

January 5, 2020
Epiphany of the Lord

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Mass Intentions

Jan	6	Mon	8:00am	St. Leo	Maggie Gilligan Bday
Jan	7	Tues	No	Mass	
Jan	8	Wed	8:00 am	St. Martin	+Helen Benes
Jan	9	Thur	8:00 am	St. Leo	Cecile Mezzy (Blankley)
Jan	10	Fri	8:00am	St. Leo	Reis Family
Jan	11	Sat	4:00 pm	St. Leo	Liv & Dec. St. Leo Parishioners
Jan	12	Sun	8:30 am	St. Martin	Liv. & Dec. St. Martin Parishioners
Jan	12	Sun	11:00 am	St. Leo	The people of our parishes

Your Response to the Lords Generosity:
December 29, 2019

	Adult	Youth	Plate
St. Leo	\$1,190	\$ 0	\$2
St. Martin	\$485	\$ 0	\$169

"God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8

Thank you to those who give!

Weekend Masses:

1st, 3rd & 5th (Odd Sundays) Saturday 4 PM at St. Martin 8:30 AM at St Leo Palmyra 11:00 AM at St Leo Palmyra	2nd & 4th (Even Sundays) Saturday 4 PM at St. Leo 8:30 AM St Martin Douglas 11:00AM St Leo Palmyra
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Confessions:

Saturdays: 3:30 PM-3:45 PM
Sundays: 8:00 AM-8:15 AM
 10:30 AM-10:45 AM
*Any time by appointment

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:


Sundays prior to 11:00 am Mass

CALENDAR ITEMS

- **ALL ARE INVITED this week: On Wednesday, January 8th from 7:45-8:15 PM, in St. Leo Church, we will have an Epiphany celebration (the kids will practice before at 7pm). The kids will present Christ's birth from the annunciation through the coming of the wise men. We will sing Christmas Carols between every major event in Christ's life. For example, as the wise men come we will sing "We Three Kings of Orient Are". There will be cookies in the Hall following the play! This is not just for families with kids, it is for all, and is fun. Come join us!**
- **FYI** - There is a Parish Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 9th. If there is something you would like to be talked about at the meeting please contact Fr. Sparling, Megan or one of your parish council members.
- **Blessing of St. Martin Statues**- Please come Jan 12th at 8:30am Mass at St. Martin's for the blessing of the Statues.
- **St. Martin Altar Society** will have a meeting on January 12th following 8:30 Mass.
- **Personal Testimonies on How an Encounter with God Leads to a Mission**" The personal testimonies for January and February will now be at Dawson Hall at John XXIII Building, 3700 Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln, NE from 7-8:30pm. The presenters are: January 19, 2020, Bob Sullivan, Attorney/Apologist; and February 16, 2020, Diane Reiber, Artist/Author. There is no fee or registration. Please call 402-473-0615 for questions
- **Spiritual Warfare series:** A 3-part series will be given by Matt Simmons, Director of Spiritual Formation, on Spiritual Warfare at John XXIII Diocesan Center from 6:30-8:30pm. Series will be January 21, Our Identity in Christ; February 18, Battleground of Our Minds; and March 24, Our Weapons for Spiritual Warfare. The workshop is free and registration is kindly requested. Call 402-473-0615 or email Annette-Wemhoff@cdolinc.net
- **EMMAUS INSTITUTE TO HOST WINTER SEMINAR**- Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies will host a half-day seminar on Saturday, January 25, entitled, "'He Opened to Us the Scriptures' (Luke 24:32): Celebrating the Sunday of the Word of God." The event will take place from 8:30 to noon at 3901 Normal Blvd, Suite 101. The seminar cost of \$30 includes handout materials and light refreshments. For additional information and to register, go to www.emmausinstitute.net.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Epiphany Blessing for Homes** – If you would like to invite me over to bless your home using blessed chalk to mark your front doorway with the Epiphany blessing of 20 + C + M + B + 20 [the initials stand for either the Magi—Caspar, Melchior & Baltazar or Christus Mansionem Benedicat—May Christ bless this house] please let me know and we can arrange a time when I can come by to do so . You can call me at the rectory or email me at leomartinpastor@gmail.com to schedule a time.
- **St. Martin's Parishioners** if you have not already completed the survey online or contacted the parish office with your vote please do so by this Sunday, January 5th.

- **Acolytes & Lectors Needed** – We are looking for men who would be willing to serve as Acolytes or Lectors. We could especially use men to serve as Acolytes (especially at St. Martin’s). Women are welcome to serve as extraordinary readers. Please contact Fr. Sparling if you are interested as soon as possible as training dates are beginning soon.
- **Attention Amazon users!** If you do please consider using AmazonSmile for your purchases! If you do and select St. Leo Catholic Church of Palmyra as your charitable organization a portion of your purchases will be given back to the parish Religious Education Program. Or go to: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-0537439> 
- **Have you checked out the new FORMED.org?** — Programs, eBooks, movies, and talks that will entertain, engage, and inspire them with the beauty and wonder of their faith. FORMED is an on-line Catholic resource treasure trove. The parish pays for an annual subscription for you to use to grow in our beautiful faith. If you have not signed up for it yet, go to www.formed.org -- enter the parish code **KN4A9J** -- enter information required -- create a password -- search through and enjoy the material.
- **Looking for Gift ideas?** Why not have a Mass offered? The tradition of offering Masses for others originates in the early Church. A priest offers Mass with three intentions: 1) to offer the Mass reverently and validly in accord with norms of the Church, 2) to offer the Mass in union with the whole Church and for its good, and 3) to offer the Mass for a particular intention. The suggested donation is \$10 per Mass. Checks should be made payable to: St. Leo Stipend Account.
- **E-Tithe!** Parishioners can now contribute to the Church via check, credit or debit card by going to our website and clicking the “Give Now” (or by going to <http://giving.parishsoft.com/stleo>). As always you can still give via cash or check in your envelope anytime.

From Father:

I want to thank Di Watton, Taren Hoffman, Valerie Donovan and Molly Hall who joined Linda Bennier, Janet Harrison and Cindy Smith as part of the 7 Sisters Apostolate for our parishes. This is a very beautiful apostolate and I am so very thankful to not only these members but all the alternate sisters and the past sisters as well! If you are interested in what the 7 Sisters Apostolate is or joining please feel free to contact Linda Bennier who is our Anchoress. You can also visit: www.sevensistersapostolate.org

The Epiphany of the Lord - The *Epiphany* is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (*magi*) from the East. In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi’s coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship Him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning toward the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that “the full number of the nations” now takes its “place in the family of the patriarchs,” and acquires *Israelitica dignitas* (are made “worthy of the heritage of Israel”). *Catechism of the Catholic Church, 528*



Reminder: NEW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESSES! We have updated our parish email addresses. We have also added a separate email address for the parish secretary, Megan Carman. All bulletin announcements and such can be sent to her email address. If you email the old email address it should sent you a reply message that it is now shut down as we are no longer checking that email account. The new email addresses are:

Pastor: leomartinpastor@gmail.com Megan Carman (Secretary): leomartinsecretary@gmail.com

Happy New Year! May the prince of peace reign in your hearts and homes! God love you! ~Fr. Sparling

"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle for you- for you alone? He burns with desire to come into your heart!" –St. Therese