

Daily Readings For The Week

Monday January 08th

Baptism of the Lord.

Reading 1: **ISAIAH 55: 1-11**

Responsorial Psalm: **P S. 1 IS. 12: 2-6**

Gospel: **1 JN. 5: 1-9; MK. 1: 7-11**

Tuesday January 09th

Reading 1: **1 SAMUEL 1: 9-20**

Responsorial Psalm: **P S. 1 SM. 2: 1,4-8**

Gospel: **MARK 1: 21-28**

Wednesday January 10th

Reading 1: **1 SAMUEL 3: 1-10,19-20**

Responsorial Psalm: **P S. 40{39}: 2,5,7-10**

Gospel: **MARK 1: 29-39**

Thursday January 11th

Reading 1: **1 SAMUEL 4: 1-11**

Responsorial Psalm: **P S 44{43}: 10-11,14-15,24-25**

Gospel: **MARK 1: 40-45**

Friday January 12th

Reading 1: **1 SAMUEL 8: 4-7,10-22**

Responsorial Psalm: **P S. 89{90}: 16-19**

Gospel: **MARK 2: 1-12**

Saturday January 13th

St. Hilary, bishop & doctor.

Reading 1: **1 SAMUEL 9: 1-14,17-19; 10: 1**

Responsorial Psalm: **P S. 21{20}: 2-7**

Gospel: **MARK 2: 13-17**

Announcements

1. A warm Welcome to all our visitors who are worshipping with us for the first time.
2. Happy Birthday and Anniversary to those celebrating their special day this week.
3. 2nd collection today is for the expenses of the Archdiocese of Kingston.
4. Church Council will meet on Sunday, January 14, 2018 after Mass.
5. All groups are reminded to submit their calendar of activities by Sunday, January 14, 2018.
6. Senior Citizens meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 @ 1:30 p.m.

**Have a Blessed
Week**

*Welcome to the Roman Catholic
Community of St. Elizabeth's Church
"A Catholic Community in the Passionist Tradition"*



Epiphany

January 07, 2018

**Theme: Jesus' Royal Messiahship of Both
Jews and Gentiles.**

God has sent us His Son, Jesus Christ. The Son is given for all of us, not just for a chosen group—for all of us. So we chant in the Christmas Season: Christ is born for us! At the time of Epiphany: Christ has appeared to us. Christ is for all even as Christ is also for me personally. The challenge is to see God in the many ways in which God appears and to reflect God in all that I do.

Celebrating the Eucharist

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Tue, Fri: 8:00 a.m.

Wednesdays: 5:30 p.m.

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Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Office is closed on Saturdays & Sundays.

Pastor is available during office hours and by appointment.

The first reading today is from the Prophet Isaiah. This Prophet tells us: "Upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light..." This words are written about Israel but apply to every nation and group of people because the Lord loves us all. Even this great Prophet Isaiah could not convince everyone that God would act and that God would be present. The challenge for us is personal belief and also belief as a Church and a community. If we believe, that our lives begin to reflect that light of His glory and gives witness to the loving presence of our God.

The second reading is from the Letter to the Ephesians. Saint Paul, a devout Jew, tells us how he became aware that God's love was for even the Gentiles, the non-Jewish people. God's love is for everyone. The challenge for us today is to recognize that God's love is for all peoples, and especially for those peoples and nations and persons who seem most impossible to accept. God wants us all and God is working in all, even when we cannot see it. Once we begin to accept that God is present in all, we will find that speaking of the Lord is not so difficult after all. Instead, we might find that we naturally speak of God to others and that our own love and faithfulness could draw others to God and to our Lord Jesus.

The Gospel today is the story of the Magi from the East, the story of the Three Kings of the Orient, the story of the star drawing and guiding wise men to the Lord. We don't have a lot of details about how this happened, but our Gospels tell us that God Himself chooses to reveal Himself to all peoples and that God Himself uses various ways to do that. Yes, our witness is important, but so also are the unexplained ways in which God makes Himself know.

For many, the challenge is to believe that God is calling all of us to the Catholic Church. We live in a time when many think that all religion is the same. Yet revelation keeps telling us that not everything is the same, that there are roads that lead to destruction, that there are ways that do not lead to light. What is implied is that in each of us is a drawing to God, an attraction to the Lord, which will eventually bring us to Him. If we are to see Him, our hearts must be open to Him. If we are to live in Him, our hearts must be able to embrace Him.

God is revealing Himself to you and to me right now. Let us open our eyes to His light and open our hearts to His love.

Let us walk the way of the Lord.



The Order of Mass

Gathering: *No. 75 "De Virgin Mary Had A Baby Boy"*

Lord Have Mercy

Gloria

Opening Prayer

First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6

{Allan Chin}

Responsorial Psalm: 72{71}: 1-2,7-8,10-13

Response: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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

{Claudia Tyson}

Gospel Acclamation: We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

Homily

Universal Prayer

Greeting of Peace

Preparation of Gifts: *No. 35 "Angels We Have Heard On High"*

Presentation of Gifts: *No. 473 "We Three Kings Of Orient Are"*

Hosanna

Memorial Acclamation

Great Amen

Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

Communion: *No. 289 "O Little Town Of Bethlehem"*

Meditation: *No. 477 "What Child Is This, Who Laid To Rest"*

Sending Forth: *No. 112 "Go, Tell It On The Mountain"*