

# WELCOME to Epiphany

"We do not know... how can we know the way?"
Courageous master of the awkward question,
You spoke the words the others dared not say
And cut through their evasion and abstraction.
Oh doubting Thomas, father of my faith,
You put your finger on the nub of things
We cannot love some disembodied wraith,
But flesh and blood must be our king of kings.
Your teaching is to touch, embrace, anoint,
Feel after Him and find Him in the flesh.
Because He loved your awkward counter-point
The Word has heard and granted you your wish.
Oh place my hands with yours, help me divine
The wounded God whose wounds are healing mine.

Malcolm Guite

# About God's Word THROUGH THE WEEK AT EPIPHANY

# Sunday, Apr 16, 2023

## Put disappointments behind

Learn a lesson from the experience of the apostle we've come to know as "doubting Thomas." Insisting that our expectations be met is often the path to disillusionment and heartbreak. The way to peace is another route entirely. As Saint John Chrysostom taught, "So you want peace of heart? Then do not seek health, nor wealth, nor fame, nor power, nor luxury. Seek wisdom in God's sight, stick to the virtues, and nothing will be able to make you sad." Start by cultivating the seven big virtues: faith, hope, love, prudence, temperance, courage, and justice. And leave disappointment in the rearview mirror.

SOLEMNITY OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER; DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31 (43). "Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' "

## Monday, Apr 17, 2023

#### Reborn and renewed

Are Catholics "born again"? Yes, when we are baptized. In Baptism, we die with Christ, in that all sins are purified, and are reborn as children of God. Once done, it need not and cannot be repeated because by Baptism we are incorporated into Christ, configured to Christ, and sealed forever with the "indelible spiritual mark" of belonging to Christ. Catholics can, however, renew baptismal vows—and often do at Mass, especially during the Easter season, including the Easter Vigil Mass. Cherish this opportunity to restate your promises, profess your faith, and strengthen your commitment to Christ and church once again.

## EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8 (267). "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless one is born of water and Spirit he cannot enter the Kingdom of God."

# Tuesday, Apr 18, 2023

### The high cost of beauty

On this day in 1506, Pope Julius II laid the cornerstone for today's St. Peter's Basilica, initiating the most celebrated architectural project in all of Christendom. The work involved renowned Renaissance artists Raphael and Michelangelo and took 120 years to complete. The result? Ralph Waldo Emerson declared it "an ornament of the earth . . . the sublime of the beautiful." To appreciate its beauty and grandeur, take a virtual tour of St. Peter's Basilica.

### EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15 (268). "The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes."

### Wednesday, Apr 19, 2023

## Free advice

From the Book of Exodus to the Book of Acts, biblical literature is filled with stories of God delivering people from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light. And, as the church instructs in its 1984 document on liberation theology, the "most radical form of slavery is slavery to sin." Reflect on God's activity in your own life, especially during times that you were stuck or caught in a

destructive pattern. God created us free and longs to see us free. Whatever fetters might have you tied down or wrestling in the dark at the moment, know that you can turn to God for release. Liberation is what God loves to bring!

### EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21 (269). "The angel of the Lord opened the doors of the prison [and] led them out."

## Thursday, Apr 20, 2023

### More than enough to go around

If you grew up in a household marked by scarcity, the "theology of abundance" might be hard to embrace. This concept, popularized by Lutheran theologian Walter Brueggemann, is that God's generosity and abundance are overflowing, and that discipleship means sharing freely of both material and spiritual riches to rid the world of poverty in all its forms. How do you experience God's overflowing generosity? And how are you paying it forward?

### EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36 (270). "He does not ration his gift of the Spirit."

### Friday, Apr 21, 2023

### Sad face emoji

Behind smiley emojis and Instagram-worthy photos, many people are struggling to make it through the day. With so much heaviness of heart, Easter can seem totally out of place. Yet, the Paschal Mystery reminds us that we need not be struggle-free in order to allow the warmth, light, and new life of Easter to wash over us, if even a little. God welcomes us in just as we are and offers to us abundant love, holding us when we ourselves can hold no more. As we continue this season, what might you allow God to hold for you?

### EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15 (271). "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted."

## Saturday, Apr 22, 2023

# Calming the waters

The Sea of Galilee is said to be prone to sudden, violent storms, with temperature swings and gusty winds provoked by the high mountains that surround it. Whether we understand Jesus walking on the choppy waters literally or figuratively, the message is clear: Jesus is our bridge over troubled waters. Whatever turbulence you might be experiencing, reach out a hand to the many incarnations of Christ in your life—those who will stand by you and stand with you, those who are ready to reach out a steadying hand as you face the storms of life.

### EASTER WEEKDAY

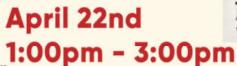
TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21 (272). "The sea was stirred up because a strong wind was blowing."

# Earth Day at Epiphany

Watching

The Letter: Laudato Si' Film

"Pope Francis invitation on care for invitation"





Children's Earth Day
Craft and Activities

April 23rd After 11am Mass

# Alpha

New Young Adult Alpha

Beginning April 27th 7:00pm

**New Parish Connect** 

Beginning April 25th 7:00pm New Parish Adult
Alpha

Beginning April 30th 12:30pm



Explore
Life
Faith
Meaning



# *DEPIPHANY*

APR. 16 - APR. 23

I I:00am Family Mass & **Sunday Scripture** (Rite of Commission of Eucharistic Minister) 7:30 Young Adult Mass

12:10pm Mass 12:30pm Miraculous APR Medal Novena 7:00pm The Chosen

> 11:00am 22 Club 12:10pm Mass 2:30pm Prayer Corps (zoom) 7:00pm Connect

12:10pm Mass 12:40pm OLPH (Church) 2:00pm Pocket Prayer Shawl 6:00pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Breaking Open

12:10pm Mass 7:00pm Legion of Mary

12:10pm Mass 6:30pm Sant' Egidio Fridays

II:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Earth Day 4:00pm Vigil Mass

I I:00am Class Mass & **Sunday Scripture Program** 7:30 Young Adult Mass

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# Church of the Epiphany

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Monday-Friday 12:10pm Saturday Vigil: 4pm Sunday 11am & 7:30pm

# THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 15

4:00pm Cornelius McShane

Sunday, April 16

11:00am John Huegel & Maureen Donovan

7:30pm Francis DeBritz

Monday, April 17

12:10pm Vilma & Thomas Shea

Tuesday, April 18

12:10pm intentions of Dominick Bianco

Wednesday, April 19 12:10pm Dorothy Walsh

Thursday, April 20

12:10pm Antonio Lacza

Friday, April 21

12:10pm Paul Guglielmo

Saturday, April 22

4:00pm Helen Tierney

Sunday, April 23

11:00am Joan Frontino

7:30pm Kathleen Harris

Monday, April 24

12:10pm Mary E. Brady

Tuesday, April 25 Feast of St. Mark

12:10pm Rafael Marcos

Sanctuary Lamp ADB 16-22 Paddy Coughlin

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