



**SHRINE CHURCH OF  
OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS**  
A MISSION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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**Sunday, January 8, 2023**

**Epiphany of the Lord**

♪ *Lord, every nation on earth  
will adore you.* ♪



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**January 8**

**9:00 am English Mass**

- ✠ *Edith Beckerle* by the Giordano family
- ✠ *George and Mary Barber*  
by the Giordano family
- ✠ *Elizabeth Anne Linzey* by Debbie Divorl
- ✠ *Shaianna Rikki Welch* by the community

**11:00 am Spanish Mass**

- ✠ *Francisca Hernández de Rodríguez*  
by Carolina, Emely, Mercedes, Diana  
and Liliana Rodríguez
- ✠ *Ernesto Barrio Ramírez*  
by his wife, children and grandchildren
- ✠ *Jose Alberto Torres Torres*  
by Griselle, Gerardo Torres and family
- ✠ *Shaianna Rikki Welch* by the community

**January 15**

**9:00 am English Mass**

- ✠ *Elizabeth Anne Linzey* by Helene K. Kruse

**11:00 am Spanish Mass**

**SHARING OUR TREASURE**

*~ Giving as an act of Worship ~*

*We need at least \$2,750.00 per week in the collections to  
break even, not counting unexpected maintenance costs.*

**Information from January 1, 2023**

**Regular Offertory: \$2574**

**(\$285 Christmas, \$440 Solemnity of Mary)**

**Total: \$2574**

If you are unable to attend Mass, please mail checks to  
274 Sherman St., Albany, NY 12206. *Do not mail cash.*

**View Masses Online on Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/shrinechurchofourladyoftheamericas/>

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, January 8**

**Epiphany of the Lord**

*Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

**Sunday, January 15**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.*

**LECTIO DIVINA**

**English:** <https://catholic.bible/category/lectio-divina/>

**Spanish:** <https://catholic.bible/lectio-divina-en-espanol/>

**Sunday, January 15**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

**Gospel:** St. John 1:29-34

**Scam Alert:** If you receive an email from Fr. O'Connor or Fr. Dan requesting money or gift cards be sent to anyone in need, **It is a scam.**

**Mission Statement**

*"We are a vibrant, welcoming, multi-cultural Catholic community in the heart of the City of Albany celebrating and ministering the presence of Jesus with our parishioners and neighbors."*

## Lectio Divina – A Perfect New Year’s Resolution

Lectio  
divina

The phrase lectio divina means “divine reading” in Latin and is a fitting name for this prayer practice of listening to Scripture with the ear of the heart. Lectio divina (often called “lectio” for short) is a

dialogue with God through Scripture. With encouragement from the Church Fathers, lectio divina entered the daily prayer of the early monastic communities in the 6th century as a way of communicating with God through Scripture. It has developed over time into the practice we know today. Before starting your prayer, select a passage from Scripture to use for your lectio divina. It can be from the Old or New Testament, but it shouldn’t be too long. The length of a reading from Mass works well. Often, people choose to pray with a reading from the day’s Lectionary or the Mass for the upcoming Sunday. Ask for the grace to be receptive to what God will speak to you through this Scripture reading. Begin by slowly and meditatively reading your Scripture passage out loud. What do you hear? Listen for a particular word or phrase that speaks to you at this moment and sit with it for a time. Read the text a second time. What does it mean? What is God saying to you in these words? Read the text a final time. What does it cost? What gift has God given you to take away from this prayer? To what action might God be inviting you?

### The Boutique at Blessed Sacrament

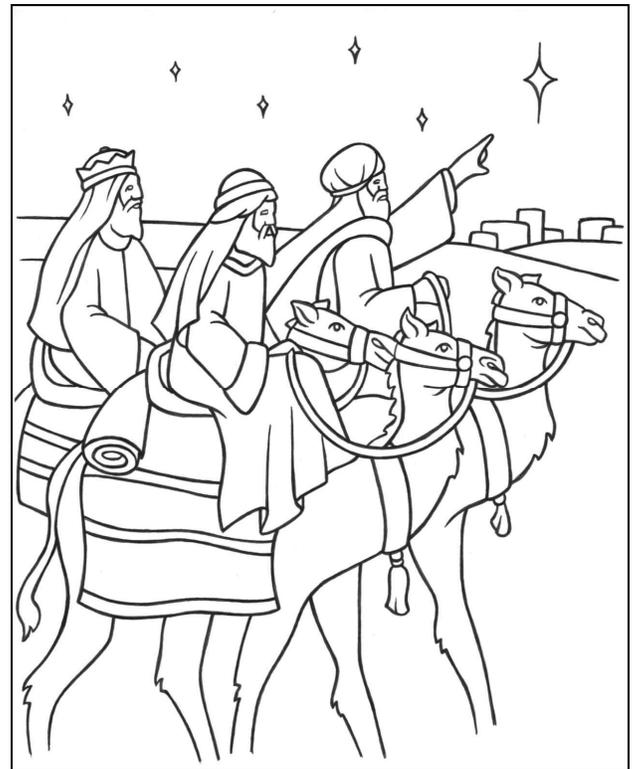
The Boutique is open for shopping on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon and accepts donations on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon. We cannot accept books, some electronics, fabric scraps, or clothing in need of repair or dirty. The Boutique is looking for children’s shoes and clothes in size 4 and up and children’s winter clothes in sizes 4-14.

**Tax Statements:** If you would like a 2022 tax statement for your donations, please call the Shrine office or email your request to [mfredette103@gmail.com](mailto:mfredette103@gmail.com).

### Hospital Visits:

If you or someone you know is in the hospital, let hospital admissions know that you are a Catholic and what your parish is. Then Father O’Connor or another priest can visit and bring communion to you

## CHILDREN’S CORNER



### The Feast of the Epiphany



The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on January 6. This feast commemorates the visit of the wise men to worship the

baby Jesus. Tradition tells us that their names were Caspar, Melchior and Balthassar. The men were astrologers who were looking for the star that would lead them to the promised Messiah. This was prophesied in the Book of Micah. According to the Gospel narratives, the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh with them. These gifts were very meaningful. Gold was a precious and expensive gift, and showed how important Jesus was. Frankincense is a sweet perfume which was often burned in the temple to worship God. It was a sign that Jesus should be worshipped. Myrrh was used to keep things fresh, and it was used by the women to anoint Jesus’ body when he died. By bringing it as a gift to Jesus, the wise men foretold his suffering and death.

## NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME! OR HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?

Please fill in your information below and drop in the collection. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) I am new to the parish.  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Send me “The Evangelist”.  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Please send church envelopes.