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Sunday, January 6, 2019 | Epiphany of the Lord (Year C)

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Saturday Evening: 5:00pm (Vigil Mass - English)

Sunday: 8:30am (English) | 9:30am (Spanish)

11:00am (Italian) | 12:15pm (English)

1:30pm (Spanish)

Weekday: 8:30am / 12:00pm / 6:30pm (All English)

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00pm to 5:00pm or any time by calling the Parish Office.

RITE OF BAPTISM

2nd Sunday of every month in Spanish at 2:30pm

3rd Sunday every other month in English at 2:30pm

Attendance at Pre-Baptism Class is required.

Please stop by the Parish Center to register or call for more information.

RITE OF MATRIMONY

Wedding dates may be scheduled after initial meeting with a priest.

PASTORAL VISITS TO THE SICK

If you or someone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would be served by a pastoral visit by a Priest, Religious Sister or a lay Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Center.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We invite new parishioners to register at the Parish Center.

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For information please call Sr. Edna at the Parish Center.

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Please contact the School Office at (718) 295-6080.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Sunday, January 6th | Epiphany of the Lord

- 8:30am** Vincent McDonnell (living)
- 9:30am** Para la Comunidad de Monte Carmelo
- 11:00am** Carmela, Filomena, Francesco e Angelo Perri
- 12:15pm** Rita Tartaglione
- 1:30pm** Adamaris Ortega (viviente)

**Monday, January 7th | Christmas Weekday;
St. Raymond of Peñafort**

- 8:30am** Ramona Garcia
- 5:00pm** Giovanni Boiano
- 8:00pm** Nicholas & Frances Longo, Christine & Thomas Covino, Jennie Salce & Frank Pappas

Tuesday, January 8th | Christmas Weekday

- 8:30am** Denise Campanelli
- 12:00pm** Ambrogio Guastaferrero
- 6:30pm** For the intentions of the Jacovic Family

Wednesday, January 9th | Christmas Weekday

- 8:30am** Mario & Erma Borgatti
- 12:00pm** Arcangela Cardillo
- 6:30pm** Lucia Petti

Thursday, January 10th | Christmas Weekday

- 8:30am** Fr. Nicholas Basile
- 12:00pm** Arcangela Cardillo
- 6:30pm** Antonio Pietroluongo

Friday, January 11th | Christmas Weekday

- 8:30am** Carmine Pistocco
- 12:00pm** Kay Muton
- 6:30pm** Francesca Plati

Saturday, January 12th | Christmas Weekday

- 8:30am** Silvana Marsibilio
- 12:00pm** Maria Michele & Vincenzo Malafronte
- 5:00pm** In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart

Sunday, January 13th | Baptism of the Lord

- 8:30am** John DeSisto
- 9:30am** Difuntos Familia San Pedro
- 11:00am** Defunti Famiglia Santaniello
- 12:15pm** Carole DiSalvo
- 1:30pm** Pro Populo

+ **REST IN PEACE** + *Amarilis Pizarro*
and all the faithful departed

WEEKEND MASSES - 12/23/18

Collection	\$3,360.03
Last year's collection.....	\$2,740.03

WEEKEND ATTENDANCE - 12/23/18

Adults: 707 Children: 211 Total: 918

From the Desk of Father Jonathan

In our Catholic liturgy, the Christmas Season continues! Just as we used Advent to increase our prayer and fasting, this is the time to give thanks to God for his coming and to celebrate that in our families and parish.

The Christmas season comes to an end on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, this year on January 13th.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. Our Lord revealed himself as messiah and redeemer of all the nations, represented by the kings or "magi" who had come from the East. Below is a short description of the meaning and traditions of this great feast.

But before that, just a reminder that we will be giving our gifts to hundreds of children today in Fatima Hall at 3:00pm. Thank you all for generously donating these gifts which are so meaningful for the children and so appreciated by their hardworking parents.

"Epiphany is commonly known as Three Kings' Day or the Feast of the Epiphany. It means "manifestation" or "showing forth". It is also called Theophany ("manifestation of God"), especially by Eastern Christians. Epiphany refers not only to the day itself but to the church season that follows it – a season that has a varied length because it ends when Lent begins, and this depends on the date of Easter.

It commemorates the first two occasions on which Jesus' divinity, according to Christian belief, was manifested: when the three kings (also known as wise men or Magi) visited infant Jesus in Bethlehem, and when John the Baptist baptized him in the River Jordan. The Roman Catholic and Protestant churches emphasize the visit of the Magi when they celebrate the Epiphany. The Eastern Orthodox churches focus on Jesus' baptism.

Epiphany is one of the oldest Christian feasts. It was celebrated since the end of the second century, before the Christmas holiday was established. Like other Christian seasons, the church appropriated Epiphany from an old pagan festival. As early as 1996 BCE, the Egyptians celebrated the winter solstice (which then occurred on January 6) with a tribute to Aeon, the Virgin. It is important to note that the holiday was established prior to the Gregorian calendar's introduction."

God bless, Father Jonathan

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Ceasar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

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DALLA MESSA DELL' EPIFANIA

O Dio, che in questo giorno, con la guida della stella, hai rivelato alle genti il tuo unico Figlio,
conduci benigno anche noi,
che già ti abbiamo conosciuto per la fede,
a contemplare la grandezza della tua gloria.

Noi abbiamo visto la sua stella in oriente
e siamo venuti con doni per adorare il Signore.
(cf. Mt 2,2)

L'Epifania

L'Epifania, una festività tipica di alcune regioni diffusasi, poi, nel resto della Penisola, che reca con sé tradizioni e folclori locali assieme ad un forte valore religioso. È legata, infatti, all'adorazione dei Re Magi che giunsero a Betlemme, dodici giorni dopo il Natale, con i doni per Gesù Bambino seguendo la cometa. L'apparizione, però, affonda le sue radici anche in rituali pagani e precristiani. Per questo motivo si tratta di una festività particolarmente complessa che reca con sé il carattere dei luoghi in cui viene festeggiata.

La Befana, in certe tradizioni, rappresenta l'allegoria femminile dell'anno vecchio pronto a sacrificarsi per dare vita a un periodo nuovo e prospero. In alcune regioni questo si traduce con il falò della vecchia: un pupazzo di stracci viene bruciato in piazza dopo aver fatto, come accade in alcune località di Toscana ed Emilia Romagna, un giro per le vie del centro su un carro. In altri casi il fantoccio si espone alla finestra, come accadeva a Firenze o a Roma.

Nel Nord-Est questa tradizione è molto viva. In Veneto, il falò simbolico si chiama "panevin", si tratta di un rogo che tende a cancellare gli aspetti negativi dell'anno appena concluso e di cercare gli auspici per quello appena iniziato guardando la direzione delle scintille; lo stesso accade in Friuli Venezia Giulia, il tutto accompagnato da un bicchiere di vin brulé e da un pezzo di focaccia tipica.

A Faenza, in provincia di Ravenna, si festeggia, il 5 gennaio, la Nott de' Bisò, con il "Niballo", un enorme fantoccio simbolo di tutte le avversità dell'anno trascorso che viene bruciato. Il bisò è vin brulé preparato con Sangiovese e spezie.

Sempre a Firenze, ogni anno si celebra l'Epifania con la tradizionale Cavalcata dei Re Magi, la rievocazione dell'arrivo dei Magi dalla Sacra Famiglia per le strade del centro storico, a cavallo, indossando costumi rinascimentali di grande sfarzo. Immane, in Piazza della Signoria, lo spettacolo degli sbandieratori.

A Montescaglioso, nella zona di Matera, il 5 gennaio è la volta della "Notte dei Cucibocca": figure vestite di scuro, con un grosso copricapo e folte barbe bianche, si muovono per le strade con una lanterna accesa, trascinando al piede una catena spezzata e bussando alle porte per chiedere offerte di cibo.

Si tratta di una tradizione legata alla credenza diffusa in alcune località del meridione che vuole, nella notte precedente l'Epifania, il ritorno dei defunti dai propri cari. Sono loro, e non la famosa vecchina, che in alcuni casi riempiono di dolci le calze appese dai bambini.

In Sicilia, a Gratteri, in provincia di Palermo Palermo "A Vecchia" esce da Grotta Grattara, avvolta in un lenzuolo bianco e a dorso di un asinello, percorrendo la strada fino al centro della città dove distribuisce regali ai più piccini. In questo caso, però, ci troviamo al 31 dicembre e per l'occasione in piazza si svolge una sorta di processo allegorico ai fatti dell'anno che si sta per concludere, per propiziarsi quello a venire. Una festività magica, dunque, intrisa di profondi valori simbolici, quella della Befana durante la quale, in alcune località, si crede che anche gli animali possono parlare e dire finalmente ciò che pensano agli esseri umani.

L'Epifania chiude così le festività natalizie (si recita in rima infatti che "L'Epifania tutte le feste porta via") e segna l'inizio del Carnevale.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

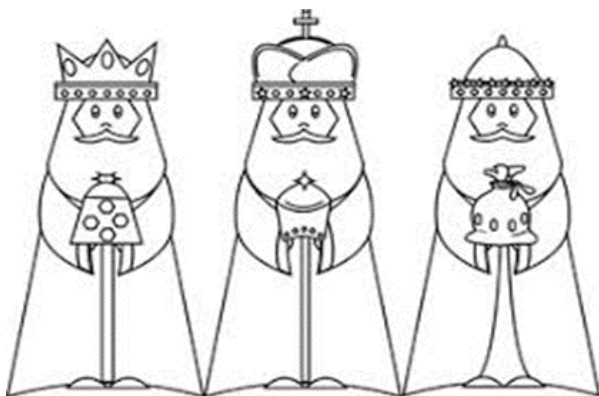
Primera lectura — Levántate y brilla, Jerusalén, porque sobre ti se levanta (Isaías 60:1-6).

Salmo — Que te adoren, Señor, todos los pueblos (Salmo 72 [71]).

Segunda lectura — El misterio se ha dado a conocer, que los no judíos han de compartir en Cristo Jesús la misma herencia (Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Evangelio — Vinieron unos Magos de Oriente preguntando: “¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que ha nacido?” (Mateo 2:1-12).

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REGALOS

+ HOY +

2:45 P.M.

SALON DE FATIMA

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Es tiempo de añadir los reyes magos al pesebre. En 1448 llegaron los pesebres italianos a las iglesias españolas, pero no fue hasta que el Rey Carlos III le regaló un pesebre a su hijo en el siglo XVIII que el uso de pesebres se expandió en los hogares. Desde entonces, el uso de nacimientos llega al continente americano en donde se convierte en la decoración principal para las fiestas navideñas.

Así como en todo país latinoamericano el montaje del Belén es una tradición, lo es también en Venezuela. Con el pesebre venezolano llegan también aguinaldos, parrandas, Misas y patines. ¡Sí! ¡Patines!

Desde la mitad del siglo pasado los venezolanos celebran la época navideña con “patinadas”. Estas “patinadas” normalmente se hacen por las mañanas y muchas calles están cerradas a los autos hasta las 8 a.m. para que niños y jóvenes puedan disfrutar de los patines, bicicletas y otros juguetes que les regala el niño Dios. Por eso, muchos niños duermen con un “cordoncito” atado al dedo gordo de los pies, que cuelgan por la ventana para que los despierten los que pasan patinado.

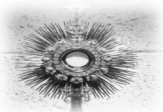
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Lectors for January 12th & 13th

5:00pm C. Diaz & J. Esposito
8:30am M. Mongiovi & C. Marino, Jr.
11:00am F. Matera & N. Trombetta
12:15pm M. Gerbasi & F. Spano

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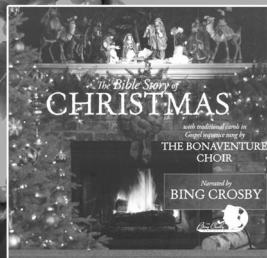
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