# Church of the Epiphany
# Iglesia de la Epifania

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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

We the people of the Church of the Epiphany strive to be a peaceful and welcoming parish. We strive to be mutually supportive of diverse communities. We strive to show compassion without distinction of age, gender, race or culture. Epiphany seeks to be a caring and loving community ever growing in faith formation.

***Daily Masses/Misas Diarias***: 6:30am & 8:00am
***Saturday Masses/Misa los Sábados*** 8:00am & 5:30pm
***Sunday Masses/Misas los Domingos:*** 6:30am, 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am (Spanish), 1:00pm & 5:30pm.

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/*
*Exposición del Santisimo:*
First Friday/Primer Viernes 8:30am-5:00pm
*Sundays 4-5pm*

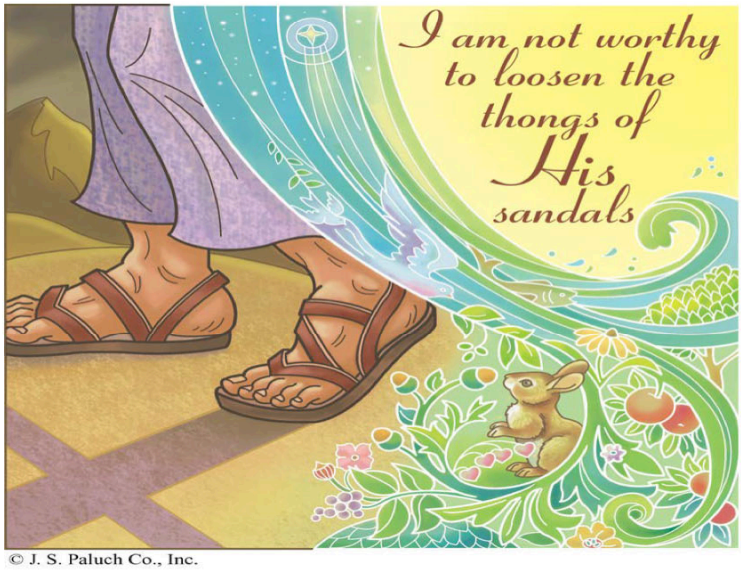
*Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions/ Oración a la Virgen del Perpetual Socorro*
Wednesdays/Miércoles 7:45am

***Sacrament of Baptism***
Registered parishioners are invited to have their children baptized at Church of the Epiphany. Parents and Godparents must participate in our Baptismal Preparation program.

***Sacrament of Matrimony***
To be married at Church of the Epiphany either the bride or groom must be ***Roman Catholic***.
1. You qualify as an "in parish" couple if you live within the parish boundaries or, have been registered and active for six months; or if you're an alumni of School of the Epiphany.
2. If you do not meet one of the qualifications above, then you are considered an "outside of the parish" couple.
Contact the parish office at least six months prior to the date of your proposed wedding to participate in our marriage preparation program.

***Anointing of the Sick***
This sacrament is for the elderly, the seriously ill, or those scheduled for surgery. Call the parish office when a family member is admitted to a hospital or nursing facility.

***Sick Calls***
In case of an emergency, please contact the parish office at 415-333-7630 any hour of the day or night.
***Ministry to the homebound***
Please call the parish office



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# December 16, 2018
## Third Sunday of Advent
## Tercer Domingo de Adviento

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***Parish Office Hours:*** Monday-Friday 8:30am – 7:00pm
Closed for lunch from 12:00pm-1:15pm.
Saturdays & Sundays / Sábados y Domingos: 8:30am-3:00pm
***Confessions:*** Saturday 4:00pm-5:00pm /Monday 5:30-6:30pm
***Confesiones***: Sabados de 4:00pm-5:00pm

# Reflections ~ Reflexiones

## Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

Imagine that you are there, listening to John the Baptist in today's gospel. You hear him advising the people who have already expressed their sorrow for their sins. They are about to be baptized as a sign of their repentance. But they realize that they must also change their lives and avoid sin in the future. Then the people wonder whether John might be the promised Messiah of God. John tells them that they must look for someone greater than he. We know that he was directing them to Jesus. We can be like John the Baptist when we help others to find Jesus Christ in their lives. Pray today that your joy in knowing Christ will help lead others to him.

1.) Did you know that the name John means "gift of God"? How was John the Baptist a gift to the people of his time? What gifts did he bring to them?
2.) Think of people who are gifts in your life. Do not forget those who, like John the Baptist, remind you to live as a just and peaceful person! Pray for those people.

## Evangelio: Lucas 3:10-18

Imagina que estás ahí, escuchando a Juan el Bautista en el evangelio de hoy. Lo escuchas decir a los arrepentidos y que se van a bautizar como señal de su arrepentimiento. Pero se dan cuenta de que deben cambiar sus vidas y evitar el pecado en el futuro. Entonces la gente se pregunta si Juan es el Mesías prometido de Dios. Juan les dice que deben esperar por alguien superior a él. Sabemos que los estaba dirigiendo a Jesús. Podemos ser como Juan el Bautista cuando ayudamos a otros a encontrar a Jesucristo en sus vidas. Reza hoy por tu gozo en saber que Cristo te ayudará a llevar a otros a él.

1.) ¿Sabes que el nombre Juan significa "regalo de Dios"? ¿Cómo Juan el Bautista fue un regalo para la gente de su tiempo? ¿Qué regalo les trajo?
2.) Piensa en la gente que son regalos en tu vida. No olvides a los que, como Juan el Bautista, te recuerdan vivir como una persona justa y pacífica. Reza por esas personas.

# LECTIO DIVINA

**YEAR OF FAITH RENEWAL & RE-EVANGELIZATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
*COMITÉ DE RE-EVANGELIZACIÓN Y DEL AÑO DE LA FE*

## Praying the Bible

Use the quick-guide in the center box (or pick up a *Lectio Divina* card in the church vestibule) and apply it to the following scripture:

**1Corinthians 13:4-8**
Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing. (NABRE)

**TIP:** Personalize this passage by substituting your name for the word "love" and "I" for the word "it".

## Orando con Lectio Divina

Use esta guía como referencia (o recoja una tarjeta con instrucciones en el vestíbulo de la iglesia) y use Lectio Divina con el siguiente pasaje:

**1Corintios 13:4-8 (LBLA)**
El amor es paciente, es bondadoso; el amor no tiene envidia; el amor no es jactancioso, no es arrogante;
no se porta indecorosamente; no busca lo suyo, no se irrita, no toma en cuenta el mal recibido; no se regocija de la injusticia, sino que se alegra con la verdad; todo lo sufre, todo lo cree, todo lo espera, todo lo soporta. El amor nunca deja de ser; pero si hay dones de profecía, se acabarán; si hay lenguas, cesarán; si hay conocimiento, se acabará.

Trate de personalizar este pasaje. Use su nombre en lugar de la palabra "Amor" y aumente la palabra "yo". Ejemplo: "(su nombre) es compasivo…" Medítelo.

## Special Thank You To All:

**Thank you!!**

*My Heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the following parishioners who have so far responded to our 2018 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. As of now, we have received **$66,500.00** of our assigned goal, which is **$109,263**. If you have not received a brochure, please pick one up in the Church or the Parish office. Thank you for your generosity!! May God bless you and your families.*

*Rev. Eugene Tungol*
Pastor

Mrs. Maina Tuimavave

***If your name is not listed above, please understand that it takes time to receive the donor's list. Please be patient and again THANK YOU for your generosity.***

***Please note:*** only new donors (those whose names have not appeared before in the bulletin) will be listed from now on.

## COLLECTIONS

December 9th
Second Sunday of Advent

**1st Collection: $7,828.17**
**2nd Collection: $9,528.35**
**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Second Collections:**

**Today:** Religious Education Program
**Next Week:** Retirement Fund for Religious

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve**
**Monday, December 24th 2018**

5:30pm (Children's Mass),
9:00pm,
11:30am (Christmas Caroling)

**Christmas Day**
**Tuesday, December 25th 2018**

12:00am (Midnight Mass),
6:30am, 8:30am, 10:00am,
11:30am (Spanish), 1:00pm
***NO 5:30pm Mass***

## Meeting / Reuniones

### Sunday, December 16, 2018
8:30am: 7EW Confirmation 1
8:30am: 8EW Confirmation 2
11:00am: OKH RCIA
12:30pm: CAF Spanish Pastoral Posadas
7:30pm: OKH English AA
7:00pm: CH Parish Novena
8:00pm: CAF Novena Reception

### Monday, December 17, 2018
5:30pm: CH **Confessions**
7:00pm: CH Parish Novena
8:00pm: CAF Novena Reception

### Tuesday, December 18, 2018
10:00am: CH **Confessions**
5:30pm: CH **Confessions**
7:00pm: CH Parish Novena
8:00pm: CAF Novena Reception

### Wednesday, December 19, 2018
7:00pm: CH Parish Novena
8:00pm: CAF Novena Reception

### Thursday, December 20, 2018
7:00pm: CH Parish Novena
8:00pm: CAF Novena Reception

### Friday, December 21, 2018
11:00am: CH Epiphany School Christmas Play
7:00pm: CH Parish Novena
8:00pm: CAF Novena Reception

### Saturday, December 22, 2018
11:15am: CH English Baptisms
7:00pm: CH Parish Novena
8:00pm: CAF Novena Reception

### Sunday, December 23, 2018
12:30pm: CAF Grupo Oración Deacon Ocón Talk
2:30pm: CH Spanish Baptisms
7:00pm: CH Parish Novena
8:00pm: CAF Novena Reception

### EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOURS
EVERY SUNDAY 4pm-5pm

**INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER:**
**December 16th** – For the strengthening of faith in the youth and young adults of Epiphany Parish.

**December 23rd** – For a greater respect and protection for the dignity of human life.

## Intentions/Intenciones:

### Sunday, December 16, 2018
6:30am: ***Thanksgiving:*** Vicky Umale
8:30am: Grace & Eugene Cabuco
10:00am: People of the Parish
11:30am: Maria del Carmen Marin
1:00pm: People of the Parish
5:30pm: Onesimo & Teresa Pedroza
7:00pm: People of the Parish

### Monday, December 17, 2018
6:30am: Daniel M. Best
8:00am: Celina Lay, Claudio Bermudez, Jr., James Taylor
7:00pm: ***Thanksgiving:*** Danny & Estelita Bernal

### Tuesday, December 18, 2018
6:30am: Alfredo & Franceschina Massimillo
8:00am: Theresa Huynh
7:00pm: ***Thanksgiving:*** Domingo, Rosa, Alfredo, Patricia, Cristina & Jesús Pedroza

### Wednesday, December 19, 2018
6:30am: Alfredo & Franceschina Massimillo
8:00am: Sergio Fernando Santana
7:00pm: Judy Ballonado

### Thursday, December 20, 2018
6:30am: Guillermo & Liberata Bernal, Mary Cocconi
8:00am: Jose Arcebido, Jr.
7:00pm: Guillermo & Liberata

### Friday, December 21, 2018
6:30am: Teresa Ford
8:00am: Luis A. Estrella, Segunda Ledesma & Susana Estrella
7:00pm: People of the Parish

### Saturday, December 22, 2018
8:00am: ***Thanksgiving:*** Ruby Gualberto & Family
5:30pm: Gregorio Bernardo, Bobby Fontan
7:00pm: ***Thanksgiving:*** Danny Bernal

### Sunday, December 23, 2018
6:30am: People of the Parish
8:30am: Alicia Cobos, Lisa Williams Santos
10:00am: People of the Parish
11:30am: Obdulia & Mercedes Cativo
1:00pm: Victoria Bautista
5:30pm: Paul Taylor
7:00pm: People of the Parish

# Epiphany Parish News

## PARKING

We would like to remind everyone during the Novena Masses to please respect the driveways of our neighbors. Also, please remember that double parking is only allowed around the church and school perimeter. When parking in the school yard the areas that lead to the gates must be left open so emergency vehicles can enter. NEVER block the school yard driveways. Your cooperation is appreciated! Thank you!

## NO MEETINGS

Parish Group Leaders please note that during the Parish Novena Masses there will be NO MEETINGS. Meetings may resume on or after Wednesday Dec.26. If you have any questions please call the Parish Office.

## POINSETTIAS

We are asking for poinsettias to be used to decorate the church altar for Christmas. If you can help, please bring red poinsettia plants to the Parish Office by Tuesday, December 18th. Thank you for your generosity!

## DECORATING

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday, December 22nd from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you can, please come to help us for an hour or more. Thank you for your time and talent!

## PARISH BULLETIN

Please be advised that because of the holidays, the bulletins will be submitted for publishing earlier than usual. This means **Mass intentions**, **bulletin announcements**, **meetings**, **prayers for the sick** and **deceased WILL NOT** be updated until the next bulletin issue. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

## IMITATE WITH CHRIST

In the talks of the Fourth Sunday, Deacon Manuel Ocón, brings us closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ, helping us understand his Gospel of love and unity with God and with each other. Do not miss the talk on **Sunday, December 23 after the 11:30am Mass in the cafeteria**. Every one is invited to this *SPANISH* presentation.

## REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called "Gaudete Sunday." The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to "rejoice always in the Lord," and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God's work. Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy. This, we are assured on all sides, is "the season of joy." Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

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## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent; Las Posadas begins
Tuesday: International Migrants Day
Friday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

## HOME MATCH

Looking for affordable housing? Have a spare room and could use extra income or help around the house? HOME MATCH SAN FRANCISCO pairs homeowners who have an extra room with home seekers who live, work, or study in San Francisco. For the homeowner, HOME MATCH provides companionship, decreases isolation, as well as offers help with chores or errands, and monthly income. All participants complete an application and lifestyle questionnaire, to help identify a match also requiring background screening and references. For more information please contact Tori Shepard: phone: (415) 351-1000 or visit homematchsf.org

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, used at most two days a year. Today, "Gaudete Sunday," is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening verse in the old Latin Mass texts: Gaudete is Latin for "Rejoice!" This year's Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. Mary's visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two kinswomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy. Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet. Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, reminding many people of Mary's presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it's all because of the clams! —*James Field,* Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

# Noticias de Epifanía

## ESTACIONAMIENTO

Les recordamos que respetan los garajes de los vecinos durante la novena de misas por Adviento. Estacionarse en doble fila está permitido solo alrededor del perímetro de la iglesia y sólo cuando hay servicios en la iglesia. Gracias por su cooperación.

## NO HAY REUNIONES

Les recordamos a todas las organizaciones parroquiales que durante la Novena de misas por Adviento NO se permitirán reuniones hasta el miércoles 26 de diciembre. Llame a la oficina parroquial si tiene alguna pregunta.

## FLORES DE NOCHEBUENA

Necesitamos flores de Nochebuenas (pontsettias) par decorar la iglesia para la Navidad. Por favor llévelas a laoficina parroquial a más tardar el martes 18 de diciembre. Gracias por su ayuda.

## DECORACIÓN

El sábado 22 de diciembre a las 10:00am hasta las 3:00pm estaremos decorando el templo para la Navidad. Ven ayudarnos por una hora o más. Gracias por compartir su tiempo.

## BOLETIN PARROQUIAL

Por favor tenga en cuenta que, por las fiestas de la temporada, los boletines se enviarán para su publicación más temprano que lo usual. Esto significa que las **intenciones de la misa**, **los anuncios de boletines**, **las reuniones**, **las oraciones por los enfermos y fallecidos** **NO SE** actualizarán hasta el próximo boletín. Gracias por su paciencia y comprensión.

## INTIMAR CON CRISTO

En las charlas del Cuarto Domingo, el diácono Manuel Ocón, nos acerca a Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, haciéndonos comprender su Evangelio de amor y unidad con Dios y con cada uno de nosotros. No se pierda la charla del **domingo 23 de diciembre después de la Misa de las 11:30am en la cafetería**. Todos y cada uno de ustedes, están invitados.

## ¡REGOCÍJATE!

El día de hoy se le ha llamado tradicionalmente "Domingo Gaudete" o de la "Alegría". El nombre latino se deriva de la petición de Pedro en la segunda lectura de "alégrense siempre en el Señor", y del texto de la Misa en latín en el que está basada esta lectura. La ironía y paradoja de esta alegría cristiana se manifiesta en el hecho que Pablo escribió esas palabras en la prisión. Pero desde allí podía ver el progreso de la obra de Dios. ¿Nos parece obvio a nosotros? Sentimos que este no es un tiempo para la alegría cuando hay tanto sufrimiento e inmoralidad. Es interesante, entonces, que la primera lectura sea del profeta Sofonías, que está casi exclusivamente preocupado con sombrías visiones del Día del Juicio. Hoy la Iglesia selecciona la única parte optimista de Sofonías, donde el profeta es tocado por el espíritu del gozo. Esta es, se nos asegura en todas partes, "la temporada de la alegría". Recuperemos ese espíritu de alegría en nuestra vida y que se refleje en los que no tienen ese gozo. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Tercer Domingo de Adviento; Las Posadas comienzan
Martes: Día Internacional del Emigrante
Viernes: San Pedro Canisio; Invierno

## HOME MATCH

¿Buscando una vivienda asequible? ¿Tiene una habitación libre y podría usar un ingreso extra o ayuda en la casa? HOME MATCH SAN FRANCISCO hace parejas de propietarios que tienen una habitación extra con personas que viven, trabajan o estudian en San Francisco. Para el dueño de la casa, HOME MATCH brinda compañía, disminuye el aislamiento, y ofrece ayuda con los quehaceres, recados e ingresos mensuales. Todos los participantes completan un cuestionario de aplicación y estilo de vida, para ayudar a identificar un candidato que también requiere una revisión de antecedentes y referencias. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Tori Shepard: phone: (415) 351-1000 o visita homematchsf.org.

## TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Los cristianos latinos tenemos unos cinco siglos en nuestra trayectoria de fe y como todo cristiano aguardamos la segunda venida del Mesías, Jesús. Nuestra espera forma parte de dos milenios de cristianos que buscan verlo llegar en las nubes. Desde el siglo VII la oración oficial de la Iglesia clama el retorno de Cristo con las exclamaciones llamadas las "Antífonas Oh". Estas llaman a Jesús pidiéndole que venga bajo los títulos de Emmanuel, Sabiduría celestial, Señor de gran poder, Vara de Isaí, Llave de David, Alba de la luz, y Deseo y Rey de gentes, y algunos más. Estos refranes se usan aún todavía hoy durante los días 17 al 23 de diciembre, y unidas en un acróstico latino forman las palabras ero cras (estaré mañana), como respuesta a la petición cristiana. Eventualmente en el siglo X o XI estas antífonas fueron unidas en el canto gregoriano Veni, veni Emmanuel (Oh ven, oh ven Emmanuel). Este adviento mientras cantamos las antiguas antífonas hay que preguntarnos si de veras estamos listos para el regreso del Hijo del Hombre que viene para juzgar a vivos y muertos.

*—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM*,
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## Today's Readings:

**First Reading —** Your God will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

**Psalm —** Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12:6).

**Second Reading —** Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (Philippians 4:4-7).

**Gospel —** Whoever who has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. Whoever who has food should do likewise (Luke 3:10-18).

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## Readings For The Week:

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| **Monday** | Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17 |
| **Tuesday** | Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25 |
| **Wednesday** | Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25 |
| **Thursday** | Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38 |
| **Friday** | Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45 |
| **Saturday** | 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56 |
| **Sunday** | Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-4 |

## Pray for the Sick:
## Oremos por los enfermos:

Jose Leonel Acuña, Josephine Alfonso, Baby Sarah Anderson, Margarita Aviles, Morgan Bautista, Jean Boutte, Emily Castaneda, Kay Castle, Kathy Chan, Linda Cheng, Regina Connors, Ricardo Cortez, Hermino Cu, Lara S. Cuevito, Anita De Castro, Lydia De Jesus, Dely Domingo, Corazon Esperanza, Miles Fong, Opal Fuller, Lilian Funs, Carlos Garcia, Carlos R. Garcia, Socorro Garcia, Gina Hilderbrand, Dave Hunt, Tracey Jennings, Nathaniel Jimenez, Mario & Petra Laguatan, Michelle Elaine Lepitan, Margie Lopez, Melchor Magat, Sr., Neriza & Nisha Mangahas, Kevin Mullins, Elena Naval, James Naval, Jose-Edson R. Naval, Sixto Naval, Margaret Neighbor, Robert Neri, Roberto Ortega, Jr., Dalisay Rimando, Miss Shiely, Sebastian Tabulinar, Dante Tayag, Brian Alexander Weissmuller

***Please help us to keep our prayer list current. We will keep all requests on our prayer list for FOUR weeks unless notified to keep them on longer.***

## Pray for the Deceased
## Oremos por los Difuntos:

Elena S. Mendoza, Hermie Ramos

And for those who have died by violence this past week.

Welcome

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_____ Want to become a registered parishioner

_____ Already a registered parishioner, updating information

Name(s)_____ Phone (  ) _____

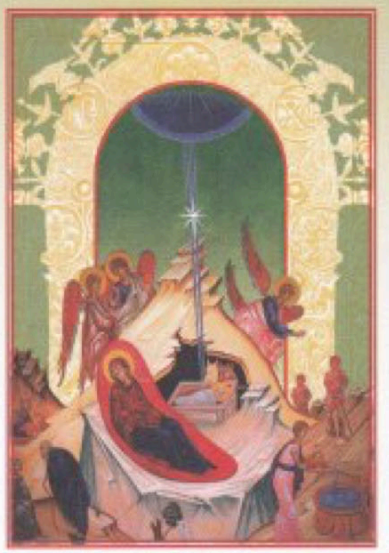
Last Name First Name

Address:_____

Email:_____

Please return:
Church of the Epiphany
827 Vienna Street
San Francisco, CA 94112

_____ Would like Sunday envelopes



# Christ is born
# Glorify Him

December 16, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

Are you ready for Christmas? It's a question we often asked. But I ask: how can we as Catholic really be ready for Christmas? How can we keep the season of holiness in our hearts as we " wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ"?

First. I invite you to take some extra time in prayer. Even if it is just a few extra minutes a day, take time to reflect on the Nativity of our Lord, God's gift to us as a promise of salvation. I encourage you also to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation, which brings with it grace and peace. And Finally, I urge us all to share our hope with friends and family, inviting them to celebrate Mass with us. In this way, we can truly be ready for Christmas.

May the Peace of Christ be with you this Christmas, and throughout the year.

In Christ
Rev. Eugene Tungol
Pastor

**Parish Novena Masses:**
Dec. 15th-23rd; Masses begin at 7:00pm each evening followed by fellowship in the cafeteria.
Confession: Tuesday, Dec. 18th at 10am & 5:30pm,

**Christmas Mass Schedule 2018:**
Monday, December 24th: 6:30am & 8:00am
***Christmas Eve Vigil Mass Schedule***: Children's Christmas play: 5:15pm, Children's Mass 5:30pm, 9:00pm, (11:30pm Caroling), followed by 12:00am, Midnight Mass.
***Christmas Day Tuesday, December 25th:*** 6:30am, 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am (Spanish) & 1:00pm NO **5:30pm** Mass.

**New Year's Eve Mass Schedule:**
***Monday, December 31st*** – 6:30am, 8:00am, **NO 5:30pm Mass.**
**New Year's Day Mass Schedule 2019:**
***HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION***
***Tuesday, January 1st, 2018:*** 6:30am, 8:00am, 11:00, 5:30pm & 7:30pm(Spanish).
***Saturday, January 5th*** – Feast of the Epiphany Celebration 5:30pm Mass
Followed by a reception in the Cafeteria.

*Please note that the Parish office will be closed on the following dates:*
*Monday, December 24th & Tuesday, December 25th.*
*Office will re-open on Wednesday, December 26th at 8:30am.*
*Monday, December 31st & Tuesday, January 1st.*
*Office will re-open on Wednesday, January 2nd at 8:30am*