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The Pope's Prayer Intention for January

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.



Cover Art:

The Adoration of the Three Kings. Public Domain.

SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 4:00PM,
5:30 PM, (en español)

Sun. 8 AM, 9:15AM, 10:30AM, 11:45AM,
1:15 PM (en español), 4:00PM, 5:30PM

Weekday Masses:

Mon.—Fri. 8:00AM, 12:05PM, 4:45PM
Saturday 9:00AM, 12PM

Confessions:

Mon.—Fri. 8:30 -11:50AM, 12:30-4:40PM
Saturday 9:30 - 11:45 AM, 12:30-3:30PM

Devotions:

Tuesday after Mass: Our Lady
Wednesday after Mass: St. Joseph
Thursday after Mass: St. Jude

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon.—Fri. 8:30-11:50AM, 12:30-4:30PM;
Sat. 9:30-11:30AM, 12:30-3:30PM;
Sunday 2:30-3:30PM

Gift Shop Hours:

Monday—Friday 10:00AM - 4:30PM*;
Saturday 9:30AM - 6:00PM*;
Sunday 8:45AM - 6:00PM*
(*Closed during Masses)

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Reflection by Fr. Isaac Abu, OMV

Oh Come let us adore him. Today we celebrate the manifestation of the Lord as the Light to all Nations and King of the World.

Now and then, we hear of prophecies that are never fulfilled. It is either someone claiming that it has been revealed that a particular candidate will win an election and never wins or a particular event will take place and never happen. But all that was said about Jesus Christ the long awaited King took place.

For instance Balaam whose mission was to curse Israel ended up blessing Israel and prophesied "I see him, though not now; I observe him, though not near: "A star shall advance from Jacob, and a scepter* shall rise from Israel, That will crush the brows of Moab, and the skull of all the Sethites" (Num.24:17).

Similarly, the Prophet Micah made a prophecy about the future king saying: "But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathaha least among the clans of Judah, From you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel;" (Micah 5:1). We must note that the fulfillment of prophecies indicate authenticity. Therefore, we bear in the mind that Jesus Christ is a real King and everything about him is authentic. Consequently, we have to respond to him in a manner that is consistent with election as beloved children of God.

The magi guided by a star have demonstrated to us what to do before the King. A genuine adoration and praise and giving him gifts. This is different from the insincere lip-service worship that the paranoid king Herod proposed to the Magi as guise to terminate the innocent life of the Innocent life of the Infant King, Jesus Christ.

Giving the Lord true worship is very fruitful. No goes empty or remains after the right worship which leads to a profound encounter. Symbolically, the Magi went through another after an angel of God manifested the real intention of King Herod. True adoration brings about the transformation of the worshipper.

Guided by the Holy Spirit let us present the gift of our lives to Jesus Christ. Let us not forget that the best is good for God, we must imitate the Magi in the gifts that befit him. They gave the gift of Gold that symbolizes his Kingship, Frankincense his priesthood and Myrrh his burial. Oh come let us adore him!

*And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it."
(Isaiah 30:21)*

Day of Discernment for Young Men



January 20, 2024

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, Jan. 7

8:00 AM +John Curtis Snyder
 9:15 AM Mary Bane
 10:30 AM For those named on the Memorial Tree
 11:45 AM +Angel Ramon Sanchez
 1:15 PM +Margarita Arboleda
 4:00 PM +Marta Romeu
 5:30 PM +Antonio Romeu

Monday, Dec. Jan. 8

8:00 AM Parker & Natalie Gindele
 12:05 PM +Jonathan Smart
 4:45 PM Paul Florentine, Jr.

Tuesday, Jan. 9

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory
 12:05 PM Brendan Feitelberg
 4:45 PM +Quinn Chen

Wednesday, Jan. 10

8:00 AM Cecilia Ozaeta—birthday
 12:05 PM +Sam Mosca
 4:45 PM Paul Check

Thursday, Jan. 11

8:00 AM +Dino Livolsi
 12:05 PM +John B. Morse
 4:45 PM +Mary Ellen Dean

Friday, Jan. 12

8:00 AM +Gregory Ripka
 12:05 PM +Paul F. Crovo
 4:45 PM Boma Brown-West

Saturday, Jan. 13

9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory
 12:00 PM John Quinn
 4:00 PM Roisin O'Brien
 5:30 PM +Gabriel Fernando Mejia

Prayer Before Mass



by Ven. Bruno Lanteri

My God, I offer you this holy sacrifice to proclaim, honor and glorify your infinite greatness, and in recognition of the supreme dominion which, as the first principle and last end, you have above all created things. I give you this homage for all those who still do not know you or do not want to recognize you.

I offer this too in thanksgiving for the benefits that I and all the world have received and will receive from your infinite goodness; in satisfaction for my sins and those of the whole world; to implore the graces that are necessary for my eternal salvation and for all mankind. Oh, my God, I offer to you the merits of Jesus Christ; grant me at this Holy Mass a profound adoration of him.

My God, my Creator, I implore you to grant me the grace of final perseverance. I know by faith that I do not deserve it, nor can I deserve it, but your Divine Son deserves it for me with all his virtues and with all the wounds he shows you in his Most Holy Body, on behalf of my wounded love. Amen.

Epiphany Home Blessing

The traditional date of Epiphany is January 6, but in the United States it is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.

When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung. The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply, "Amen."

The leader greets those present in the following words:

Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace.

Blessed be God forever.

R/. Blessed be God forever.

In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 19:1-9:

Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham."



The intercessions are then said:

Leader: The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him.

We Pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head.

We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing.

We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory.

We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

After the intercessions the leader invites all present to say the Lord's Prayer.

The leader says the prayer of blessing with hands joined:

Lord God of heaven and earth,
you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation
by the guidance of a star.
Bless this house
and all who inhabit it.
Fill them (us) with the light of Christ,
that their (our) concern for others may reflect your love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen.

The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:

May Christ Jesus dwell with us,
keep us from all harm,
and make us one in mind and heart,
now and forever.
R/. Amen.

End with a suitable song, for example, "We Three Kings."