

Pick of the Week

This week's Pick is Epiphany. In the Church, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord recognizes the manifestation of Jesus Christ as God and Savior, not only of God's chosen people of the old covenant, but also of the Gentiles, represented by the Three Kings—Wise Men, Astronomers—who come to pay the baby Jesus homage with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The word “Epiphany” is also defined as a moment of sudden insight of something once unknown. As this is the season when we make resolutions for the year ahead, is it possible to resolve to have a personal insight, an Epiphany, of the Epiphany? Can we resolve to make some time to contemplate the reality that God became Man and what that means to each of us in a personal way? After all, God did this for all of us and for each of us as well. In other words, yes, God sent his Son to redeem all men, but that also means that God sent his Son to redeem you, to redeem me—each of us by name. Now that's an Epiphany! And since Our Lord is infinite mystery, Epiphany doesn't have to be just a day. We can resolve to have a year—a lifetime of Epiphany.



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“ALTARATION” THE MYSTERY OF THE MASS REVEALED

Wednesday January 10, 2018 - Session #1

6:30PM Everyone is Welcome!

Things are not always what they seem. This is especially true with the Mass. At one time or another, we may have found Mass to be boring or irrelevant to our lives, but once we understand that Mass is not meant to entertain us, we can appreciate the richness and beauty that lies before us. This is exactly what we will be doing as we view “AltARATION”.

“The Mass is the greatest gift God gives us.”

Parents should attend with their children.



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You make a difference
God Bless You All!