

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, January 17, 2010
11:00 am**

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The Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

Isaiah 62:1-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

For Zion's sake, I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch. Nations shall behold your vindication, and all kings your glory; You shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the Lord. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the Lord, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall men call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the Lord delights in you, and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so shall your God rejoice in you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

R: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; he shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

R: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

R: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

The kings of Tarsish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

R: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

For he shall rescue the poor man when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

R: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Reading II

Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

I am sure you have heard of the ministry which God in his goodness gave me in your regard. God's secret plan, as I have briefly described it, was revealed to me, unknown to men in former ages but now revealed by the Spirit to the holy apostles and prophets. It is no less than this: in Christ Jesus, the Gentiles are now co-heirs with the Jews, members of the same body and sharers of the promise through the preaching of the gospel.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Gospel Alleluia

**We have seen his star in the east,
And have come to adore the Lord.**

Gospel

Luke 2: 41-52

A reading of the holy gospel according to Luke

His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them.

The parents of Jesus used to go every year to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover, and when he was twelve they went up for the celebration as was their custom. As they were returning at the end of the feast, the child Jesus remained behind unknown to his parents. Thinking he was in the party, they continued their journey for a day, looking for him among their relatives and acquaintances.

Not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem in search of him. On the third day they came upon him in the temple sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. All who heard him were amazed at his intelligence and his answers.

When his parents saw him they were astonished, and his mother said to him: "Son, why have you done this to us? You see that your father and I have been searching for you in sorrow." He said to them: "*Why did you search for me? Did you not know I had to be in my Father's house?*" But they did not grasp what he said to them.

He went down with them then, and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother meanwhile kept all these things in memory. Jesus, for his part, progressed steadily in wisdom and age and grace before God and men.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Thoughts from the Pulpit

Wedding at Cana

Luke 2: 41-52

On this Sunday the Church continues to meditate the great mysteries of the Lord's Epiphany, or "Manifestations" of the Lord.

The Catholic Catechism defines the meaning of the Epiphany. The *Epiphany* is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany meditates on three significant biblical events: the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (Magi) from the East, the Baptism of Our Lord in the Jordan, and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee.

The Magi, the men of science, scrutinized the stars, studied the history of peoples, and used the Holy Scriptures in the search for truth. These three resources served them as lights and

guided them to Jesus Christ, the Messiah, the Savior of the world! The culmination of their search was when they found themselves before "the Child with Mary, his Mother" (Matthew 2:11). The Gospel says that they, "prostrating themselves, adored Him."

In the Baptism of Our Lord, celebrated last Sunday, we meditated on another measure of Epiphany of Our Lord. (Here I refer you to the last Sunday's Gospel and meditation on the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord.)

At the Wedding of Cana, Jesus Christ marks the inauguration of God's miracles on earth that will flow until the end of time through the hands of our Savior and through the intercession of his Mother. And we are so special that we are allowed to witness this powerful Epiphany (Manifestation of God's Work) in our own times, whenever we are touched by the miraculous Hands of Our Savior!

Here at the Wedding of Cana also is presented Mary's first intervention in the public life of Jesus and Mary's cooperation in her son's Mission on Earth.

The Blessed Mother Mary, as a skilled and wise housewife, immediately notices the shortage at the wedding: "They have no wine." (John 2:3) She expresses her concern to Jesus her Son, expecting him to solve it. And with a total trust and faith in Her Son she turns to the servants, telling them to obey him. The servants obey Jesus' demand, "Fill the jars with water. And they filled them up to the brim." (John 2:7) This swift movement of events shines light on how God's Power works and does miracles.

At every miracle that happens on earth, the following elements must meet: a total trust and faith, human resources used "to the brim", and a total obedience to God's Word.

Mary, we honor you today for your great faith, your surrender to your Son, and your humble obedience to the Father. Pray for us, Mary, that our faith will have the same character. Intercede to your Son in our shortages. Amen!

The Communion

Welcome to participation in the Holy Eucharist. By receiving Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we fully participate in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should be baptized, should not be conscious of grave sin, and normally should fast for one to two hours. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive Communion without prior Sacramental Confession.

We always welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Communion. We pray that our common Baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions separating us.

Announcements for January 17, 2010

If you have not yet done so, please pick up your 2010 envelopes on the table in the foyer. If you do not find envelopes in your name and would like them issued to you, please contact Pat.

The parish committee will meet after coffee hour this morning. We will be reviewing our church by-laws, looking to make revisions consistent with the national church.

Financial statements for 2009 will be available next Sunday. If you have any questions or concerns, please call and leave Pat a message at 468-6140. She will call you back as soon as possible. All financial information for 2009 must be finalized by January 31.

"Kolenda" visits (pastoral visits & blessing of homes) begin and will continue until February 2, 2010. Please call Father Madej to arrange his visit to your home.

To prepare the house for blessing, please dress the table with a white cloth. A cross and Bible or prayer book should be on the table, a candle next to the cross should be lit. The priest will bring Holy Water and chalk to bless and mark your home. This is a visitation by Our Lord. The priest is just the humble instrument of the Lord's action.

Weekly Calendar

Tuesday, January 19 6:00 pm Choir practice
Thursday, January 21 5:30 pm Weight Watchers Meeting
Sunday, January 24 ORDINARY 3
 Intention: + Stanley, Genevieve, Joseph, and Maryanne Lasinski
 Requested by Bobbi and John Lasinski

 10:30 Bible Study for children
 11:00 Holy Mass
 12:15 Coffee Hour

Saturday, February 6 Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, February 7 YMS of R Breakfast

**Sunday, February 14 Monthly Pickup of
Pierogi/Kielbasa Orders**

Monthly Financial Summary

Week of	Weekly Income	Weekly Income Needed	Balance
January 3	No services	\$642	-\$642
January 10	\$1140	\$642	-\$108
TOTAL	\$1140	\$1284	-\$108