

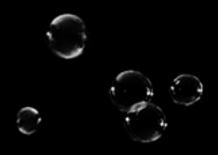
# **WELCOME to Epiphany**



To live in faith and hope and love means finding your true vocation. It means to experience life with trust and openness and an all-embracing "yes" and so to come alive with the divine life within you.

In the biblical story of creation we are given a beautiful image: As human beings we come alive when God breathes life into us.

To use an image closer to us, we are like so many different soap bubbles, all filled with one and the same divine lifebreath.



If you remember that truth, you look differently at others—and not only at others; you look differently at yourself and at your relationship to that source, fullness, and dynamism of life that we call God.

Then you understand why Saint Paul said: "In him we live and move and have our being".





# About God's Word THROUGH THE WEEK AT EPIPHANY



#### Sunday, Jul 03, 2022

#### We are blessed

This land is a favored patch of Earth. "From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam," as Irving Berlin's anthem goes, may God bless this place we call the United States of America. Berlin's song is both patriotic and prayerful, which is why it's sometimes sung in church. He originally wrote it for a play, then set it aside for 20 years, resurrecting it as the Third Reich came to power and the world needed an inspirational song. (Woody Guthrie didn't like it and wrote "This Land Is Your Land" in response.) However you choose to sing it, croon a song of gratitude for your country.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 66:10-14c; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 (102). "Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent."

### Monday, Jul 04, 2022

### Red, white, blue, and Catholic

Catholics were a small minority in America's colonial period—at the end of the Revolutionary War, there were only about 25,000 Catholics in the United States out of a total population of 3 million. Catholics faced persecution, first in the original colonies, and then in the new country that was ironically founded in part on freedom of religion. Today there are 70 million Catholics in the United States, or 22 percent of the population, and for many years Catholics have made up about a third of the U.S. Congress—more than any other denomination. With the values of our faith, Catholics have made countless contributions to the betterment of our country through myriad kinds of service—what's yours?

OPTIONAL PROPER MASS FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY (USA) (887-891)

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Matthew 9:18-26 (383). "Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you."

### Tuesday, Jul 05, 2022

#### Sweet is the rose

Saint Elizabeth of Portugal belongs to a saintly tradition called a "miracle of the roses." Elizabeth was caught smuggling provisions from the family larder to give to the poor, food hidden under her cloak to elude disapproving relatives. When confronted by a suspicious husband and ordered to reveal what she was hiding, roses tumbled from her wrap instead of bread. Many saints, including Juan Diego, Dorothy, and Rita of Cascia also had miraculous encounters with roses. Pope John Paul II once pointed out that the thorns of these roses remind us of worldly trials—but their enduring fragrance represents the love of Christ.

MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL, QUEEN, THIRD ORDER FRANCISCAN

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:32-38 (384). "The crowds were amazed and said, 'Nothing like this has ever been seen."

#### Wednesday, Jul 06, 2022

#### Tap into the riches of diversity

On this day in 2017, the most recent gathering of the National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC) began in Orlando, Florida. The NBCC was founded by African-American Catholics as a successor to Daniel Rudd's Colored Catholic Congress movement, which had been dormant since 1894. Since 1987, the NBCC has gathered black Catholics from around the United

States every five years for fellowship and to discuss a pastoral plan to be published by the Congress after each meeting. The NBCC is governed by the nation's black bishops, a group active since the first ones were appointed in the late 20th century. May we all draw deeply from the wellspring of our cultural heritage to enrich the church.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Matthew 10:1-7 (385). "You descendants of Abraham, his servants, sons of Jacob, his chosen ones! He, the LORD, is our God."

#### Thursday, Jul 07, 2022

#### Adventures in pursuit of the reign of God

Today's gospel begins with Jesus' command that his apostles declare the "kingdom of heaven is at hand." Pope Francis has noted that seeking the reign of God involves boldness and adventure. Seeking the Kingdom, he once told a Sunday Angelus audience, is the "opposite of a dull life: it is a treasure that renews life every day and leads it to extend towards wider horizons." Those seeking the reign of God, he continued, "have a creative and inquisitive heart" leading them to "new paths" for loving God, neighbor, and themselves. Has your quest for the Kingdom taken you on unexpected journeys?

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 11:1-4, 8c-9; Matthew 10:7-15 (386). "Jesus said to his Apostles: 'As you go, make this proclamation: "The Kingdom of heaven is at hand."""

#### Friday, Jul 08, 2022

### Branch out

Chances are you're spending some time outside this summer, enjoying the glories of nature. One ancient tree worth noting is the cedar, which has deep spiritual roots in Hebrew and Christian tradition. The height and breadth of the mighty cedar of Lebanon are associated with the greatness of God. It is long-lived, evergreen, fruit-bearing, and a place of refuge—all characteristics of Yahweh and Mary, in her role as Mother of God and protectress of the church. The next time you feel vulnerable or distant from God, call to mind the grand cedar and know that divine comfort awaits if only you seek its reach.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23 (387). "He shall strike root like the Lebanon cedar, and put forth his shoots."

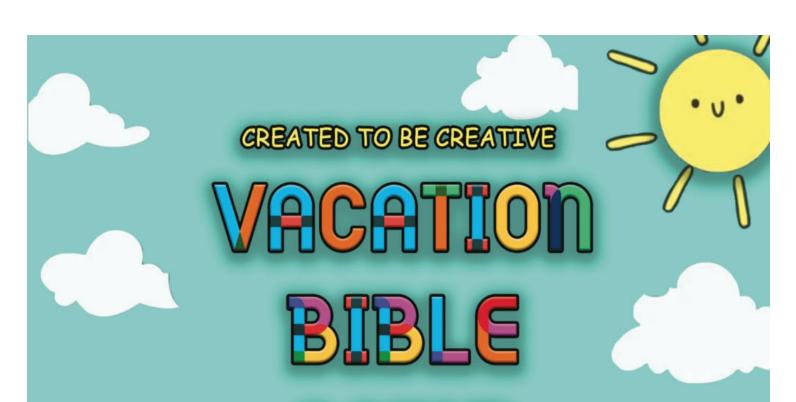
### Saturday, Jul 09, 2022

## Creed and culture are not the same

European missionaries were pouring into China during the 19th century, bringing with them not only the Christian religion, but also the European culture that they believed was part and parcel of the practice of the faith. Chinese reception of Christianity was mixed. Many Chinese saw it as a cultural invasion since some missionaries condemned customary Chinese practices like veneration of ancestors as demon worship. Augustine Zhao Rong represents 87 Chinese Catholics and 33 Western missionaries who were killed during a period of anti-foreigner resentment that followed. Be mindful that your evangelizing always be accompanied by respect and sensitivity.

MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG, PRIEST, MARTYR, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 10:24-33 (388). "It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher."



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EVENTS

**JULY 3 - JULY 10** 

I I:00am Family Mass 7:30 Young Adult Mass



JULY

(Rectory & Church Closed)
No 12:10 Mass



12:10pm Mass
7:00pm Connect Meeting



12:10pm Mass
12:40pm Our Lady of
Perpetual (Church)
7:00pm Breaking Open
The Word via Zoom



12:10pm Mass 7:00pm Young Adult Alpha



12:10 Mass 1:00pm Legions of Mary 6:30pm Sant'Egidio Prayer Group (Church)



4pm Vigil Mass



11:00am Family Mass 7:30 Young Adult Mass

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## Readings From Sunday July 3rd

First Reading: Is 66:10-14c Second Reading: Gal 6:14-18 Gospel: Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

## **Pew Dedications**

In effort to fund the repair and refinishing of our pews, parishoners may dedicate pews to honor loved ones, living or deceased, or for your own special intentions, Dedications will cost \$500 For more information, please contact the rectory

## MASSES Monday-Friday 12:10pm Saturday Vigil: 4pm

Sunday 11am & 7:30pm

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 2

4:00pm Fermin Fernandez

Sunday, July 3

11:00am Eustaquia Bolante 7:30pm Monico Rivera

Monday, July 4

12:10pm NO MASSES TODAY

Tuesday, July 5

12:10pm Bessie Anderson

Wednesday, July 6

12:10pm Cirilo & Fernanda Garcia

Thursday, July 7

12:10pm Alyssa Almogela

Friday, July 8

12:10pm John Driscoll

Saturday, July 9

4:00pm Piotr Zubrzycki

Sunday, July 10

11:00am Christina Andaya Ram 7:30pm Denis Fitzpatrick

Monday, July 11

12:10pm Helen P. Brown & the Brown family, living & deceased

Tuesday, July 12

12:10pm J. Courtney McGroarty Jr.

## Sanctuary Lamp & Altar Bread & Wine July 3 - July 9 Bessie Anderson

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