

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In my time, growing up in Mexico, the epiphany was for sure the most popular day of the year for children. It is during the epiphany that kids receive toys! The three kings would "come" to your house during the night to hide toys under and/or around the bed, furniture, etc. It was like easter hunting eggs, but instead of eggs, toys! Then after finding your toys, you would go out to show the toys to your friends in the neighborhood and play with them. It was all joy in the neighborhood sharing and playing with the toys received from the Three Kings! I cannot recall when or how I found out that the Three Kings were our parents! Moreover, later I found out that the Epiphany which means God's manifestation, is the feast that reminds us about the greatest Gift given to us by God the Father, Jesus Our Lord and Savior! Jesus is the Gift given to us to share with others. The Epiphany marks the end of the Christmas season, but the spirit of Christmas must remain in our hearts every day of the year sharing the love of Jesus. Happy and blessed Day of the Epiphany!

En mi época, creciendo en México, la epifanía era sin duda el día más popular del año para los niños. ¡Es durante la epifanía que los niños reciben juguetes! Los Reyes Magos "venían" a tu casa durante la noche para esconder juguetes debajo y/o alrededor de la cama, muebles, etc. Era como los huevos de pascua, pero en lugar de huevos, ¡juguetes! Luego, después de encontrar tus juguetes, salías a mostrárselos a tus amigos en el vecindario y jugabas con ellos. ¡Todo era alegría en el barrio compartiendo y jugando con los juguetes recibidos de los Reyes Magos! ¡No recuerdo cuándo ni cómo me enteré de que los Reyes Magos eran nuestros padres! Pero ahora sé que la Epifanía, que significa la manifestación de Dios, es la fiesta que nos recuerda el más grande regalo dado por Dios Padre a la humanidad, ¡Jesús Nuestro Señor y Salvador! Jesús es el regalo que se nos ha dado para compartir con los demás. La Epifanía marca el final de la temporada navideña, pero el espíritu de la Navidad debe permanecer en nuestros corazones todos los días del año compartiendo el amor de Jesús. ¡Feliz y bendecido día de Reyes!

**La Epifanía– Los Reyes Magos**

"Se postraron y lo adoraron. Entonces abrieron sus tesoros y le ofrecieron regalos de oro, incienso y mirra." - MATEO 2:11

Fíjate en el orden de los acontecimientos en la visita de los Reyes Magos. Primero, se arrodillaron ante Jesús y lo adoraron. Luego le presentaron sus regalos. Nosotros también debemos tomarnos un tiempo para orar antes de presentar nuestros dones al Señor. ¡Nunca sabemos lo que Dios nos puede estar pidiendo que compartamos!

LAUDATO SI' STUDY GROUP

Join the study group on Laudato Si', the Pope's letter, about saving our Common Home this Sunday, January 7th at 11:45 AM in the Rectory. There will be three other meetings. Please take a flyer with more information at the door of the church.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 7, 2024

JAN. 7: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5:30 p.m. Rose Nigara
7:00 p.m. For the People
9:00 a.m. Jeanne & Raymond Laracy
10:30 a.m. Mass of Healing for Fr. John Nazzaro
12:00 p.m. Jose Humberto Tapia

JAN. 8: MONDAY, THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9:00 a.m. Floyd & Asunta Bush
7:00 p.m. For the Parish

JAN. 9: TUESDAY, FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 a.m. Dori-Lynn Dillon
7:00 p.m. For the People

JAN. 10: WEDNESDAY, WEEKDAY

9:00 a.m. Deceased of the Saint-Jean Family
7:00 p.m. For the Parish

JAN. 11: THURSDAY, WEEKDAY

9:00 a.m. For the People
7:00 p.m. Dustin Samanamu

JAN. 12: FRIDAY, WEEKDAY

9:00 a.m. Marie Devaney
7:00 p.m. For the Parish

JAN. 13: SATURDAY, WEEKDAY

9:00 a.m. Vivian Curto
5:30 p.m. Jim Keigher
7:00 p.m. For the People

JAN. 14: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 a.m. Franklin Caputo
10:30 a.m. For the Parish
12:00 p.m. Special Birthday Intention for Isela Caceres

CANDLES

ALTAR CANDLES will burn this week in memory of all deceased parishioners.

SANCTUARY CANDLES will burn this week as a Special Intention for the sick of the parish.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

- **REGULAR COLLECTION.....\$4,631.00**
- **BUILDING FUND.....\$882.00**
- **SOLEMNITY OF MARY.....\$604.00**
- **CHRISTMAS COLLECTION.....\$915.00**

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

***How dear is Our Lady of the Valley to your heart?
Please consider remembering her in your Will.***

STEWARDSHIP SCRIPTURAL REFLECTIONS

“They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” - MATTHEW 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi’s visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

PRAYER REQUEST CORNER

For the recently deceased: Velma Jones.

For those who are ill: Kate & Theresa Bamford, Victor Cirello, Pauline Wahlers, Edward Lightner, Al Robinson, Alena & Todd Galante, Angelina Killane-Sims, Martha Strong, The Thompson Family, Charmaine Coleman, The Romano Family, Frances Kinsella, Llewellyn Ramos, Fran Steiner, Jason Illing, Christi Lynn & Scott Nichols, Tyler Whille, Rosemarie Arloro, Chastity White, Rita Lavery, Christy Harnish, Khadijah Harden, Trinity Causey, Pacita Ong, Giana Kingsland, Tina Galante, Melissa, Terrance Durant, Jack McDonald, Anthony Yodeci, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Patricia Russo, Betty & Vincent Battista, Robert Kren, Frank Capron, Catherine Trezza, Natalie Thomas, Barbara Mirsky, Kathy Snell, Sr. Joan O’Connor, James Schoenig, Paula Ferraro, Lula Revuelta, James Davis Jr., Laura Spero, Michael Guerrieri, Valda Wright, The Loraw Family, John Gruchacz, Larry Donahue, Howard Casey, Brennan Family, Pope Francis, Marty Veniero, Maria Del Carmen Martinez Reynoso, Mindy Holley, Saul Zhunio, Elizabeth Martoe, Phyllis Racavich, Natalie Floth, James Williams, Betty Anderson, Fr. John Nazzaro, Terrence Witter, The Dela Cruz Family, Louis Mariano, Debbie Romano, Jennifer Beyor, Jean Barrateau.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **WEDNESDAYS** - Confessions with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm.
2. **SOUP KITCHEN** - the staff of the soup kitchen is in need of the following food items: chicken and beef broth, coffee, sugar, powdered milk, pasta, rice & tomato sauce.
3. **COLLECTION ENVELOPES** - please stop and pick up your box of 2024 collection envelopes.
4. **ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS** - join us as we recite the Rosary today at 8:30 am followed by Mass at 9:00 am. There will be no meeting.

The People of God called to form
the Christian Community of

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Ms. Alessia Santoro, Music Director

Mr. Antonio Fernandez, Spanish Choir

Ms. Irene Gruchacz, Sacristan

Mrs. Cristina Pamaar, Soup Kitchen Coordinator

Conducted By:

The Salesians of St. John Bosco

Lay Ministers and Catechists

Parish Council and Trustees

The Eucharist

Saturday Evening 5:30 pm
(Spanish Mass) 7:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am, and 10:30 am
(Spanish Mass) 12:00 pm

Weekdays 9:00 am and 7:00 pm

Holy Days 9:00 am and 7:00 pm

Miraculous Medal Novena Devotions

Saturday 9:30 am

Christian Initiation

Baptisms will be celebrated on the third Saturday of the month. Call the Rectory Office to arrange a meeting for more information. **Los bautizos son el tercer sabado del mes. Llame a la oficina para mas informacion.**

Penance

Saturday 4:30 - 5:15 pm

Wednesday 7:30 pm

By Appointment anytime at the Rectory.

Marriage

It is required that every couple contact the parish priests to make arrangements for the proper preparations. An appointment must be made **ONE YEAR** before the wedding.

Religious Education Oratory Program

Saturday Classes: 9:30 am-12:00 pm

Communion Calls

The Priests and Eucharistic Ministers will bring Communion to any homebound parishioners. It is the responsibility of the family to contact the Rectory.

Anointing the Sick

The Sacrament of Anointing is available for those of advanced age or anyone who is seriously ill. Please contact the parish priests.

Parish Policy

Every Catholic family or individual living within the parish boundaries must be registered. All address changes must be reported to the Rectory. You must be registered for Baptism, Marriage and Religious Education.