

Welcome

To our communities of faith

Our Divine Saviour Catholic Church

12th Street and Love Avenue
Tifton, GA

and

St. Ann Catholic Church

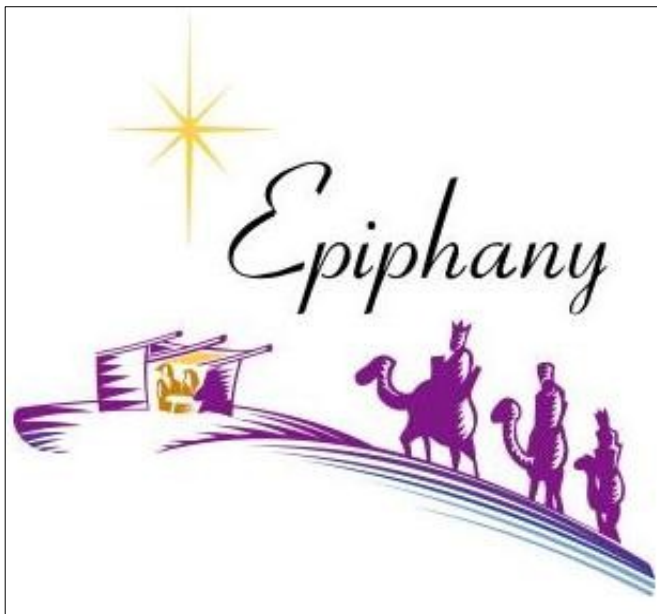
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**Epiphany of the Lord
January 3, 2021**

**Pastor
Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP**

**Deacon
J. Brian Bergeron
Deacon
Eric Windmoller**

Lord, every nation on earth will adore
you.
Psalm 72



***Matthew's Gospel clearly
demonstrates that all the
prophecies of old have
come to fulfillment in
Christ.***

***As promised, Gentile
wisemen recognize Jesus
as Messiah even when the
Jerusalem sages do not.***

Our Divine Savior

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Monday – Thursday.....10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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Please call the parish office**

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Requests for Prayers

**Please pray for the sick and
those who have requested
our prayers:**

Russ Aschoff, Allison Brannan, Rachel Brantley, Larissa Barosso, James Brown, Julia Cadden Brady, Carol Budnick, Erica Carroll, Mary Carroll, Tommy Carroll, Sean Winn Carampatan, Margarie D’Souva, Tina DeWees, Anne Marie Emanuelli, Carlos & Carrie Fletcher, Lauren Marie Fletcher, Judy Fraelich, Mary Ann Gregoire, Rodolfo Hernandez-Labastida, Wayne Harrell, Chloe Kendrick, David LaForest, Isaac Lindsey, Randy Long, Shirley Martin, Raeleigh Jane McCartha, Andrew Meredith, Susana Melgar, , Pantea Pahlavan, Butch Parker, Charles Phenicie, Miller Blake Prostko, Nancy Quynn, Marian Robinson, Arlene Ruse, Josephine Sehranski, Marlena Smith, Sterling Saunders, Robbi Scarbrough, Wayne Scarbrough, John B. Sherlock, Kaylon Spurlock, Jennifer Unis , Dowson Bedore , Debra Vazquez, Rena Ward, Sonia Webb

**Please Pray for our
Military:**

Anthony Caucci, Jonathan Elder, Clayton F. Gibbs, Terry Jones, James Olands, Angel Olivos, Bong Tanesco, Aurelio Tovar, Gregory Camargo, Michael Gibbons, Jackson Bergeron, Marquis Smith

January 3, 2021

The Epiphany of The Lord

Readings:

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephes. 3:2-3
Matthew 2:2

Theme:

The mystery of the incarnation – Jesus is a gift to all humanity.

Question of the week:

How this past week did you demonstrate God’s love at home and at work?

January 10, 2021

The Baptism of the Lord

Readings:

Isaiah 42:1-4
Acts 10:34-38
Mark 1:7-11

Theme:

The Baptism gives us new life.

Question of the Week:

What meaning does your Baptism have for your everyday life?

Sunday, January 3, 2021
No announcements this week.

Good News!

January 3, 2021

The Epiphany of the Lord (B)

Is 60:1–6; Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6; Mt 2:1–12

Today's Gospel answers this question quite definitively: No! Not everyone saw the guiding star in the sky. Not even those who, presumably, knew the prophecy found in the reading from Isaiah. That ancient prophet announced to the people of Jerusalem: "Your light has come" (Isaiah 60:1). In fact, he promised them they would be so embraced by that light, they themselves would shine brightly with its radiance. But when the time came, not everyone saw it. Or, having seen it, they did not recognize it.

The people of Jesus' time were not ignorant of these prophecies. They knew what they meant and to whom they referred. Consequently, when the stargazers who saw the light inquired about it, those to whom they inquired knew where to send them. So what was the problem? Why were those men in Jerusalem not excited about the star? Very simply, a new king meant a rival king, and those who had power weren't eager to relinquish it.

We know that not everyone in Israel rejected Jesus. Shepherds had already thrilled at this birth. Someone in Bethlehem had opened his home to this child and his parents. Now we add to them the stargazers from another country. It seems the invitation to come to him is extended to all: political and religious leaders, the unsophisticated and marginalized, the established homeowner, the foreigners in their midst. They are all asked: "Did you see what I saw? What do you think of him?"

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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Saturday, January 2
2nd Collection: ODS Building Fund

Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners): 5:00 pm
Spanish Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners): 7:00 pm

Sunday, January 3
2nd Collection: ODS Building Fund

Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners): 9:00 am
Mass at St. Ann (For St. Ann Parishioners): 11:15 am
Spanish Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners): 1:30 pm

Monday, January 4

NO Mass at ODS

Tuesday, January 5

Mass at ODS: 5:30 pm

Wednesday, January 6

Mass at ODS: 8:00 am

Thursday, January 7

Mass at ODS: 8:00 am

Friday, January 8

Mass at ODS: 5:30 pm

Saturday, January 9

Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners): 5:00 pm
Spanish Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners): 7:00 pm

Sunday, January 3

Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners): 9:00 am
Mass at St. Ann (For St. Ann Parishioners): 11:15 am
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2020 Annual Catholic Appeal:

If you haven't yet made your pledge to the ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL, please consider doing it this week. ODS Target Goal is \$26,905 and total given as of 12/17 is \$20,063. St. Ann Target Goal is \$4,001 and total given as of 12/17 is \$2,030. As good stewards, each of us has a responsibility to share our great gifts that come from God. Thank you to those who have already responded with a sacrificial gift or pledge to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Dear Padre

January 3, 2021

A friend who is a fundamentalist insists Epiphany happened exactly as it says in the Bible. I say there's no way it could have. Who is right?

Catholics believe each book of the Bible needs to be appreciated according to the principles of its own literary genre. We don't look to the Gospels for modern critical history or unbiased biographical/reportorial facttelling.

The four Gospels were written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Each Gospel writer uses human skill to craft a true story, presenting the saving mystery of our Lord's life, death, and resurrection so that readers may come to know Christ, share his life, and be saved.

Every story in the Gospels is shaped to communicate saving truth, but not every story is told as a direct "just the facts, ma'am" report of sequential events. So there is a saving sense in which, yes, the Epiphany happened exactly as it says in Matthew 2:1-12. And there is a more literal sense in which, no, the Epiphany probably did not happen exactly as it's recounted.

What is most certain is the Gospel's saving message of the birth of our true king, the light to all nations, before whom we offer homage and who, when we encounter him, will change our lives and send us home in a new path.

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR

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