



# EPHPHATHA

JANUARY IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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*Grace and Peace this New Year!*

This January and February could be called a “Shoulder Season”, that is a season between seasons. The seasons of course are Christmas and Lent. It is these in between seasons that our practice of the Faith is most important. When we are not looking forward to something, such as Christmas or Easter, when the time seems “ordinary”, or mundane, that is when our Faith life can become complacent or lapsed.

Think of these seasons as the meat! Christmas is a piece of bread and Lent the other slice. What is between is what counts! Don't allow your faith life to become like the Wendy's commercial with the little old lady crying out: “Where's the beef!?”

Here are some ways to keep the faith going in between seasons:

- 1. Go to Confession
- 2. Pray the stations of the cross
- 3. Go to a daily Mass
- 4. Contact somebody you have not reached out to in years!

Use these in between seasons to “beef up” your Faith life!

Father Ken



- 01- Karissa Henderson
- 06-Faith Stone
- 12-Elaine Aaron
- 17-Keli Stone
- 19-Richard Gallardo
- 25-Madeléine Starks
- 27-Casey Cowherd
- 29-Rebekah Cowherd

No Wedding Anniversaries listed for this month.



July 2012

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

## What do these 5 months have in common??

They all have a 5th Sunday. Fr. Ken and Tom Racunas came up with the idea to have an 11:00a.m. Mass at the Spiritual Life Center when there is a 5th Sunday in the month. Fr. Ken will sign the Mass and the Deaf will do the readings. There is no cook at the SLC so you may want to go out for breakfast as you normally do. Please mark you calendar. A reminder will be in the April newsletter which is the next 5th Sunday.





01-Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
 02-Sts. Basil & Gregory Nazianzen  
 03-Most Holy Name of Jesus  
 04-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
 05-St John Neumann  
 06-St. Andre Bessette  
 07-St. Raymond of Penyafort  
 08-Epiphany of the Lord  
 09-Baptism of the Lord  
 12-St. Marguerite Bourgeoys  
 13-St. Hilary

16-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
 17-St. Anthony  
 20-Sts Fabian & Sebastian  
 21-St. Agnes  
 24-St. Francis de Sales  
 25-Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle  
 26-Sts Timothy & Titus  
 27-St Angela Merici  
 28-St Thomas Aquinas  
 31-St. John Bosco

Sister Joan Burger, OSJ pictured at the right will be presenting a special day for the Deaf Community, their families and friends on **March 17, Saturday** of the 3rd week in Lent. You are being given advance notice so you can plan on making this a special day in Lent. Please mark you calendars **NOW** and make plans to attend. Sister Joan has a message that has a strong Lenten theme. If you don't do anything else during Lent, come to hear what Sister Joan has to give. There will be interpreters so you won't miss anything. I know this is early but—————!!!



**PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**

**Video Relay Service (VRS)**



All of you are probably familiar with and know how to use the VRS by dialing 711. The Chancery Office and the Office for Persons With Disabilities is now familiar with VRS and are ready to receive a call from a Deaf person. The Chancery Office phone number is 316-269-3900. To reach the Office of the Ministry with Persons with Disabilities, ask for the extension 143 or 157. The VR operator you see on the screen will be interpreting what is said. Of course you would need the necessary video phone equipment. Hope this works for you!!





Symbol for the Holy Name of Jesus

January 3rd. is the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. Pope John Paul II restored the Feast to January 3rd. January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus as you see at the top of this newsletter. The name was given to Jesus at God’s command as you can read in Luke 1:31. Formalized devotion to the Holy name is the fruit of the work of St. Bernardine of Siena and because of his influence the Name of “Jesus” was added to the Hail Mary.

Mary learned the Name from Gabriel and Joseph also heard it from an angel. The Catholic attitude of deep respect toward the Holy Name is exactly as it should be according to Sacred Scripture. At one time it was emphasized that at the mention of the Name of Jesus all heads would bow and men would remove their hats. The custom of bowing the head at the mention of His Name was formally written into law at the Second Council of Lyons in A.D. 1274. Maybe we need to return to that custom due to the way the Name of Jesus is used in vain today.

There are many references to the name of Jesus in Scripture. Take time this month to look these up in your Bible: Psalm 90:14; Is. 7:14-15; Zacharias 10:12; Mt. 1:18-25; 12:21; Luke 1:26-33; 2:21; John 3:23; 16:23-24; Acts 2:38; 3:3; 16; 4:8-12; 30; 16:18; 9:27; James 5:14; Phil. 2:8-10; Col. 3:17; Rev. 3:8; 15:4; 22:1-4. These are but a few references. The Name of Jesus is mentioned 1049 times. The Name means “God Saves”

The Society of the Holy Name is a Roman Catholic confraternity of the laity and is one of several which are under the care of the Dominican Order. It is open to all Catholic adult males and is dedicated to making reparations, in particular, against blasphemy, perjury and immorality. This was true years ago but it does may seem to be in existence today.

During the *Twelve Days of Christmas* the Catholic church celebrates many important feasts: St. Stephen, the 1st martyr (Dec 26); St. John the Apostle (Dec 27); the Holy Innocents (Dec 29) and the Holy Family, normally celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas. None is as important as the Feast the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. One of the earliest titles given by Christians to the Blessed Virgin was *Theotokos*—”God-bearer” which has been used to refer to Mary. In the Council of Chalcedon in AD 451 the Church decided that Christ was fully God and fully human and these natures were united in one divine person, Jesus Christ. Thus Mary could be called “mother of God” since she gave birth to Jesus who was fully divine as well as human. Following Vatican II Pope Paul VI decided to change the feast of the Circumcision to the solemnity of Mary Mother of God to reclaim the ancient Western Marian emphasis at the end of the Octave of Christmas. Pope Paul VI highlighted the feast’s celebration of both Mary and Jesus. He also noted the connection to New Year’s Day and Mary’s role as Queen of Peace. January 1st, the Solemnity of the Mary Mother of God is also observed as “World Day of Peace”.



**WISH FOR YOU IN 2012**

**God gives You...**

**12 Months of Happiness,**

**52 Weeks of Fun,**

**365 Days Success,**

**8760 Hours Good Health**

**52600 Minutes Good Luck**

**3153600 Seconds of Joy...and that’s all**





The 12 days of Christmas comes to an end on January 6, and the season of the Epiphany begins. But Epiphany not only ends Christmas, it also fulfills it by celebrating the revelation of the Christ to the whole world. The coming of Incarnate God to all people, especially to those of us who are Gentiles, is the bridge from birth into life, the event that makes Easter possible for most of us. The light of the Epiphany illuminates the church's year as it illuminates the human race from whom the kings came.

We are like the 3 Wise Men who journeyed to Jesus. Now, like those Wise Men, we return to the world from which we came, to the everyday life where we will witness to what we have seen. We need to set out anew from Christ, with the zeal of Pentecost, with renewed enthusiasm. To set out from Him above all in a daily commitment to holiness, with an attitude of prayer and of listening to His Word. We set out to testify to His Love by living a Christian life marked by communion, charity, and witness before the world

Be sure to go outside on Epiphany, the 12th night, to look at the stars or to take a long walk and celebrate the important journey the Wise Men took to recognize the Christ Child as their King.

**Recipe for a Happy New Year!**

Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor and hate, cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time.

Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a time

Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, prayer, meditation, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing—don't do it), and one well-selected resolution.

Put in about one teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor.



Special thanks go to all the Interpreters for their Faithfulness and Dedication. You are so Appreciated. May God bless you and your Families.



**Thoughts to Ponder for the New Year**

*Every thought we think, every feeling we have, every word we speak goes out into the atmosphere to either heal or harm. Let us be healers. Let us be harmless.* John R. Price

*The life you think is the life you live"* Marcus Bach

By thinking you can change your environment. Ernest Holmes

Thinking—We do not create thoughts, we observe them as they go across our minds and exercise choice—the real me occupies a still place inside. Melvin Powers

