

January 6-7, 2024: The Epiphany of the Lord

THREE KINGS ON CAMELBACKS ARE COMING TO WALDORF JANUARY 6!

We have been waiting for ten long years. Finally, they are arriving riding their camels at 1:15 PM this Saturday January 6: these are THE THREE KINGS coming from far away to adore the newborn baby JESUS at Our Lady Help of Christians in Waldorf. Children are all excited. Their parents and grandparents too! Everyone is invited to come and celebrate with the Kings the GREAT FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY! the Manifestation of Jesus Christ to the whole world.

This will be a most joyful celebration of the Magi coming to adore the newborn King: Jesus! The children can ask questions from the Kings. They can give them letters and hopefully, they will get an answer. There will be food, music and treats for the children. There will also be lessons for all of us on how to get closer to God and find a lasting Peace on earth and later in Heaven.

A STAR led the Magi to the manger in Bethlehem where they found baby Jesus and his mother Mary: they were OVERJOYED! Not just joyful but overjoyed! We too today can find that great Joy. The Magi are the first Gentiles to come and adore the Messiah! The Messiah, came for everyone, including all of us, not just for the chosen people of Israel.

What can we learn from this amazing encounter between the Magi and the newborn King?

First, like the Magi we need to be PERSEVERANT AND PATIENT! We cannot be discouraged. We can always find the presence of Jesus, in our own life even at the most difficult moments.

Second, like the Magi we must find a star to guide us. Today, we no longer need to look

up at the sky to find this very special star. What we need is: FAITH, Faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ, Faith in our Prince of Peace and Faith in our Savior.

Third, we do not have to travel to Bethlehem, which means " HOUSE OF BREAD". We just need to travel to the nearest church, which is the house of God and the Home of the Bread of Life. You can attend Mass and receive THE BREAD OF LIFE: the BODY OF CHRIST. This is how today we can encounter Jesus Christ and have our lives changed, truly transformed: no more fear! We can abandon ourselves to Jesus. we can surrender our entire self to Jesus and He will take care of everything for us. No more worries about the future: just live in the moment and find the presence of GOD.

When we adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament the LIGHT OF JESUS enters our hearts. Hopefully, we can then share that Light. Life is all about Light and Darkness. As Saint John says beautifully in his First Letter (1:5 b,7): "*God is Light; in Him there is no darkness. If we walk in light ,as He is in the light we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of His Son Jesus cleanses us from all sin "*

Let us pray that as we celebrate the Magi following the star, adoring Jesus and bringing him presents, we too can adore Jesus really present in the Blessed Sacrament and have His Light enter into our hearts and fill us with JOY AND PEACE!

One in Christ,

Father Alain



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TRES REYES MONTANDO CAMELLOS VIENEN A WALDORF EL 6 DE ENERO!

Hemos estado esperando por diez largos años. Y finalmente, estan llegando montando sus camellos a la 1:15 PM este Sabado, 6 de enero: son LOS TRES REYES que vienen de lejos para adorar al recien nacido JESUS en Maria Auxiliadora en Waldorf. Los ninos estan muy emocionados. Sus padres y abuelos tambien! Todos estan invitados a venir y celebrar con los Reyes la GRAN FIESTA DE LA EPIFANIA ! la Manifestacion de Jesucristo al mundo entero.

Sera la celebracion mas alegre de los Magos que vienen a adorar al recien nacido Rey: Jesus! Los ninos pueden hacerle preguntas a los Reyes. Les pueden dar cartas y esperamos que le den respuestas. Habra comida, musica y regalitos para los ninos. Habran tambien lecciones para todos de como acercarnos mas a Dios y encontrar una Paz duradera en la Tierra y el Cielo.

UNA ESTRELLA dirijo a los Magos hacia el pesebre en Belen donde encontraron al bebe Jesus y a su madre Maria: estaban LLENOS DE ALEGRIA! No solo alegres sino que llenos de alegría! Hoy tambien podemos encontrar esa gran Alegría. Los Magos, fueron los primeros Gentiles en venir a adorar al Mesias! El Mesias, vino por todos, incluyendonos , no solo para los escogidos del pueblo de Israel.

Que es lo que podemos aprender de este encuentro entre los magos y el recien nacido Rey?

Primero, igual que los Magos necesitamos ser PERSEVERANTES Y PACIENTES No podemos desanimarnos. Siempre podemos encontrar la presencia de Jesus , en nuestra vida incluso en los momentos mas dificiles.

Segundo, como los Magos debemos encontrar una Estrella que nos guie. Hoy, no necesitamos mirar al Cielo para encontrar esa Estrella especial. Lo que necesitamos es: FE, Fe en Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Fe en nuestro Principe de Paz y Fe en nuestro Salvador.

Tercero, no tenemos que viajar a Belen, lo cual significa " CASA DE PAN". Solo Necesitamos ir a la Iglesia mas cercana, la cual es la casa de Dios y el Hogar del Pan de Vida. Usted asista a Misa y puede recibir EL PAN DE VIDA: el CUERPO DE CRISTO. Esta es la manera de encontrar a Jesucristo

en nuestras vida hoy y cambiar nuestras vidas, verdaderamente transformados: no mas Miedo! Nos podemos abandonar en Jesus. Rendir nuestro ser entero y El cuidara de nosotros. No mas preocupaciones acerca del futuro: solo viva en el momento y encuentre la presencia de DIOS.

Cuando adoramos a Jesus en el Santisimo Sacramento la LUZ DE JESUS entra en nuestros corazones. Con la Esperanza , de que podamos compartir esa Luz. La Vida es acerca de Luz y Oscuridad. Como dijo San Juan bellamente en su Primera Carta (1:5 b,7): "Dios es la Luz; *en El no hay oscuridad. Si caminamos en la Luz ,asi como El esta en la Luz, tenemos Amistad entre nosotros, y la Sangre de Su Hijo Jesus nos limpia de todo pecado "*

Oremos ahora que celebramos a los Magos que siguieron la Estrella, adorando a Jesus y llevandole regalos, tambien podemos adorar a Jesus realmente presente en el Santisimo Sacramento y tener Su Luz entrando en nuestros corazones y llenandonos con su ALEGRIA Y PAZ!

Uno en Cristo,

Padre Alain



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*We are asked to pray for:
 George Gallagher
 D'Vaughn Webster
 Lynette Washington
 David Mesler
 Ken Housewright
 Tiffany Chase
 Monica Halloran

Kathryn & David Newman
 Andrea Lewis
 Carolyn Briscoe
 Theodore Danneico Hall
 Tess Franch
 Margaret Ferguson
 Mary Ott
 Mirna Egbufoama

Ollie Johnson
 Mike Sofield, Sr
 Titus Thomas
 Catalina del Cid
 Matthew Batiste
 Phyllis Batiste
 Michael Duncan
 Jennifer Forsythe

Barbara Jean-Noel
 Junior Thomas-Sally-Ann
 Ligia Lam
 Dorothy Neal

Names will remain for three months or until healed

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Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday, January 6,
 9:00 AM: Denise Rivera (+)
 5:00 PM: Knights of Columbus

Sunday, January 7,
 8:30 AM: OLHOC Parishioners
 10:00AM: Ligia Lam
 11:30 AM: Daniel Ponticel (+)
 1:00 PM: Tatiana Dago Winters (+)
 7:00 PM: Haydee Alfaro Saravia (+)

Monday, January 8,
 9:00 AM: William Patrick Kwenkeu

Tuesday, January 9,
 9:00AM: Florentino Villanueva (+)

Wednesday, January 10,
 9:00 AM: Marina Alphonso
 7:00 PM: Lorrin Green(+)

Thursday, January 11,
 9:00 AM: Fr. Oscar Hernandez

Friday, January 12,
 9:00 AM: Apolonaria Alarcon (+)

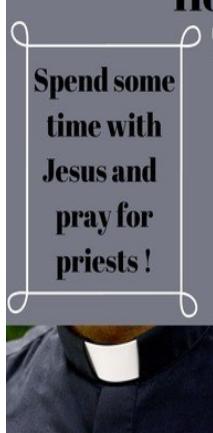
“Sharing Sunday”

We are still collecting nonperishable food for the Food Bank, Women's Shelter, and Children's Aid of Waldorf. A collection box is in Father Martin Hall. Thank you!

The Outreach Committee wishes everyone at OLHOC a blessed New Year!

Holy Hour of Reparation

Thursdays, 8 pm - 9 pm



New Format:
*Evening prayer
Silence
Litany of Prayer for Priests
Benediction*

Hora Santa
jueves, 8 pm - 9 pm

Join Fr Alain & Fr Jan pray for priests who are struggling & those who don't pray.
 Invite other priests and lay people to join.

Tuesday Scripture Study—Join us on Tuesday mornings after the 9 am Mass to study the readings for the next Sunday.

Friday Scripture Study—The Friday night scripture study is now online. Please call the office for information on how to join us.

First Friday—The first Friday of each month the evening Mass in Latin is dedicated to promoting the Priesthood. Following evening Mass, Prayer group in Spanish.

First Saturday—Join members of the Marian Group on the first Saturday of the month after the 9 am Mass. Learn more about consecrating your life to Jesus through Mary.

Divine Mercy—Join us on the first Saturday of each month as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a community at 3 PM.

OLHOC Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please call the parish office or send email

Mass Readings for January 14, 2024

II Sunday in Ordinary Time

***First Reading**

1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19 (65B)

***Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a,17-20

***Gospel**

John 1:35-42

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OLLC Early Learning Center Giving Tree

Please visit our Giving Tree across from the office to help the Early Learning Center.



Giving Tree/Supplies:

Tissues

Paper Towels

Napkins

Kitchen Trash Bags for the classroom

Unscented Baby Wipes

Zip Lock Bags

(snack, sandwich, gallon, 2 gallon)

Glue Sticks



Parish School of Religion (CCD) 2023-2024

CCD Registration is Open for 2023-2024

Please visit the website www.olhc.org/re

(?>s, contact Sr Rosario sister@olhc.org)



NEW CCD Sessions for 2023-2024

Sundays	Session 1 (8:45 AM - 9:45 AM) (for students in 1st & 7th grade, RCIC 1A & RCIC 2A) Session 2 (10 AM - 11 AM) (for students in PK/K, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th & 8th)
Mondays	Session 3 (5:45 PM - 6:45 PM for students in RCIC 1B & RCIC 2B) Session 4 (7 PM- 8 PM) for students in PK/K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th

Registration for First Holy Communion 2023-2024 is open
visit www.olhc.org/1communion



Registration for Confirmation
2023-2024 is open visit
www.olhc.org/confirmation-1



Interested in joining & learning about the Catholic Church for the first time?

Want to complete a Sacrament (Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation)?

Want to learn and understand your Catholic Faith better?

For more info. or to sign-up please contact
Deacon Rich deacon@olhc.org



The Rite of Christian Initiation is designed for adults who seek to learn more about God, our Faith & desire to enter the Christian faith!

Classes Meet on
Wednesdays at 7 pm

Location - Fr. Martin Hall

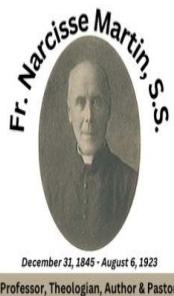
All parishioners are welcome and invited to join us!

Rito de Iniciacion Cristiana para Adultos (RICA)

Esta interesado en unirse o aprender sobre la Iglesia Catolica por primera vez? Desean completar sus Sacramentos (Bautismo, Eucaristia y/o Confirmacion) Quiere aprender o entender mejor la Fe Catolica El Programa del RICA (Rito de Iniciacion Cristiana) diseñado para 18 años y Adultos.

Informacion con Milton Galvan/ Maria Lam 240-551-3295 Las Clases son los Domingos a las 4:30 pm Salón 103 y los martes a las 7:30 pm

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Fr. Narcisse Martin, S.S.
December 31, 1845 - August 6, 1923
Professor, Theologian, Author & Pastor

Visit
www.olhoc.org
for the Zoom link

The Fr. Martin Society will sponsor a Novena For Peace

for resolutions in Ukraine & the Middle East

9 Days of Prayer

Day 1 - Sun., Dec. 31st at 1 PM

via Zoom or in the Fr. Martin Hall

Day 2-9 - Jan. 1st-Jan 8th at 7 PM

via Zoom (prayer sessions will be approximately 15 minutes)



Aside from the world wars, seldom has our world seen as much conflict and suffering that is taking place today in nearly every hemisphere, particularly in Ukraine, Palestine & Israel. While we may be powerless to directly alleviate that suffering, we can offer our prayers on their behalf.



Questions, contact Sandy McGraw (Fr. Martin Society Board of Directors)
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"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Matthew 2:6





*First Sunday of the month,
the 1 pm Mass will be in English-
French (Bilingual). All are invited to
attend!*

*Everyone interested in joining the
1 Pm choir, are encouraged to attend
the practice every Friday at 8 pm in
the Father Martin Hall.*

Save the Date



7 pm Monday, January 22

Father Martin Hall

Discussion of Book given at Christmas

“Beautiful Eucharist”

Everyone is invited!!