthly Service Opportunity
Saturday, January 12, 2-3 PM

Azalea Estates

We will visit and

Play games with the residents.

Contact Amy Dean deanandcrew@aol.com

ALL SEAS HIGHSCHOOL SENIORS

The Knight of Columbus are glad to announce that applications for the CYLA/Catholic Youth Leadership Award are available now online at <https://www.louisianakc.org/programs/cyla/> and also at SEAS in the pocket in front of Claire Bissell's office. **Applications must be turned into the SEAS office by JAN 15, 2019 in order for them to be processed properly.** Please call Peter Hawboldt at 686-7722 if there are any related questions. There is a \$500 cash award to a winner in both the boy and girl division. Winners will go on to possible Area and State Awards.

First Communion News – Mark your calendar

- 2nd grade parent meeting, January 13, 9:30 AM
- First Reconciliation, Saturday, January 26, 10 AM – Noon
- First Communion, Sunday, April 28, 2019, 5 PM Mass
- May Crowning, May 5, 10:45 AM, led by 2nd grade
- Last Day of GIFT, Parish Picnic, May 5, 2019

Confirmation News – Mark your calendar

- 8th grade parent meeting, January 27, 9:30 AM
- Service of Commitment, January 27, 5 PM Mass
- 8th grade Confirmation Retreat, February 2, 2019
- No 8th grade GIFT, February 3rd

What's Up in the Parish

☼ **Alcoholics Anonymous** meets Tuesdays at 8PM in the Youth House; for more information please contact Bob, (318) 393-1400.

☼ **Rosary Tuesdays** As a product of studies involving Mary and the recognized need for communities at prayer, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton members are starting A Rosary Prayer Group. Join us every Tuesday. All are encouraged to come join us. Our World Needs Prayer. Let's do our part.

☼ **Knight of Columbus** will meet **Monday, January 7th at 6:30 PM** for a Rosary prior to their 7:00 PM Meeting in the Burleigh Center.

☼ **Our Lady's Ladies** will meet **Wednesday, January 9th.** Rosary will be in the Chapel at **6:00 PM** and we will meet in the RCIA room at 6:30 PM. Please join us. For more information please contact Donna Collins, (318) 426-6336.

☼ **Your Fellowship Group** will meet **January 17th**, for dinner and a presentation by Deacon Mike Straub in the Burleigh Center at **6:30 PM**. For more information please contact Ann Weeks, (318) 797-3757.

What's Up Elsewhere

☒ **Protecting God's Children**

A session is scheduled for the following date:

January 9th at 6 PM, Catholic Center, 3500 Fairfield Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71104

All employees and volunteers with or responsible for children, who have not yet done so, are required to attend. Concerned parents, grandparents and other adults are strongly encouraged to attend. To pre-register, go to www.virtus.org, click "Registration" on the left side of the screen, and follow the instructions in the middle of the screen.

☒ **ACTS Retreat 2019** Women's Retreat March 21-24, 2019 Men's Retreat April 4-7, 2019

Please contact Melissa Olivier to register or for more information at (318) 402-2464

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Holy Days of Obligation 2019

<i>Tuesday, January 1</i>	<i>Octave of Christmas: Mary Mother of God</i>
<i>Sunday, January 6</i>	<i>Epiphany</i>
<i>Wednesday, March 6</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>
<i>Sunday, April 21</i>	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
<i>Thursday, May 30</i>	<i>Ascension of the Lord**</i>
<i>Sunday, June 9</i>	<i>Pentecost</i>
<i>Sunday, June 16</i>	<i>Holy Trinity</i>
<i>Sunday, June 23</i>	<i>Body & Blood of Christ</i>
<i>Friday, June 28</i>	<i>Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>
<i>Thursday, August 15</i>	<i>Assumption of Mary</i>
<i>Friday, November 1</i>	<i>All Saints Day</i>
<i>Sunday, November 24</i>	<i>Christ the King</i>
<i>Sunday, December 1</i>	<i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>
<i>Monday, December 9</i>	<i>Immaculate Conception***</i>
<i>Wednesday, December 25</i>	<i>Christmas</i>

****Immaculate Conception is normally December 8. However, since that is the second Sunday in Advent 2019, the celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to the next day, Monday, December 9, 2019 and the Day of Obligation is suspended.*

SEAS Valentine's Day Dance

*“Fly Me to the Moon” by way of the
Burleigh Center at the SEAS Valentine's
Day dance on Feb. 16th from 6:30 – 9:00!
Details coming soon!*

Prayer for a New Bishop

Let us join together in praying at every Mass for our new bishop. Indeed there is something inspiring about knowing the future third Bishop of Shreveport is out there working in the Church so it makes our prayers very concrete. Pray for him in his pursuit of holiness and for his zeal for and love of the Church as Jesus Christ founded it.

All glory to You, Lord our God,
our eternal Shepherd and Guide.
In your faithfulness, grant to the
Diocese of Shreveport a shepherd
whose watchful care and kindly
Zeal will be a constant witness
of faith and love to the people
entrusted to his care. In Your love
for us, may he strive to live more
and more each day with holiness
of life and heroic virtue so that he will
lead Your holy people in all truth
by being Christ's heart of mercy,
voice of hope, and mind of justice.

Prepare him, we humbly pray,
to fill our minds and hearts with
the truth of the Gospel, the power
of the sacraments, and the desire
to actively work to build up your
holy Church. Through Jesus Christ.
Amen



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SPONSORED
BLOOD DRIVE
& BREAKFAST
SUNDAY,
January 13 at 9 AM**