ST. LAWRENCE, The MARTYR
CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 05, 2020

Abriendo sus cofres,
le ofrecieron regalos:
oro, incienso y mirra.

Mateo 2:11b

They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

— Matthew 2:11b

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LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Word traveled quickly. What had originally been known only to Mary, then to Joseph, and soon shared with intimate friends like Mary's cousin Elizabeth, was revealed to the shepherds on the night of Jesus' birth, and now to foreigners—the magi from the east. Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of God, the Savior, has been born. Let us rejoice, for his saving presence has been made manifest to all.

How has an encounter with the Lord led me in a new way? Am I willing to change my route in the future?

The light of salvation is intended to attract everyone across the face of the earth. The passage from Isaiah we hear today was written after the Babylonian captivity when the Chosen People were allowed to return to Jerusalem. At first "your sons . . . and your daughters" are invited (60:4), but then people from Midian, Ephah, and Sheba are welcomed. These descendants of Abraham had separated from the Chosen People before they were held captive in Egypt. In the Gospel, the star that the magi saw at its rising must have been visible out-side Judea, leading them from foreign lands to the east. Paul tells the people of Ephesus that "Gentiles are coheirs . . . copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 3:6). Salvation is not restricted to one people, one region, or one era.

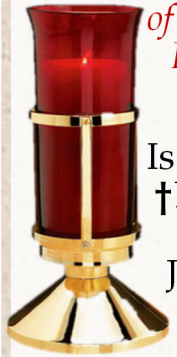
Gold and frankincense are brought as gifts in both the first reading and the Gospel, but in the Gospel the magi add myrrh. Myrrh is often used for anointing, but it also could relieve pain or perfume a body, so we also see it offered to Jesus on the cross (Mark 15:23) and used to anoint his body in the tomb (John 19:39). Jesus is both king and victim, and the gifts he is given reflect both roles.

Like the magi, we also have the opportunity to come seek the Lord. It is a journey we make throughout our lives, looking for the Lord's presence in the world, in our lives, in ourselves. Like the magi, who return home a different way, encountering the Lord often leads us to change course.

Sanctuary Light

"The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is the light."

Revelation 21:23



Is lit for the eternal rest of
†Estevan C. De La Garza
From
January 3, 2020 through
January 9, 2020

Please pray for the sick and for those in need of healing graces: Oremos por la sanación de los enfermos.

Adriana Chavez
Gilbert G. Chavez
Gilberto R. Chavez
Lorraine Diaz
Melba Delagarza
De Leon family
Robert Dromgoole
Dn. Arturo Garcia
Cynthia Gonzalez
Julia Herrera
Gloria Izaguirre
Jesus Izaguirre
David Keller
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Clarisa Peña
Robert Perez ,Jr.
Deacon Charles Pope
Stella Pope
Joel Serna
Luis Torres
Jessica Rose Tristan
Linda Vargas
Edmundo Zaragoza

Mass Intentions for the Weekend

Sat., January 4, 2020
6:00 pm
Almendarez Family
Naun Delgado†
Jose Gonzalez†
Irma Guerra†
Delilah Jeter-Health
Candi Ortiz†
Emilio Ortiz†
James C. McDaniel
Rosalinda Mireles†
David Ramos†
Juan Ramos†

Sun., January 5, 2020
7:30am

Maria Alvarado†
Raul De La Garza†
Roy GaylorV
Deacon Al Keller†
Phillip Keller†
Felix Salas†

9:00am

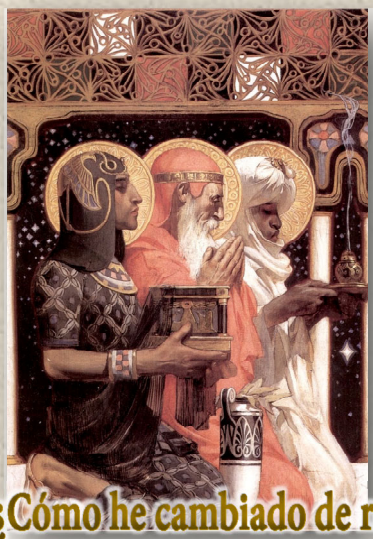
Carlos Dominguez†
Jesus Dominguez†
Ruben Flores†
Dionicia Jimenez†
Zapopa Ramos†
Indalicio Uriaga†
Jesus Viesca†
Gilberto R. Vasquez†

10:30am

Darren Dominguez†
Katherine Fernandez-Health
Jose Gonzalez†
Bianca Herrera-SI
Delilah Jetter-Health
Carrie Villarreal†
Everardo Villarreal†

12:00pm

Lillie Anaya†
Francisco Anaya†
Lino Perez†
Edmundo Zaragoza-Health
Eloise Zaragoza†



LUZ DEL MUNDO

Las noticias corren rápido. Lo que originalmente era conocido sólo por María, después por José, y seguidamente compartido con personas cercanas como Isabel, la prima de María, le fue revelado a los pastores la noche del nacimiento de Jesús y ahora a extranjeros, como los magos del oriente. Ha nacido Jesús, el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios, el Salvador. Alegrémonos, pues su presencia salvadora ha sido manifestada a todos.

La luz de la salvación tiene el propósito de reunir a todas las personas en la faz de la tierra. El pasaje de Isaías que escuchamos hoy fue escrito después de la cautividad en Babilonia, cuando le fue permitido al pueblo escogido regresar a Jerusalén.

¿Cómo he cambiado de ruta por haber tenido un encuentro con el Señor?

¿Estoy dispuesto a cambiar de ruta en el futuro?

Al principio "tus hijos… y tus hijas" son invitados (60, 4), pero luego vienen de Madián, de Efá y de Sabá, y todos son bien recibidos. Estos descendientes de Abraham se habían separado del pueblo escogido antes de que fueran cautivos en Egipto. En el Evangelio la estrella que vieron surgir los magos debe haber sido visible fuera de Judá, pues los guió desde sus tierras extranjeras hasta el oriente. Pablo le dice a los efesios que "los paganos son coherederos… partícipes de la misma promesa en Jesucristo" (efesios 3, 6). La salvación no está restringida a un solo pueblo, una sola región, ni una sola época.

Tanto en la primera lectura como en el Evangelio el oro y el incienso se ofrecen como regalos, pero en el Evangelio los magos añaden la mirra. La mirra se usa a menudo para ungir, pero también puede aliviar un dolor o perfumar el cuerpo y así vemos que se ofrece a Jesús en la cruz (Marcos 15, 23) y se usó para ungir su cuerpo en el sepulcro (Juan 19, 39). Jesús es rey y víctima a la vez, y los regalos que le ofrecen reflejan ambas cosas.

Al igual que los magos nosotros también tenemos la oportunidad de ir en busca del Señor. Es una travesía que dura toda nuestra vida en busca de la presencia del Señor en el mundo y en nuestra propia vida. Al igual que los magos, que volvieron a casa por otro camino, un encuentro con el Señor a menudo nos lleva a cambiar de ruta.

Eucharistic Adoration–
Thursday, 3pm–7pm in the Church and
Monday–Friday, 8am–5pm in the Chapel.

Adoración Eucarística– jueves de 3pm–7pm
en la Iglesia y de Lunes a Viernes
de 8am–5pm en la Capilla.

Letter from Archbishop Gustavo to Parishioners

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

United across 19 counties in 170 Archdiocesan parishes and missions, we are called to live a life of compassion, unity, and discipleship — to be with our brothers and sisters in their journey of faith.

The 2020 Annual Archbishop's Appeal has as its theme, "Accompany with Joy, Give with Grace." To accompany is the willingness to listen deeply to the experiences, needs, joys, and hardships of another. It is your response to imitate Christ by sharing the Gospel message of love.

Through our efforts, we will accompany, love, and assist others beyond your parish boundaries by offering to proclaim the Word of God, celebrate the sacraments, and respond in charity. You will evangelize and share Christ's love through acts of kindness, help the formation of seminarians and deacons, care for retired clergy, and protect God's most vulnerable — the hungry, homeless, elderly, unborn, sick, prisoner, and lonely.

As we begin the 2020 Appeal, we are also entering the final stages of the "On the Way – Andale" capital campaign. The Annual Appeal and capital campaign are two different -- but equally important -- efforts. The capital campaign focuses on capital needs for construction and renovation at parishes and educational facilities, while the Annual Appeal supports daily encounters, aiding and evangelizing in our communities as we feed, clothe, shelter, and care for others in need.

Thank you for your prayers and for joyfully giving to the 2020 Archbishop's Appeal. I am deeply grateful to you and proud of our Catholic community, as we unite once more to become Christ's hands and feet, offering ministries of compassion and love. Be assured that you and your family remain in my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ gustavo mSpS

Most Reverend Gustavo García-Siller, MSpS
Archbishop of San Antonio

2020 Archbishop's Appeal Prayer

Accompany with Joy, Give with Grace

Lord God,
Who sent your Son as our way, our truth and our life, we thank you for your presence within us that challenges, loves, and leads us in service to your people.

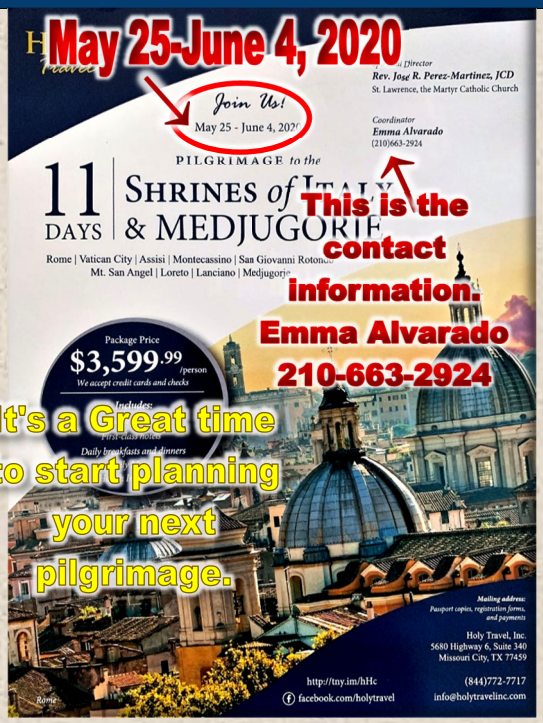
With your grace, help us find courage to accompany our brothers and sisters in need, as we are the Body of Christ, Inspire in us the desire to give of ourselves in order to manifest your presence to the world, especially through our gifts to the Archbishop's Appeal.

Grateful for your many blessings, help us to share them generously for your glory.

Bless and multiply our gifts to the 2020 Archbishop's Appeal, may we humbly follow the teachings of Your Son, Jesus Christ, to accompany others with love and kindness, live together in peace, and one day attain everlasting happiness in Heaven.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



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210-663-2924

It's a Great time to start planning your next pilgrimage.

St. Lawrence is in need of a 10:30 Mass Choir for the SECOND Sunday of the month. Please contact the Parish Office if you're available.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Sal 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Martes: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4, 7-8; Mc 6:34-44
Miércoles: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 10, 12-13; Mc 6:45-52
Jueves: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lc 4:14-22a
Viernes: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Sal 147:12-15, 19-20; Lc 5:12-16
Sábado: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Domingo: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Sal 29(28):1-4, 3,9-10; ch10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

Join us for Sunday Breakfast after Mass
Vengan a desayunar con nosotros después de Misa

January 5-Guadalupana
January 12-Knights of Columbus
January 19-ACTS

Brotherhood of Knights No. 1
Presents Their
3rd Annual Valentines Dance & Raffle

Saturday February 15, 2020
St. Lawrence Hall
236 E. Petaluma, San Antonio, TX 78221

Featuring
Jessie "Chuy" Gonzalez Band

Tickets are $65 per Couple
Ticket includes Dinner and Dancing for two
Plus a chance to win 1 prize below
4 Prizes - $150.00 Gift Card
5 Prizes - $300.00 Gift Card
1 Prize - $1000.00 Gift Card
Prizes Awarded by Process of Elimination
50/50 Raffle will also be Available

Cash bar opens: 6:00 PM • BYOB-OK • No outside Drinks
Dinner served 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM • No outside Food
Adults Only Event • Dress Code: Semiformal

Contact Joe Longoria for Tickets (210) 923-5518

The Weekend Collections for Dec. 21-22, 2019 is: $ 5,769.75
We appreciate your generous donation.