



# ST. HELENA ST. PATRICK

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD THE WISE STILL SEEK HIM



### The Epiphany of the Lord

A friend of mine is a young priest who teaches high school physics at a Catholic boys' prep school. Like many today, the boys often think science and religion are enemies. So, he delights in their raised eyebrows when he reminds them his first full-time job as a priest was to be an astrophysicist. He cataloged the size, shape, and matter of distant stars. He tells them, "Science gave me more love for God, not less."

The Magi were something like scientist-astronomers. Like today's scientists, they employed disciplined methods of discovering dependable patterns in the world. Their rigorous commitment to the truth led them to the joy of discovering Jesus. Their love for knowledge leads them to worship the Source of all knowledge. Luke says of them, "They were overjoyed at seeing the star."

We may see the universe as cold and empty and feel sad. But why should we do that? The Magi, like my priest-friend, show us there is another way to experience the world. We use our intelligence to discover the beautiful patterns in the world — in mathematics, physics, astronomy, biology, neuroscience, and so on — and allow this to lead us to greater love for God. So, my fellow Magi: the world needs us to be overjoyed at finding God in science and, finally and fully, in Jesus.

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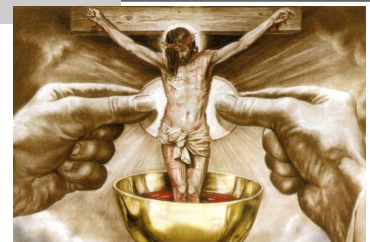
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### Mass Schedule

**Saturday** (vigil) 5pm, St. Helena  
**Sunday** 8:30am (1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)  
10:30am (2nd, 4th Sundays)  
**Tue** 7pm  
**Wed-Fri** 8:00am

### Confession Schedule

**Saturday** 3:30-4:30pm  
**Sunday** Before 8:30 am mass (1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)  
**Tuesday** 6:30-6:50pm  
**Wed-Fri** Before 8:00 am daily Mass | By appointment, call parish office  
**Adoration**  
**Wed** 5pm-8pm



## ST. PATRICK PARISH

### Mass Schedule

**Sunday** 10:30am  
(1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)  
8:30 am (2nd, 4th Sundays)  
**Thursday** 9:00am

### Confession Schedule

**Sundays** after 10:30 am Mass  
By appointment - call parish office

# FROM OUR PASTOR : A Tour of Marian Apparitions: Our Lady of Good Success

## Our Lady Of Good Success – Prophecies For Our Times

The Convent of the Immaculate Conception was the first convent of Religious Sisters in the city of Quito, Ecuador. The Catholic nobility of the city of Quito petitioned King Philip II for this favor, so that the women of the colony might enjoy the benefits of the religious life. Five professed Sisters of the Order were sent from Spain as Founding Mothers of the new Convent. They were accompanied by a 13-year old girl, Mariana de Jesús Torres—the niece of the Mother Superior. She was to become the most well-known of the Founding Mothers, but she remained almost unknown outside of Ecuador until the 20th century. The Convent was formally founded on January 13, 1577.

The young novice made rapid advancement in the spiritual life and enjoyed many favors from Heaven. She also practiced severe penance and was chosen by God to suffer as a victim soul. Many of her sufferings were occasioned by those of her sisters in religion who were lax, and who rebelled against the austere way of life insisted upon by Blessed Beatriz de Silva and the Spanish Founding Mothers, and required by the Holy Rule of the Community. Eventually Madre Mariana was chosen to be Abbess in place of her ailing aunt, who died soon after.

### First Apparition of Our Lady of Good Success

Very early on the morning of February 2, 1594, Mother Mariana was praying in the upper choir of the Convent, fervently beseeching Jesus and Mary for relief from the many severe trials the Convent was undergoing, and that many sins would be prevented. During her long prayer, she heard a sweet voice call her name. Rising quickly, she saw the Blessed Virgin Mary holding the Child Jesus in Her left arm. Being asked who She was, Our Lady replied:

**"I am Mary of Good Success, the Queen of Heaven and Earth... As His Mother, I carry (the Child Jesus) here, in My left arm, so that together we might restrain the hand of Divine Justice, which is always so ready to chastise this unfortunate and criminal world.**

**"In My right hand, I carry the crosier that you see, for I desire to govern this Convent as Abbess and Mother... Satan will begin to try to destroy this work of God... But he will not succeed, because I am the Queen of Victories and the Mother of Good Success, and it is under this invocation I desire to be known throughout all time..."**

The Most Holy Virgin Mary placed the Child Jesus in the arms of Mother Mariana, giving her a strong desire to suffer as a victim soul.

### Our Lady Commands that a Statue Be Made

Our Lady appeared many more times to Mother Mariana. During the apparition of January 16, 1599, Our Lady commanded Madre Mariana to have a statue made depicting Her just as She appeared to the holy religious. She then bade

her to measure Her height with the cord of her religious habit. Our Lady promised:

**"When tribulations of spirit and sufferings of body oppress them and they seem to be drowning in a bottomless sea, let them gaze at My holy Image, which will be for them a star for the shipwrecked. I will always be there, ready to listen to their lamentations and calm their weeping. Tell them that they should always have recourse to their Mother with faith and love..."**



Next week: Warnings for the 20th century



- 1/10 - Mass at 7pm with Adoration, Rosary, and Chaplet to follow for peace in the world
- 1/11 - Adoration 5:00pm– 8:00pm. Religious Ed 6:30-7:30pm

## **Thank you!!!**

**To the many parishioners who sent me cards, letters and gifts, I say “thank you” from my heart! As I always do, I show my appreciation by having private masses celebrated for you and your intentions on the remaining Mondays in January.**

**Always remember:**

**In every Mass that is offered the Church remembers before God “those who take part in this offering, those here present and all your people, and all who seek you with a sincere heart.” In a special way those who have holy Mass offered and those for whom a Mass is offered partake of the grace of the Eucharistic sacrifice.**

**“One Mass before death may be more profitable than many after it.”**

**St John Vianney  
Patron Saint of Parish Priests**

Kathy Mahler has faithfully served St. Helena for many years as our trustworthy bookkeeper. She would like to retire! St Helena is looking to hire a person for the position of parish bookkeeping. This position would take approximately 4-5 hours per week. Training is available. If interested please contact Fr. Parks

Glen Mastel has contacted me to let me know that Angela's health is declining rapidly and has been moved to Bethany Retirement Living in Fargo.

To Contact Angela Mastel

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## **Statement from Bishop John Folda on the death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI**

I am saddened to learn today of the passing of Pope Emeritus Benedict VI. Pope Benedict was a humble and holy servant of Christ and his Church, and his presence will be missed. As a priest and bishop he was a faithful shepherd of God's people. He was undoubtedly one of the great theologians in the history of the Church. And finally as Pope, he taught and guided the Church and the world with the clarity and beauty of the Gospel. He was truly a gift from our Lord. With thanksgiving we commend Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI to Almighty God, and pray for his eternal rest.



## ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Jan 14/15 (5:00pm) (8:30am)

Usher	Volunteer	Richard Reis
Collection		Bob Radtke/Richard
Lector	Volunteer	Richard Reis
EMHC		Nichole Reis
Gift Bearers	Volunteer	Reis Family
Altar Servers		Levi

St. Helena Breakfast Servers for December

**First one on the list please contact others**

Jan 15 Sara K, Nicole R, Lynette M

Jan 29 Knights of Columbus

## WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday Jan 1

Adult	5235.45
Children	101.01
Plate	154.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>5491.21</b>

Thank you for your generosity!

## ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday Jan 15 (10:30pm)

Lector	Chuck
Gift Carriers	Jim Glynn Family
Altar Servers	Alivia and Allen

For the Month of Jan

Breakfast Server	Pat Glynn and Linda Glynn
Collection Counters	Ruby and Allen Glynn
Church Cleaners	Ruby, Alana, and Geri
Altar Society Meeting	None this month

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. Jan 10

7:00 pm +Joan Grueineich

Wed. Jan 11

8:00 am Augustine Moran

Thu. Jan 12

8:00am (St H) Nate Blake

9:00am (St P) +Sylvester and Marie Radermacher

Fri. Jan 13

8:00 am Ann Parks

Sat. Jan 14

5.00pm (St H) John Parks and Family

Sun. Jan 15

8:30am (St. H) Angie Mastel

10:30am (St P) All Parishioners

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**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

Please Pray

...for all who are sick, elderly or alone

Joanne Brokaw, Loretta Dingwall, Cindy Kelly Heupel, Val Hunt, Carla Engelstad, Susan Lacina, Betty Hahne, Ashtyn Hatlewig, Phyllis Zvorak, Angie Mastel.

If you or someone you know would like to be added to, or removed from this list please call the parish office.

