

# The Epiphany of the Lord

Come, let us adore Him.

*Blessings in Jesus,*  
Fr. David R. Wagner, Pastor  
Fr. Rafal A. Duda, Parochial Vicar



*January 3, 2021*



## MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID

### Happy New Year 2021

New Year's celebrations are oxymoronic affairs. On the one hand, we look ahead to the new year with hope, with a sense of renewal, and the chance to start again. We make our New Year's resolutions, just like we did last year, and the year before, and the year before that, and so on. And we break them after a few short weeks, just like we did last year, and the year before, and the year before that, and so on.

On the other hand, we celebrate the coming of the New Year all the while seemingly forgetful of the fact that we're going to be another year older. Time moves only in one direction, and as the years go by, it seems each one is somehow shorter than the one before. Each new year, we have less time on this earth than we did the year before. Maybe in the case of 2020, that is a good thing.

In the movie *Annie Hall*, Alvy Singer tells the following story: Two old ladies are having dinner at a resort in the Poconos. One says to the other, "you know, the food here is really terrible." And the other responds, "yeah, and such small portions." Why would anyone want more of a bad thing?

Time seems to move on with lightning speed. Before we know it, we'll be in the season of Lent, and next it will be summer, then Thanksgiving, then Christmas and New Year's again. Where does the time go?

This year, let's do something different. Instead of doing all the same old things we do every New Year's, let's each make a personal commitment, a vow, to make a real change in our lives this coming year. Let's each do something we've always wanted to do, or something we've always meant to do but never did.

Maybe we could do something like spending less time, rather than more, watching television, or surfing the internet, or broadcasting our thoughts and the day's activities on social media. I heard one social commentator say that the lives of this generation are the most chronicled, yet least lived.

Maybe long before Lent comes, we could add a new practice to our daily lives, such as spending more time in prayer, praying the Rosary daily, reading a good book, or getting some exercise.

Or maybe we could get rid of some bad habits: wasting food, wasting time, taking each other for granted, not forgiving others, being impatient.

Let's dedicate 2021 to living lives that are rich in life's greatest blessings, lives that bring peace and happiness to all those around us, lives that bring great joy to God's heart.

Amen?

*Blessings in Jesus, Fr. David*

### ¡Feliz Año Nuevo 2021!

Las celebraciones de Año Nuevo son un oxímoron (una contradicción). Por un lado, miramos hacia el nuevo año con esperanza, con un sentido de renovación y la posibilidad de empezar de nuevo. Hacemos nuestras resoluciones de Año Nuevo, al igual que lo hicimos el año pasado, y el año anterior, y el año anterior a ese, y así sucesivamente. Y los rompemos después de unas pocas semanas, tal como lo hicimos el año pasado, y el año anterior, y el año anterior a ese, y así sucesivamente.

Por otro lado, celebramos la llegada del Año Nuevo todo el tiempo, aparentemente olvidando el hecho de que vamos a ser un año más mayores. El tiempo se mueve solo en una dirección y, a medida que pasan los años, parece que cada uno es de alguna manera más corto que el anterior. Cada año nuevo, tenemos menos tiempo en esta tierra que el año anterior. Quizás en el caso del 2020, eso sea algo bueno.

En la película *Annie Hall*, Alvy Singer cuenta la siguiente historia: Dos ancianas están cenando en un resort en Poconos. Uno le dice al otro, "ya sabes, la comida aquí es realmente terrible". Y el otro responde, "sí, y porciones tan pequeñas". ¿Por qué alguien querría algo más malo? El tiempo parece pasar a la velocidad del rayo. Antes de que nos demos cuenta, estaremos en la temporada de Cuaresma, y después será el verano, luego el Día de Acción de Gracias, luego Navidad y Año Nuevo nuevamente. ¿A dónde va el tiempo?

Este año, hagamos algo diferente. En lugar de hacer las mismas cosas que hacemos cada año nuevo, hagamos cada uno un compromiso personal, una promesa, de hacer un cambio real en nuestras vidas el próximo año. Hagamos cada uno algo que siempre quisimos hacer pero que nunca hicimos.

Tal vez podríamos hacer algo como pasar menos tiempo, en lugar de más, viendo televisión o navegando por Internet, o difundiendo nuestros pensamientos y las actividades del día en las redes sociales. Escuché a un comentarista social decir que las vidas de esta generación son las más narradas, pero las menos vividas.

Quizás mucho antes de que llegue la Cuaresma, podríamos agregar una nueva práctica a nuestra vida diaria, como pasar más tiempo en oración, rezar el Santo Rosario todos los días, leer un buen libro o hacer algo de ejercicio.

O tal vez podríamos deshacernos de algunos malos hábitos: desperdiciar comida, perder el tiempo, no perdonar a los demás, ser impacientes.

Dediquemos el año 2021 a vivir abundantemente las mayores bendiciones de la vida, vidas que traen paz y felicidad a todos los que nos rodean, vidas que traen gran gozo al corazón de Dios.

¿Amén?

*¡Bendiciones En Jesús, Padre David*

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH



### Feast of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The feast is a celebration of Mary being the mother of Jesus. The English title "Mother of God" is a literal translation of the Latin title *Mater Dei*, which in turn is a rendering of the Greek title Θεοτόκος (*Theotokos*), meaning "Bearer of God" dogmatically adopted by the First Council of Ephesus (431).

In the 13th or 14th century, 1 January began to be celebrated in Rome, as already in Spain and Gaul, as the feast of the Circumcision of the Lord and the Octave of the Nativity, while still oriented towards Mary and Christmas, with many prayers, antiphons and responsories glorifying the maternity of Mary.

The 1969 revision of the liturgical year and the calendar states: "1 January, the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, and also the commemoration of the conferral of the Most Holy Name of Jesus."

In his Apostolic Letter, *Marialis Cultus*, Pope Paul VI explained: "This celebration, placed on January 1 is meant to commemorate the part played by Mary in this mystery of salvation. It is meant also to exalt the singular dignity which this mystery brings to the "holy Mother...through whom we were found worthy to receive the Author of life."

It is likewise a fitting occasion for renewing adoration of the newborn Prince of Peace, for listening once more to the glad tidings of the angels (cf. Lk. 2:14), and for imploring from God, through the Queen of Peace, the supreme gift of peace."



## Mass Schedule

**Sunday, January 3, 2021— EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
Is 60:1-6, Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2:1-12(20)

7:45 am ( <i>Fr. Rafal</i> )	Daughters of Notre Dame Christmas Memorials
9:15 am ( <i>Fr. Rafal</i> )	People of the Parish
11:00 am ( <i>Fr. David</i> )	†Manuela Gonzales
5:00 pm ( <i>Fr. David</i> )	†Elaine Colvin

**Monday, January 4, 2021—Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton,**  
Religious  
1 Jn 3:22-4:6, Mt 4:12-17, 23-25(212)  
12:00 pm (*Fr. David*) Mass offered for the Feast  
of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

**Tuesday, January 5, 2021—Saint John Neumann, Bishop**  
1 Jn 4:7-10, Mk 6:34-44(213)  
7:00 am (*Fr. Rafal*) All Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday, January 6, 2021—Saint André Bessette,**  
Religious  
1 Jn 4:11-18, Mk 6:45-52(214)  
12:00 pm (*Fr. David*) †Walter Schattel

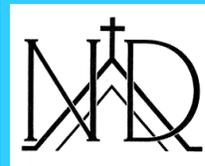
**Thursday, January 7, 2021—Saint Raymond of Peñafort,**  
Priest  
1 Jn 4:19-5:4, Lk 4:14-22(215)  
12:00 pm (*Fr. Rafal*) Mass offered for Barbara Miciotto

**Friday, January 8, 2021**  
1 Jn 5:5-13, Lk 5:12-16(216)  
8:00 am (*Fr. David*) †Clara Cantu

**Saturday, January 9, 2021**  
Is 55:1-11, 1 Jn 5:1-9, Mk 1:7-11(21)  
5:00 pm (*Fr. Rafal*) †Eva Monroy

**Sunday, January 10, 2021—BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
Is 55:1-11, 1 Jn 5:1-9, Mk 1:7-11(21)

7:45 am ( <i>Fr. Rafal</i> )	†Pablo H. & Maria Perez
9:15 am ( <i>Fr. Rafal</i> )	†Manuel Sanchez Jr.
11:00 am ( <i>Fr. David</i> )	People of the Parish
5:00 pm ( <i>Fr. David</i> )	Mass offered for Fr. Gustavo Montañez



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday, January 4, 2021—GOOD SHEPHERD,**  
5:00 p.m. in Kemper Hall

**Monday, January 4, 2021—CURSILLOS/  
ULTREYA,** 7:00 p.m. in the Social Center. All are  
Welcome!

**Lunes, 4 de enero 2021—CURSILLOS/ULTREYA**  
a las 7:00 p.m. en el Centro Social. Todos  
Bienvenidos!

**Monday, January 4, 2021—BOY SCOUTS,**  
7:00pm in the Gymnasium.

**Tuesday, January 5, 2021—RCIA—6:00 p.m.** in  
the Social Center.

**Wednesday, January 6, 2021—INGLES  
TAMBIÉN,** 5:00 p.m. in the Fireplace RM. ¡Todos  
Bienvenidos!

**Wednesday, January 6, 2021—Good Shepherd,**  
5:00 p.m. in Kemper Hall

**Wednesday, January 6, 2021—EDGE,** 5:30 p.m.  
in Kemper Hall Youth Room.

**Thursday, January 7, 2021—Mass with  
Eucharistic Adoration—7:00 p.m. in the Church.**  
All are Welcome!

**Jueves, 7 de enero—Misa con Adoración  
Eucarística—a las 7:00 p.m. en la iglesia.**  
¡Todos Bienvenidos! **M.O.S.T. (Ministerio Oracion  
Santisima Trinidad)—7:00 p.m. en la iglesia.**

**Saturday, January 9, 2021—Reconciliation** 3:00-  
4:30 p.m. in the Church. All are Welcome!

**Mass with Eucharistic Adoration is celebrated  
every first Thursday of the month in the Church.**  
*The next Mass will be Thursday, January 7, 2021 at  
7:00 p.m.. All are Welcome!*



### PRAY THE ROSARY



#### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

Intention for Evangelization: –  
Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to  
live in full fellowship with our  
brothers and sisters of other  
religions, praying for one another,  
open to all.

*"Discipline is the bridge between goals and  
accomplishment."* Mother Teresa



*The Sanctuary Lamp  
will burn this week  
in Memory  
of  
Consuelo Dominguez  
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**PRAY  
HOPE**   
**DON'T  
WORRY.**



## FIRST SATURDAY PRO-LIFE ROSARY

led by the Knights of Columbus

Saturday, February 6, 2021

at 4:15 p.m.

at Notre Dame Catholic Church  
Kerrville, Texas

Come and pray the rosary and satisfy the request of Our Lady of Fatima to honor Her Immaculate Heart and help bring about peace in the world and to also pray for the end of abortion and the

culture of death.

In the July 13, 1917 apparition at Fatima, Our Lady said, "I shall come to ask for...the Communion of Reparation on the first Saturdays." She came expressly to request this devotion when she appeared to Sister Lucia on December 10, 1925, in Pontevedra, Spain, where she was preparing to start her religious life.

With the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart for these five offenses, we are asked to:

1. Go to confession (Can be within 8 days before or after the First Saturday).
2. Receive Holy Communion
3. Pray five decades of the Rosary
4. Keep Our Lady company for 15 minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary.

### A Prayer For Women

Most Blessed Virgin Mary,  
We honor you the Mother of our  
Lord Jesus Christ!

You are a model for all women of every time.  
Blessed are you among women!

Teach your daughters of all ages  
The virtue of modesty,  
So that they may come to understand  
What is truly beautiful and so dress  
In accord with their dignity.

Help them dear Mother,  
To adorn themselves with the beauty  
Of the virtues and to live  
with a purity of soul like unto thine.

Most sweet Mother, pray for us,  
Who have recourse to thee.

Amen



Roy Ybarra, William Etchison, Bill Gibson, Ariana Lambdin, Steve Erickson, MaKenna Erickson, Maria Acosta, Marissa Hernandez, Deacon Sonny Kaufhold, Marci Denton, Olan Mahlmann, Regina Kelly, Mauricio Reyes, Tom Miller.

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### A Prayer to Keep God First This New Year

Dear God, Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day.

We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else. We ask that you will open doors needing to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut tight. We ask that you would help us release our grip on the things to which you've said "no," "not yet," or "wait." We ask for help to pursue you first, above every dream and desire you've put within our hearts.

We ask for your wisdom, for your strength and power to be constantly present within us. We pray you would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead. Give us ability beyond what we feel able, let your gifts flow freely through us, so that you would be honored by our lives, and others would be drawn to you. We pray that you'd keep us far from the snares and traps of temptations. That you would whisper in our ear when we need to run and whisper in our heart when we need to stand our ground.

We pray for your protection over our families and friends. We ask for your hand to cover us and keep us distanced from the evil intent of the enemy; that you would be a barrier to surround us, that we'd be safe in your hands. We pray that you would give us discernment and insight beyond our years, to understand your will, hear your voice, and know your ways. Amen.

***Psalm 34:8—Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!***

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