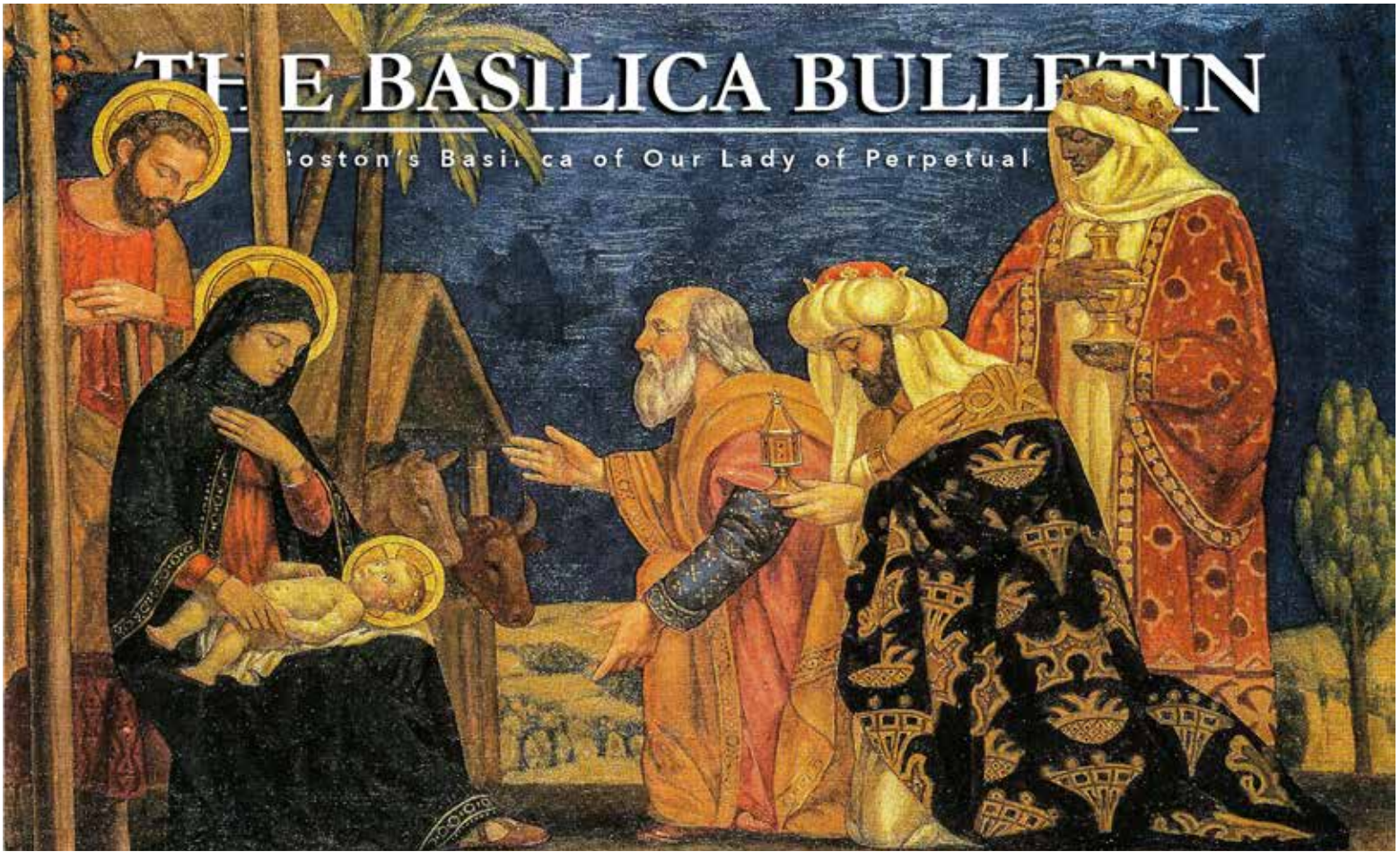


# THE BASILICA BULLETIN

Boston's Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2020



## From the Rector

Very Rev. Joseph Tizio, C.Ss.R.

For most of society, the Christmas celebration is over. However, for us in the Church, it continues for another week. This Sunday we celebrate the great Solemnity of the Epiphany. We contemplate the mystery that God has revealed himself to all people through Jesus Christ in human flesh. As I was thinking about this feast, my mind went to a verse from a Christmas hymn: "Be near me Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay close by me forever and love me I pray". I am touched by the fact that these words are so simple and yet so profound.

What do we celebrate during the Christmas Season? We celebrate the God who is so near to us that he became one of us, fully embraced our humanity. The Epiphany celebrates this God who loves us so much that he invites us to fully know him. "Be near me, Lord Jesus", what a beautiful prayer and it is a prayer that has already be answered, Jesus is intimately near each one of us. "I ask you to stay close by me forever..." The last words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew are: "And know that I am with always, until the end of the world" (Mt.28:20), we have already been promised by Jesus himself that he will never abandon us, that he will always remain with us. "And love me, I pray", we believe in a God whose love is so deep that he shared in our human weakness and death. We are told in the Gospel of John: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16). The Christmas season is simply one of God's ways of saying to you "I love you", listen to God speak those words to you and believe them!

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The Redemptorists

### Weekday Masses

7:00am and 12:10pm

### Saturday Masses

8:00am and 12:10pm

Vigil: 4:00pm, 7:00pm (Haitian)

### Sunday Masses

9:00am, 12:30pm, 5:00pm

11:00am (Spanish)

### Sacrament of Penance

Monday-Saturday at 11:50am

Saturday 3:30pm

### Wednesday Novena Service

12:10pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm (Spanish),

7:00pm (Haitian)

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 8:00am to 5:00pm

## MASS INTENTIONS

## FROM THE RECTOR

### En Español

### Jan 04 Saturday

8:00am Amy, Lucy, and Felix Yin  
12:10pm +Helen Kenneally  
Yup Fook Ken, Yoke Hong  
4:00pm Samuel, Angel, Felix, and Ryan Zhang  
7:00pm Margaline Sanon

### Jan 05 Sunday

9:00am +Metius Casimir  
11:00am Shrine and Purgatorian Members  
12:30pm Maria Theresa Owjan  
5:00pm +Christopher Golden

### Jan 06 Monday

7:00am Esther Yap Yoke Ling  
12:10pm Mary Gill, Carrol Gaudreau and Rory Platt

### Jan 07 Tuesday

7:00am Anna Lueng, Vincent Fung and Family  
12:10pm Taryn Marie Miller

### Jan 08 Wednesday

7:00am Justin, Daniel, Jeffrey Chang  
12:10pm Julie B. Goss  
6:30pm Shrine and Purgatorian Members

### Jan 09 Thursday

7:00am +Janet Breadon  
12:10pm +Janet E. Sands

### Jan 10 Friday

7:00am Joanne Ooi, Samuel and Agustus Liem  
12:10pm +Michael Yaras

Para la mayoría de la sociedad, la celebración de Navidad ha terminado. Sin embargo, para nosotros en la Iglesia, continúa por otra semana. Este domingo celebramos la gran solemnidad de la Epifanía. Contemplamos el misterio de que Dios se ha revelado a todas las personas a través de Jesucristo en carne humana. Mientras pensaba en esta fiesta, mi mente fue a un verso de un himno navideño: "Acércate a mí, Señor Jesús; Te pido que te quedes cerca de mí para siempre y me ames, te ruego". Me conmueve el hecho de que estas palabras son tan simples y, sin embargo, tan profundas.

¿Qué celebramos durante la temporada navideña? Celebramos al Dios que está tan cerca de nosotros que se convirtió en uno de nosotros, abrazó por completo nuestra humanidad. La Epifanía celebra a este Dios que nos ama tanto que nos invita a conocerlo por completo. "Estar cerca de mí, Señor Jesús", qué hermosa oración y es una oración que ya ha sido contestada, Jesús está íntimamente cerca de cada uno de nosotros. "Te pido que te quedes cerca de mí para siempre ..." Las últimas palabras de Jesús en el Evangelio de Mateo son: "Y sé que estoy con siempre, hasta el fin del mundo" (Mt.28: 20), tenemos Jesús mismo ya le prometió que nunca nos abandonará, que siempre se quedará con nosotros. "Y ámame, te ruego", creemos en un Dios cuyo amor es tan profundo que compartió nuestra debilidad y muerte humana. En el Evangelio de Juan se nos dice: "Dios amó tanto al mundo que dio a su único Hijo" (Juan 3:16). ¡La temporada navideña es simplemente una de las formas en que Dios te dice "Te amo", escucha a Dios decir esas palabras y créelas!

### Reflexión

*"Entonces abrieron sus tesoros y le ofrecieron regalos de oro, incienso y mirra". (MATEO 2:11)*

La imagen de los Reyes Magos arrodillándose ante el niño Jesús y abriendo sus cofres del tesoro para Él es una imagen que todos debemos tratar de seguir cada día. En agradecimiento por todo lo que se nos ha dado, estamos llamados a compartir generosamente todos nuestros regalos, no solo los que elegimos. Dios quiere que seamos generosos con todo, pero especialmente con lo que más significa para ti.



### Reflection

*"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." (Matthew 2:11)*

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to us.



## NEWS & EVENTS

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### **Holy Hour for Vocations**

We invite you to join us on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:00pm in the basilica for a special holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for an increase in vocations, especially to our Redemptorist life. Our Redemptorist community will gather each month and we hope that you can join us in prayer.

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### **Virtus Training for All Volunteers**

We will have a special Virtus training for all catechists, ministers, and volunteers who have not yet had Virtus training on Saturday, January 11th at 10:00am in the Parish Center. Virtus training is required for all those who volunteer and do any form of ministry in the parish. It is intended to make us more sensitive to the danger of abuse.

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### **Pastoral Council**

The pastoral council meeting has been changed from Tue, January 14 to the following Tuesday, January 21 at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

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### **Annual CORI Forms**

The Archdiocese of Boston requires that all clergy, parish staff (full and part time), together with all volunteers (17 years of age and older) who minister to or have the potential for unmonitored access to children, youth, elderly or the disabled, undergo a CORI check. This process requires an individual to fill out a CORI request form annually in accordance with this policy. Please bring your Driver's License or Massachusetts ID to the Rectory Office for verification. Thank you!

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### **2020 Mass Intentions**

Remember a deceased loved one or pray for an intention through a High Mass request to be said as part of our daily and Sunday Masses. Intentions may be booked on a first come, first serve basis. Intentions for 2020 can now be taken, please visit the Rectory Office. High Mass stipends are \$15. Mass cards for deceased, sick, special intention and birthdays are also available:  
[www.bostonbasilica.com/shop](http://www.bostonbasilica.com/shop)

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### **Stewardship**

Please remember that we depend on your weekly offering to continue the ministry of our parish. We ask that you consider giving the equivalent of one hour of your weekly salary. It's a goal that would strengthen the offertory to be in line with current expenses. If you can not commit one hour at this time, we ask that you contribute at least \$5 as a minimum offering for the upkeep and mission of the church. Every gift will be used wisely and carefully. Thank you for the sacrifices you make for this community!

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### **St. Vincent DePaul Society**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a worldwide organization, which is deeply rooted in Christian love and teaching to serve the poor and needy. In March of 2012, a conference was established at the Basilica to serve the poor of Boston. Volunteer opportunities are available throughout the year and support is given on an as needed basis in areas of housing, heat, meals and tuition. Learn more by visiting [www.svdpmmissionchurch.org](http://www.svdpmmissionchurch.org)

### Hora Santa Para las Vocaciones

Te invitamos a unirse a nosotros el primer martes de cada mes a las 5:00 pm en la basílica durante una hora sagrada especial ante el Santísimo Sacramento para rezar por un aumento en las vocaciones, especialmente en nuestra vida redentorista. Nuestra comunidad redentorista se reunirá cada mes y esperamos que pueda unirse a nosotros en oración.

### Entrenamiento Virtus para Todos los Voluntarios

Tendremos una capacitación especial de Virtus para todos los catequistas, ministros y voluntarios que aún no han recibido capacitación de Virtus el sábado 11 de enero a las 10:00 am en el Centro Parroquial. Se requiere entrenamiento de Virtus para todos aquellos que se ofrecen como voluntarios y realizan cualquier tipo de ministerio.

### Intenciones de Masas 2020

Recuerde a un ser querido fallecido o ore por una intención a través de una solicitud de la misa alta que se dirá como parte de nuestras misas diarias y dominicales. Las intenciones se pueden reservar por orden de llegada. Ahora se pueden tomar intenciones para 2020, visite la Oficina de Rectoría. Los estipendios de alta masa son de \$ 15. Las tarjetas de misa para fallecidos, enfermos, intenciones especiales y cumpleaños también están disponibles: [www.bostonsbasilica.com/shop](http://www.bostonsbasilica.com/shop)

### Haitian Prayer Group meets first Saturday at 5:00pm

"Zanmi Manman Pèpetyèl yo", ap toujou rankontre chak premye samdi, a 5 h PM pou rive 6h45 PM, nan mizik room lan. Nou konte sou prezans tout manb yo, pou nou kontinye viv karis nou ki bati sou twa wòch dife. " lapriye, fòmasyon, ak fratènite"

### Bible Class in French/Creole Every Second Tuesday at 8:00pm

Mes frères et soeurs. On ne peut donner ce qu'on n'a pas. Tout chrétien, doit connaître la parole de Dieu. Donc, il est important de se mettre à l'écoute, et à l'étude de la parole de Dieu, pour pouvoir partager avec les autres, combien Dieu nous aime.

Dans le souci de répondre mieux à notre vocation chrétienne, nous avons un cours biblique chaque deuxième Mardi du mois à 8:00 PM.

« Frèm ak sèm yo, nou pa ka bay sa nou pa genyen, donk antan ke kretyen, nou dwe, konnen Paròl Granmèt la. Se sak fè nou gen you kou labib, chak dezyèm Madi, a 8:00 PM. »

### Haitian Mass Every Saturday at 7:00pm

Frèm ak sèm yo, Bondye, avèk Manman Pèpetyèl toujou la pou li pran swen nou, pou li ban nou nouriti kap kenbe nou solid nan lafwa. Se sak fè Granmèt la toujou mete, sevètè pou sèvi nou. Pou nou ka jwen nouriti spirityèl sa, chak Samdi a 7 pm, nap gen lamès an kreyòl, nan Legliz Pèpetyèl la. Nou tout, ayisyen yo, nou se pitit Manman Pèpetyèl, vini, pou nou selebre lafwa nou, nan lang man-

## BASILICA MEMORIALS

### Basilica Memorial Plaque

Honor a loved one with a permanent memorial inside the Basilica. A limited number of engravable metal plaques are mounted near the Shine and Purgatorian altar for donor contributions of \$1,000 or more. Your gift directly benefits the Basilica and the on going restoration work that is continually needed. A 1" x 4" metal plaque can be engraved with up to 20 characters on each line, up to 4 lines. Spaces and punctuation are characters.



### Masses and Enrollments

The Basilica's sacred altars and presence as a spiritual home for over a century provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the liturgy for your intentions. Masses for living and deceased can be offered throughout the year. We also have special perpetual Mass enrollment societies that provide daily and weekly remembrances as long as the Basilica endures.

For details visit the Rectory Office or our website, [www.bostonsbasilica.com/shop](http://www.bostonsbasilica.com/shop)



## Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary (LOM) is an international association of the faithful of the Catholic Church who serve the Church on a voluntary basis. It was founded in Dublin, Ireland, as a Marian Movement by layman Frank Duff. Today between active and auxiliary (praying) members there are over 10 million members worldwide making it the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church. An English speaking "Praesidium of Mary Queen and Mother" has started in our parish, meeting every Wednesday morning at 8:15 am in the Heritage Room. All are welcome. Contact Sylvia Mary Ooi 617-566-0370, [www.newenglandlegionofmary.org](http://www.newenglandlegionofmary.org)

## Pregnancy Help

Pregnancy Help is a pregnancy resource center sponsored by the Archdiocese of Boston to provide alternatives to abortion. Trained and caring nurses and case workers are available to assist any woman experiencing a difficult pregnancy. Pregnancy Help provides free pregnancy testing, limited ultrasound, referrals, material assistance, and ongoing support. All services are free, confidential and available for English, Spanish and Portuguese speaking clients. For assistance call 888-771-3914, text 617-903-7960 or email [help@pregnancyhelpboston.org](mailto:help@pregnancyhelpboston.org)

## Cathedral Food Bank

The Cathedral of the Holy Cross operates a food bank open to all in need on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:00am-3:00pm. Located at 1400 Washington Street, Boston in the lower church facing Msgr. Reynolds Way. A photo id is required for distributions. For more information please call 617-506-6600.

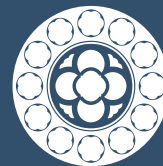
## Did You Remember Your Gift?

It is only natural when you are invited to a party - whether it is birthday, anniversary, homecoming or any other celebration - to think about the gift that you will bring. Even when the invitation says, "No gifts, please," most of us still show up with a bottle of wine or a box of candy or some other token of our affection. We bring gifts to show our gratitude for being invited and to show our love for the one being honored and celebrated. So, when God Himself invites you to the greatest celebration of all - the celebration of the Eucharist - do you bring a gift? Do you take time to wrap it in an envelope? Do you select a gift that truly reflects your gratitude for being invited to be a part of God's family? Do you bring a gift that shows your love for the crucified Jesus, who we remember at every Mass? The invitation to the Mass does not say "No gifts, please." In fact, since God first called the Israelites to be His people He taught them, "No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as he can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord, your God has bestowed on you." - Deuteronomy 16:16-17 Did you remember your gift?

## Welcome / Bienvenido

It does not matter what your present status is in the Catholic Church, what your current family or marital situation, what your past or present religious affiliation; or your personal history, age, background, race, etc. You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at Boston's Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

No importa cuál es su estado actual en la Iglesia Católica, cuál es su situación familiar o civil actual, cuál es su afiliación religiosa pasada o actual; o su historia personal, edad, antecedentes, raza, etc. Está invitado, bienvenido, aceptado, amado y respetado en la Basílica de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro de Boston.



## BOSTON'S BASILICA

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Prayer Groups

English - Mondays, 6:30pm in Parish Center  
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