

# The Epiphany of the Lord January 8, 2012

*My friends, today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord—that day when those strangers from the East, the three wise men, presented their gifts to the infant Savior; the day we acknowledge that Jesus came for all people and dwells in the hearts of people in all lands. Let us pray.*

## Masses of the Week

### Beginning Jan. 9, 2012

8:00 am Daily Mass

**MON:** Macario Javier, Sr. Agnes M. Gallagher

**TUES:** Robert Baker

**WED:** Nicholas J. Rescigno Catherine Mann

**THURS:** Judith Anne Kraft

**FRI:** William Mullen

**SAT:** Jane Goldsmith

### Saturday, Jan. 14, 2012

4:30 PM: Charlotte L. Murray

6:00 PM: Marsha Chaki

### Sunday, Jan. 15, 2012

7:30 AM: Mary LaPlante Joseph & Sophia Izdebski

9:00 AM: Herbert J. Hand, Jr. / Alfred Rae

10:30 AM People of the Parish

Noon Mary Aileen Williams / Ida Votta

Monday NH: Theresa B. Miller

Tuesday NH: Adriana Luca

N.H. – indicates Nursing Home

S.I. – indicates Special Intention

### SCRIPTURE READINGS for Jan. 15, 2012

#### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First:** 1 Sam 3:3b-10, 19 Speak, Lord: your servant is listening.

**Second:** 1 Cor. 6:13c-15a, 17-20 You are a member of Christ and a temple of the Holy Spirit.

**Gospel:** John 1:35-42 We have found the Messiah.

**PRAYER CHAIN** If you have a PRAYER REQUEST call any member of the IHM Prayer Chain: Call Mary Ann Thaler 410-668-7738, Corrine Kelly 410 -252-2009

Please do not remove the new prayer cards from the pews. To print a copy or to read about the changes go to: <http://www.catholicreview.org/newmissal/>

**Prayer Shawls:** If you or someone you know needs the comfort and prayers of a "prayer shawl", know that it is available to you with a call to Pat Novak, 410-321-1438.

### Collections for the Weekend of Jan. 1, 2012

Envelope Donations	\$	8406.00
Loose	\$	1478.51
Solemnity of Mary	\$	3927.00
Children	\$	76.37
Second Collection	\$	3717.81 maintenance
Total	\$	17605.69
Less Cathedraticum	\$	2640.85
Available for Parish	\$	14964.84
Poor Box	\$	291.27

**ELECTRONIC GIVING.** – is a direct payment program whereby your contribution is debited automatically from either your checking or saving account, or can be charged to your credit card. Call parish office at 410-668-7935. Ext.209 The form is also available on the Parish website

**RESPECT LIFE** –From Fr. Shenan J. Boquet, President of Human Life International: My hope-filled prayer for this New Year is to see our world embrace the New Life purchased for us by Our Lord Jesus Christ. I want to see a world where the God-given dignity of every person is respected and protected from natural conception to natural death. I want to see all anti-life laws overturned, every abortion mill closed and every population control program eliminated. I want to see the dignity of marriage between one man and one woman defended and promoted in every culture. I want to see a world where humanity is the world's greatest resource. Together we can promote a Culture of Life and Civilization of Love by considering one of these spiritual exercises as our daily offering to Him who makes all things new: a daily Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, a half hour of spiritual reading, fasting or participation in daily Mass. (www.hli.org) To join the parish Respect Life Committee call Betty Steinbacher at 410-665-8645.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to contribute to the church altar flowers on a particular weekend please call the parish office at 410-668-7935 and speak with Donna.

Please Remember God's Poor by using the **Poor Boxes** as you leave Mass. Your donations go to our **IHM St. Vincent de Paul** Office to help with those in our parish who are in need.

## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

“On entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” All of the good things in our life, all of our gifts and talents, are from the Lord. I pray that in seeing the great gift Our Lord made to us in becoming a tiny child, you may be moved to open the treasures of your own heart in loving service to God and neighbor. For more information about vocations, Contact Rev. Austin A. Murphy, Director of Vocations at 410-547-5426. Or visit the website [www.becomeapriest.org](http://www.becomeapriest.org)

## FAITH FORMATION AT IHM

The **NURSERY** during the 10:30 Mass has reopened. Adult and teen volunteers are needed to help. Please call the Faith Formation office if you would be willing to donate an hour on Sunday morning every few months. 410-661-3820.

**FAITH FORMATION** classes will resume on February 5. Community service hours are available for teens who volunteer. Call 410-661-3820 or e-mail: [apost@immaculateheartofmary.com](mailto:apost@immaculateheartofmary.com)

Is your child registered for **First Eucharist Preparation**? If not, please call Peggy in the Faith Formation Office.

Interested in becoming **Catholic**? Please call the Faith Formation Office to find about RCIA opportunities.

## SPECIAL CARE COLLECTION FOR ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS--JAN. 14-15, 2012

The annual Special Care Collection for Archdiocesan Priests will take place on **January 14-15, 2012**. The total proceeds from this collection will be used for the sole purpose of supporting those Archdiocesan priests in need of special medical attention, including those in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, as well as those in convalescent and rehabilitation centers. There are over 100 priests over the age of 65 in the Archdiocese. Please give generously.

## THE ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL ENTRUSTED WITH A STEWARDSHIP (1 CORINTHIANS 9:17)

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway. Many of our parishioners have received a mailing from Archbishop O'Brien. He has asked that you make a pledge to the 2012 Archbishop's Appeal. This year, the theme of the Appeal is, "Entrusted with a stewardship." When we give ourselves to God, God fills us with His grace and love. Jesus taught that God will never forget us. All that we have and all that we are is given to us by God. In thanksgiving for all that God gives to us, please give generously to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

## Welcome to Our Smoke-Free Campus

In order to comply with the new Archdiocesan Policy, the buildings and property at Immaculate Heart of Mary will be a 24/7 non-smoking campus beginning on **January 1, 2012**. Please help us to provide a healthy environment for all our students, parishioners and employees.

*Fr. Mike*

**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY** - Annual Marriage Mass will be celebrated in the Archdiocese on February 12, 2012 at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 5200 N. Charles St., at 3:00 p.m. with Archbishop O'Brien. All married couples and their families are invited – no matter how long they have been married. Identify the longest married couple in your parish, invite them to attend the Mass, and send their name to the World Marriage Day committee [BaltimoreLongestMarried@gmail.com](mailto:BaltimoreLongestMarried@gmail.com), by phone at 410-987-4210, or online at [www.wvme.net](http://www.wvme.net) Couples celebrating 25 years or more should register at [BaltimoreAnniversaries@gmail.com](mailto:BaltimoreAnniversaries@gmail.com) (or by phone or online) to receive special recognition. A special invitation to marriage preparation volunteers to attend and be thanked by the Archbishop. The Mass will be interpreted for the Deaf. A reception follows in the Cathedral Parish Center.

## STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS – 2011

In order to save on postage costs, no statements of offertory envelope contributions for 2011 will be mailed out unless requested. If you wish to receive your statement, please cut out this slip below, fill it out and drop it in the collection basket or mail it back to the Parish Office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope #: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Taxpayers who make multiple contributions of \$250.00 or more to the same charity during the year only need one acknowledgement reflecting the total amount for the year. Statements will not be mailed until the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2012.