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Mass Schedule:

SATURDAY:

3PM CONFESSION
 4PM MASS

SUNDAY:

7AM MASS
 10AM HOLY ROSARY &
 DIVINE MERCY
 11AM MASS

WEEKDAYS:

WED. 7AM MASS
 THURS. 7:30 MASS
 FRI. 7:30 MASS,
 DIVINE MERCY TO FOLLOW
 (CONFESSIONS ARE
 AVAILABLE 15 MINUTES
 BEFORE DAILY MASSES)

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Mass Schedule for Our Lady of the Assumption:

SUNDAY: 9AM MASS

TUESDAY: 6:15 PM CONFESSION 6:30PM MASS

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The Epiphany of the Lord

Magi from the east arrived
in Jerusalem, saying,
"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising and
have come to do him homage."

Matthew 2:1-2

January 7, 2018

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GOD'S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE

Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: The Baptism of the Lord

Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins

Saturday: St. Hilary; Blessed Virgin Mary

SANCTUARY LIGHT: JANUARY 6 - JANUARY 12



The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn
In memory of **Joey Vince**.
The Adoration Chapel will burn
in the memory of **Louis & Carolyn Ard**.
The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn
in memory of **Dylan Ross**.

In Sympathy

Our Communities of Faith
extend our sympathy and prayerful
support for the family of:
Charles Merkison, son of Dorothy Merkison.
May the Lord grant comfort and peace to this family
and may he and all who sleep in Christ,
find in His presence light, happiness and peace.

Monthly HEALING ROSARY

Monday, Jan. 8th at 9:00 at the home of
Devin & Linda Holley.

Handmaids of the Lord

We are beginning a new program "**Pivotal Players**" by Bishop Robert Barron
On Thursday, January 25th at 6:00pm.
The program will run for 10 weeks in Classroom #4.
Everyone is invited!!!



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Jeff Richards at 936-3362
Nick Amorello at 278-5300
Chip Troth at 279-5218

Can we fulfill the ZACHARY FOOD BANK's Wish List for this week: Pop Tarts and/or Instant Oatmeal ???



OPEN HOUSE and GUIDED TOURS of our church...

For the entire Community of Zachary
(Invite your family and friends)



TODAY (Sunday) 1:00pm—2:00pm Guided Tours



followed by Complimentary Gumbo and King Cake
in the gym
until 3:00pm.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN / DEBT REDUCTION / NEW CHURCH

For those of you that receive monthly tithe envelopes, you will notice that the Capital Campaign envelope has been replaced with a new Debt Reduction envelope.

The funds from this envelope (Debt Reduction) will be used for the cost of the new church.



For those of you that give online, you **do not** need to make any changes at this time.
Your contribution will still be reported to you as Capital Campaign Phase II.
The funds from this transaction will be used for the cost of the new church.

Little Drummer Boy

Did you know that the only reason we say that there were three wise men is that they brought three gifts? The Bible never says their number or their names. The gifts tell us about the givers. And these special gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—tell us much.

When one king visited or sent an ambassador to another, he would give a gift of gold to show that he acknowledged the kingship of the other. So the first gift of the wise men tells us they recognized Jesus as King. The second gift is a type of incense, which was used in Jesus time to worship God. So this gift shows the wise men paying homage to Jesus' divinity. The gift of myrrh is oil used to anoint the dying. It reminds us of Jesus suffering and death on the cross.

So what gifts do we have for Jesus? Maybe we can take a hint from the wise men. If we acknowledge Jesus as king, maybe a better gift than gold would be to pledge our obedience to him. Each day we can promise to live our vocation as best we can, to love those around us, and forgive those who hurt us.

A better way than burning incense to pay homage to Jesus' divinity is to take time to pray throughout the day. Some people are able to attend daily Mass, others spend time in adoration before the Eucharist, or even a few minutes of their lunch break to say the rosary.

As for the gift of myrrh, we can give Jesus the crosses we bear each day. When we accept suffering in our lives, especially that caused by our sins, we give ourselves to Jesus as he gave himself for us on the cross.

The song "Little Drummer Boy" reminds us that the best gift is not necessarily the most expensive. Instead, it is the simple gift that only we can give. Let Epiphany remind us to offer our lives to Jesus each day.

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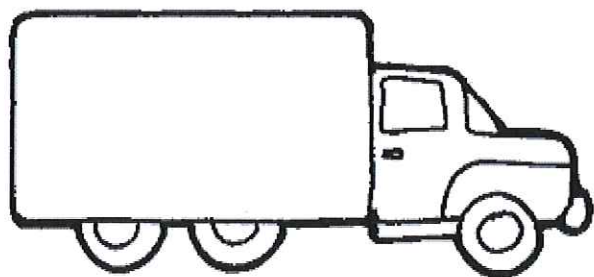
SPECIAL QUARTERLY COLLECTIONS BEGINNING IN 2018

We will begin quarterly collections in 2018 to fund our svdp ministry on the weekend of January 13th and 14th.

The collections will take place the second weekend of the first month of each quarter.

We assist many people in our area with utilities and rent and other needs. There are many who are in need of our assistance, especially the elderly on fixed incomes and single parents with small children. We appreciate the generosity of our parishioners—our ministry cannot continue without you. God bless you!

If you would like to join us or would like more information, please contact the church office.
One of our members will contact you. Thank you.



"FILL UP THE TRUCK"

Drive at St. John the Baptist
Saturday, January 27th
9:00 am—Noon
Parking Lot on Lee Street

Please bring your gently used clothing, baby clothes and baby items, shoes, coats, sheets, towels, bedspread, small working appliances, lamps, pots/pans/dishes, and furniture.

All donated items need to be placed in plastic bags or boxes.

Receipts will be available for tax purposes.

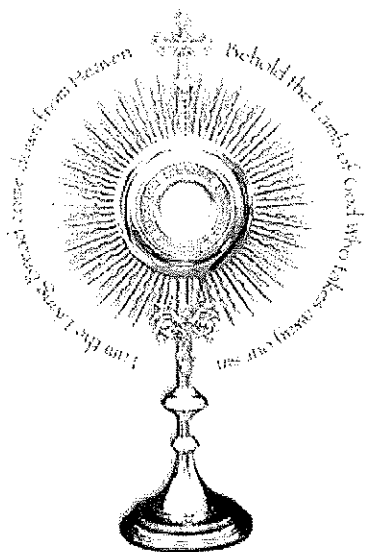
SJB Religious Education

Sunday, Jan. 7th

Life Teen (9-11th grades) meet from 5-7pm in the gym.

This is the required CCD program, attendance is mandatory.

Angola Retreat for Confirmation students, Sat. Jan 13th



24 HOUR ADORATION

MONDAY, JAN 15TH -TUE 16TH

Sign up: suzanpayne@gmail.com or call the Front office 654-5778 or Rel. Ed.

Children Liturgy needs volunteers; only 3 Sundays a year. Please contact Susan Blackwell at sblackwell@sjb-ola.org or the Rel Ed office if you are interested.

Sunday, Jan. 21st

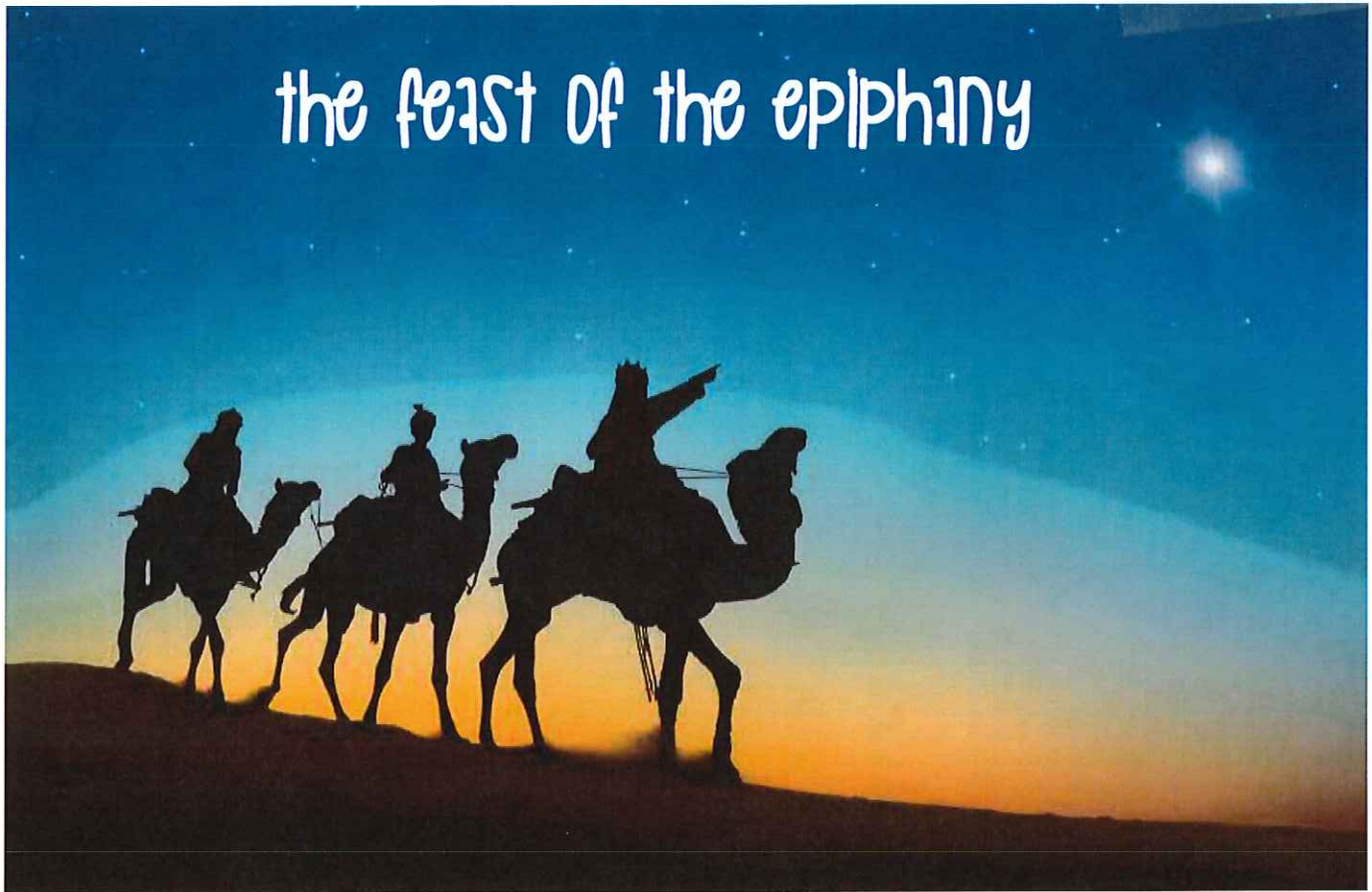
K-5th from 9:15-10:45 AM

Edge (6-8th grades) meet from 5-7pm in the gym.

This is the required CCD program, attendance is mandatory.

01/21/18 Emmaus Road is 9:15-10:45 and all parishioners are invited

the feast of the epiphany



The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on January 6. This feast commemorates the visit of the wise men to worship the baby Jesus. Tradition tells us that their names were Caspar, Melchior and Balthassar. The men were astrologers who were looking for the star that would lead them to the promised Messiah. This was prophesied in the Book of Micah. According to the Gospel narratives, the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh with them. These gifts were very meaningful. Gold was a precious and expensive gift, and showed how important Jesus was. Frankincense is a sweet perfume which was often burned in the temple to worship God. It was a sign that Jesus should be worshipped. Myrrh was used to keep things fresh, and it was used by the women to anoint Jesus' body when he died. By bringing it as a gift to Jesus, the wise men foretold his suffering and death.

Let Us Pray

For Our Troops, Their Families, and Our Country

Marvin Ashford, Jr., Army	Aaron Barr, USAF
James A. Benning, USMC	Matthew Boyd, Army
Cody Castello, USMC	Eugene Cazedessus, USMC
LeLand Crochet, III, USMC	Matthew Charlet Dart, USN
Chandler Derouen, Army	Stephen DiLorenzo, Army
Adam Foster, USN	Thomas Foster, USN
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Sabrina Jones, LaNG	Markus Kippers, USN
Dustin Knight, USN	Joseph L. LeBlanc Jr., Army
Stanley Mays, USAF	Andrew Metcalf, Army
Ben Gordon Morseth, USCG	Gordon Newman, Army
Robert Brett Parker, LaNG	Brian Plauche, USAF
Andrea Byrd Prosser, USCG	Mike Prosser, USCG
Jesse B. Richard, Army	Nicholas Richards, USN
Michael Roberts, USCG	James Rouchon, USMC
Jarrold Mason Sealey, USAF	David Welch, LaNG
Gordon M. White, USAF	Christopher Williston, USAF



The Dusters will work in the church this
Tuesday (Jan. 9) at 9:00 am. Join us!

NEXT WEEK at St. John the Baptist Sunday, January 7

The Epiphany of the Lord

-7:00 am: Mass
-11:00am: Mass
-1:00 pm: Open House -Tours Begin
-2:00 pm: Final Tour begins
-Following Tour / Gumbo & King Cake until 3:00pm
-5:00 pm: Life Teen

Monday, January 8

-9:00 am: Healing Rosary at the Holley residence
-6:30 pm: Prayer Group
-6:30 pm: Boy Scouts

Tuesday, January 9

-9:00 am: Dusters
-4:00 pm: Homeless Shelter
-5:00 pm: Children's Choir
-5:30 pm: Youth Choir
-6:00 pm: Adult Choir

Wednesday, January 10

-7:00 am: Mass
-6:00 pm: Middle Youth Night
-6:30 pm: Men's Club

Thursday, January 11

-7:30 am: Mass
-7:00 pm: R.C.I.A.

Friday, January 12

-7:30 pm: Mass / Coffee & Biscuits
-8:00 am: St. Vincent de Paul
-7:30 pm: N.A. Meeting

Saturday, January 13

Angola Retreat
-3:00 pm: Confession
-4:00 pm: Mass

Sunday, January 14

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

-6:30 am: Knights of Columbus Rosary
-7:00 am: Mass
-8:00 am: Quarterly Breakfast by Men's Club
-8:00 am: Knights of Columbus
-11:00am: Mass



Please call the parish office to
request a letter of your
2017 contributions
for income tax preparation.

Your letter can be mailed, faxed or emailed to you.
We do not automatically mail out letters to save in
letterhead, ink and postage.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN JANUARY:

January 28: Church in Latin America

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 12/31/20117

St. John the Baptist

Identified (Envelopes, checks, online)	\$	10,212.00
Unidentified (Loose cash)	\$	970.42
Solemnity of Mary	\$	894.00
Building Maintenance	\$	570.00
Religious Education	\$	25.00
Legacy of Faith / Capital Camp	\$	13,776.00
CAMPAIGN TOTAL	\$	6,734,919.55

Our Lady of Assumption

Identified (Envelopes, checks, online)	\$	1,896.20
Unidentified (Loose Cash)	\$	259.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	353.00
Building Maintenance	\$	70.00
Youth Ministry	\$	80.00

NEXT WEEK at Our Lady

Sunday, January 7

The Epiphany of the Lord

-8:30 am: Rosary
-9:00 am: Mass
-10:00am: First Sunday Social
-10:00 am: K-11th Religious Ed Class

Tuesday, January 9

-6:15 pm: Confession
-6:30 pm: Mass
-7:00 pm: Altar Society

Sunday, January 14

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

-9:00 am: Mass





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