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January 3, 2021 – The Epiphany of the Lord

Holy Mass

WEEKENDS

Saturday

5:00 PM – Bilingual

Sunday

10:00 AM – English

WEEKDAYS

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri

8:00 AM

Major Feast Days

(Holy Days):

As announced

CONFESSION

15 minutes before Mass
outside of church or by
appointment.

A Hearty Welcome

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, No matter what your current family or marital situation, No matter what your past or present religious situation, No matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., No matter what your own self-image or esteem, You are INVITED, WELCOMED, ACCEPTED, LOVED and RESPECTED AT St. James. Contact the Office for any assistance.

OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Closed Wednesday

PAROCHIAL TEAM

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MISSION STATEMENT:

The Catholic community of St. James Church is made up of loving and sensitive members seeking to meet their spiritual needs, strengthen their faith, and affirm their continued existence as the church of Jesus Christ today and tomorrow. In their quest to evangelize, it is their mission to assist everyone toward a more abundant experience of the riches of their liturgy and sacraments, and to convince all of Christ's sheep that the Lord's Day is indeed for all.

Happy New Year 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION

Today we will have a **second collection** for the **Building, Repair, and Maintenance Fund (BRM)**. Your generous contributions are appreciated.

Next weekend we will have a **second collection** for the **Religious and Spiritual Formation of the Parishioners**.

CHURCH ENVELOPES, CALENDARS, & LETTERS

Your Church envelope boxes, calendars and Christmas letters are ready for pickup on the table in the back of the church.

ST. ALPHONSA GIFT SHOP

The St. Alphonsa Gift Shop is now open on:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Also on **Saturday** from 10:00 a.m. to Noon and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to Noon. Rosaries, bracelets, keychains, and more gift items are available. Please come by and visit the Gift Shop.

BULLETIN AD PAGE

We have bulletin ad space available for anyone that would like to purchase an ad for "In Memory" of a loved one or as an advertisement for \$15 a month per space and \$30 a month for a large space.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Anyone who would like to donate altar flowers for a loved one "in memory of" contact the parish office.

CONDOLENCES

St. James expresses condolences to the family of Miguel Hurtado.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, January 2

- 5:00 PM † **Luz Gutierrez Garza** by Gloria Aguilar & Family
 † **Aurora V. Gomez** For Gift of Life
 By Patricia Gonzales & Family
 † **Genevieve S. Treviño** by Mr. & Mrs. Adan Treviño
 For his health **Federico Ruiz, Jr.**

Sunday, January 3

- 10:00 AM † **Concepcion "Chon" Moron** In Memory
 By Albert & Juanita Baldillez
 † **Estefina Salinas** In Memory by Galloways' Employees

Monday, January 4

8:00 AM

Wednesday, January 6

8:00 AM

Thursday, January 7

8:00 AM

Friday, January 8

8:00 AM

NEXT BAPTISM CLASS - January 4, 2021



Must wear a mask to attend class

All applications **MUST** be submitted to the church office before that date. Parents **must** be registered at St. James and have already registered the child to be baptized before taking the class. Items needed are: **Copy of the child's Birth Certificate** and **sponsor's proof of all Sacraments** if single and, if married, a copy of the **marriage license by a Catholic Church**. Baptisms will take place **3rd Sunday of month** after the **10:00 a.m. Mass**.

Baptism classes for parents and sponsors are held on the **first Monday** of every Month at 7:00 p.m. in the CCE Building.

WEEKLY OFFERING

December 27, 2020



Envelope Collection	\$1671.50
Loose Collection	\$579.25
Total	\$2250.75

May God bless you for your selfless sacrifice

The world is changed by your example, not your opinion.

- Mother Teresa

MASS SCHEDULE				
Date	Time	LECTORS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday, January 2	5:00 PM	Eucharistic Ministers as a special assignment due to the coronavirus		
Sunday, January 3	10:00 AM			

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (Jan 3):**Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12**

Horror gripped the heart of a World War-I soldier, as he saw his lifelong friend fall in battle. The soldier asked his Lieutenant if he could go out to bring his fallen comrade back. "You can go," said the Lieutenant," but don't think it will be worth it. Your friend is probably dead and you may throw your life away." "The Lieutenant's words didn't matter, and the soldier went anyway. Miraculously, he managed to reach his friend, hoisted him onto his shoulder and brought him back to their company's trench. The officer checked the wounded soldier, and then looked kindly at his friend. "I told you it wouldn't be worth it," he said. "Your friend is dead and you are mortally wounded." "It was worth it, Sir," said the soldier. "What do you mean by worth it?" responded the Lieutenant. "Your friend is dead." "Yes Sir," the soldier answered, "but it was worth it because when I got to him, he was still alive and I had the satisfaction of hearing him say...."Jim...I knew you'd come."

Christ our light has come into the world and shines in the darkness. On this feast of Epiphany he manifests himself to us in a unique way. The feast of the Epiphany is the mystery of the Lord's manifestation to all peoples, represented by the Magi, who came from the East to adore the King of the Jews. The word 'epiphany' comes from Greek, meaning, a 'showing' or 'manifestation'. Matthew who recounts the event, stresses how the Magi arrived in Jerusalem following a star, seen at its rising and interpreted as a sign of the birth of the king proclaimed by the prophets, that is, of the Messiah. Originally this feast celebrated on the 6th of January, contained four great manifestations of Jesus, namely, the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, the coming of the Magi or the three kings, the Baptism of our Lord and the wedding at Cana. Today we celebrate the feast of the coming of the Magi in search of the newly born king and God revealing himself to the universe to a group essentially non-Jewish. The magi were strangers, foreigners, total outsiders who came to pay royal homage to this tiny child

The Gospel Reading of today relates to us the event of the three wise men that followed the star that led them to the Child Jesus. They followed the brilliant star in the sky. To them, the light of the star was a symbol of hope, of joy and of peace. To them, the star was but a small reflection of the fullness of the Light of the world that awaited them at the end of their journey. Who were these "wise men" and where did they come from? In the Greek text they are called magoi which is usually rendered in English as "Magi". Magi were a group of scholars who were associated with the interpretation of dreams, Zoroastrianism, astrology and magic and hence the name 'Magi'. In later Christian tradition they were called kings, perhaps under the influence of Psalm 72:10 which says, "May the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!". Again, Prophet Isaiah says "Kings shall see and arise; princes and they shall prostrate themselves". In the western Christian churches, these include the traditions that there were three Magi who visited Jesus, that their names were Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, and that they were kings. These derive from an early 6th century Greek manuscript in Alexandria. Since the earliest days of the church, these wise men have been considered to be representatives of all the peoples of the earth.

All in all, today's feast is telling us that for God there are no foreigners, no outsiders. From his point of view, all are equally his beloved children. We all, whatever external physical or cultural differences there may be between us, belong to one single family which has one Father. It means that every one of us is a brother and sister to everyone else. There is no room for discrimination of any kind based on nationality, race, religion, class or occupation. The story tells us that God, in the person of Jesus, is reaching out to the whole world. These pagan foreigners went to great lengths to find the King of the Jews and do him homage. The facts of today's story may be vague but the message is loud and clear.

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We thank God today that there is no "Chosen People" whether they are Jews or Christians. Let us try to understand more deeply God's closeness to us which is also a reason for us to be close to each other. There are no outsiders. All are called to be members of one family. Yet, we can become outsiders. We do that every time we make someone else an outsider, whether we do that individually, as a family, a community, or an ethnic grouping. To make even a single other person an outsider, that is, to deny them the love and respect which belongs equally to all, is to make an outsider of oneself.

The story the Magi is story of the ways in which God reveals himself and even more about the different responses which his revelation receives. There are numerous manifestations or epiphanies of God in our lives and in the lives of everyone. In fact the Old and the New Testaments are the expression of such a revelation. We can learn much from the manifestation of God to the three wise men. They were the pilgrims in search of the divine and their joy was immense when they made the discovery. Their faith was childlike and deeply religious. They had a specific purpose in mind and they went in a particular direction. They followed the star and they encountered God. It tells us that we too have to search for our God and cannot rest till we find him.

Finally, the Feast of Epiphany is a reflection of the Light. Through the Birth of Jesus, we see the arrival of the Light in the world. The three wise men followed the brilliant star in the sky. To them, the light of the star was a symbol of hope, of joy and of peace. To them, the star was but a small reflection of the fullness of the Light of the world that awaited them at the end of their journey. Through the Magi, we see the light of hope, of joy and of peace to come. Through the Baptism of Jesus, we see the beginning of the ministry of the Light in the world. Through the miracle at Cana, we see the Light of God manifesting His Supreme power over the element of water. All these events are reminders to us that we too are called to be a light in the world. Being enlightened by the Light of God in our hearts, we are called to go forward and to share with others the Good News, our hope, our joy and our peace that the Light of Christ has bestowed upon us. As we celebrate his feast let us reflect upon Christ the light of the world. As he did to the Magi God shows the stars to us and we might ask ourselves, what are the stars in our lives. The wise men saw the star and followed it. The wise men did not know where the star would lead them. They just followed it until it brought them to Bethlehem and to Jesus. The same star will also lead us to Jesus our King and Lord.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

With care and compassion, we pray for:

Jewella Beth Gonzalez, Christopher Cardenas, Anthony Angel Cardenas, Guadalupe Benavides, Albert Cardenas, Jr., Jim Nelson, Joe Adrian Moya, Catherine McKeown, Kristina Elena Garcia, Eva Dominguez, Chris Ulmer, Roxann Gleason, Jessie Riojas, Joe Anthony Martinez, Lino Garcia, Katy Rendon, Denice Hadwin, Patty Stone, Tabitha Rendon, Mary Longoria, Jessie Martinez, Jr., Roman Flores, Santos Lopez, Caroline James Ries, Adrian Sampayo, Aurelio Guajardo, Tonya Sciba, Kenneth Sciba, Nieves Moreno, Jr., Jessica Arisola, Mary Carrizales, Norma Delgado, Juanita Maldonado, Dora Lopez Bernal, Richard Espinosa, Emo Aleman, Robert Hernandez, Nieves Cardenas, Laurie Lawrence, Anselmo Garcia, Jr., Josefa Aleman, Crystal Arciba, Francisco Trevino, Patricia Servantes, Viola Rangel, Oralia Aleman, Ricardo Trevino, Sandy Rios, Nieves Moreno, Dawn Bieber, Lori Baldillez, Cristobal Servantes, Jose Nahum Lugo, Timmy Lopez, Juanita Alvarado, Deacon Juan Vasquez, Viola Maldonado, Madison Pena, Ricardo Trevino, Jr., Daniel Loya, Sandra Urquiza, Jesse Contreras, Nell Jamison, Charles Cartwright, Stella Riojas, Ben Wilson, Mary Kay, Tony Coronado, Sr., Irma Estela Rodriguez, Owen Rodriguez, Timothy Gene Lopez, Fr. Paul Kottackal, Joshua Brock, Aaliyah Brock, Brendan Brock, Cruz Guerrero, Sr., Elsa Ochoa, Enoe Garcia, Jesus A. Guerrero, Sr., Manuel Ramon, Melissa Keller, Cerise Garcia, Johnny Ramirez, Jr., Delaney Martinez, Jaime Perez, Waylon James, Roe Garcia, Benita Salazar Garcia, Louis Calzada, Abel Salazar, Frank Maldonado, Domingo Puga, Celsa Cisneros, Martha Cuellar, Ruben Cuellar, Federico Ruiz, Jr. and to all at Christus Spohn.

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