

Honoring Pope Benedict XVI

1921-2022

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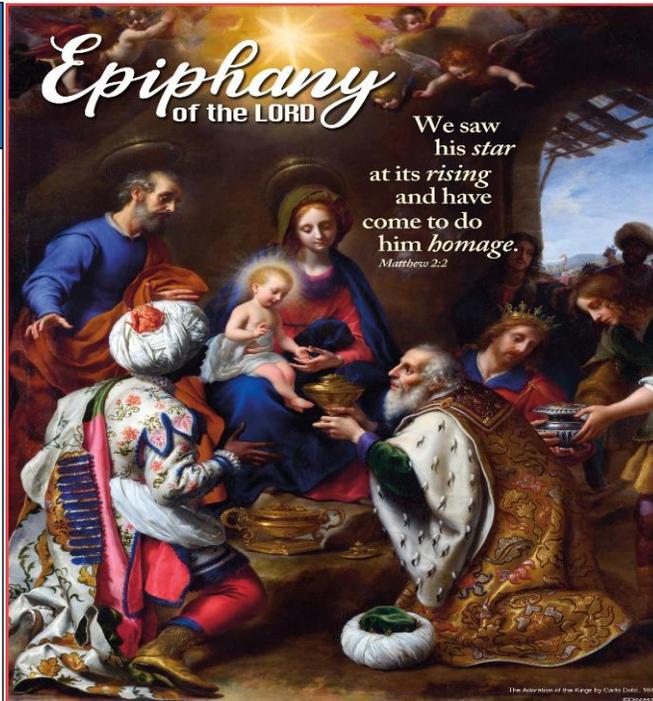
*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

January 7, 2023 Saturday 5:30pm
†Ovidio G. Resendez (Aniversario)
De parte de su familia
†Julio Delbosque (Segundo Aniversario)
De parte de la familia
†Sonny Alvarez
De parte de Therese y Vern Crocker
†Cory Garza
De parte de Mark y Dennett Delzer
†Artie Luna (Decimotercer Aniversario)
De parte de su familia
†Roberto, Maria y Ted Byington
De parte de Sr y Sra Pedro Hernandez
†Tomas Garza
De parte de su familia
†Adelmo "Al" Luera y Jose Angel Luera
De parte de su familia
Por las vocaciones
De parte de Chuck y Amy Shultz
En Accion de Gracias al Sagrado Corazon de Jesus, la Santisima Virgen Maria y la Virgen de Guadalupe
De parte de Dalinda Garcia

January 8, 2023 Sun. 7:30am
†Osbaldo y Concepcion Mireles
De parte de Sr y Sra Joe Mireles
†Casimiro Guerra (Quinto Aniversario)
De parte de su esposa, Rumalda Guerra y familia
†Felicita M. Nunez
De parte Sr y Sra. Jose Guerra y familia
En Accion de Gracias a San Judas
De parte de Melissa Green

January 8, 2023 Sunday 10:00am
Pro Populo (For the people of the Parish)

January 8, 2022 Sun 12 Noon
†Jennifer De La Garza Mendieta
Requested by Jason y Melissa Green
†Aurora Jaimez
Requested by the Jaimes Family
†Nora H. Garcia (1st Year Anniversary)
Requested by her family



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†Guadalupe M. Diaz, Ramon & Basilisa Gonzalez
Requested by the Camarillo Family
†Maria Loza (Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by her family
†Estella Bladillez (2nd Anniversary)
Requested by Luis Ortiz Jr & the Harp Family
†Luis Ortiz Sr. (Birthday)
Requested by Luis Ortiz Jr & the Harp Family

January 9, 2023 Monday 6:30am
†Frederick Hochmouth
Requested by Mr & Mrs Joe Mireles

January 10, 2023 Tuesday 6:30am
No Mass

January 11, 2023 Wed 6:30am
+Rudy Longoria III
Requested by his family

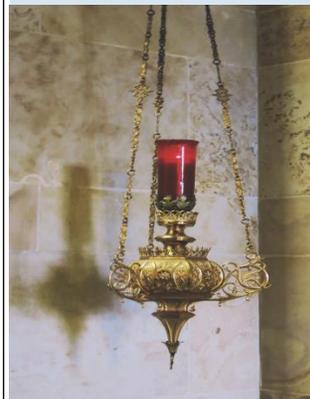
January 12, 2023 Thur 6:30am
+Oscar Mireles & Hector Perez
Requested by Mr & Mrs Joe Mireles

January 13, 2023 Fri 6:30am
Special Intention to St. Joseph

January 14, 2023 Saturday 8:00am
No Morning Mass

**Scripture Readings
For the Week**

Sunday The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6 ; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Monday The Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 2:13-17



*Sanctuary
Candle
Donated in the
memory of
Baby Rey, Ernesto,
Jose Guadalupe, Maria,
Ernestina & Jacobo
Requested by Ofelia
& Dr. V*



Offering our Gifts to God

**COLLECTION
REPORT**

FOR DECEMBER 25

Loose	\$2,110.68
Envelope	<u>\$3,161.00</u>
Total	\$5,271.68

Prayer Request

We pray for the following who need healing:

Vangie Longoria, Eva Perez, Mary Lou Pena, Gloria Deleon, Mr & Mrs Elias Moreno, Locha Moreno, Serafin Rodriguez, Eva Pena, America Crouse, Olga Cruz, Mon & Chelo Aguilar, Patty Galvan, Aida Reyes, Angelica Barrera, Mary Rios, Dolly Hernandez, Timmy Moreno, Lela Guzman, Corina Cantu, Annette Barrera Bridges, John Tovar Mark Madrazo, Sandra Cortez, James Sendejo, Hilda Flores, Martha Cuevas, Margie Green, Jimmy Carrillo, Steve Trichell, Carmelita Rios, Guadalupe V. Gonzalez, Roel Salinas, Luis Salazar Sr., Mary Ann Colin, Lupita Chapa, Mark Anthony Molina, Steve Garcia, Linda Garcia, Albert Garcia, Consuelo Espino, Rosalinda Beltran, Alfredo Medrano James Lee Sendejo, Mark Molina, Mark Lopez, Yolanda De La Paz, Ofelia Rodriguez

We pray for all those who are sick on our list and for those whose names we don't know but are written on the heart of our Lord Jesus.



REMINDER

If you want a mass intention or an announcement to appear in the Sunday bulletin, information must be submitted by Monday at 11:45am.

MISA PRO POPULO

Canon Law requires that each pastor celebrate one of the Sunday Masses with the intention being "Pro Populo" meaning for the people of the parish. As we open up our mass calendar for the year please take note that some of the masses for the weekend may not be available on a specific date or specific time due to the requirement of having a Pro Populo Mass. We will do our best to accommodate your mass request but we must abide by this requirement. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility when requesting masses for your loved ones.

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION REPORTS

We thank all those who contributed to the church this year. If you would like to have a report for tax purposes they will be ready this coming week. Reports are available for those who contribute by using their parish envelopes or for those who contributed by check. Please give us a call at the parish office at 361-592-4602 and let us know you would like your report so we can mail it to you. We can also email or text the report to you if you would prefer.

Dear Jesus, as you led the three kings to you by the light of a star, please draw us even closer to you by the light of Faith. Help us to desire you as ardently as they did. Give us the grace to overcome all the obstacles that keep us far from You. May we, like them, have something to give You when we appear before you. Mary Our Mother, help us to know your Son. Amen.

**Join us for
Adoration every
Thursday
5pm-8pm**



**PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 11
7:00PM
AT PARISH HALL**





*O God, true shepherd of all the faithful,
look with kindness on your servant
Pope Benedict XVI, whom you set as
head and shepherd of our Church.*

*We give you thanks for your grace at
work in him as he led us by word and
example: in his teaching, in his prayer,
and in his great love.*

*Grant him perpetual light, grant us
comfort in sorrow and serenity amid the
trials of this world and guide your
Church, built on the rock of Peter with
the power of your Spirit as we continue
on the path that leads to you. Through
Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Excerpts from Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's Spiritual Testament

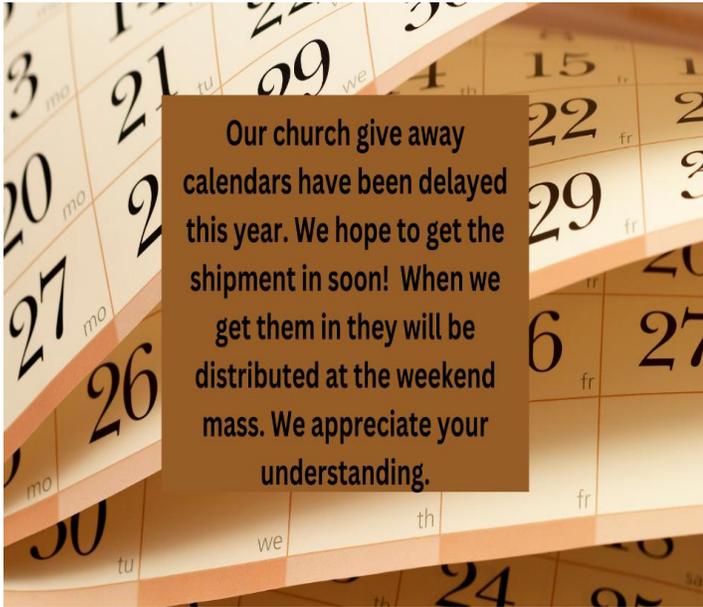
"I thank God himself, the giver of every good gift, who gave me life and guided me through various moments of confusion; always picking me up whenever I began to slip and always giving me the light of his countenance again," he said. "In retrospect I see and understand that even the dark and tiring stretches of this path were for my salvation and that it was in them that he guided me well."

"Jesus Christ is truly the way, the truth and the life -- and the church, with all its inadequacies, is truly his body."

"Stand firm in the faith! Do not let yourselves be confused!"

We pray for Pope Benedict and we humbly ask our Lord and Savior to receive him into his eternal dwelling. May he rest in everlasting peace.





**CDA CORPORAL COMMUNION
SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 7:30AM
Good opportunity to
worship together ladies!**

SILVER & GOLD

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS CELEBRATION

Those blessed with celebrating 25 or 50 years of Sacramental Marriage are invited to attend a special Silver & Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael Mulvey

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023 AT 9:30 A.M.

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A light reception will follow in St. Joseph's Hall at the Cathedral

Couples that register before the deadline will receive a certificate from Bishop Mulvey recognizing their Silver or Golden Anniversary. Registration is open to any validly married couple celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage in 2023.

To receive an Anniversary Certificate please submit registration by February 3, 2023

Online Registration: diocesec.org/anniversarymassregistration
or RSVP by Feb. 3 to Heath Garcia at (361) 882-6191 ext. 687



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Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 8, 2023

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem shall be a light to all nations.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13

Every nation on earth shall worship the Lord.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6

Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

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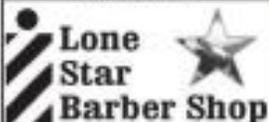
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