

January 3, 2021 • The Epiphany Of The Lord

Welcome to

# THE COMMUNITY OF *Saint Denis*

*Celebrating God's Love  
for All People*

## Mass Schedule

Saturday at 4:00 pm

Sunday at 8:00am, 10:30am and  
12:30pm (Spanish)

Monday through Friday at 8:30am

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"WE SAW HIS STAR AT ITS RISING AND HAVE COME TO  
DO HIM HOMAGE." - MT 2:2

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

EXCERPTS FROM THE LECTIONARY FOR MASS (2002, 1998, 1970-CEC, CLP)

## Our St. Denis Mission Statement

We, the Catholic Christian Community of St. Denis, as followers of Jesus Christ, call ourselves: to create a prayerful environment; to provide for spiritual, educational and social growth; to promote hospitality; to ensure the evangelization of our faith; and to minister to the people of our parish, our Ashburn community and our world.

## Declaración de Misión de San Denis

Nosotros, la Comunidad Católica Cristiana de San Denis, como seguidores de Jesucristo, nos llamamos a: Crear un ambiente de oración; prever el crecimiento espiritual, educacional y social; promover la hospitalidad; asegurar la evangelización de nuestra fe; y atender a las personas de nuestra parroquia, de nuestra comunidad de Ashburn, y de nuestro mundo.

## THIS AND THAT

Merry Christmas! Today's Feast of the Epiphany reminds us that the Light brings clarity of vision to those who have been blinded by darkness. Christ is the Light for all nations and all people. I say again this Epiphany Day, Merry Christmas!

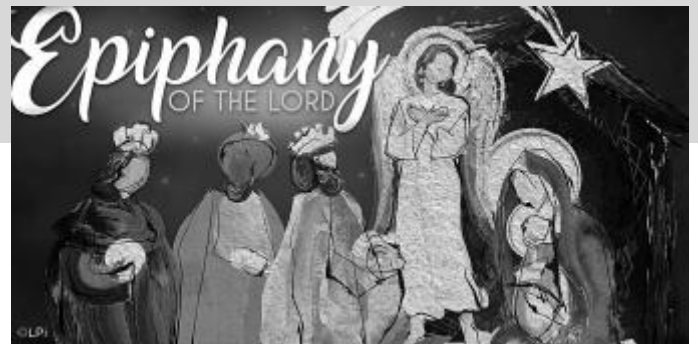
We use *The Little Blue Book* through the Christmas season. Many find the little books helpful to illuminate some dark days. I know they have certainly enlightened me many times. Christmas is not over yet. Keep using your book every day and the Light might shine a little stronger for you. Christmas season does not end until the Baptism of the Lord, next Sunday, January 10.

The church looks great with the hard work of staff and volunteers who have brought the Miracle of Christmas alive at St. Denis. Our church is always beautiful but never more than at Christmas time. Thank you to those who generously support our church family at Christmas time and throughout the year.

Thanks to all who helped to make our Christmas video a reality. This recording of a Christmas Mass can be found at our website [stdenischicago.org](http://stdenischicago.org). We hope that if you were not able to be here for Christmas, you will watch it and get a taste of Christmas 2020 at St. Denis. It will be available through the remainder of the Christmas season.

We reopened for Mass six months ago. It's hard to believe it's been that long. Thanks to our dedicated staff and volunteers who work hard every week so we can celebrate the Eucharist together. They have all worked extra hard through this Christmas time with the additional Masses. These heroes have given up some of their own family time in order that the family of St. Denis can gather in prayer. We are blessed with these wonderful women and men.

May God bless us all everyone,  
Fr. Ted



## Mass Intentions

Saturday	January 2, 2021 For Healing and Cleansing of the Corona Virus in our Nation and in the World
Sunday	January 3, 2021 John Quinn
Monday	January 4, 2021 Int. of Ann Dilger
Tuesday	January 5, 2021 Int. of Al Dilger
Wednesday	January 6, 2021 Bernadette McAleenan
Thursday	January 7, 2021 Int. of Diane Jones



### **Those who are ill...**

Elida Diaz, Al Dilger, Jesus Paz,  
Renee Pletsch,  
Socorro Martinez Rodriguez,  
Guillermo Torres

### **Those who serve our country...**

Patrick Brice, Ryan Danielian,  
Patrick Leamy, Antonio Worthy Jr.

“Where is that thing?” mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. “I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!” Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, “Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear.” The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

“And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.” The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God’s tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God’s salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with

most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God’s healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

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