



**TECH CATHOLIC**  
community

**January 12, 2020**  
**The Baptism of the**  
**Lord / A**  
see hymnal # 1012

**Mass and Confession Schedule**

(in MIT Chapel)

Sunday 9:30 AM, 1:00 PM, 5:00 PM

Monday & Wednesday 7:30 PM\*\*

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 12:05 PM\*\*

Confession after Mass - except Mon. (7 PM)

\*\*When classes are in session

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**Joining TCC**

TCC registration go to

http://tcc.mit.edu/about-us/contact-us

TCCM is a moderated announcement list for the Tech Catholic Community.

To subscribe or unsubscribe, go to

http://mailman.mit.edu

/mailman/listinfo/tccm

To post a message in the bulletin or

on the TCCM list, send an email to:

tcc-updates@mit.edu

Receive emails about all our activities

by signing up for our other lists at

http://tcc.mit.edu/www

/getinvolved.html#email

**Winter Weather Closings:** Whenever MIT closes, or whenever the roads are unsafe for Fr. Moloney to make it into campus, it is likely that Mass or other activities will be cancelled. To receive notice that Mass is cancelled, it is important that everyone subscribe to [TCCM@mit.edu](mailto:TCCM@mit.edu), our main mailing list. To add yourself to the list go to: <http://mailman.mit.edu/mailman/listinfo/tccm>.

**Sunday Mass resume TODAY, 1/12/2020 with Masses at 9:30 AM, 1 PM and 5 PM.**

**Weekday Mass Schedule:**

**Thursday, 1/16 to Tuesday, 1/21 @ 5:15 PM**

**Wednesday, 1/22 @ 4 PM**

**Starting on Thursday, 1/23 our regular Weekday Mass Schedule resumes.**

**How Science Confirms and Complements Catholic Sexual Ethics: Chastity, Psychotherapy, and Neuroscience**

This IAP course explores the topic of sexuality and self-mastery from classical philosophical and theological perspectives informed by evidence-based cognitive psychology and contemporary neuroscience. We will discuss how pleasure, reason, emotions, habit, will-power, commitments, love, and freedom coincide and often conflict, and will propose a framework for answering current questions. Professor: Fr. Robert Gahl, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Ethics at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross (Santa Croce) in Rome. Five classes between 1/16-1/22, 6-8:30 pm, dinner provided. For more info, see <http://student.mit.edu/iap/ns372.html>

**TCC Winter Retreat: Save the date - February 14 - 16, 2020.** TCC is planning the Winter Retreat at the Betania II Spiritual Life & Marian Center in Medway, MA. Space is limited. Keep the weekend free and watch for more details.

**January**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12 Mass: 9:30 AM, 1 PM, 5 PM Donuts in W11 following the Masses	13	14	15	16 5:15 PM: Mass 6 PM: IAP Class	17 5:15 PM: Mass 6 PM: IAP Class	18
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**Melchizedek Group for Priestly Vocations:** *Will resume with the Spring semester.*

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and Course in the Fundamentals of the Catholic Faith:** Fr. Moloney will be offering a class in the fundamentals of the Catholic faith on Sundays @ 11:15 AM in W11/SDR.. It is required for those in becoming Catholic, being Baptized, receiving First Communion, or being Confirmed (who should also reach out to Fr. Moloney to set up a time to talk individually ([dmoloney@mit.edu](mailto:dmoloney@mit.edu))). *Resumes with the Spring semester.*

**Announcing the St. Monica Society** to pray for family members who are not close to the faith.

Contact [tcc-pc@mit.edu](mailto:tcc-pc@mit.edu) for details.

**Women's Marriage Discussion Group.** This group meets every other week to discuss marriage as a vocation. It is open to all women (i.e. you do not need to be married). Please email [tcc.marriage.vocation@gmail.com](mailto:tcc.marriage.vocation@gmail.com) for additional details or to be added to the group's listerv. Dinner will be served and kids are welcome!

**Integrity@MIT:** Do you have trouble staying chaste? Are you tired of failing to live up to your virtues? Join a peer support group of Catholic men struggling for chastity. Contact [integrity@mit.edu](mailto:integrity@mit.edu) for more information and times of weekly meetings.

**Are you a Graduate Student or Young Professional interested in deepening your Catholic faith and understanding of Scripture?** The grad men's and women's groups will be holding weekly Bible studies during the semester. Contact Brandon Roach ([roachb@mit.edu](mailto:roachb@mit.edu)) or Aileen Devlin ([amdevlin@mit.edu](mailto:amdevlin@mit.edu)) for more info.

**Small Group Bible Studies:** Graduate and undergraduate students are invited to join one of the many groups that meet to open the Scriptures and discuss the faith. Contact.. [catherine.alex@focus.org](mailto:catherine.alex@focus.org) or [phillip.wallschleger@focus.org](mailto:phillip.wallschleger@focus.org)

**Spaghetti Suppers:** Join the TCC every Friday night from 7-9 PM in W11 Comm. Rm for a free spaghetti supper!  
*Not happening on 1/17.*

**Prison Ministry in Boston:** MIT Student OPS (Operation Prisoner to Soldier) is an MIT outreach program partnered with TEJI (The Educational Justice Institute). More info and questions contact Jacqueline Pedlow ([jpcedlow@mit.edu](mailto:jpcedlow@mit.edu)).

**Drop-in Grief Support Group:** Tuesdays from 5-6pm in W20-303. Open to students of all religious, spiritual, moral, and ethical viewpoints. See [http://calendar.mit.edu/event/life\\_after\\_loss\\_drop-in\\_support\\_group](http://calendar.mit.edu/event/life_after_loss_drop-in_support_group)

## From the Epiphany to the Baptism of the Lord

*The Christmas season ends with the feasts of the Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord. Traditionally, Jesus' baptism is also an "epiphany" (also known as a "theophany"), and in addition to being its own feast, is included in the celebration of Epiphany. The words epiphany and theophany both come from the Greek word meaning "appearance", where "theophany" emphasizes that we're talking about the appearance of God. Before Jesus' public ministry begins, his divinity is manifested three times: through the star at his birth, through the miracle of the water and wine at Cana (where Jesus is said to "manifest his glory" for the first time), and through the appearance of God the Father and God the Holy Spirit at Jesus' Baptism. The feasts relate to Christmas because it wasn't enough for our salvation that Jesus become incarnate; he also had to manifest himself as divine.*

***From Vespers for the Solemnity of the Epiphany:*** "Three mysteries mark this holy day: today the star leads the Magi to the infant Christ; today water is changed into wine for the wedding feast; today Christ wills to be baptized by John in the river Jordan to bring us salvation."

***From the Catechism, #528:*** "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, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. 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 towards 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 Israelitic dignity (is made "worthy of the heritage of Israel").

***From St. John Chrysostom, Homily for Epiphany:*** "The Magi, teachers of a false faith, could never have come to know Christ Our Lord, had they not been illumined by the grace of this divine condescension. Indeed the grace of God overflowed at the Birth of Christ, so that each single soul might be enlightened by His Truth. The Magi are enlightened so that the goodness of God may be made manifest: so that no one need despair, doubting that salvation through faith will be given to him, seeing He bestowed it on the Magi. The Magi therefore were the first from the Gentiles chosen for salvation, so that through them a door might be opened to all the Gentiles...."To Him the Magi offer gifts, that is: gold, frankincense and myrrh; as the Holy Spirit had in time past testified concerning them: "All they from Saba shall come, bringing gold and frankincense: and showing forth praise to the Lord" (Isaiah 60:6). This prophecy is manifestly fulfilled by the Magi, who both announce the salvation of the Lord, born Christ the Son of God, and by their gifts proclaim Him Christ and God, and King of Man. For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the body: and accordingly they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man."

***From Saint Leo the Great, pope (Sermon 33):*** The loving providence of God...decreed that all nations should be saved in Christ. A promise had been made to the holy patriarch Abraham in regard to these nations. He was to have a countless progeny, born not from his body but from the seed of faith. His descendants are therefore compared with the array of the stars. The father of all nations was to hope not in an earthly progeny but in a progeny from above. Let the full number of the nations now take their place in the family of the patriarchs! Let the children of the promise now receive the blessing in the seed of Abraham, the blessing renounced by the children of his flesh! In the persons of the Magi let all people adore the Creator of the universe; let God be known, not in Judea only, but in the whole world, so that his name may be great in all Israel!...As Isaiah prophesied: the people of the Gentiles, who sat in darkness, have seen a great light, and for those who dwelt in the region of the shadow of death a light has dawned. He spoke of them to the Lord: The Gentiles, who do not know you, will invoke you, and the peoples, who knew you not, will take refuge in you... Dear friends, you must have the same zeal to be of help to one another."