

The Catholic Parishes of Saint John Capistran Immaculate Conception

Holy Rosary

EPIPHANY JANUARY 3RD, 2021

MASS TIMES FOR JANUARY

Amherst— Saturday 5:00 PM Elm Creek—Sunday 8:00 AM Overton-Sunday 10:00 AM

MASS TIMES FOR FEBRUARY Overton—Saturday 5:00 PM Amherst—Sunday 8:00 AM Elm Creek—Sunday10:00 AM

MASS TIMES FOR MARCH

Elm Creek— Saturday 5:00 PM Overton-Sunday 8:00 AM Amherst-Sunday 10:00 AM

HOLY DAYS MASSES AS NOTED IN BULLETIN

OFFICE HOURS

Please call (308) 856-4375 to make an appointment.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 4:30 - 4:45 Sunday - 7:30 - 7:45 Sunday – After 10:00 Mass By request Anytime by appointment

MARRIAGES

Friday Evenings or 2 PM Saturdays, or you can invoke the "Tool Rule". 4 month minimum preparation. If previously married takes 1 1/2 to 2 years for annulment decision.

BAPTISM

Call Rectory for class and instructions.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please introduce yourselves to the Pastor or call the rectory (308) 856-4375 to register.

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN

Thursday by 3:00pm If you miss the deadline it will not be in the bulletin that weekend.

is a Christian holy Day primarily commemorating the Magi's visit to the baby Jesus and the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. Eastern traditions, which usually call the holy day Theophany, focus on Jesus' baptism, seen as the manifestation of Christ as true God and true man.

Rev. Joseph K. Joseph

Judy O'Donnell

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Rev. Mr. Bill O'Donnell

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Epiphany:



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Dearly beloved in Christ,

We began the New Year without much of the customary fanfare of music and dance, but spiritually and liturgically the church maintained the traditional celebration of the Solemnity of the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God. She is our powerful mother in heaven who will watch over her children all through this New Year too. We do not know what to expect this year, but with confidence and trust we move on accepting all things from the loving providence of God. This Sunday of the Feast of Epiphany keep reminding us of his presence with us.

Recognizing all the sacrificing work that the family members, doctors, nurses, and other health workers have done this past year for the COVID – 19 patients and other sick members of our human family, our Holy Father says:

"For this we give praise to him, because we believe and know that all the good that is done on earth day by day in the end comes from him." When looking to the future and the New Year we just stepped into, he added that we again implore: "May your mercy always be with us, in you we have hoped, and continue to do the same." Wish you all a Very Blessed Feast of the Epiphany and a Grace-filled New Year

Yours affectionately in Christ,

Fr. Joseph



Weekday Masses:

Wednesday, Jan. 6th, Immaculate Conception, 9:00am For **†David and T.J. Buettner** by Beth Bryan

Thursday, Jan. 7th, St. John Capistran, 9:00am for **†Tom Brennan** by Tim and Vicki O'Neil

Friday, Jan. 8th, Holy Rosary 9:00am For **†Ed and Isabel** Gruntorad by Loyd and Mary Ann Hickey

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Jan. 9th, St. John Capistran 5:00pm for **The People of the Parishes**

Sunday Jan. 10th , Immaculate Conception 8:00 am **In thanksgiving for Deacon Bill O'Donnell** by Loyd and Mary Ann Hickey

Sunday, Jan. 11th , Holy Rosary 10:00 am for **†Tim Shively on the 20th Anniversary of his death** by Connie Shively

Curious about what it might take to become Catholic?

We would love to talk with you. Feel free to call Fr. Joseph at 308-856-4375 or Deacon Bill at 402-680-8425

Confirmation Retreat

A Confirmation Retreat is to be held at Immaculate Conception Education Center on Sunday, January 17th, 2021 from noon – 4:00p, lunch will be served. Registration forms are available from all DRE's at each parish, or contact Cheska Hubbard at <u>cheskahubbard@icloud.com</u>. Registrations due on or before January 10th, 2021.

Attention All Parishes

We will be having a meeting of all the Confirmation Parents and Students with Fr. Joseph on January 10th at **2:00m PM at St. John's in Amherst** to finalize plans for Confirmation that will be celebrated on February 7th.

Please note that both parents and students are encouraged to attend.

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Judy and I would like to thank everyone for their wonderful gifts

and for always making us a part of the parish family. May God bless each and every one of you in this Promising New Year. -Deacon Bill

Collection Report: <u>Minimum Income Need</u> Sunday Collection Christmas Collection Retirement Fund (Relig Building Fund	Immaculate Con led \$1,250 \$1035 \$7260	ception <u>).00</u> .00 .00	th, 2020 Holy Rosary \$750.00 \$1174.00 \$820.00 -0- -0-	St. John Cap \$1,000.0 \$5005.0 \$ 6165. -0- \$100.00	00 0 00	ing v gave othe (Tob	are tithing Parishes, mean- we give 10% of what God e us back (5% parish and 5% er charities). Based off bible bit 1:6-7, Deuteronomy 2, Hebrews 7:2-25)
The 2020-2021 Diocesan Appeal							
Parish	Number of Households		Number of Donors	Goal	Receiv	ved	Balance Needed
Immaculate Conception	n 85	23	7	\$7,472.00	\$1,300	0.00	\$6172.00
Holy Rosary	60	18	9	\$5,592.00	\$3390	.00	\$2,202.00
St. John Capistran	79	18	7	\$7,729.00	\$2900	.00	\$4,829.00
Remember the sick and Pray for them.							

Immaculate Conception Parish Homebound: Donevieve Ourada, Betty Broe Ill or Recovering; Bob Dudek, Betty Geist, Eileen Smith, Pat Johns, Jim Gunderson Holy Rosary Parish Homebound: Jean McTygue, Ill or Recovering: Alan Smith, Anna Graczyk, Janice Streit, James Poorman, Larry Streit, Garrett Scholz, Lance Kizer, Dan McDonald, Braden Fleischman Saint John Capistran Ill or Recovering: Delores McTygue, Chase Klingelhoefer, Dick Riessland, Dave Glatter, Janice Loeffelholz, Ronin Bowie, Byron Eckhout, Terry Taubenheim, Beverly Kleidosty

Jan. 4th, Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious



This wife, mother and foundress of a religious congregation was born Elizabeth Ann Bayley on August 28, 1774 in New York City, the daughter of an eminent physician and professor at what is now Columbia University. Brought up as an Episcopalian, she received an excellent education, and from her early years she manifested an unusual concern for the poor.

In 1794 Elizabeth married William Seton, with whom she had five children. The loss of their fortune so affected William's health that in 1803 Elizabeth and William went to stay with Catholic friends at Livorno, Italy. William died six weeks after their arrival, and when Elizabeth returned to New York City some six months later, she was already a convinced Catholic. She met with stern opposition from her Episcopalian friends but was received into full communion with the Catholic

Church on March 4, 1805.

Abandoned by her friends and relatives, Elizabeth was invited by the superior of the Sulpicians in Baltimore to found a school for girls in that city. The school prospered, and eventually the Sulpician superior, with the approval of Bishop Carroll, gave Elizabeth and her assistants a rule of life. They were also permitted to make religious profession and to wear a religious habit.

Mother Seton laid the foundation of the American parochial school system and was the first native-born American to be canonized.

The Kids' Bulletin Epiphany Sunday January 3rd, 2021 January I and Our Lady and the Magi born of a mother. Mary was the perfect woman- He had made her for when the wise men, or magi, came from far away to worship the new baby King Jesus. They travelled for many days and were guided by a could have come as a grown-up king with great power, but He chose poor helpless baby, the great men fell on their knees before them and though she knew she would have to suffer a lot. She accepted Jesus' star that God put in the sky for them. Finally they came to the house On January 1st we celebrate the feast of Mary, the Mother of God Even though Mary was just a poor young mother and Jesus was a God loves the poor so much he made Himself a poor baby. He is When God asked her to be the mother of His Son she said yes, even Do you know why Mary is so special? She always says yes to God. On January 3rd this year we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, instead to come into the world the way everyone else does, being Himself- so she deserves to be greatly honoured as God's mother. Mary was the way that God chose to come into the world. He worshipped Jesus, offering their expensive treasures of gold, in Bethlehem where Mary and Jesus were staying honoured every time we are kind to the poor death on the cross because God willed it. frankincense and myrrh

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Under what title do we honour Our Lady on January 1st?

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Mary,

and pray for them. Can you do something

kind for someone who

is poorer than you, or say a

prayer for them today?