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January 8,

2023:

Epiphany of the
Lord

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MASS/LITURGY SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

Mon.—Thurs. 5 PM

WEEKEND MASS

SATURDAY VIGIL 5 PM

SUNDAY 10 AM ([livestream on YouTube](#))
and 5 PM.

(No 5 PM Mass on January 8. Mass at 10 AM only)

CONFESSION The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment with Fr. Larry at chaplain@rpi.edu

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY Jan. 15 10AM Mass—in memory of Tom Tilston (1st Anv.) requested by Charmayne Tilston

The 2023 book is open! Consider having a Mass said in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (ex. birthday), or, most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. Contact [Kevin](#) to arrange dates and offering.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Romans 12:6 "In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well."

THE ONLY SHOTS YOU NEED Help is needed to host coffee hour. Please sign-up on the bulletin board to host a coffee hour on Sundays after the 10 AM and 5 PM Masses. It's easy! Help is provided!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES Drive through food distribution: Tuesday JAN. 24 at Lansingburgh Boys & Girls Club, 504 4th Ave, Troy. Volunteer and food pick-up info [here](#).

DESSERTS FOR JOSEPH'S HOUSE SOUP

KITCHEN Our parish provides 50 desserts (home baked or purchased) for the Soup Kitchen on the second and last Thursdays of the month. Desserts need to be delivered to Joseph's House by 2:30pm on the assigned date. We are looking for volunteers to assist in this ministry as bakers and/or drivers. You can sign up [here](#) or contact Donna Crone donna.crone@gmail.com (518) 283-3743 for more information. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

COLLECTIONS

Your continued generosity is appreciated! Here are ways to give...

- Mail your collection envelope and/or your check **made payable to Christ Sun of Justice** or place in the collection basket.
- Make an [online donation](#) ("Mass donation" in the comments section.)
- Venmo: At offertory time (or any time, really!) you can use your Venmo app to give to "csjparish". If it is for a special collection, just note that in the comments box.
- THIS week we will be collecting items for hungry and income insecure in our community through the OLS food pantry. The greatest need for January includes men and women's razors, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, liquid soap, and toilet paper. Thank You in advance for being as generous as your means allow.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11

Pastoral Council Meeting 7PM Zoom link [here](#).

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel tells us "All Jerusalem" was upset because "King Herod was deeply troubled." A similar ripple effect happens in families; one person's negative attitude can affect the whole family. If you want a peaceful and joyful home, it must start with you. Be peaceful and joyful!



NOTES

TAX LETTERS If you would like to receive a gift acknowledgement letter for tax purposes, please call the office or complete the form [here](#). Letters will be sent out starting JAN. 16.

BULLETIN Interested in receiving an electronic copy of the bulletin? Sign up [here](#). At the bottom of the page, check "Weekly Bulletin".

ATTENTION STUDENTS Searching for a way to make your Catholic faith more visible? RPI Newman Catholic Fellowship apparel is now available! Visit this link to our merch store [here](#).

INCLEMENT WEATHER Winter is here! Please call the C+CC phone (518-274-7793) and listen to the voicemail message for any changes in Mass times. Also, if you see on TV that OLV Masses are cancelled, CSJ will also be cancelled.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Readings can be found in multiple ways:

- Web: <https://bible.usccb.org/>
- Sign-up for a daily email with a link to the day's readings: <https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading#subscribe>
- On the Hallow app
- In the Bible

Jan 8 Sun: *Is 60: 1-6/ Ps 72: 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13/ Eph 3: 2-3a. 5-6/ Mt 2: 1-12*

Jan 9 Mon: *Is 42: 1-4. 6-7 or Acts 10: 34-38/ Ps 29: 1-2. 3-4. 3. 9-10 (11b)/ Mt 3: 13-17*

Jan 10 Tue: *Heb 2: 5-12/ Ps 8: 2ab and 5. 6-7. 8-9/ Mk 1: 21-28*

Jan 11 Wed: *Heb 2: 14-18/ Ps 105: 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8-9/ Mk 1: 29-39*

Jan 12 Thu: *Heb 3: 7-14/ Ps 95: 6-7c. 8-9. 10-11/ Mk 1: 40-45*

Jan 13 Fri: *Heb 4: 1-5. 11/ Ps 78: 3 and 4bc. 6c-7. 8/ Mk 2: 1-12*

Jan 14 Sat: *Heb 4: 12-16/ Ps 19: 8. 9. 10. 15/ Mk 2: 13-1*

GROWING IN FAITH IN 2023

PODCAST *The Catechism in a Year* (with Fr. Mike Schmitz) started on January 1, 2023! With this podcast, Catholics will:

- Read the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church in 365 days
- Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter
- See how Church teaching is rooted in Sacred Scripture
- Absorb over 2,000 years of Sacred Tradition
- Encounter God's plan of sheer goodness
- Transform their relationship with the Church that Christ founded.

If you have ever wanted to understand what it means to be Catholic and allow those truths to shape your life—this podcast is for you! Additional information can be found [here](#).

HALLOW APP The parish has acquired a group subscription making the app FREE until Easter 2023 (normally \$8.99/mo). This is a great opportunity to explore new ways to pray, and to make a deeper prayer life part of 2023 and particularly your Lenten preparation. To sign up, visit <http://hallow.com/holyday>. They'll walk you through the free sign-up.

C+CC NEWS

GALLERY Landscapes by Saratoga Artist David Carter. On display DEC – JAN 30, 2023

THURSDAY JAN. 26

Red Cross Blood Drive 9AM-3PM Sign-up [here](#).

EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

Did you know that there is a Catholic tradition of blessing our homes at Epiphany inviting the Lord's presence and blessing over the household throughout the upcoming year? We welcome you to start (or continue) this tradition in 2023! Blessed chalk will be available this weekend after Masses. More information is found [here](#) explaining the meaning and the prayers for the blessing!

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~Campus Connection~



FR. LARRY RICE, CSP

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For as long as there have been calendars, there have been arguments about calendars.

Early on in Human history, we developed a need to measure the passing years, so that we'd be able to track when to plan the crops, who's got seniority, and when we qualify for Social Security. Once we had established the length of a year roughly 365 days, it was necessary to establish some sort of arbitrary numbering system. And in different parts of the world, different systems have been developed.

In the Western world, and for the sake of convenience and commerce, most of the rest of the world, the current year, 2023 AD is measured from the birth of Christ. The AD stands for Anno Domini, or "year of the Lord." Years before Christ are numbered in reverse, and marked with the letters BC, which mean, well, Before Christ.

But it wasn't always that way. The ancient Romans measured years AUC or Ab Urbe Condita, from the founding of the City of Rome, which corresponds to 753 BC. But the changeover to AD and BC didn't really happen until a sixth century monk named Dionysius established the year of Christ's birth. A century and a half later, the Venerable Bede worked to encourage the adoption of the AD/BC numbering.

One significant problem: Dionysius made some errors in his calculations. Scholars tell us that Jesus Christ was most likely born between 7 and 4 BC. So, although all our modern dates are at least indirectly in reference to the Savior's birth, that date is off by several years. A reminder, perhaps, that all we do is in relation to this central event in human history. Even if our reckoning is a bit off.



SPIRITUAL SEEDS

by Tracy Watson, RPI Associate Catholic Chaplain

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Greetings to you, and welcome to a new year - and a new semester for students.

This week I share with you a reflection inspired by my love for the outdoors combined with our liturgical celebration of Epiphany.

While out for a run the other day I heard a woodpecker, and though its sound was unmistakable, my eyes could not find it. But the next morning I had the great gift of seeing one up close - much larger than I imagined, and very persistent in its work. As I ran on I prayed that I had not been as hard as that tree seemed to be - although the Good Lord knows there have been seasons...

Later, my attention was drawn to a reflection on Epiphany in the daily devotional "The Upper Room" in which the editor noted that "throughout the church year, Christ appears to us again and again. Jesus' baptism, the wedding in Cana, each story of healing, each act of love, each parable Jesus teaches reveal God's divine presence on earth. God appears again and again, and it is up to us to pay attention, to remain ready to encounter God all around us."

It is with these things in mind that we are encouraged to ask for extra helpings of the graces we need to be open and receptive to Christ - and to be bold enough to take action rooted and grounded in the Gospel, for the life of our world so in need. (written in 2013)

Welcome back students!

Our first **Tuesday Nite Newman** of the semester will be **January 17th**: stay tuned here and in our Discord channel for details. Hoping to see you!

~Tracy

Curious about something/got a question? Contact Associate Catholic Chaplain Tracy Watson (spiritual.advisorccc@gmail.com) or student leaders Megan Adam (adamm2@rpi.edu) and Joey Trosa (trosaj@rpi.edu)