

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly



The Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 2018

"You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit...it was not made known to people in other generations as it now has been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel."

We hear the story of the visitors from the east, the magi, remember the three gifts and the guidance of the star. But St. Paul offers us something more for our consideration. God in His goodness has sent His Son, for the salvation of all people. Paul explained it clearly, as revealed now.

The 'now' in our time tells us the same awesome and meaningful message. We are 1) Coheirs, - something special is offered to us. 2) Members of the same body - we belong to the Lord and His church, a holy people and 3) copartners, called to do our part as Missionary Disciples.

These gifts have been given to us for our benefit, to be treasured and used for the building of His kingdom.

FEAST, SCRIPTURE, CITATIONS & SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 6 *Saint Andre Bessette, Religious* | 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 (209)

12:10 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 7 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD; *Is 60:1-6, Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2:1-12* (20)

9:00 a.m. Carl & Angelo Conetta

11:30 a.m. Sheila Short

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday, January 8 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD; *Is 55:1-11 or 1Jn 5:1-9, Mk 1:7-11* (21)

12:10 p.m.

Tuesday, January 9 1Sm 1:9-20, Mk 1:21-28 (306)

12:10 p.m.

Wednesday, January 10 1Sm 3:1-10, 19-20, Mk 1:29-39 (307)

12:10 p.m. Mary Wade

Thursday, January 11 1Sm 4:1-11, Mk 1:40-45 (308)

12:10 p.m. Dr. Marcelito (Mars) Custodio

Friday, January 12 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a, Mk 2:1-12 (309)

12:10 p.m. Zulma Durosean

Saturday, January 13 *St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, DVM*; 1Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1, Mk 2:13-17 (310)

12:10 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Eileen Gardiner

SECOND COLLECTION

*Collection for the Catholic
Communications Campaign*

All Masses— January 6th – January 7th

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah speaks poetically of the coming of the Lord. He describes how “darkness covers the earth” but light and glory appear over God’s chosen people.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul tells the Ephesians that the Jews and Gentiles are now co-heirs of the promises God has made. He explains that both groups are now members of one body through Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus’ birth, three astrologers from the east came to Jerusalem and inquired about the newborn king of the Jews. King Herod became greatly angered, and asked the astrologers to bring him more information about the child once they had found him, so that he too could pay homage to the infant. However, Herod’s true plan was to kill Jesus. The wise men were warned in a dream not to return to him and they took a different route to return home.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8TH

*Volunteers are needed to help disassemble
and store the Christmas Program Covers*

Tuesday – Friday

*Please call before coming in
for a current status!!*

*For additional information, please be sure to
contact the Parish Office at 212-741-1274 (OR)
email businessmanager@stjosephgo.nyc*

PARISH OFFICE CLOSING

The Parish office will be closed on:

Monday, January 15th
in observance of
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

OUR COLLECTION

Collection for

December 30-31, 2017

By Mass as follows:

5:30 pm: \$5,794 9:00 am: \$1,484

11:30 am: \$2,487 6:00 pm: \$778

Sunday Masses Total: \$10,543

Christmas New Year’s Day: \$1,085

WeShare: \$590

Faith Street: \$995

Grand Total: \$13,213