February 2, 2020—Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Candlemas)

**Ordinary Form**
- Mon—Sat 8:00 a.m. in the Rectory Chapel
- Fri 7:00 p.m. in the Church (Vietnamese)

**Extra-Ordinary Form (Traditional Latin Mass)**
- In the Church (English Homilies)
- Mon—Fri 6:30 a.m. Missa Cantata
- Mon—Sat 8:00 a.m. Low Mass

**Weekend Masses**
- Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m. (English Ordinary Form)
  7:00 p.m. (Vietnamese)
- Sunday Traditional Latin Mass (English Homilies)
  7:30 a.m. Low Mass
  10:30 a.m. High Mass
- Sunday Vietnamese Ordinary Form
  9:00 a.m.
  5:00 p.m.

**Confessions**
- Mon—Sat During Morning Adoration in the church
- Sunday After Both Latin Masses
  Before the 5:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

**Adoration**
- Mon—Sat After the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the church
  6:30 p.m. (Vietnamese)
- Fri—Sat First Friday of Each Month: Adoration begins after the 8:00 a.m. Mass
  Vespers at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel
  followed by Benediction

**First Friday**
Vietnamese - Rosary, Litany & Benediction
7:30 p.m. in the Church

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**2019 Contribution Reports** are now available and will only be printed for those families/individuals who request them. If you would like your yearend statement, please call the office at 813-234-8693 or email mark@epiphanytampa.com.

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Your Latin Mass Society of Tampa Bay invites you to join us for our next meeting 2/8/2020 at 12:30 pm in the Parish Room. ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!
Visit our Facebook page to learn more about what we do.
www.facebook.com/tblatinmass/

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**Tickets Now On Sale**
AHG Father-Daughter Dance
Tues, Feb. 25 7:00pm - 9:00pm Available after Masses or contact Liesa Gonzalez moosix1974@gmail.com
FROM THE PASTOR: A Sign In The Heavens For All To See?

Several weeks ago my news feed fairly exploded with news that Betelgeuse (the star, not the movie) might go supernova. Here is a snippet from Space.com.

One of the brightest stars in the sky has been dimming. But, while it might be signaling that it's ready to explode, it's probably just fading because of strange, stellar physics. Betelgeuse, a reddish star that's one of the brightest in the night sky, has been noticeably "fainting," or getting dimmer. The approximately 8.5 million-year-old star, which is part of the Orion constellation, has been one of the most recognizable stars in the sky because of its brightness and coloration. But this recent, dramatic fading has prompted scientists to suggest that the star might be entering a pre-supernova phase, dimming before it collapses and "dies" in a fiery supernova explosion. If the star does become a supernova, Betelgeuse would likely be as bright as, or even brighter than the moon for weeks or even more.

Every news agency gave differing bits of information about what happens with a supernova, what danger (or lack of it) we would be in, and other such things. Obviously, not everything can be explained in any one article. But this quoted part about how bright it would be and how long it may be that bright caught my attention. As I started looking for more information about that aspect of it I discovered that because it lies on the celestial equator, it is already visible just about everywhere. After a supernova Betelgeuse explosion, literally everyone on Earth might witness this bright blast. The Atlantic expanded on this with the following.

The view would be mind-boggling, day or night. The Orion constellation can be seen from nearly everywhere on Earth, which means nearly everyone could see the exploding star. It would easily cut through the artificial-light pollution that prevents 80 percent of the world—and a staggering 99 percent of the United States and Europe—from experiencing a clear view of the night sky. “At the predicted brightness of a Betelgeuse supernova, you could be standing in the center of the biggest city in the world, and you would certainly see it,” says John Barentine, an astronomer and the director of public policy at the International Dark-Sky Association, a nonprofit that works to mitigate light pollution. “You couldn’t miss it.” Even more spectacular, the display would stick around. The gleaming orb would remain visible for more than a year, perhaps even longer. How strange it would be to witness day in and day out, to understand, for the most part, that the blaze is simply a natural wonder of the universe, but still feel, on a deeper, more primitive level, that the sky looks very wrong.

So as I am reading these sensational articles (they all admit somewhere long past the headline, that they may be off by 100,000 years or more in “predicting” that Betelgeuse will explode any day now), going through my mind was that if God wanted us to wake up and come to attention, this might be just the ticket. And, sure enough, I am not the only one thinking along those lines. Explanations are coming in about just how important the Orion cluster of stars might be to Catholic typology. Even Catholic sources vary a bit in detail, though they all agree that Our Lord put the stars in position and gave ancient men cloudy wisdom to spin tales about the constellations which in the future (our times) would be fulfilled, such as: Orion was regarded as the Loyal Shepherd of Heaven and he is battling Taurus, the bull, a symbol of evil, as he stumps on the rabbit Lepus (or maybe a serpent). All the while the constellation Eridanus River, a river of judgment leading to the underworld, flows nearby, into which is wading a monster named Cetus. There are so many details that I cannot possibly remember them, let alone try to explain them. Most of it is foreign to me, since I have very limited experience or education in astronomy of any sort, let alone in knowing the ancient myths concocted about them. But I find it quite intriguing to wonder if God would show such a spectacular sight as a supernova to all of mankind during such a dark period of humanity (dark in the spiritual and societal sense, though in the technological sense we have so much light as to obscure most of the stars which begat these myths about the constellations in the first place). What would be our general response? The Star of Bethlehem brought mostly yawns, yet it was a bright message from God. Will men of today see any of God’s handiwork in a new astronomical spectacle as has never before been witnessed by men? (Lk 21:25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars: and upon the earth distress of nations, by reason of the confusion of the roaring of the sea and of the waves) Or simply put themselves on the back for knowing the “science” behind what could otherwise be seen as religious superstitious nonsense? Will this be the time each man sees the state of his own soul? Three days of introspection, fear, love or hate? Perhaps we will see. Or perhaps there is just a dust cloud passing between us and Betelgeuse which is temporarily blocking its light and its imminent explosion of death is just the latest media frenzy about nothing.

With prayers for your holiness,
Rev. Fr. Edwin Palka

Latin Masses for the Week: FEBRUARY

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PARISH CALENDAR

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, February 2,**
   *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd,* 8:30 a.m., Parish Room
   *American Heritage Girls Meeting,* 8:45 a.m., Classrooms #3, 4, & 5

**Monday, February 3,**
   *Confirmation Class,* 9:00 a.m., Classroom #1

**Tuesday, February 4,**
   *Poker Night,* 6:00 p.m., Parish Room

**Wednesday, February 5,**
   *Spiritual Mothers,* 8:45 a.m., Church
   *AHG Board Meeting,* 7:00 p.m., Parish Room

**Thursday, February 6,**
   *Latin Vespers,* 6:00 p.m., sung in the Church

**Friday, February 7,**
   *First Friday, see schedule on the front cover*
   *Schedule of First Friday Holy Hour,* call Carole Palka, 786-475-5952 (if no answer, please leave a message)

**Saturday, February 8,**
   *Adult Catechism,* 10:00 a.m., Parish Room
   *Coetus Fidelium Meeting,* 12:30 p.m., Parish Room
   *Youth Group Meeting,* 6:00 p.m., Parish Room

**NEXT WEEK**

**Sunday, February 9,**
   *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd,* 8:30 a.m., Parish Room
   *American Heritage Girls Meeting,* 8:45 a.m., Classrooms #3, 4, & 5

**Monday, February 10,**
   *Confirmation Class,* 9:00 a.m., Classroom #1

**Tuesday, February 11,**
   *Exodus 90 Meeting,* 12:30 p.m., Classroom #1
   *Ordinariate Mass,* 2:00 p.m., Church

**Wednesday, February 12,**
   *Spiritual Mothers,* 8:45 a.m., Church

**Thursday, February 13,**
   *Latin Vespers,* 6:00 p.m., sung in the Church
   *AHG Vocations Meeting,* 10:00 a.m., Classrooms 1 & 2

Please check our website calendar at www.epiphanytampa.com
**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday:** 02-01-20  
L-8:00 AM John Pfost/Brianna Pfost—Happy Birthday by Lynn Pfost  
E-8:00 AM Susan H. & Family—Special Intention by the Fernandez Family  
5:00 PM †Debra Ennis Gonzalez by Helen Ennis Madden  

**Sunday:** 02-02-20  
7:30 AM All Parishioners  
10:30 AM †Joe Frank by Lisa Hohmann  

**Monday:** 02-03-20  
6:30 AM Gerard McGuirk & Family by Gene & Cathy McGuirk  
8:00 AM  

**Tuesday:** 02-04-20  
6:30 AM †Paul Thompson by The Adams Family  
8:00 AM Michele E.—Special Intention by the Fernandez Family  

**Wednesday:** 02-05-20  
6:30 AM Mark Rosendale by Cate Rosendale  
8:00 AM Gary Gornowicz—Happy Birthday (2/6) by Bertha Frank  

**Thursday:** 02-06-20  
6:30 AM Emmet Van Durme—Happy Birthday (2/12) by Dziadzi & Babcia  
8:00 AM Dana & Abigail—Special Intention by the Fernandez Family  

**Friday:** 02-07-20  
6:30 AM Timothy McGuirk & Family by Gene & Cathy McGuirk  
8:00 AM  

**Saturday:** 02-08-20  
L-8:00 AM Neal Doten—Birthday Blessings by Glenn & Ruth Doten  
E-8:00 AM †Poor Souls by the Fernandez Family  
5:00 PM All Parishioners  

**Sunday:** 02-09-20  
7:30 AM †Socorro Macion Ramos—Repose of Soul by Amelia Marquez  
10:30 AM Pat & Paul Farley—Happy Anniversary by Farley Family  

**ALL LATIN MASSES IN THE 2020 MASS BOOK HAVE BEEN BOOKED. NOVUS ORDO MASSES ARE AVAILABLE.**  
Masses will not be booked without payment of the stipend. Office hours are Mon-Fri, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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**Welcome to Our Parish**

**EPIPHANY CATHOLIC CHURCH IS VERY HAPPY TO HAVE VISITORS and NEW PARISHIONERS WITH US**

**Social in the Church Hall after the 7:30 & 10:30 morning Masses each Sunday. Please join us to get acquainted!**

New parishioners may register by visiting the Parish Website http://www.epiphanytampa.com or place your registration form (located in the back of the church) in the offertory basket.

**Office:** (813) 234-8693 / Monday-Friday 9:00AM-3:00PM  
**Email:** epiphany_tampa2@yahoo.com

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**St. Francis of Assisi 2020 Car & Craft Show**  
**February 8th, 9 am – 3 pm**  
4450 County Rd 579, Seffner, FL 33584

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**Regarding Our Prayer List...**

Reminder: If you have placed a name on our list and you wish for that person’s name to remain on the list please call or email the office. (813-234-8693/ www.epiphany_tampa2@yahoo.com)

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**Prayer List**

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers the sick and homebound of our community & others needing prayer.

**Special Intentions**

Brian, Leo Comtois, TJ & Tamara Davis, R. Jones, Robert & Lucas Matsysuk, Nicole, Kay Rodgers

For Healing:

Dolly Albok, Mary Arguelles, Mary Ann Baker, Marge Breslin, Michael Britton, Sara Britton, Sarah Comtois, Gloria Jurado, Margaret Lindsay, Helen Madden, Ann Martin, Katherine Martin, Deacon Max Montayre, Please call the parish to add a loved one’s name to our prayer list or to let us know if someone no longer needs to be listed.

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**The 10th Annual Tampa Bay Men’s Conference**

Who Do YOU Say That I Am?  
**Featuring Dr. Tim Gray and Peter Herbeck**

**Saturday, February 22, 2020**  
Higgins Hall at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Tampa  
Tickets are $40 per person with Father/Son combo tickets at two for $40. Tickets include lunch and free parking  
For tickets or more information: SuncoastCatholicMinistries.com

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**Cristo Rey Tampa High School Open House** is scheduled for Thurs, February 13, 2020, 5:30 p.m. During Open House, attendees will be introduced to Cristo Rey Tampa Salesian High School and learn about the unique Corporate Work Study Program. Attendees will learn about the rigorous academic program, campus life, the application process and admissions, and the opportunities offered by Cristo Rey Schools. The evening will conclude with a tour of campus and time for questions and answers. For more info: contact the Admissions Office at 813-621-8300.

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**This week, the Sanctuary Lamp burns in Loving Memory of ___________**

Would you like to honor your deceased loved ones by having the Epiphany of Our Lord Sanctuary Lamp burn in their memory for a week? We are now accepting those names to post and pray for during 2020. Recommended donation is $10 per week. Please call the office for details—813-234-8693
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