



January 2, 2011
The Epiphany of the Lord





Reflections From the Pastor

*Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come...
Nation shall walk by your light... proclaims this moment.*
- **Isaiah 60: 1-3**

Today marks the high point of the Christmas celebration. Today the Word who is God, born of the Virgin Mary, is revealed to the nation. The great veil that has hidden the presence of our God has been removed. Emmanuel has come. Alleluia!

On this day the Church proclaims the date of the coming Easter, linking the Christmas mysteries to those of Easter. Indeed, the great Christian mysteries are those of the Incarnation and that of the suffering, dying and rising of Christ (Paschal Mystery).

It is helpful to remember that in the early Church each and every Sunday was a celebration of Easter, the resurrection of the Christ. It is only later that Christians begin to celebrate Christmas and the Epiphany becomes the centerpiece of that celebration. Worth noting is that there was a time when Baptism, originally only celebrated at the vigil of Easter, came to be celebrated on the feast of the Epiphany, as well as on Easter.

In many parts of the Catholic world today is the day on which gifts are exchanged. Once again it is helpful to remember that the Latin Rite to which we belong is only one of 23 rites that make up the Catholic Church. In many of these rites (including our Orthodox brothers and sisters), this is the day of great celebration and rejoicing.

To better understand the relationship between Christmas and the Epiphany one would do well to consider the *Infancy Narratives* of the gospels of Sts. Matthew and Luke. One sees that the birth of Jesus went unnoticed. If you will, it was a private moment shared only with a few shepherds tending their flocks outside of Bethlehem in the hill country. It is the coming of the Magi in the Gospel of Matthew that heralds the arrival of the Messiah, the savior not only of Israel, but of the nations as well. The first reading of today's liturgy from Isaiah.

Considering the meaning of this feast and the words of the prophet Isaiah, I cannot help but think of Epiphany as truly a celebration of the Jewish feast of Pentecost. For it was on Sinai that God in renewing his covenant with Moses missioned the people of Israel to be a sign among the nations of the holiness of God. That sign is fulfilled in birth of Jesus, the Word Incarnate.

The Pentecost aspect of the Epiphany, the coming of the Magi, is further underscored by remembering that Matthew plays off of the figure of Moses in developing his understanding of Jesus. Jesus is the *new Moses*. He is not the giver of the Law, Torah, but he is Torah. Matthew is speaking to a Jewish audience and for this reason one can well appreciate the use of the Moses story. Even the tradition of the *Holy Innocents* harkens back to the slaughter of the Hebrew children at the time of the birth of Moses.

Hopefully from what I have said one might come to a deeper appreciation of Scripture and of the liturgical practices of Byzantine Catholics in understanding the rich and profound meaning of the Incarnation celebrated during these holy days of Christmas. Next Sunday as the Church concludes this sacred time with the feast of the *Baptism of the Lord* we will hear the affirmation of what is celebrated in the words of the voice from the clouds "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well please."

- Fr. Bill Conway

LUZ DEL MUNDO

Se puede entender la Epifanía como una extensión de la Natividad del Señor que celebramos el 25 de diciembre. En la Navidad celebramos la venida de Jesús como el rey y Mesías tan esperado por el pueblo judío, y en la Epifanía celebramos la revelación de Jesús como el Salvador y la Luz de las naciones; es decir, de judíos, gentiles y de todos los pueblos.

La estrella brilla con tanto fulgor que atrae a los magos que vienen de países distantes para adorar a Jesús. No son judíos, y sin embargo se ven atraídos al que es la Luz del Mundo. La carta a los efesios revela que la Luz del Mundo era tanto para gentiles como para judíos, pues Cristo reúne a todos los pueblos en la luz de su amor. La lectura de Isaías también describe a diversos pueblos que vienen, pero esta vez les atrae la luz que emana del pueblo de Dios.

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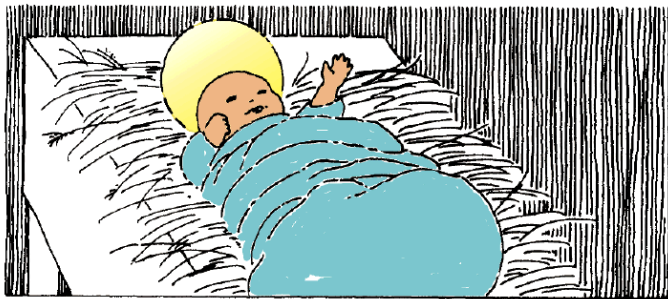
LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — ¡Levántate y brilla, Jerusalén! La gloria del Señor amaneció sobre ti (Isaías 60:1-6).

Salmo — Que te adoren, Señor, todos los pueblos (Salmo 72 [71]).

Segunda lectura — El misterio de que los gentiles son coherederos, socios en la promesa en Jesucristo, se ha dado a conocer a los hombres (Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Evangelio — Magos del oriente llegaron, diciendo: “¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que ha nacido?” (Mateo 2:1-12).



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FIESTA DE LA FE

Una acción comunitaria

En nuestra Iglesia católica hay espacio para todo. No obstante, cuando se trata de la vida litúrgica de la Iglesia, no hay espacio para la devoción personal, pues no es el momento, sino para la oración comunitaria. La Constitución sobre la Sagrada Liturgia nos recuerda que las acciones litúrgicas no son acciones privadas, sino celebraciones de toda la Iglesia. Por esa misma razón, las acciones y gestos de la liturgia, pertenecen a la comunidad porque son la obra de la comunidad misma, animada y convocada por el Espíritu Santo; aun así, el Espíritu Santo no anula la individualidad de cada miembro de la asamblea, que participa no a título propio sino como parte activa de una comunidad de bautizados que se llama Iglesia y que, domingo a domingo se reúne para celebrar el Reino de Dios por adelantado, para alabar y dar gracias a Dios por habernos dado a Jesucristo; para celebrar la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Cristo en comunión con toda la Iglesia y con el ropaje de la cultura a la que se pertenece y en la cual se ha asumido el Evangelio.

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SMALL TALK
By Rosemary Bleuher

ANOTHER YEAR HAS COME TO AN END

Something inside of me wants to hold on to the year just ending, to gather all the good things close to me. . . but then I remembered, it wasn't all good. Each year looks like promise, new possibility and I choose to forget the challenges that called for courage and hope. One of my sons (there are four sons) recently reminded me of the need for both courage and hope by saying, "I thought you said a year ago, that life would be better next year – it hasn't happened!" My son reminded me that as we look back, it is helpful to identify the places that blessed and enriched us, but also reflect on the situations that challenged and tested us or discouraged us.

Our life is a journey. We are always "on the road." Another January greets us and we have an opportunity to renew hope, to see where we have been and notice how far we have come. No two Januarys are ever the same. We may feel stuck in a rut, or caught up in a very ordinary pattern of life.

Recently I came across the following and which is wisdom for us, I believe, in 2011.

MY NAME IS "I AM"

I was regretting the past and fearing the future.

Suddenly, God was speaking "My name is 'I am',

I waited, God continued:

"When you live in the past, with its mistakes and regrets, it is hard.
I am not there. My name is not "I was."

"When you live in the future, with problems and fears, it is hard.
I am not there. My name is not "I will be."

"When you live in this moment, now, it is not hard.
I am here. My name is "I am."

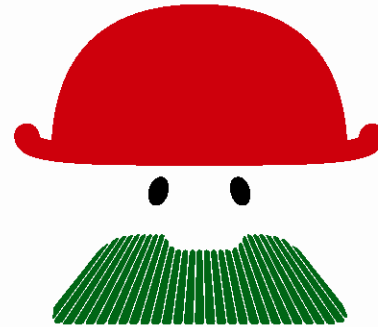
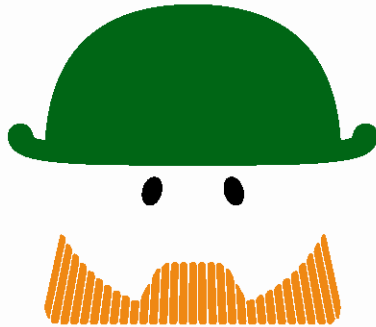
*From the kitchen wall of the Ranch Guesthouse,
St. Benedict Monastery, Snowmass, Colorado.*

May we each remember in 2011, God's name is "I AM". Blessings!

Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta and Simbang Gabi



**SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY EVENING
MARCH 5TH, 2011**



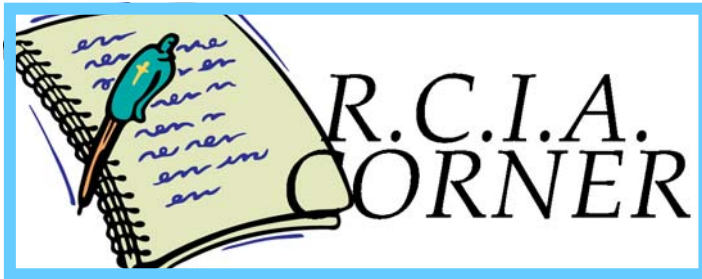
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**WE'LL MAKE YOU AN OFFER
THAT'S MAGICALLY DELICIOUS**

Grab your shillelaghs and brush up on your badda-bings, for an evening of excellent food, fun raffles and lots of dancin' at Divine Savior's St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's Day Dance!

We will be hosting our event at Ashton Place. Join us for a lively celebration of Irish & Italian cuisine plus fun entertainment!

 **MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**



Paul Jara will present **Life & Teaching of Jesus, “King of the Journey,”** for the Tuesday, January 4th, meeting at 7:00 p.m. Usually, our meetings are in the rectory basement (entrance on the eastside of the building) unless otherwise noted. Remember, everyone is invited to join our journey and may attend selected sessions or the whole journey. Hope you’ll be there.

Tuesday, January 4:
“King of the Journey”
The Life & Teaching of Jesus
 Presenter: Paul Jara

Tuesday, January 11:
The Commandments
 Presenter: Art Leamy

Tuesday, January 18:
The Beatitudes
 Presenter: Jan Walters

Tuesday, January 25
Morality & Conscience
 Presenter: Father Bill



Religious Formation News

We hope all of our Religious Formation families had a wonderful and blessed Christmas and New Years. This is to remind everyone that our classes resume this week with “Session A” on Wednesday and “Session B” on Thursday. We look forward to welcoming our children back for the second half of our school year!

Updates from our Pastor



Beginning in 2011, we will not be accepting more than one Mass intention per Mass. If any Mass intentions have already been scheduled, we will honor them.

The First Christmas Crèche

*Based on the Life of Saint Francis
by Thomas of Celano*

Francis called it a “crèche” the French word for cradle. He created the first crèche using real people, a real manger, a real donkey and ox, and real shepherds. He wanted to do something that would help people remember the Christ Child and how He was born in Bethlehem, to see and experience Jesus in the manger, lying on hay with animals nearby.

It was Christmas Eve in the year 1223. At the appointed time, Friars and people from the area came to Bethlehem to celebrate. Their torches lit up the night as they approached the crèche. Once again, shepherds were walking in the night to come and adore Him. All were filled with joy over the mystery of the Birth of Christ. And a great tradition began.

As we gaze upon the Nativity Set at Church or in our own homes this year, may we remember and celebrate once again God’s love for His creation. Jesus Christ, to show His abundant love, mercy and forgiveness, became human exactly like us. This is what the crèche meant for Francis.

Attention Women of Divine Savior Parish!!

You are invited to



WOMEN'S NITE OUT



MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2011

**Wine/soft drinks and socializing begins at 6:00 p.m.
in the Pastoral Center**

**Cost for the evening is \$20 per person
Parish members and friends are welcome**

**Join us for the evening as Jeanne Grevios, Director of Adult
Formation, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, presents . . .**

MELT THE ICE—REPLENISH THE WELL

**Let's face it—we're thirsty! Come thirsty—go home re-
freshed and revitalized.**

**Registration and payment are required in advance. Com-
plete the form below and return it, along with payment,
by January 24 to Tracy O'Brien at the Parish Office.**

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

ATTENDING: _____ **X \$20/person** _____

Congratulations! Two of our parishioners won on the St. Joseph Grand Raffle in the December drawing (Carol Theis and Ron Schneider). In fact, Ron Schneider's ticket won in the November drawing too! Please come to the Parish Office to purchase tickets for the remaining January drawing. To date, Divine Savior has made a \$2,175 profit.

- Fr. Bill Conway



St. Joseph Parish is pleased to partner with Divine Savior to offer the Grand Raffle for the first time!

The Raffle is a great way to generate excitement and support of our parish communities, as well as Catholic education. There are two options to enter – \$50 for one ticket or \$100 for three tickets – that gives you up to 20 chances to win \$1,000 over a 2-month period. Proceeds support Divine Savior's and St. Joseph's ministries and parishes.

In December and January, we'll have 10 Grand Prize winners of \$1,000!

That's 20 \$1,000 winners! Monthly drawings will be held in The St. Joseph Church Narthex at 4801 Main Street following 5 pm Mass on December 19, 2010, and at St. Joseph Trivia Night on January 22, 2011 – everyone is welcome! You don't need to be present to win. Additionally, if you sell a winning ticket, you'll be entered into a \$1,000 drawing that month.

Each ticket is a \$50 donation, or get THREE tickets for \$100.

All entrants will be added back to the Raffle for subsequent drawings, so you could win more than once! We accept cash, check or credit cards for payment (Visa, Mastercard, Discover). Please make checks payable to: St. Joseph School.



Here's how to enter

Please call Matt Borgard at 630-969-3467 for tickets. You can also buy tickets at the Divine Savior Church Office, or mail to: Divine Savior Church Office, Attn: Grand Raffle 6700 Main Street, Downers Grove, IL 60516.

Enter the Grand Raffle today for your chance to win!



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The Giving Tree Committee would like to thank all of those who bought gifts or gave a monetary donation toward the purchase of gifts this year. Your continued generosity of truly overwhelming! We would also like to thank the following people for their help with the project this year. Many hands helped make the Giving Tree run extremely smooth!!

Fr. Conway
 Tracy O'Brien
 Dee Sinclair
 Linda Burke
 Mark Hoffmeyer
 Daniel Garcia
 Dave Pfeifer
 Joanne Pfeifer
 Amy Pfeifer
 Bobbie Popelka
 Lindsay Gordon
 Mary Grace Schumann
 Melissa Garza
 Tami Brinkman
 Terry Brinkman

Ashley Brinkman
 Bev Goste
 Charlene Patelski
 Therese Nowak
 Michelle Nowak
 Nicole Nowak
 Kim Moeslein
 Marissa Garcia
 Lori Niehaus
 Judy Niehaus
 Alyce Strelain
 Zac Taylor
 Bobby Campagna
 Ryan Taylor

Brian Moroney
 John Shimanek
 Donna Clavey
 Roy Clavey
 Chrysti Henderson
 Mark Clavey
 Andy Salgado
 Doris Salgado
 Sue Vodrazka
 Claude Vodrazka
 Kathy Gajewski
 Nova Baranski
 Scott Piekarski
 Mary Ellen Walker

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus' coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations—Jews, Gentiles, and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the World. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the World was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews—Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God.

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EAGLE PROJECT SHOE COLLECTION

My name is Jacob Camp and I am a sophomore at Benet. I'm a Life Scout in Troop 57 working on my Eagle project. I am collecting shoes that will be refurbished by the Boy Scouts, and then donated to the Share Your Soles facility in Alsip, Illinois. From there, they will be delivered to people in Haiti who are still recovering from the devastating January 2010 earthquake. Share Your Soles has requested specific types of shoes (**tennis shoes, soccer cleats and men's dress shoes**) that are most needed right now in Haiti. If you have any of these types of shoes in reasonably good shape, I would be happy to accept your donation. You'll be helping a Boy Scout, a charity and the people of Haiti just by cleaning out your closet.

Please drop them off in the collection box near the back of church.



Due to the publishing schedule, no contributions are available at this time.

Please remember the good works of our Parish in your will. Contact Fr. Conway for information on how you can accomplish this.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

If you have family members currently serving in any branch of the Armed Forces overseas, we would like to include their names in our weekly bulletin so that parishioners could include them in their prayers. Please submit their names with branch of service to bulletin@divinesavior.net. Please notify us when the service person returns home.

WE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:

- Nicholas Leamy—Navy, Okinawa
- Greg Jablonski—Army, Iraq
- Jeremiah Curtis—Taji, Iraq
- Nicholas Zefeldt—Army, Afghanistan
- Joe Giltug—Army, Afghanistan
- Calven Ourren—Air Force, Afghanistan
- Kristopher Bosi—Marines, Afghanistan
- David Leamy—Army, Kuwait
- Gerardo Serriteno—Army, Afghanistan

The Epiphany is a solemnity of joy, for it commemorates Jesus being revealed as the Light for all, Jew and Gentile alike. Jesus is the promised One who would bring God's plan of salvation to fulfillment and reopen the gates of heaven. As good stewards, let us offer the gifts of our lives, like the gifts of the Magi, in humility and awe.

				
Saturday, January 8 5:00 PM	Father Conway	Jamaica DeGuzman Charlene DeGuzman Sarah Major	Lynn Thomas Maureen Chmel Maryann Gogola Beth Svetich Norma Jean Wall	Paul Jara
Saturday, January 8 6:30 PM (Spanish Mass)	Father Conway			
Sunday, January 9 8:00 AM	Father Conway	Brad Brost Reevan Monteiro Ryan Monteiro	Ginny Munson Donna Clavey Roy Clavey Art Leamy Dave Gallagher Roberta Muehlhaus James Guzzaldo	Jeanne Topic
Sunday, January 9 10:00 AM	Father Conway	Rachel Pfeifer Jack Loris Kacey Ford	Cathi Loris Mary Barton Beth Heidel Tara McCloskey Kim Moustis Jan Moon Geri Parker	Religious Education Grade 4
Sunday, January 9 11:30 AM	Father Conway	Patrick Gurdziel Mara Alvarez Matthew Santie	Bridget O'Sullivan Mary O'Sullivan Susan Williams Joan Deutschmann	Gary Dhein

Holy

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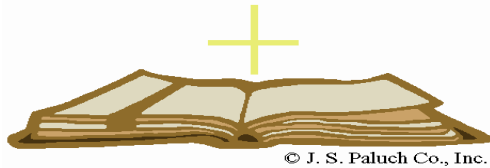
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Many adults never grow up. They continue to traipse across the earth looking for a shining star. Tell them who lights up your life, O Christian.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
 Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

Mass Intentions



Monday, January 3-Christmas Weekday

8:30 AM— † Vimala Kunnasseril

Tuesday, January 4-Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious

8:30 AM— † Kenneth Eugene Barbeau
 † Mary Parr

Wednesday, January 5-Saint John Neumann, bishop

8:30 AM— † Mario Molinaro

Thursday, January 6-Christmas Weekday

8:30 AM— † Bertille Klein
 † Dennis (Dan) Koch

Friday, January 7-Christmas Weekday

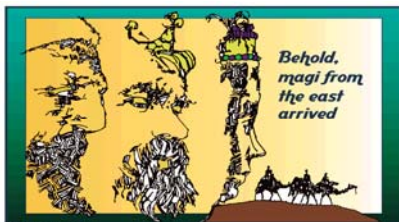
8:30 AM— Siedleck Family

Saturday, January 8-Vigil: Baptism of the Lord

5:00 PM— † Marco Incrocchi
 6:30 PM— For the People of God

Sunday, January 9-The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM— † Rose Mascia
 10:00 AM— † Primitiva & Uldarico Agcamaran
 11:30 AM— † Brendan O'Loughlin



Monday, January 3, 2011

Women's Nite Out Planning	7:00 PM	MSR
Legion of Mary	7:00 PM	CR

Tuesday, January 4, 2011

Men's Club	7:00 PM	PC
Pro-Life Meeting	7:00 PM	CR
RCIA	7:00 PM	RB

Wednesday, January 5, 2011

Religious Education A [8]	4:00 PM	PC
Religious Education A [8]	6:30 PM	PC
Contemporary Choir	7:30 PM	C

Thursday, January 6, 2011

Religious Education B [8]	4:00 PM	PC
Religious Education B [8]	6:30 PM	PC
Traditional Choir	7:30 PM	C

Friday, January 7, 2011

Eucharistic Adoration	2:00 PM	C
Children's Choir	4:00 PM	PC

Saturday, January 8, 2011

AA Meeting	7:00 AM	PC
Psalms Bible Study	8:00 AM	PC
Marriage Prep.	9:30 AM	RB

Sunday, January 9, 2011

Grade 4 Mass	10:00 AM	M
Preschool	10:00 AM	PC
Baptism Workshop 2	11:00 AM	CR
Women's Cursillo	3:00 PM	RB
Peer Minister Meeting	6:30 PM	MSR

KEY: A=Away; C=Church; CR=Conference Room;
 G=Grounds; M=Mass; MSR=Mother Seton Room;
 N=Narthex; PC=Pastoral Center;
 RB=Rectory Basement



Contacting the Parish

The Parish Office is open Monday-Wednesday from 7:30 AM - 8:30 PM (closed 12:30 to 1:00), Thursday from 7:30 AM - 2:30 PM (closed 12:30 to 1:00). Friday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM. Closed on Saturday and Sunday.

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WEB SITE:
<http://www.divinesavior.net>

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY-FRIDAY:	8:30 AM
SATURDAY:	5:00 PM
	6:30 PM (Spanish Mass)
SUNDAY:	8:00 AM
	10:00 AM
	11:30 AM

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Mass of anticipation the	
Evening before	7:00 PM
Holy day	7:30 AM
	12:00 Noon

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 3:30-4:40 PM and by appointment

PARISH REGISTRATION

Stop in the Parish Office during regular business hours to register as a Divine Savior Parishioner.

BAPTISMS

Once a month at special Baptism Service. Arrangements must be made two months in advance. Parental preparation requires registration in the Parish, active Saturday or Sunday participation in Parish Worship and attendance at Baptismal Preparation meetings. Please call the office to make arrangements.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements for celebration of marriage must be made with the Pastor at least six months in advance. Weddings are not scheduled on Sundays.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Ministers of Care are available to bring Communion to the homebound. Please call Parish Office.

RCIA

Anyone seeking information about becoming a fully participating member of the Catholic Faith should contact the Parish Office. Classes begin in September.