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Emergency – If someone is dying or there has been a death, please

Call: 804-402-1221

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:30 & 10:45 am Weekday: 12:05 pm

Holy Day: Call the Parish Office or See Notices

Confession: Mon. thru Fri., 11:45 am

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 6, 2019

Mass Intention: Lucille Cobb

MUSIC

ENTRANCE	#408
The First Nowell	
PSALM	#784
Lord every nation on earth will adore you.	
OFFERTORY	#406
We Three Kings	
COMMUNION	#411
What Child is This	
RECESSIONAL	#399
Joy to the World	

Holy Communion – *This is a reminder that Holy Communion, in the Catholic Church, is reserved to actively practicing Catholics. If you are not Catholic or have not been actively practicing your faith, then please refrain from receiving Communion. If you would like to learn how to be welcomed to full Communion, we*

would love to help. All you need to do is contact a priest. Our contact info is in this bulletin.

PRAYER LIST

David Adams, Joseph Birchette, Steve Campbell, William Claiborne, Mary Davidson, Marta Fritzne (Gabi Wolz’s Mother), Cathy Lipchak, Marie Martinelli, Jim Melton, Erin Moores, Jesse Oliver, Sarah Riegel, Marilyn Reilly, Beulah Taylor. Thank you for your prayers.

If you know of anyone who is sick, hospitalized, homebound, or dying and desires a visit from a priest, please call or email us. Without your help, we have no way of knowing.

SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

- Mon.: Mass Intention: Robert Shisler
- Tues.: Mass Intention: Helen Little
- Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30am – 12:30pm
- Wed.: Mass Intention: Michael Bryant
- Thurs: Mass Intention: Abigail Gibson
- Fri.: Mass Intention: Alford Jones

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. In the Gospel, we hear about the 3 wise men (magi) searching for this king who they have heard would be arriving.

There is a quality of the wise men that is very admirable. And it is a quality that is lacking today.

Their admirable quality is the unwavering search for answers. They are motivated above all by a desire to know truth and this desire has led them to Christ.

What is interesting about them is that they already have plenty. After all they are ‘kings.’ They certainly have a lot going for them. In fact, if they are kings they probably have ‘everything a man could ask for’...to put it in modern language.

That said, they don’t sit back and kick their feet up. They still seek something more significant, something that might give them more, more answers, more meaning – more.

The wise men represent every human person.

Every human person seeks deeper meaning and has a desire to know he answers to significant human question such as what is the meaning of life, why is there something rather than nothing, how did we get here, what does the future have in store, what

happens after we die, why is there suffering. All people for all ages have wondered the answers to these questions.

The admirable quality of the wise men is that they don't let things get in the way or distract them from seeking answers to these questions. In fact, the ability to ponder these questions is what separates us from all other life forms. Humans are the only ones who ask these questions. And the wise men ask them with unwavering determination.

Do people now-a-days ask the answers to these questions? Or are they content with just being kings?

If you have been shown the light of faith, then you know the answers to these bigger questions. You know that all roads towards answers lead to the road the wise men took. All roads leading to answers lead to Christ.

The important thing for humans, to maintain their humanity (what makes them distinctly human) is for them to continue to seek the answers to those questions. If they do, they will eventually be led to God, who became flesh (who incarnated), and there they will have their answer. He is the Truth and all who are wise see Him.

Fr. Rossi

OUTREACH & SOCIAL MINISTRY

82 Lunches were served on Tuesday, January 1, 2019 and **86 Dinners** were served to our homeless community on January 2, 2019. Thanks to all those who so generously give of their time and talent to make our meals program a success.

BUDGETED WEEKLY INCOME	\$3,288.00
COLLECTION	<u>4,550.00</u>
GAIN	\$1,262.00

Bishop Knestout encourages anyone aware of sexual abuse of minors on the part of clergy or staff of our diocese to notify civil authorities, call the Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1-833-454-9064, and reach out to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Jennifer Sloan at 1-877-887-9603.

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The Epiphany – “Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts.” Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest? The Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Michael Boehling or Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

