

POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI

1927 - 2022



Well done, good and faithful servant.

MATTHEW 25:21



S a i n t T h e o d o r e
Roman Catholic Church
Port Murray, New Jersey



January , 2023 The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 7th ~ St. Raymond of Penafort

5:00 pm † Mildred Francis Gallo
By Vincent & Carmela Gallo & family

Sunday, January 8th ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am † Margaret Mustello
By Stan & Dorothy Wantrobski

10:30 am Living & deceased parishioners of
St. Theodore

Monday, January 9th ~ Baptism of the Lord

8:45 am Living & deceased members
of the Kovacs family
By Family

Tuesday, January 10th

8:45 am Blessings for Barbara P.
By Sharon Geoghegan

Wednesday, January 11th

8:45 am † Eric Ryan Murray
By George & Georgianne Merlo

Thursday, January 12th

No Morning Mass

Friday, January 13th

8:45 am Blessings for Nancy Sives
By Karl & Rose Strohmaier

Saturday, January 14th

5:00 pm † Mary Theorux
By The Iannelli Family

Sunday, January 15th Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am 90th Birthday Blessings for Gloria Kecker
By Stan & Dorothy Wantrobski

10:30 am † Mildred Frances Gallo
By Tom & Tina Jackson & Family

Your Offertory Gift

January 1, 2023

First Collection: \$2,945

Solemnity of Mary: \$621

Christmas Gifts: \$575

Together in Charity: \$423

Thank you for your generosity.

Capital Campaign update:

Pledged amount: \$158,750

Collected \$114,180

Next Phase will be to replace carpet.

Goal is by spring!

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whole week. The stipend for a
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Ron Semonche
By Family



Devotions
Blessed Virgin Mary--Monday 8:45
am Saint Joseph -- Tuesday
8:45 am Divine Mercy --
Friday 8:45 am Rosary

Remember to pray for those in need
Mary Supple, Abigail Saksa, Barbara,
Al DiFonzo, Juan A Cuello, Lauren
Hardy, Steven, Michael & Christion,
Helena & Christopher Picht, Lisa
Moyer Det. Misotis Familia, Mary
Whitman, Michael Fiume, Robert,
Helen Schuetter & Family, Marietta,
Edward Kirby

Catholic Confession:

A Short but Thorough Guide

How Often Should You Go to Confession?

While Catholics are only required to go to Confession when they are aware that they have committed a mortal sin, the Church urges the faithful to take advantage of the sacrament often. A good rule of thumb is to go once per month.

Confession Is a Sacrament

The Sacrament of Confession is one of the seven sacraments recognized by the Catholic Church. Catholics believe that all of the sacraments were instituted by **Jesus Christ** himself. Confession is the Sacrament through which our sins are forgiven, and our relationship to God and to others is restored and strengthened. Through the Sacrament, Christ our Lord continues to heal those broken in spirit and restore the Father's love those who are lost. The priest is the sacramental witness who represents both Christ and His people. The priest is viewed not as a judge, but as a physician and guide.

Five Steps For a Good Confession

1. Examine your conscience.
2. Be sincerely sorry for your sins.
3. Confess your sins to a priest.
4. Resolve to amend your life.
5. After your confession, do the penance the priest assigns.



January 8th The Epiphany of the Lord

**"All they from Saba shall come bringing
gold and frankincense
and showing forth praise to the Lord."**

Isaiah 60: 6, 1

The Collect of today's Mass -mystery [indicates] that we are the Magi, guided by the star of faith and grace on our journey to Christ through the wilderness of this life, through the persecutions of Herod (the devil). There is this difference, however; we go to meet, not Christ in the Infant Bethlehem, but Christ the King in the glory of His Second Coming, a coming that is now fore wrought in the Mass, even as it was foreshadowed, as to its outward signs, in the extraordinary experiences granted to the Magi.



Though we are not able to physically be at the Divine's Infant's feet, falling down to worship Him as the Three Kings did, it is through the Church and Her Liturgy that these historical events become present to us once again, and we are mystically transported to Bethlehem. Holy Mother Church depicts this reality when She instructs us in the Gospel to genuflect as the scripture reads, "and falling down they adored Him

**O God, Who on this day, didst
manifest Thine only-begotten Son to
the Gentiles by the guidance of a star,
graciously grant, that we, who know
Thee now by faith, may be led on even
to contemplate the beauty of Thy
Majesty."**

- Collect for the Mass of the Epiphany

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