



# All are Welcome

## ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

JANUARY 2, 2022

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



January 2, 2022

## The Epiphany

### OF THE LORD

Magi from the east  
arrived in Jerusalem, saying,  
"Where is the newborn  
king of the Jews?  
We saw his star at its rising and  
have come to do him homage."  
Matthew 2:1-2

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### EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Vigil Mass - Saturday, January 1, 2022; Sunday,  
January 2, 2022 - 7:30am; 9:00am; 5:00pm

### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Vigil Mass - Saturday, January 8, 2022;  
Sunday, January 9, 2022 - 7:30am; 9:00am; 5:00pm



*May the faith of God be with you this year.*

*May the peace of God surround you, and may you be blessed each day!*

*May God's love light your way and lead you into the new year that shines  
with His special joy!*

*Wishing you and your family a blessed 2022!*

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil Mass**

5:00 pm - In Person

**Sunday Masses:**

9:00am

*Live-Stream & In Person*

7:30am & 5:00pm - In Person

**Daily Mass: 8:30 am**

*Live-Stream & In Person*

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In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72;  
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6;  
Matthew 2:1-12**

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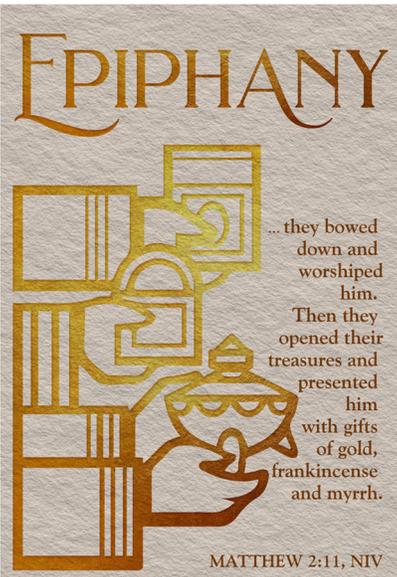
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**CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED:**



**Question:** Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

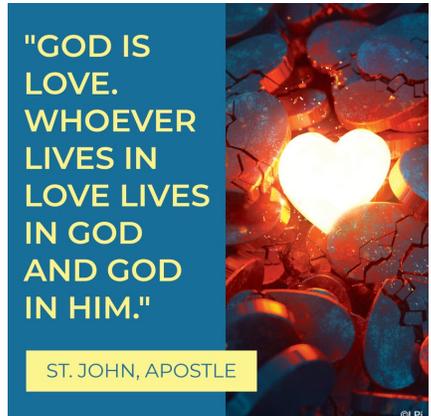
**Answer:** Epiphany means "manifestation," or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew's infancy narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors

were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact?



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sun	1/2	<b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD; Sts. Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church</b> Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Mon	1/3	<b>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</b> 1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tue	1/4	<b>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious</b> 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wed	1/5	<b>St. John Neumann, Bishop</b> 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thu	1/6	<b>St. André Bessette, Religious</b> 1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Fri	1/7	<b>St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest</b> 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Sat	1/8	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1- 6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sun	1/9	<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b> Is 40:1-5 9-11; Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon	1/3	8:30 am	Mary Beatrix Morales +
Tue	1/4	8:30 am	Rich Saso +
Wed	1/5	8:30 am	Anna Mary Delaney +
Thu	1/6	8:30 am	World Peace
Fri	1/7	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory +
Sat	1/8	8:30 am	Olivia Gray +
		5:00 pm	St. Mary Parishioners

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

Sun	1/9	7:30 am	Suzzie & David Anderson & Torre
		9:00 am	Louis Bruno +
		5:00 pm	



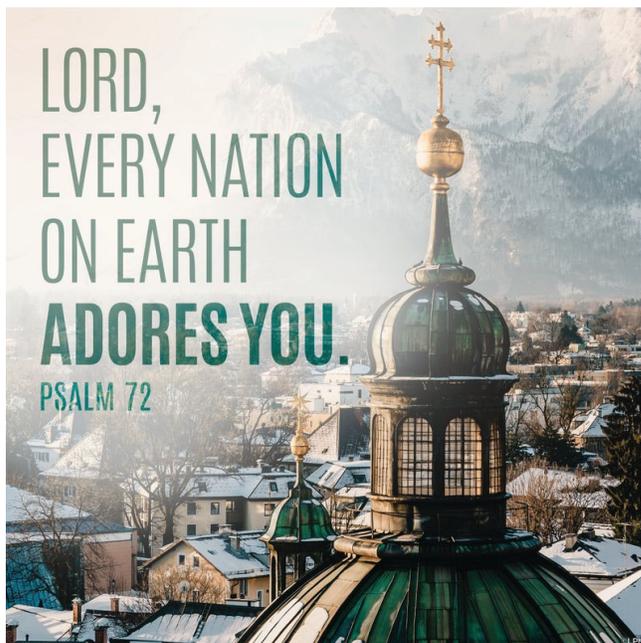
**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*My Jesus, I believe you are really here in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you more than anything in the world, and I hunger to receive you. But since I cannot receive Communion at this time, Feed my soul spiritually. I unite myself to you now, as I do when I actually receive You in Holy Communion. Amen.*

**LIVE THE LITURGY : INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Human beings easily get bored. Life’s routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God’s creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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# FAITH FORMATION

CLOW will take place on the following Sundays:

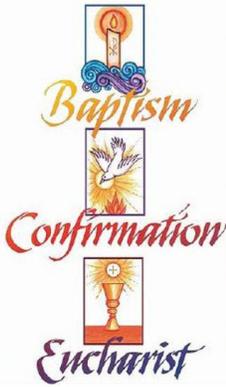
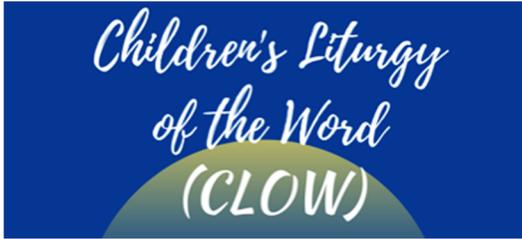
**January 9th, 23rd, 30th**

during the 9am Mass. Children are invited to the front of the church just before the Liturgy of the Word begins and are dismissed after a blessing and return to the church before the Eucharistic Prayer begins.

During CLOW, children (Kindergarten-5th grade) will hear the readings of the day and discuss them in an age-appropriate setting with a trained St. Mary Parish catechist.

Register at [bit.ly/CLOW9am](http://bit.ly/CLOW9am), or scan this QR code:

If you have any questions about the program, or are interested in volunteering in this ministry, please contact: **Michael Lomas, Pastoral Associate & Director of Faith Formation** [mlomas@stmaryslg.org](mailto:mlomas@stmaryslg.org) | (408) 354-3726 x123



**RCIA**  
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**Initiation of**  
**Adults**

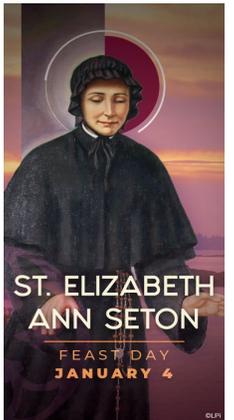
***"I have called You by Name, You are Mine" ...***  
**An invitation to join the journey.**

**RCIA - The process by which Adults become Catholic**  
Are you thinking of becoming Catholic? Conversion is a gradual process as well as a community and personal journey of faith that leads to a transformation of mind and spirit. The first step in the RCIA - *the Rite of Christian Initiation* process is the inquiry phase: a time to get your questions answered and think about whether or not this is for you.

If you would like to learn more about the RCIA process, please contact **our Pastoral Associate, Michael Lomas**, [mlomas@stmaryslg.org](mailto:mlomas@stmaryslg.org) or (408) 354-3726 x123

## SAINT OF THE WEEK - ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805. After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."



# FAITH IN ACTION

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*“...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.”* Matthew 2:11

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ’s wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

## STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers:  
**Ana Hernandez; David Dinno; Kathy Tobin; Sharon Lyndon; Diane Marvin**

For those who have recently died:  
**Rose Marie McSwiggin; John Rocchio; Elizabeth Floyd; Frances Guarino; Sylvester Palaniuk; Rich Saso; Gregory Shelton**

*Members of our parish family who are in the military, hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins and all who have no one to pray for them.*



## Christmas Giving Tree 2021

Thank You

St. Mary’s Christmas Giving Tree; 2021

The generosity of our St. Mary community is humbling. Again this year, we came together and answered Jesus’ call to serve those in need.

Your donations are ensuring that our brothers and sisters at all our Santa Clara County ministries had gift cards for presents, this Christmas season.

Truly, together, we are making a difference. Thank you for all your generous donations.



## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE!**

*Our Goal for January is \$75,800.00*

December 12	Week	Year to Date*
Budget	\$20,671.00	\$386,220.00
Actual	\$15,210.00	\$319,002.00
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>(\$5,461.00)</b>	<b>(\$67,218.00)</b>

*\*from July 1, 2021*

*Your continued ONLINE support of St. Mary is much appreciated. THANK YOU to those who have already signed up for online donations.*

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For to us a child is born,  
 to us a son is given...  
 and his name shall be called



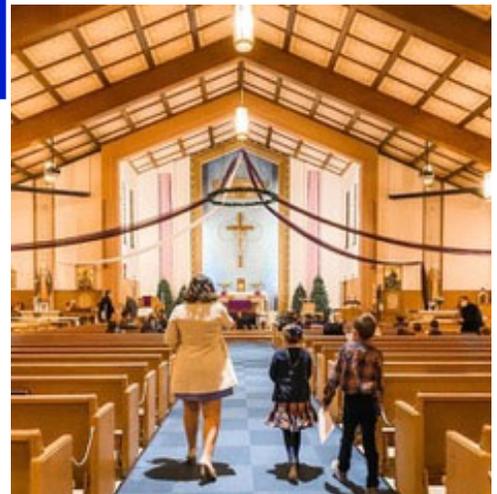
Wonderful Counselor,  
 Mighty God,  
 Everlasting Father,  
 Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

# ST. MARY SCHOOL



Blessings to our  
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experienced their  
First  
Reconciliation



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## AROUND THE DIOCESE

**JANUARY 21-23, 2022: You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?** Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the January Marriage Program beginning with a weekend on January 21-23, 2022 call 408-605-4998, or [San.Jose@RetroCA.com](mailto:San.Jose@RetroCA.com) or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)



**SAVE THE DATE! REVS VS SEMS EVENT: JANUARY 28, 2022, 6 pm Doors Open | 7 pm Tip off at St. Francis High School.** Join us for a fun night for families and friends to cheer on their favorite priests and seminarians in an epic basketball game. Contact [vocations@dsj.org](mailto:vocations@dsj.org) for ticket sale information.

**MEN'S DISCERNMENT WEEKEND, FEB 4-6, 2022:** Is God calling you to the priesthood? In this retreat you will have the chance to explore the priesthood, listen to priest's vocation stories and learn about steps for discernment, values of priestly life and the structure of seminary formation during a weekend of prayer, discussions & fraternity. For more info: [dsj.org/catholic-life/vocations/retreats/mens-retreats](http://dsj.org/catholic-life/vocations/retreats/mens-retreats). Contact [vocations@dsj.org](mailto:vocations@dsj.org)

**WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT WEEKEND, FEB 11-13, 2022:** What does it mean to have a vocation and discern it? How do you know when you are called to marriage or consecrated life? We know you have these questions and we want to help you find some answers! The Diocese of San Jose Vocations Office invites young adult women aged 18-35 to a free retreat weekend! For more info: [dsj.org/catholic-life/vocations/retreats/womens-retreats](http://dsj.org/catholic-life/vocations/retreats/womens-retreats). Contact [vocations@dsj.org](mailto:vocations@dsj.org)

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