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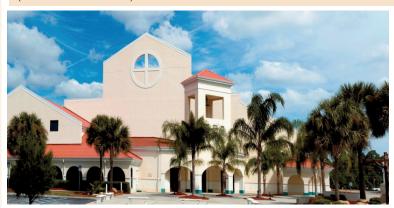
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If I Am God, What Would You Ask of Me?

During the Korean War, an American journalist was in Korea reporting for a newspaper in the United States. While he was at the battlefront, he met a group of soldiers who were very tired and weak. As there was nothing interesting to report that day, he said to them: "Imagine that I am God and that I can grant you any

request." Then with a smile, he asked them, "If I am God, what would you ask of me?" "Please give me tomorrow," replied one soldier immediately.

Of all the things he could think of, he only asked for tomorrow. Why? Because he knew he could get killed at any time at the battlefront. He knew how precious his life was. Hence, he asked for him to be with us to guide us in everything we say and a chance to live. That was all that he asked for!

By the grace of God, we are all alive, even though some of us may have major health challenges. We have survived the pandemic so far and have been lucky to see the New Year 2022. So many people who thought they would be here to see the New Year are no more. That is all the more reason for us to thank the Lord for giving us a New Year. But how grateful are we to God for all

His blessings, especially for the gift of this New Year?

As we begin this New Year, we must realize how precious our life is. Also, we should remember how precious our time is. If we know how precious our time is, we will make use of our time carefully, never wasting

it. If we responsibly use our time given by God, then our life will be a success. On the contrary, if we waste our time doing useless things, our lives will end up in trage-

As we begin this New Year, let us offer our lives into the hands of God completely. Let us also ask do during this New Year. When the Lord is with us, there is no need for us to be afraid of anything. As St. Paul says, "If God is with us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31). Yes, when we are with God, He will always protect us and guide us on the right paths. May the Lord bless you all abundantly during this New Year. See you in church.

Fr. Jose

New Year Quotes and Prayer

A New Year Prayer: Grant that I May bring no tear to Funny Stories any eye/ When this New Year in time shall end/ Let it be said I've played the friend, Have lived and loved and labored here, / And made of it a happy year. -**Edgar Guest**

New Year Thoughts: Another fresh new year is here/ Another year to live! / To banish worry, doubt and fear,/ To love and laugh and give!/ This bright new year is given me/ To live each day with zest/ To daily grow and try to be My highest and my best. / I have the opportunity/ Once more to right some wrongs,/ To pray for peace, to plant a tree,/ And sing more joyful songs. - William Arthur Ward

Object of A New Year: The object of a New Year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul and a new nose; new feet, a new backbone, new ears, and new eyes. Unless a particular man made New Year resolution, he would make no resolutions. Unless a man starts afresh about things, he will certainly do nothing effective. Gilbert K. Chesterton

Hope: Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering, 'It will be happier. Alfred Lord Tennyson

Better man: Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man. Benjamin Franklin



Erma Bombeck's New Year Resolutions :1. I will go to no doctor whose office plants have died. 2. I'm going to follow my husband's suggestion to put a little excitement into my life by living within our budget. 3. I'm going to apply for a hardship scholarship to Weight Watchers. 4. I will never loan my car to anyone I have given birth to. (via Fr. Tony)

Resolutions: Someone once said, "I made 6 resolutions last year and I kept them all year long: they are in an envelope on the top of my file cabinet." (via Fr. Tony)

Giving up cigarettes: Mark Twain wrote: "Giving up cigarettes is easy. I do it a hundred times a week." Many of us, like Twain, grow easily discouraged from one broken resolution or other. I heard about one poor fellow who decided to make only resolutions this year he could keep. He resolved to gain weight, to stop exercising, to read less and watch more TV, to procrastinate more, to quit giving money and time to charity, not to date any member of the cast of Baywatch, and never to make New Year's resolutions again. (via Fr. Tony)

New Year Prayer: Dear Lord! So far this year I've done well. I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper, I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or overindulgent. I'm very thankful for that. But in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot more help. Amen. (via Fr. Tony)



Desde el Escritorio del Pastor, Padre Jose Panthaplamthottiyil

Si Soy Dios, ¿Qué Me Pedirían?

Durante la Guerra de Corea, un periodista Estadounidense estaba en Corea informando para un periódico en los Estados Unidos. Mientras estaba en el frente de batalla, se encontró con un grupo de soldados que estaban muy cansados y débiles. Como no había nada interesante que contar ese día, les dijo: "Imagínense que yo soy Dios y que les puedo conceder cualquier petición". Luego, con una sonrisa, les preguntó: "Si yo soy Dios, ¿qué me pedirían?". "Por favor,

De todas las cosas que se le ocurrieron, solo pidió mañana. ¿Por qué? Porque sabía que podía morir en cualquier momento en el frente de batalla. Sabía lo preciosa que era su vida. Por lo tanto, pidió la oportunidad de vivir. ¡Eso fue todo lo que pidió!

dame mañana", respondió un soldado de inmediato.

Por la gracia de Dios, todos estamos vivos, aunque algunos de nosotros tengamos importantes problemas de salud. Hemos sobrevivido a la pandemia hasta ahora y hemos tenido la suerte de ver el Año Nuevo 2022. Muchas personas que pensaban que estarían aquí para ver el Año Nuevo ya no están. Esa es una razón más para agradecer al Señor por darnos un Año Nuevo. Pero, ¿qué tan agradecidos estamos con Dios por todas Padre José

Sus bendiciones, especialmente por el regalo de este Año Nuevo?

Al comenzar este Año Nuevo, debemos darnos cuenta de lo preciosa que es nuestra vida. Además, debemos recordar lo valioso que es nuestro tiempo. Si sabemos lo valioso que es nuestro tiempo, lo utilizaremos con cuidado, sin perderlo nunca. Si usamos responsablemente nuestro tiempo dado por Dios, entonces nuestra vida será un éxito. Por el contrario, si perdemos nuestro tiempo haciendo cosas inútiles, nuestra vida terminará en tragedia.

Al comenzar este Año Nuevo, entreguemos nuestras vidas en las manos de Dios por completo. Pidámosle también que esté con nosotros para guiarnos en todo lo que decimos y hacemos durante este nuevo año. Cuando el Señor está con nosotros, no es necesario que tengamos miedo de nada. Como dice San Pablo, "Si Dios está con nosotros, ¿quién contra nosotros?" (Romanos 8:31). Sí, cuando estamos con Dios, Él siempre nos protegerá y nos guiará por los caminos correctos. Que el Señor los bendiga abundantemente durante este Año Nuevo. Nos vemos en la iglesia.

Citas y oración de año nuevo

Una Oración de Año Nuevo: Concédeme que no me llene de lágrimas los ojos / Cuando este año nuevo termine en el tiempo / Que se diga que he jugado el papel **Erma Bombeck, Resoluciones de Año Nuevo**: 1. No iré de amigo, He vivido, amado y trabajado aquí, y hecho de él un año feliz. -Edgar Guest

Pensamientos de Año Nuevo: ¡Otro nuevo año nuevo está aquí / ¡Otro año más para vivir! / Para desterrar la preocupación, la duda y el miedo, / ¡Amar, reír y dar! / Este brillante año nuevo se me ha dado / Vivir cada día con entusiasmo / Para Crecer a diario y tratar de ser lo mejor y lo mejor de mi. / Tengo la oportunidad / Una vez más de corregir algunos errores, / Orar por la paz, plantar un árbol, / Y cantar canciones más alegres. -William Arthur Ward

Objeto de Un Año Nuevo: El objeto de un Año Nuevo no es que debamos tener un año nuevo. Es que deberíamos tener un alma nueva y una nariz nueva; pies nuevos, columna vertebral nueva, oídos nuevos y ojos nuevos. A menos que un hombre en particular hiciera una resolución de Año Nuevo, no haría ninguna resolución. A menos que un hombre comience de nuevo con las cosas, ciertamente no hará nada efectivo. Gilbert K. Chesterton

Esperanza: La esperanza sonríe desde el umbral del año venidero, susurrando: 'Será más feliz". Alfred Lord Tennyson

Mejor hombre: Esté en guerra con sus vicios, en paz con sus vecinos, y deje que cada año nuevo encuentre un hombre mejor. Benjamin Franklin

Cuentos Graciosos



a ningún médico cuyas plantas de consultorio hayan muerto. 2. Voy a seguir la sugerencia de mi esposo de poner un poco de emoción en mi vida viviendo dentro de nuestro presupuesto. 3. Voy a solicitar una beca por dificultades económicas para Weight Watchers. 4. Nunca prestaré mi coche a nadie que yo le haya dado a luz. (a través del P. Tony)

Resoluciones: Alguien dijo una vez: "Hice 6 resoluciones el año pasado y las guardé todo el año: están en un sobre en la gaveta superior de mi escritorio". (a través del P. Tony)

Dejar Los Cigarrillos: Mark Twain escribió: "Dejar los cigarrillos es fácil. Lo hago cien veces por semaná". Muchos de nosotros, como Twain, nos desanimamos fácilmente por una resolución u otra que no cumple. Escuché acerca de un pobre tipo que decidió hacer solo resoluciones este año que podía cumplir. Decidió subir de peso, dejar de hacer ejercicio, leer menos y ver más televisión, posponer más las cosas, dejar de dar dinero y tiempo a la caridad, no salir con ningún miembro del elenco de Baywatch y no volver a hacer nunca más las resoluciones de Año Nuevo. (a través del P. Tony)

Oración de Año Nuevo:¡Querido Señor! En lo que va de año lo he hecho bien. No he chismeado, no he perdido el genio, no he sido codicioso, gruñón, desagradable, egoísta o excesivamente indulgente. Estoy muy agradecido por eso. Pero en unos minutos, Señor, me voy a levantar de la cama, y de ahí en adelante probablemente voy a necesitar mucha más ayuda. Amén.



Da secretária do Padre José Panthaplamthottiyil

Se eu fosse Deus, o que é que você me pediria?

Durante a Guerra da Coreia, um jornalista americano esteve na Coreia como jornalista para um jornal nos Estados Unidos. Enquanto estava na frente na guerra, ele conheceu um grupo de soldados que estavam cansados e fracos. Como não havia nada de interessante para relatar naquele dia, ele disse-lhes: "Imagine que eu sou Deus e que posso conceder-lhe qualquer pedido." Então, sorrindo perguntou-lhes: "Se eu sou Deus, o que é que você me iria pedir?" "Por favor, dê-me o amanĥã", inúteis, as nossas vidas acabarão em tragédia. respondeu um soldado imediatamente.

De todas as coisas que ele poderia pensar, ele só pediu um amanhã. Porquê? Porque ele sabia que poderia ser morto a qualquer momento na frente na guerra. Ele sabia como a sua vida era preciosa. Por isso, ele pediu a chance de viver. Isso foi tudo o que ele pediu!

Pela graça de Deus, estamos todos vivos, embora alguns de nós possamos ter grandes desafios de saúde. Sobrevivemos à pandemia até agora e tivemos sorte de ver o Ano Novo de 2022. Tantas pessoas que pensaram que estariam aqui para ver o Ano Novo não existem mais. Essa é mais uma razão para agradecermos ao Senhor por nos dar um Ano Novo. Mas quanto estamos Padre José gratos a Deus por todas as suas bênçãos, especialmente pelo presente deste Ano Novo?

Quando começarmos este Ano Novo, devemos perceber o quanto preciosa é a nossa vida. Além disso, devemo-nos lembrar como o nosso tempo é precioso. Se soubermos o quanto precioso é o nosso tempo, faremos uso do nosso tempo com cuidado, nunca o desperdiçando. Se usarmos o nosso tempo dado por Deus, então a nossa vida será um sucesso. Pelo contrário, se perdermos o nosso tempo fazendo coisas

Quando começarmos este Ano Novo, vamos oferecer as nossas vidas completamente às mãos de Deus. Vamos também pedir-lhe para estar connosco para nos guiar em tudo o que dizemos e fazemos durante este Ano Novo. Quando o Senhor está connosco, não há necessidade de ter medo de nada. Como Diz S.Paulo: "Se Deus está connosco, quem pode estar contra nós?" (Romanos 8:31). Sim, quando estivermos com Deus, Ele sempre nos protegerá e nos guiará pelos caminhos certos. Que o Senhor nos abençoe abundantemente durante este Ano Novo. Espero ver você na igreja.

Orações e citações de ano novo

Uma Oração para o Ano Novo: Conceda que eu não traga lágrimas a nenhum olho / Quando este Ano Novo terminar/ Que seja dito que eu fui um amigo, vivi e amei e trabalhei aqui, /E fiz disso tudo um ano feliz. -**Edgar Guest**

Pensamentos para o Ano Novo: Outro ano novo está aqui/ Mais um ano para viver!/ Para banir a preocupação, a dúvida e o medo,/ Para amar e rir e oferecer!/ Este ano novo brilhante deu-me/ O viver cada dia com entusiasmo/ Para crescer diáriamente e tentar ser o meu maior e o meu melhor./ Eu tenho a oportunidade/ Mais uma vez de corrigir alguns erros,/ Rezar pela paz, plantar uma árvore,/ É cantar canções mais alegres. - William Arthur Ward

Objectivo para o Ano Novo: O objectivo de um Ano Novo não é para termos um novo ano. É que devemos ter uma nova alma e um novo nariz; pés novos, uma nova espinha dorsal, novas orelhas, e novos olhos. A menos que um homem em particular fizesse a resolução do Ano Novo, ele não faria resoluções. A menos que um homem comece todas as coisas de novo, ele certamente não fará nada eficaz. Gilbert K. Chesterton

Esperança: A esperança sorri do cúme do ano que vem, murmurando: "Será mais feliz." Alfred Lord Tennyson

Melhor homem: Esteja em guerra com os seus vícios, em paz com os seus vizinhos, e deixe que cada ano novo o encontre uma pessoa melhor. Benjamin Franklin

Anedotas

Resoluções de Ano Novo de Erma Bombeck: 1. Não vou a nenhum médico cujas plantas do seu consultório morreram. 2. Eu vou seguir a sugestão do meu marido para colocar um pouco de excitação na minha vida vivendo dentro do nosso orçamento. 3. Vou me candidatar a uma bolsa de estudos para o program de Weight Watchers. 4. Eu nunca vou emprestar o meu carro a ninguém que eu tenha dado à luz. (via Padre Tony)

Resoluções: Alguém disse uma vêz: "Fiz 6 resoluções no ano passado e guardei-as o ano todo: estão num envelope no topo do meu ficheiro." (via Padre Tony)

Desistir dos cigarros: Mark Twain escreveu: "Desistir dos cigarros é fácil. Eu faço isso cem vezes por semana. Muitos de nós, como Twain, vivemos fácilmente desencorajados por quebrar uma resolução ou mais. Ouvi falar de uma pessoa que decidiu fazer apenas resoluções que ele poderia manter. Resolveu ganhar peso, parar de fazer exercício, ler menos e ver mais TV, procrastinar mais, parar de dar dinheiro e o seu tempo para obras de caridade, não namorar nenhum actor da série do Baywatch, e nunca mais fazer resoluções para o Ano Novo. (via Padre Tony)

Oração de Ano Novo: Querido Senhor! Este ano, até agora eu fiz bem. Eu não tenho calhandrado, não perdi a paciência, não tenho sido ganancioso, mal-humorado, desagradável, egoísta, ou exagerado. Estou muito grato por isso. Mas em alguns minutos, Senhor, eu vou sair da cama, e a partir daí eu provávelmente vou precisar de muito mais ajuda. Amém. (via Padre Tony)

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January 2, 2022

Sunday Readings Explained- 128- Fr. Tony Kadavil



The Epiphany of the Lord, Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3: 2-3a, Mathew 2: 1-12

Gold of Love, Myrrh of humility, Frankincense of Adoration

Introduction: The Greek word Epiphany (επιφάνεια), which means appearance or manifestation or showing forth, is used to describe Jesus' first appearance to the Gentiles. Originally, the word Epiphany referred to the visit of a king to the people of his provinces. In the context of Christianity, "Epiphany" refers to God's Self-revelation as well as to the revelation of Jesus as His Son. The Feast of the Epiphany, having originated in the East in the late second century, is an older celebration than the feast of Christmas. In Italy and Spain, the gifts traditionally associated with the Christmas season are exchanged today, on the feast of the Epiphany. Among Italians, it is believed that the gifts are brought by the old woman, Befana (from Epiphany), whereas Spanish custom attributes the gifts to the Kings or Magi.

In the Western Church, the feast commemorates the coming of the Magi as the occasion for the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles; in the Eastern Church, the feast also commemorates the baptism of Christ. The angels revealed Jesus to the shepherds, and the star revealed Jesus to the Magi, who had already received hints of Him from Jewish Scriptures. Some thirty years later, God the Father revealed to Israel Jesus' identity as His Son, as John baptized Jesus in the Jordan. In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus revealed Himself as the promised Messiah. Finally, Jesus revealed His Divinity by turning water into wine at the wedding of Cana. These multiple revelations are all suggested by the Feast of the Epiphany.

First Reading, Isaiah 60:1-6

Today's Old Testament reading, is chosen partly because it mentions non-Jews bringing gifts in homage to the God of Israel. Here the Prophet Isaiah, consoling the

people in exile, speaks of the restoration of New Jerusalem from which the glory of Yahweh becomes visible even to the pagan nations. "Jerusalem," the prophet Isaiah cries out, "your light has come in the midst of darkness and thick clouds covering the earth; the glory of the Lord shines upon you." For the people of Israel, then in exile in a foreign land, Isaiah was promising redemption, renewal, and restoration — a new life, to be lived in their own land. And the promise goes beyond the Jewish people to include all peoples. For the prophecy continues, "Nations will come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn." Thus, in this passage, the prophecy which the Lord God gives His people celebrates the Divine Light that will emanate from Jerusalem, and it pictures all the nations acknowledging and enjoying that Light and walking by It.

As a sign of gratitude for the priceless lessons of Faith offered by Jerusalem, the nations will bring wealth by land and sea, especially gold for the Temple and frankincense for the sacrifice. Everyone will be drawn to Jerusalem because the radiance of God's favor rests on her. This prophecy of Isaiah is realized in Jesus Christ, God's Anointed One (Christ; Messiah), Savior of the world, and in His Church, the New Jerusalem made up of Jews and Gentiles. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 72) declares "The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the Kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay Him homage, all nations shall serve Him" (vv 12-13) In Christ, God is calling together the one human race to acknowledge and serve Him in holiness. Thus, this reading with its response expresses Hope for a time when "the people of God" will embrace all nations.

Second Reading, Ephesians 3: 2-3a:

As a privileged recipient of a Divine "epiphany," Saint Paul, in today's second reading, reveals God's "secret plan," that the Gentiles also have a part with the Jews in Divine blessings. Affirming the mystery of God's plan of salvation in Christ, Paul explains that the plan of God includes both Jews and Gentiles. Jesus implements this Divine plan by extending membership in the Church, making it available to all peoples. Thus, the Jews and the Gentiles have become, "coheirs, members of the same Body and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." Hence, there are no second-class members in the Church among Christian believers. Paul declares that he has been commissioned by Christ to make this mystery known to the world. Today's Gospel teaches us how Christ enriches those who bring Him their hearts. These pagan Magi were acceptable to God because they feared God and did

what was right. Since the Magi came with humble joy in their hearts to visit the Christ Child, God allowed them to see wondrous things. At the same time, today's Gospel hints at different reactions to the news of Jesus' birth, foreshadowing Jesus' passion and death, as well as the risen Jesus' mandate to make disciples of all nations (Mt 28:19).

Gospel Reading, Mathew 2: 1-12:

The first two chapters of Matthew's Gospel togeth-

er with Luke, Chapters 1 and 2, come under the heading "infancy narratives." They have been described by Raymond E. Brown (The Birth of the Messiah, Image Books, New York: 1979), as a "Gospel in miniature," in which the evangelist has set forth the basic tenets of the Good News, namely, (1) the universal scope of salvation; (2) an affirmation of Jesus' Divine origins and Messianic mission; (3) the implications of God's plan and of Jesus' mission for the Church, i.e. a missiology of world-wide proportions.

Magi and the Star: The Magi were not Kings, but a caste of Persian priests who served kings by using their skills in interpreting dreams and the movements of the stars. The sixth century Italian tradition that the Magi finding Jesus were three Magi, Casper, Balthazar, and Melchior, is based on the fact that three gifts are mentioned in Matthew's Gospel: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Matthew nowhere says that there were three wise men from the East. Tradition holds each of them came from a different culture: Melchior was Asian, Balthazar was Persian and Caspar was Ethiopian - thus representing the three races known to the ancient world. "They are supposed to have been kings, but this

stems from a very literal translation of a psalm verse: 'The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts' (Ps 72:10). Ancient depictions of them never involved symbols of royalty, but simply the Phrygian cap and garments of noble Persians" (Dr. M Watson). The Magi may actually have been Persian priests or Babylonian astronomers or Nabataean spice-traders. Eventually, however, they were pictured as representatives of different peoples and races.

Star: Commentary on the Torah by Jewish rabbis suggests that a star appeared in the sky at the births of Abraham, Isaac, and Moses. Similarly, in the Book of Numbers, the prophet Balaam speaks of "a star that shall come out of Jacob." Stars were believed to be signs from God, announcing important events. Thus, the brightness of the Light to which Magi were drawn was made visible in the star they followed. (In

the last 40 years, a number of scientists and astronomers have pointed to particular clusterings of planets or stars around the time of Jesus' birth, which would have created an unusual or dramatic heavenly portent," suggesting that perhaps Matthew's account is more historical than some exegetes might choose to believe). The star which shone over the area and served as a beacon for

the astrologers can be

explained scientifically. Johannes Kepler (1571-1630), a German astrologer and mathematician, calculated that the planetary conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn which occurred ca 7-6 B.C.E. could have produced such an illumination in the sky over Bethlehem.

However, the star featured in Matthew's narrative figures more importantly because of its theological significance. No doubt, Matthew, with his mission to demonstrate that Jesus was the Promised One and the fulfillment of all Jewish hopes and prophecies, intended his readers to recall the story of Balaam in the book of Numbers (chapters 22-24). Therein, Balaam, a pagan seer from the East was co-opted by Balak, king of Moab to curse the Israelites. Prevented by Yahweh from uttering the curse, Balaam blessed Israel and prophesied, "a star shall rise from Jacob and a scepter shall arise out of Israel" (Numbers 24:17). Matthew portrayed the astral herald that proclaimed the appearance of Jesus and beckoned the Gentiles to salvation as the fulfillment of Balaam's prophesy. (Sanchez Files).

Gifts: Gold, frankincense and myrrh may be thought of as prophesying Jesus' future. Gold was a gift



for Kings; frankincense (an ancient air purifier and perfume), was offered to God in Temple worship (Ex 30:37); and myrrh (an oriental remedy for intestinal worms in infants), was used by the High Priest as an anointing oil (Ex 30:23), and to prepare bodies for burial. These gifts were not only expensive but portable. Perhaps Joseph sold the gifts to finance the Holy Family's trip to Egypt. The gifts might have been God's way of providing for the journey that lay ahead.

Triple reactions: The Epiphany can be looked on as a symbol for our pilgrimage through life to Christ. The feast invites us to see ourselves in the Magi – a people on a journey to Christ. Today's Gospel also tells us the story of the encounter of the Magi with the evil King Herod. This encounter demonstrates three reactions to Jesus' birth, a) Hatred: a group of people headed by Herod planned to destroy Jesus; b) Indifference: another group, composed of priests and scribes, ignored Jesus; c) Adoration: the members of a third group -- shepherds and the magi -- adored Jesus and offered themselves to Him.

A. Destructive group: King Herod considered Jesus a potential threat to his kingship. Herod the Great was a cruel, selfish king who murdered his mother-in-law, wife, two brothers-in-law and three children on suspicion that they had plotted against him. In today's Gospel, Herod asks the chief priests and scribes where the Messiah is to be born. Their answer tells him, and us, much more, combining two strands of Old Testament promise - one revealing the Messiah to be

from the line of David (see 2 Samuel 2:5), the other predicting "a ruler of Israel" who will "shepherd his flock" and whose "greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth" (see Micah 5:1-3) (Dr. Hann). Later, the scribes and Pharisees would plot to kill Jesus because Jesus had criticized them and tried to reform some of their practices. Today, many oppose Christ and the Church because of their selfish motives, evil ways, and unjust lives. Children still have Herods to fear. In the United States alone, one and a half million innocents, unborn children are aborted annually.

B. Group that ignored Christ: The scribes, the Pharisees, and the Jewish priests knew that there were nearly 500 prophecies in the Hebrew Scriptures concerning the promised Messiah. They were able to tell Herod the exact time and place of Jesus' birth. They were in the habit of concluding their reading from the prophets on the Sabbath day by saying, "We shall now pray for the speedy arrival of the Messiah." Unfortunately, they were more interested in their own selfish gains than in discovering the truth. Hence, they refused to go and see the child Jesus -- even though Bethlehem was quite close to Jerusalem. Today, many Christians remind us of this group. They practice their religion from selfish motives, like gaining political power, prestige, and recognition by socie-

ty. They ignore Jesus' teachings in their private lives. C. The group that adored Jesus and offered Him **gifts:** This group was composed of the shepherds and the Magi. The shepherds offered the only gifts they had: love, tears of joy, and probably woolen clothes and milk from their sheep. The Magi, probably Persian astrologers, were following the star that Balaam had predicted would rise, along with the ruler's staff, over the house of Jacob (see Numbers 24:17). The Magi offered gold, in recognition of Jesus as the King of the Jews; frankincense, in acknowledgment that He was God, and myrrh as a symbol of His human nature. "Like the Magi, every person has two great 'books' which provide the signs to guide this pilgrimage: the book of creation and the book of sacred Scripture. What is important is that we be attentive, alert, and listen to God Who speaks to us, Who always speaks to us." (Pope Francis)

Life Messages

1. Let us make sure that we belong to the third group. a) Let us worship Jesus at Mass, every day if we

can, with the gold of our love, the myrrh of our humility and the frankincense of our adoration. Let us offer God our very selves, promising Him that we will use His blessings to do good for our fellow men. b) Let us plot a better path for our lives. Just as the Magi chose another route to return to their homes, let us choose a better way of life, abstaining from proud and impure thoughts, words and actions, evil habits, and

selfish behavior. c) Let us become the star, leading others to Jesus, as the star led the Magi to Him. We can remove or lessen the darkness of the evil around us by being, if not like stars, at least like candles, radiating Jesus' love by selfless service, unconditional forgiveness, and compassionate care.

2. Like the Magi, let us offer Jesus our gifts on this feast of Epiphany and every day: (a) Gift of our life by offering it on the altar during the Holy Mass and by offering it to God every morning as soon as we get up, asking Him for the strengthening anointing of the Holy Spirit to do good and avoid evil during the course of the day. b) Gift of relationship with God by talking to Him in personal and family prayers and listening to Him by reading the Holy Bible every day. c) Gift of friendship with God by experiencing His presence in everyone we encounter, by offering Him our humble service, and by getting reconciled to God every night, asking His pardon and forgiveness for our sins and failures during the day.

Let us conclude with a 19th century English carol, Christina Rosetti's A Christmas Carol, which begins, "In the bleak midwinter." The carol sums up, in its last stanza, the nature of "giving to the Christ Child." What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I could give a Lamb. If I were a wise man, I could do my part. What I can I give Him? Give Him my heart!"

Stewardship Reflections



Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. For centuries we as Catholics celebrated this Feast on Jan. 6, but the decision was made a number of years ago (at least in the United States) to celebrate the Epiphany on the

Sunday which falls between Jan. 2 and Jan. 8.

"Epiphany" means "manifestation." It is on this day that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is revealed as the light of all nations. Officially Christmas is not over. In fact, the recommendation of the Church is that on this day those who display a crèche, a nativity or manger scene, should replace the shepherd and sheep with the Magi and their likely animals on which they traveled as well as their gifts. However, that is all secondary to the real meaning of this day.

At Christmas the Messiah Jesus was revealed to the shepherds, who were Jewish. But on this day the Lord is revealed to all nations and to the Gentiles (represented by the Magi). We are all familiar with the star the Magi followed, but we need to understand all that is happening and what it means. This all represents the Light of Christ, a Light which today we honor and commemorate. We are called to be the Light of Christ right now to those around us and those with whom we come in contact. That way we can be the disciples Christ wants us to be.

The poet William Cullen Bryant captures the significance of the star the Magi followed very well when he wrote, "O Father, may that Holy Star, Grow every year more bright, And send its glorious beams afar, To fill the world with light." — by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

Mother Seton Parish Ministry Appreciation Dinner

At 5:30 pm on Thursday, January 13 at the Parish Hall



All the Ministry Volunteers of the parish, old and new, who give their time, talent and treasure for building up our parish community are invited.

Since we need a headcount, kindly register your name at the Welcome Desk or the Rectory Office.









Saints of the Week



Tuesday, January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 1774-1821

She is the founder of the first Catholic schools in the United States and is the patron saint of Catholic schools, widows, and seafarers. Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton was born into a wealthy Episcopalian family in New York City.

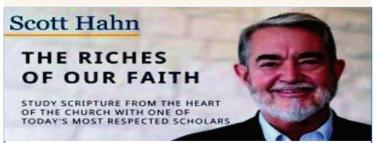
Wednesday, January 5 St. John Neumann 1811-1860

John Nepomucene Neumann CSsR was a Catholic priest from Bohemia. He is the first United States bishop to be canonized.



Sunday, January 9 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

The Baptism of the Christ, or Theophany, is the feast day commemorating the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist.



Sat, Jan 29, 8:30AM-12:35 PM/Cost-\$20 4600 Belle Terre Pkwy, Palm Coast, FL To register: stpaulcenter.com/product/palmcoast/ or by phone, please call 740-264-9535. Don't miss Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center in Palm Coast on Saturday, January 29, 2022. Study Scripture with one of today's most respected Catholic scholars and make the faith come to life.



Parish Photo Directory

It is time for a new parish photo directory for our parish. Since our church directory will not be complete without you, kindly sign up with Universal Church Directories immediately.

Everyone who Universal photographs will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a directory! Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church.

To sign up, please visit <u>ucdir.com</u>, choose photography appointment scheduling login. Then log in to make your appointment. The church code is FL738. Church password is photos (in lower case).









Worship Aid Mass/OR Code

Go to our website at http://seaspcfl.org/worship-aids to download the Worship Aid.

Adult Catechism in Spanish

Fr. Rob and other catechists are offering adult catechism in Spanish to anyone interested in learning basic tenets of the Catholic faith. Classes are held at Mother Seton social hall on Wednesdays from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm and will run to the end of the school year. Contact: Marina Medina, 386- 445-2200, velez4Ĭ@yahoo.com or Fr. Rob, 386-445-2246, ext 105.

All are Welcome to Kerygma Meeting

The Kerygma Group meets at 6 pm in the Church on the last Monday of every month. The session begins with praise and worship music, followed by a talk on a spiritual topic. The meeting ends after discussions and more praise and worship music. All are welcome to join. For more information, contact: Deacon Mike McKenna, deaconmike430@gmail.com



Rosary Cenacles

The Rosary Cenacle meet on Wednesdays at 1pm in the Rectory Meeting room. Contact Marie at 386 447-0847.

SEASONS of HOPE

Bereavement Support Group Wed @ 10:00am in the Rectory Meeting Room.





The Sunday Scripture Prayer Group
The Sunday Scripture Prayer Group meet on

Friday at 1:00 PM in the Rectory Meeting Room. We read the scripture readings for the up coming Sunday and then discuss them. "Come and see the goodness of the

Padre Pio Prayer Group
Our St. Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet every Second Friday of the month at 9:30 AM from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Russo. Please join us. All are welcome!





Our Lady of Fatima **Portuguese Committee** Meets at 7:00pm on Wednesdays in the

Rectory Meeting Room. For more info call the Rectory.

St. Joseph & Sorrowful Mother **Rosary Makers Ministry** is back . We have resumed our weekly meeting in the Russo Room on Mondays at 9:30 AM.



Bible Study with Fr. Jim May

Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but understanding it is often difficult. The good news is that you can understand the Bible, and The Bible Timeline, a twenty-fourweek Bible study, makes it easy. Pre-



senter Fr. Jim May shows you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and gives you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven throughout Scripture. You will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith. Beginning on Monday, Jan.10 at 7:00pm (or Tuesday mornings at 9:30am), participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a group discussion and fellowship. The cost of the program is \$39.00. For more information or to register contact Fr. Jim at 386 527-2247.





ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO..

Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
Has a child over the age of seven who hasn't been baptized?
Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. For information please contact Katie Allio at 386-445-2246, ext 112 or by email at kallio@seaspcfl.org.

Caregiver Support Group

Support groups create a safe, confidential, supportive environment for participates to develop informal mutual support and social relationships as they deal with a loved one suffering from Alzheimer's/ Dementia. For more information, please call Pam Cowles at the rectory.



As part of the celebration of the History of Diocese of St Augustine, our Parish has been invited to participate in the sale of a book about it's history. Available in the gift shop and the rectory for \$25.00.

Cancer Support Group

Support Group for Caregivers and Survivors affected by cancer at SEAS in rectory meeting room every second Thursday of the month at 9:30 am and every fourth Thurs. of the month at 2:30 pm.



SEAS School News



Dear SEAS Families,

First and foremost, on behalf of the entire faculty and staff, I want to thank the PTO, all parents, and the students for their thoughtful and generous Christmas collection. We are so grateful for your goodness to us! Thank you, also, for your many cards and personal gifts. We are touched by your kindness and generosity.

The parent portal will be closed until after Christmas break, so the teachers can work on and complete the student report cards, which should be sent out on or about January 7th. As a reminder, students return to school on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

The entire administration, faculty, and staff of SEAS School wish you much love, peace, and joy this Christmas and many blessings in the new year.

In the words of Tiny Tim, "God bless us everyone!"

Warmest Wishes, Mrs. Kavanagh





More Christmas Concert!







Monday, January 3 Frank Fonte 7:00am 8:30am Ronald Rancont

Tuesday, January 4

7:00am Deacon Jim Casapulla

8:30am Sarah Duffy

Wednesday, January 5 William Ilavsky 7:00am

Donald & Helene Hipkens 8:30am

Thursday, January 6 7:00am Gail Alia 8:30am Frank Fonte

Friday, January 7 Victor Chin 7:00am

8:30am Perpetual Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 8 8:30am Intentions of

Brian, Tom & Steve Martens

4:00pm Carol Cole

5:00pm(*)

6:00pm(*) Matthew J. Ferguson

Sunday, January 9 Dorothy Gillies 8:00am 10:00am SEAS Parishioners 12:00pm Frank Fonte 5:00pm(S) Ana Morales

Agueda Perez

* St. Stephens



Prayer Garden

Our Prayer Garden is a peaceful place for prayer and meditation. Purchasing a brick in the Prayer Garden for someone who has died is a wonderful way to remember that the person is still with you in thoughts and through prayer. The purchase of a brick is \$100.00; please consider honoring a loved one. Contact the Rectory Office for more details.



Madelynn Joy Cicacci Dereck Torosian-Langan



In Memoriam

We remember all our departed brothers and sisters with love and gratitude.

Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace, Amen.



Fr. Jose never sends out email or text messages requesting money or gift cards for his personal use

or for the benefit of parishioners or anybody else. Hence, kindly do not respond to the messages you receive in my name for financial help. It is a scam by misguided people to extort your money. Also, kindly report to the rectory office if you receive such a message.

The Rectory office will be closed on

Readings for the Week of January 2

Epiphany of the Lord Is 60: 1-6/ Ps 72: 1-2. 7-8.

Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2: 1-

Monday after Epiphany

Memorial of Saint Eliza-

beth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 4: 7-10/ Ps 72: 1-2. 3-4. 7-8/ Mk 6: 34-44

Memorial of Saint John

1 Jn 4: 11-18/ Ps 72: 1-2.

1 Jn 4: 19-5: 4/ Ps 72: 1-2. 14 and 15bc. 17/ Lk 4: 14-

1 Jn 5: 5-13/ Ps 147: 12-13.

1 Jn 5: 14-21/ Ps 149: 1-2.

3-4. 5 and 6a and 9b/ Jn 3:

Is 40: 1-5, 9-11/ Ps 104: 1b

-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-

30 (1)/ Ti 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7/

Baptism of the Lord

Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22

Neumann, Bishop

10.12-13/

Mk 6: 45-52

14-15. 19-20/

Lk 5: 12-16

22-30

Mt 4: 12-17, 23-25

1 Jn 3: 22- 4: 6/ Ps 2: 7bc-

10-11, 12-13/

8. 10-12a/

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday



Jan. 3 Happy New Year!



Jan. 29, 2022: 9.15 AM-12.35 PM:

Dr. Scott Hahn's Conference on the Eucharist

March 28,29,30, 2022

the

Lenten Retreat with Fr. Roy Palatty, CMI

March 29, 2022: 5:00 PM Lenten Penance Service

April 1, 2022: 3:00 PM to April 2, 2.30 PM:

Shroud of Turin Conference with Dr. John and Rebeca Jackson

Sept. 5,6,7,8, 2022

Parish Mission with Fr. Wade Menezes Last Monday of every month, 6 PM: Kerygma Evening with Fr. Jose



January 2, 2022

Ten Candles Burning in the Holy Of Holies

January 1 – January 7

IN MEMORY OF:

Roseann Bradley; Vincent Positano; Paul Kuk; John Modafferi; Mark Kielwasser; Ruth Morrissey; Donald Beveridge IV; Isabel Chambino; Paul Masotto; Gina Marie Masotto

In our Holy of Holies, we have ten candles always burning around the tabernacle, just as in the temple in Jerusalem there were ten lights always burning around the Ark of the Covenant. They indicate the presence of our precious Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

The candles used are seven day candles and may be purchased either in memoriam or for the intentions of a loved one for a \$10 donation through the Seton Shop. This space lists the names of those for whom candles have been purchased.

Please Pray for Our Military

Although we pray for all of our military, space does not permit everyone's name to be printed. Please advise when a person above is no longer deployed so we can remove their name from our list.

1st Lt. Brendan Leonard (US Army) ENS Amanda Langhauser (US Navy)

Sgt. Patrick Prevot (US Army)

SSGT Christian Rodriguez (USAF/Iraq)

Lt. Col. Robert A. Forte (US Army/Iraq)

Lt. John Reidy (US Navy/Submarine) SSgt. Charles Salerno (USAF/Germany)

BU1 Brandon Twing (US Navy Seabee) Sgt. James Allgor (US Army/Kuwait)

Michael Alexander Alvarado (USÁF)

ETSN Luis V. AlmaJose (US Navy Submarine)

MM3 Holden Garrison/ (US Navy)

Kyle McCrossen (US Army/Iraq)

Terisa Toussaint (USMC/Iraq)

Erin & Ben Walker (Iraq)

2nd Lt Christian San Miguel (US Army)

Prayer for the Unborn

Lord, Creator of Life, you have blessed us with the privilege of bringing new life into the world. May your Holy Spirit open our hearts and minds to recognize Your special gift of children, and Your great love for each of us created in Your image and likeness. You sent Your son Jesus to redeem us and through



love He entered our world. We now turn to Mary, our Mother, for her intercession as we struggle to protect innocent unborn children. Following Mary's example may we proclaim the truth of our faith, assist those in crisis and protect those most vulnerable. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Please Pray for Our Sick

Alex Calder Alexander Lumai Anne Garbarino Anthony Janna Anthony Panetta Ariana Marcette Ashley Clarke Ashley Cooper Bill Clark Bobby Phillips Bryan Detro Cash Krempecki Charlene Carbino Charles & Christine Salerno Cindy Heiregin Diané Purcell Desi Fleming Donald Martin Drude Riba Edward Xanders Elizabeth Cataldo Estelle Bauer Evelyn Rodriguez Frank Varga Irma Merced Henry Gardner Jack Ľeger ack Verrette lames Brendan McCallen ames Russell eanne Eakins ennie Martin Jerry (Gerard) Jenkins oanne DeSouza oanne Mulligan ohn Merced ohn Relgan ohn Sandor John Walczak Joseph Bartolotta Joseph Pavon Joseph Vascellaro Kara Whaley Karen Murphy Karen Overbey Kay Kerins Larry DeCamillo Laura Holmes Liz Campbell

Louis Lubin

Margaret Berkley Märgaret Torell Margarita Condezuloaga Maryalice P. Ralston Mary Clarke Mary Gaudio Mary Doris Kolesar Mary Zuccaro Maureen G. Mel Meo Melanie Rielly Melinda Scriver Merle Varnadoe Michael Foley Michael Post Michael Rosa Michelle Pinto Mina Bico Nicole Merced Nora King Heinrich Olga Conway Paul Flaherty Raymond Lawson Remington Walczak Renee Verostek Richard Heinrich Robert Allen Robert Dowling Roger L. Muller Ron Czier Ron Gaines Rose Gulli Rosemarie Modica Roy Johnston Ruth O'Keefe Sally Lombardo Salvatore Catapano Samuel Marzano Stacey Morris Steve Jackson Susan Norberg Tera Frassrand Terry Lilly Theodore Simmons Thomas Bradley Thomas Hemstreet Thomas Solokowski Vi Dooley Wendy Bentzley

Please contact the parish office if you wish to have the name of someone listed for 4 weeks.

As a courtesy please notify the office when the name can be removed or if you wish to have the name continued.

Be sure to get the persons permission first!

Mass on TV for the Homebound

https://www.ewtn.com/tv/schedule Sunday Mass-8:00am

DIRECTV - Channel: 370 DISH - Channel 261 SPECTRUM - Channel 169 ATT U - Verse - Channel 562 SIRIUS Radio - Channel 130 / XM



Yvonne Roper



2022 Respect Life Collection.

Join us in restoring the culture of life, one heart at a time, by supporting the 2022 Respect Life Collection, January 15-16. Proceeds directly benefit your parish Respect Life ministry, 32 Pregnancy Resource Centers, 4 Maternity Homes, 2 Post-Abortion Programs Rachel's Vineyard and Project Rachel, and 3 College Campus Ministry programs.

To donate, use the envelope in your church pew or donating electronically on the SEAS website. Thank you for changing "crisis to caring". Your donation is vital to save precious lives.

Mark your calendars.

This year's March for Life in St Augustine will be held on Friday and Saturday January 14th and 15th, 2022.

Twenty-four members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish including 11 members of the newly formed motorcycle group of SEAS Knights of Columbus Council #17480 gave a Birthday Gift to Baby JESUS by honoring His Mother and the Unborn of JAX by participating in a One HOUR Rosary/Song Procession at A Woman's Choice of Jacksonville. Fr. Rob led the procession.



Mother Seton parishioners with Fr. Rob Trujillo at Jacksonville for the Rosary/Song Procession

The Respect Life Ministry of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic church will hold the monthly 'Stand for Life' on January 7th, and each first Friday of the month from 4 PM to 5PM on the sidewalk in front of the church. Signs will be provided.

The Respect Life Ministry of SEAS is always looking for new members especially the young. Our next meeting will be on January 8, 2022, at 9:30 in the Cody Room.

Adoration

The hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament are from 9 am to 9 pm, seven days a week.

The Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays also are from 9 am to 9 pm.



Please remember that if the Holy of Holies is filled you are encouraged to pray in the main worship area of the church.

We are asking that you contact Gilda Sadio, (386 225–7261 or gilda.sadio@yahoo.com) our Adoration Facilitator, and select ONE hour which you will commit to. There's no limit to how many parishioners can be present every hour since it's in the Church not the Holy of Holies, we just want to be sure that there's at least one or two persons who will be present every hour.

Anyone interested in spending time with Our Lord in Adoration should call Gilda Sadio at 386-225-7261 for availability and information.

Catecismo en Español

Con el fin de crecer en nuestra experienca de fe como comunidad hispana integral a la vida parroquial de St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, vamos a dar inicio al programa de catecismo en español para niños y adultos que necesiten recibir los sacramentos. Las personas interesadas deben registrarse (en la oficina o con Marina Medina al 386-445-2200 o velez41@yahoo.com)



Rachels Vineyard Ministries (904) 221-3232

rachelsvineyard.org Email:rachelsvineyardjax@yahoo.com

Healing the Pain of Abortion A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat is a beautiful opportunity for any man or woman who is struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of an abortion in their life. Come and receive peace, forgiveness of self and others and the compassion of God. These retreats are private, strictly confidential and for people of all faiths. Our next retreat is March 4-6, 2022. Call 904-221-3232 or email rachelsvineyardjax@yahoo.com. All calls & inquiries are very confidential. Come and be restored!

Sacraments

Baptism

Every First and Third Sunday of the month after Noon Mass. One preparation class is required. Classes are offered every second Monday of the month at 7 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. Please contact the Rectory office in advance.

Holy Matrimony

Please contact the Rectory office at least 8 months prior to wedding.

Anointing of the Sick

If you or your loved one is in need of the Sacrament of Anointing please call the Rectory office. We also have dedicated Eucharistic Ministers to bring Holy Communion to the sick and the homebound.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 2:45-3:45pm, Sunday 30 minutes before Mass, & by appt.

Devotions

Eucharistic Adoration (* New Covid Hours -see page

6 am to 12 midnight every day except during the time of Mass. Exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9 am on Fridays till 4 pm.

8 am on weekdays; 4:30pm on Sundays (Spanish)

Miraculous Medal Novena

After 8.30 am Mass every Tuesday.

Novena to St. Joseph After 8:30am Mass for the Year of St. Joseph

Religious Education

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)
Classes for Grades 3-8 on. For more information, please contact the Director of Religious Education at the Rectory office (386-445-2246; extension 112)

Children's Catechism Classes

All children from 1st through 8th grade who are not attending Catholic school should be attending PREP classes. Children preparing for the Sacrament of the Eucharist or Confirmation need to attend a two-year catechetical program.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Eucharist need to attend a two-year catechetical program which includes six Sunday classes of Sacramental preparation prior to each Sacrament.

Confirmation Formation

Children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation need to attend a two-year catechetical program which includes three Sunday classes of Sacramental preparation and the annual Confirmation retreat. For more information about Catechism, First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please contact Katie Allio at 386-445-2246 extension 112.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Please call the Director of Christian Formation at the Rectory office if any non-Catholic is interested in joining the Catholic Church (386-445-2246; extension 112). Classes will begin in October.

Holy Orders and Religious Life

If you believe that you or someone you know has a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, please contact Fr. Jared DeLeo at frjared@saccfl.org



Feast Day Celebration of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton January 16 12:00PM Mass celebrated by Bishop Felipe Estevez Fellowship following Mass in **Seton Hall**



Seton Shop Hours

OPEN

Tues/Thurs after 8:30am Mass. Saturdays after 4:00pm Mass and after ALL Masses on Sundays CLOSED Mon/Wed/Fri

Beginning November in early the Seton Shop will offer surprise wrapped gifts of your choice for \$5.00 each. We will also begin our Christmas display . Stop by and check out what we have to offer.

We hope to see you soon.

Outreach **Ministry**

597-3359 Mon, Wed, Fri 10am - 1pm

Poor Box Donations December 19

\$1,354.85 **Special Donations of** \$287.00 and for FOOD \$1,000.00

Pantry Needs:

canned fruit & vegetables, oatmeal packets, spaghetti sauce, rice, soup



God bless!

Give Smarter to Your Church

Did you know you can use your IRA, appreciated stock, or real estate to make a smart gift to your parish, Catholic school, or favorite ministry? Notify your IRA administrator that you wish to make a "qualified charitable distribution" to your parish, Catholic school or favorite ministry. Your IRA gift may fulfill all or part of your required minimum distribution. Your gift (up to \$100,000) may avoid taxes. Contact: Cliff Evans/Catholic Foundation: cvans@dosafl.com 904-262-3200, ext. 139 cf.dosafl.com

Diocese of St. Augustine- How to Report Abuse

ATTENTION: The Diocese of St. Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential, and thorough manner. To Report Abuse, call the police or the Department of Children and Families at (800) 962-2873. Or call the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (904) 208-6979 or email inquiries@dosafl.com. To report abuse by a bishop, call (800) 276-1562 or visit www.reportbishopabuse.org.

ATENÇÃO: A Diocese de St. Augustine toma muito sériamente todas as alegações de má conduta sexual e resolve todas as alegações de forma rápida, confidencial e completa. Para denunciar abuso(s), ligue para a polícia ou para o Department of Children and Families pelo (800)962-2873. Ou ligue para o Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator pelo (904)208-6979 ou por e-mail inquiries @dosafl.com . Para denunciar abusos cometidos por um bispo ligue para (800)276-1562 ou visite a website www.reportbishopabuse.org.

ATENCION: La Diócesis de San Agustín trata seriamente todas las acusaciones de conducta sexual inapropiada, de manera rápida, confidencial y minuciosa. Para reportar Abuso, llame a la policía o al Departamento de Niños y Familias al (904) 962-2873. O llame al Coordinador Diocesano de Asistencia a Víctimas (904) 208-6979 o envíe un correo electrónico a inquiries@dosafl.com. Para denunciar abuso por parte de un obispo, llame al (800) 276-1562 oviwww.reportbishopabuse.org

PAUNAWA: Ipinagbibigay alam na lubos na pinahahalagahan ng Diyosesis ng San Agustin ang mga paratang sa anumang uri ng abusong sekswal, at agad na masusing sinusuri ang anumang alegasyon habang pinananatiling kumpidensyal. Kung meron kayong nalalamang alegasyon tumawag agad sa Pulisya o kaya ay sa Department of Children and Families (800) 962-2873. Ot tawagan ang Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator sa (904) 208 -6979 o kaya ay mag-email sa inquiries@dosafl.com. Kung ang irereport nyo naman ay isang Obispo, tumawag sa (800) 276-1562 o kaya ay tumungo sa www.reportbishopabuse.org

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Prayer And Devotional Groups

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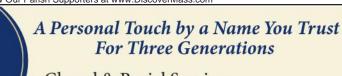
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