

Epiphany — January 3, 2010

The Epiphany of the Lord ABC 1 *Isaiah 60:1-6*

Caravans of Camels

About those camels, we are not too sure about them. Yes, every nativity scene shows the magi seated on stately dromedaries, or leading their beasts of burden by bit and rein. But, quite honestly, the story of the Magi never tells us how they got there. They could have traveled on foot, in chariot, on horseback, elephants, or by camel—but we just do not know.

The reason we keep putting them on camels in our art is because of Isaiah's prophecy. He predicted that caravans of camels would fill Jerusalem, and that people from the East would come bearing gold and frankincense. "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!" he proclaims. "Your light has come."

In Matthew's story, the magi realize that Jerusalem's light has come. They follow the star and bring their gifts of gold and frankincense. Myrrh, too. By telling about these gifts, Matthew turns our attention back to Isaiah. Reading that prophecy, we realize that the light Isaiah mentioned is the Light of the World, Jesus Christ.

When we see the magi seated on camels, we are remembering Isaiah. When we remember Isaiah, we remember the light that came to shatter the darkness of our world. Those camels carry hope.

Readings For Next Sunday January 9 & 10

1st Reading...Is 42:1-4, 6-7
2nd Reading...Acts 10:34-38
Gospel...Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

ALTAR SERVERS (Week of January 4)

Monday	Noon	Jim Gates, S. Tedder, A. Hood
Tuesday	Noon	To Be Contacted, D. Chandler, T. Ciacio
Wednesday	Noon	Bud Koshewa, A. Judge, S. Davis
Thursday	Noon	Steve Sternberg, B. Gumbel, M. O'Hara
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	+A. Bland, R. Ballinger, E. Twyman
Sunday	10:00am	+D. McFarland, H. Lane, J. Bowen

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MASS INTENTIONS (Week of January 4)

Monday	Noon	Dr. Bill Sandman
Tuesday	Noon	Mary C. Haffermann
Wednesday	Noon	Phoebe Mattingly
Thursday	Noon	Dec. Mem. of the Creed Family
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	St. Raphael Community
Sunday	10:00am	Art Beck & Louis Galletelli

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS (January, 2010)

4:30pm....David Worland (cpt), Joe O'Toole, Church Armes, Pat Riggs, **Need 2**
10:00am... Peter & Dianna Pepe(cpts) & Mike Baron, Gene Brewer, Pete Thomas, Bob Kern, Beth & Vincent Pepe (subs)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (January 9 & 10)

4:30pm...Team C...Kathleen Gumbel, *Cpt.*, Kevin Raque, Bud Koshewa, Carolyn Marcum, Carolyn Halvarson, Katie Monarch
10:00am...Team A...Charlie Roth, *Cpt.*, Joe & Judi Brashear, Sharon Roberts, Bob & Susan Meyer, John Werkman

LECTORS

(January 9 & 10)

4:30pm...Kenyon Meyer & Martin Doyle
10:00am....Joe Steffen & Joan Cissell

GIFT BEARERS (January 9 & 10)

4:30pm...Michael & Perpetua Markwell
10:00am...Marti Family

Stewardship Reflection

Tithing for December 27.....Not available

The wise men spent their lives seeking God and when they finally found Him they opened their coffers in generosity. Stewardship is much easier when we seek God first in our lives.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

7th and 8th Graders

Movie Night: We will be watching: Night at the Museum II Battle of the Smithsonian. The movie will be shown on **Monday, January 4th** from 6 to 7:30 pm Popcorn and refreshments will be served.

High School

Bowling: We will be going bowling on **Sunday, January 3rd** from 7 to 9 pm. at Kingpin Lanes on Taylorsville Road. Contact Nick Cummins at 458-2500 for more info.

Family Bingo is Coming!

Family Bingo is coming in January. We will have family bingo after the **10am mass** on **January 17th**. Plenty of markers and cards will be available along with food and refreshments. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. (This is a free event).



Please contact Nick Cummins at nkcummins@bellsouth.net or 458-2500 for more info on any of the above mentioned events.

After both Masses on January 9 & 10, there will be sign up sheets in the back of church for the annual Right to Life of Louisville's ad that will be published in the Courier-Journal. There is a \$5.00 contribution requested to offset the cost of the ad.



THE ST. RAPHAEL PARISH
STAFF WISHES EVERYONE
A BLESSED AND HAPPY
NEW YEAR.

School will resume on Monday,
January 4. We welcome every-
one back from the holiday break!



The Parish Office will
be closed on Monday,
January 18 in obser-
vance of Martin Luther
King Jr. Day.



MASS CANCELATION DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER

As a reminder, when Catholic Elementary school classes are canceled due to inclement weather (Monday-Friday), masses for that particular day(s) are also canceled.

Please patronize the sponsors of our bulletin. Their support makes this bulletin possible.

This week's bulletin sponsor is **Gibson Law Offices.**

END OF THE YEAR TAX STATEMENTS for contributions through 12/31/09 will be mailed to each registered parish family no later than 1/31/10. Tax statements will contain any donation made through your monthly contribution envelopes. These include: Sunday, building debt reduction, holyday, and Archdiocesan collections for which envelopes were provided in your packet. Gifts of stock to the parish will be listed separately on your statement listing the type and number of shares.

Bridal Announcement...The Record will publish the First Bridal Issue of 2010 on January 28, 2010. If you are planning your wedding between January 28, 2010 and July 28, 2010 and would like your announcement in The Record, fill out and send the form currently appearing in the paper. You may also go online at archlou.org/therecord/bridalannouncements and complete your form via the internet. For additional information or questions contact Rachell Rauh at 471-2125 or email: rrauh@archlou.org. **The deadline is Friday, January 8, 2010 at 10am.**



2010 Calendars are available in the back of church and may be picked up after all Masses.

Opportunities for Life: Kentucky's four Catholic bishops have selected the weekend of January 16/17 for the Annual Collection to support Opportunities for Life. On this weekend, the Church asks us to contribute to the statewide 24-hour a day, 7-day a week pregnancy ministry. Please be generous in your giving to this important second collection. OFL volunteers offer hope and resources to callers who find the courage to seek help while facing a crisis in their lives. In addition to your generous gift, please pray for our volunteers and for those they serve. For information on our volunteer training program or to receive more information about OFL, please call (888)496-3638.

Spanish Class for Beginners

Saturdays, Jan.23 - Feb. 27, 2010

9:30-11:00 a.m. at Hand in Hand Ministries (2225 Steier Ln.)

Cost \$45 Call 459-9930

Or e-mail maryhelen@hhministries.com

for more information.

Please offer your prayers for our sick family & friends in the St. Raphael Parish community:

Bernadine Allbritten, Mary Lee Anderson, Helen Bethards, Charles Bauer, Mary Rose Brizendine, Jo Ann Carroll, James Caudill, Richard Chandler, David Charmoli, Victoria Clark, Pat Conner, Robert Coury, Martha Creed, Connor Day, Mary Jeannette Durham, Sara Fante, Daniel Flynn, Frances Gibson, Sue Harris, Marcella Horney, Rosemary Johnson, Mary Kautzman, Damion Kline, George Koestel, Henry Krebs, A.C. Leonhardt, Cleo Leonhardt, Charles Lucas, Marilyn Malone, Andrew McKinley, Tom Meyer, Malinda O'Daniel Ron Parrino, Connie Peters, Dr. Richard Phelps, Angelo Rappa, Tina Ray, Jean Reinstedler, Joesph Sauter, Elfriede Smith, Elmer Smith, Scott Spalding, Jack Sweeney, Dorothy Thomas, John Tichenor, Anna Maria Verwest, Jane Wagner, Carol Walls, Mary Warken, Lillian Werkman, James Whelan, Marty Wiehebrink, Dorothy Wimsatt,

(In an effort to keep the prayer list up-to-date, please notify the Parish Office of any additions or deletions.)