

The Parish of Resurrection-Ascension

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Mass Schedule

9:00am Monday-Saturday

Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm (Spanish)

January 5, 2020 The Epiphany of the Lord



*They opened
their treasures and
offered him gifts of*

*gold,
frankincense,
and myrrh.*

Matthew 2:11

RESURRECTION-ASCENSION CHURCH, REGO PARK

Today is The Feast of the Epiphany (A). The readings may be found at #1021 in the parish hymnal.



Monday, January 6th

9:00am for the health and intentions of Josephine Hartnett, req by Kathleen Flynn

Tuesday, January 7th

9:00am for the health and intentions of Johnny Shen (bday), req by his father, Athanasius Shen

Wednesday, January 8th

9:00am Hanora Bridget Malley, req by John and Mary Harrington and family

Thursday, January 9th

9:00am Peter Reilly (ann), req by his wife Barbara Reilly

Friday, January 10th

9:00am Regina Ziniewicz, req by Jane Donlon

Saturday, January 11th

9:00am For the People of the Parish
-in thanksgiving to God, req by Hui Chen

5:00pm Hanora Malley, req by Kathy McCabe and family

Sunday, January 12th— Baptism of the Lord (21: Is 42: 1-4, 6-7 Act 10:34-3 Mt 3:13-7)

8:00am for the health and intentions of Hui Chen, req by his wife

9:30am Barbara Rurak, req by her family

11:00am Anthony Turato, req by his wife and family

12:30pm in thanksgiving for the 32nd anniv of Alonso and Jewsin Munoz

A Glimpse at your contributions... December 22/23

Sunday Collection: \$6,065.50

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$893

Total Sunday Collection: \$6,958.50

Christmas Flowers: \$1,385

Christmas Spiritual Bouquet: \$1,164

FOUR SEASONS 50/50

Congratulations to the winner of the Fall Session of the 50/50...**John and Mary Harrington**, who took home \$895! Thank you to all who participated!

ST. VINCENT PARISH OUTREACH COLLECTION

Next weekend, you will have the opportunity to make a donation to the **St. Vincent Parish Outreach of Resurrection Ascension**.

Your contributions help us reach out to our parish family and neighbors experiencing difficult times. An envelope has been included in your regular tithing packet. Thank you.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick and/or Hospitalized: Vahide Atlas, Colleen Breheny, Peggy Brennan, Stephanie Bojarski, Kurt Burger, Richard DeNardo, Jane Donlon, Kathleen Fallon, Ida Fernandes, Steve Ferrugio, Msgr. Vincent Fullam, Jackie Hanley, George J. Harms, George M. Harms, James Leung, Joe Loughnane, Mary Loughnane, Saverio Lunetta, Mary Ellen Lustberg, Nora Lydon, Mary May, Patrick McCabe, Dolly Serna Ocampo, Brendan Phelan, Grace Radonicic, Frank Rahill, Maureen Rahill, Barbara Ravert, Susan Richards, Joel Rivera, Madeline Silecchia, Rose and Carmela Tantillo.

Deceased: James Creighton

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used this week in **loving memory of Ronald Levinson**, requested by his sister Barbara.

The **Altar Candles** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Ronald Belon**, requested by Judy, Heather and Sean Belon.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit this week **for the health and intentions of Fr. Tom and Fr. Richard**, requested by the Chang family.

The **Candle at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be lit this week in **thanksgiving for Maureen Kelly**, requested by the Marian Rosary Group.

The **Candle at the Statue of St. John Vianney** will be lit this week in **thanksgiving to St. John Vianney**, requested by Vahide Atlas.



RESURRECTION-ASCENSION CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS

Early Childhood Open House

Come and see the great things going on in our Early Childhood Program! We will be holding Open Houses for our Nursery, Pre-K For All and Kindergarten classes every Tuesday in January from 9am-11am. Tours and information will be available. If these dates are not convenient, please contact the school office.

FOOD PANTRY HOURS

The Food Pantry will re-open tomorrow, January 6th.

JANUARY 5, 2020

Dear Friends,

We sing songs of how they came from afar, following a star that led to the child's birthplace! We really know little about them—the Magi. But we do know what they represent. They symbolize the revelation of Jesus' birth to the whole world. The gift of the Messiah, promised throughout the ages, is made manifest in Jesus—and he has come for **all peoples**. We know the uncomfortable picture of someone jealously holding on to a gift, unwilling to share it. That may have been us at one time, perhaps as a child guarding a toy. The Good News of **the feast of the Epiphany** is that God's love is not like that! The promise and hope that Jesus' birth brings is meant to be shared. May we also remember that our journey of faith is enriched when we are able to share our gifts and blessings with the vulnerable and needy—with all those who represent Christ.

Today also begins **National Migration Week**. This is a special time each year when the Catholic Church in the United States asks us to reflect on the plight of migrants and refugees throughout the world. We begin by recognizing that immigrants and refugees are, before anything else, our sisters and brothers. Welcoming immigrants is part of our Catholic Social Teaching and reflects the Biblical tradition of welcoming the stranger. To become more aware of ways to welcome and protect immigrants, you can go to the website **Justiceforimmigrants.org**.



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Peace and blessings,
Father Tom

Queridos amigos,

¡Cantamos villancicos narrando cómo vinieron desde lejos, siguiendo una estrella que los condujo al lugar de nacimiento del Niño! Pero, realmente sabemos poco sobre ellos: los Reyes Magos. Pero sí sabemos lo que representan. Simbolizan la revelación del nacimiento de Jesús al mundo entero. El don del Mesías, prometido por generaciones, se manifiesta en Jesús, —y El ha venido **para todos los pueblos**. Estamos familiarizados con la imagen incómoda de alguien celosamente agarrando un regalo, no dispuesto a compartirlo. Es posible que nosotros mismos hayamos hecho esto en algún momento, tal vez cuando niños protegiendo un juguete. ¡La buena nueva de la **festividad de la Epifanía** es que el amor de Dios no es así! La promesa y la esperanza que trae el nacimiento de Jesús deben ser compartidas. Ojalá que también recordemos que nuestra jornada de fe se enriquece cuando compartimos nuestros dones y bendiciones con los más vulnerables y necesitados, —con todos aquellos que representan a Cristo.

Hoy también comienza la **Semana Nacional de Migración**. Este es un momento especial cada año cuando la Iglesia Católica en los Estados Unidos nos pide que reflexionemos sobre la difícil situación de los inmigrantes y refugiados en todo el mundo. Comenzamos por reconocer que los inmigrantes y refugiados son, antes que nada, nuestros hermanos y hermanas. Dar la bienvenida a los inmigrantes es parte de nuestra enseñanza social católica y refleja la tradición bíblica de dar la bienvenida al extraño. Para aprender más acerca de como acoger y proteger a los inmigrantes, puede visitar el sitio **web Justiceforimmigrants.org**.

Paz y bendiciones,
Padre Tom

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, January 6th– St. Andre Bessette, Religious

- School Closed
- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym
- Yoga 6pm FFH Garden
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Tuesday, January 7th– St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest

- Track 4-5pm Gym
- Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym
- English Classes 6-8 PCC
- No English Classes 6-8pm PCC
- Spanish Prayer Group 7-9pm FFH Chapel

Wednesday, January 8th

- Gym Classes
- Toddler Time 9:30-10:30am CMR
- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Thursday, January 9th

- Gym Classes
- Spanish Support Group 9:30-11:30am FFH Garden
- Knights of Columbus Meeting 8pm FFH Main
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC
- Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym

Friday, January 10th

- CODA 10am PCC
- Spanish Bible Study 7-9pm FFH
- Twirling 3:30-6:45pm Gym
- Girl Scouts 7-8pm FFH Main
- Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym

Saturday, January 11th

- OCA 10am PCC
- CYO Basketball Gym
- Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest 7pm Gym
- Spanish Classes 3-5pm PCC
- Spanish Service 5-7pm PCC
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sunday, January 12th– Baptism of the Lord

- Children's Liturgy at the 9:30am Mass
- Sunday School 10:45-12noon School
- First Communion Child/Penance Program 9-12noon
- Youth Group 10:30-12noon FFH Garden
- CYO Basketball Gym
- Indonesian Apostolate Mass 2pm Church & Reception 3-6 FFH
- Alanon 12noon PCC

**Rectory Hours: Weekdays 9am-noon & 1-5pm
Saturday 9am-1pm**

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Pastoral Staff

Very Rev. Thomas G. Pettei, *Pastor*
Rev. Richard Conlon, *Parochial Vicar*
Msgr. Robert J. Thelen, *Parochial Vicar*
Rev. Basilio Monteiro, *Weekend Presider*
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Mrs. Joann Heppt, *Academy Principal*
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Mr. James Shearer, *Youth Minister*

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Rite of Reconciliation

Saturday 11:00-11:30am (enter by Blessed Sacrament Chapel),
or by appointment

Resurrection-Ascension Catholic Academy

(718) 426-4963 raschool443@aol.com
www.racatholicacademy.org
To register with the parish, please visit the Rectory office.

The Sacrament of Baptism takes place once a month. Please
call the Rectory for schedules and information on registration.

Upcoming Baptism Dates

In English

Sunday, January 26th at 1:45pm
Saturday, February 22nd at 1pm

Bautismos en español

domingo, 23 de febrero @ 2:00pm

The Sacrament of Marriage- please call the Rectory for schedul-
ing. According to Diocesan policy, arrangements must be made
six months in advance.

Pastoral Outreach- please contact the Director of Pastoral Out-
reach (ext. 28 at rectory) for information regarding Communion
calls, Food Pantry, Care of the Homebound, etc.

Religious Education & Faith Formation– kindly call Jason
Velazquez at (718) 424-5212, ext 28

A special thank you to Peggy Quez for
preparing the Giving Tree stars each year!

2019 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Parish Goal:	\$62,027
Pledged to date:	\$64,915.50
Paid to date:	\$63,991.69

Sunday, Jan 05, 2020

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Shoot for radiance

There's not much we can do about last year—beyond remembering and, perhaps, repenting. But the new year is laid out before us smooth as glass and innocent as a baby. Why not aim higher, cast our thoughts in a more benevolent direction, and shoot for radiance? Isaiah leads the way, beckoning us to walk in celestial light. A certain group of Magi did just that, and it led them to the Christ child. Affix a star where you can see it regularly. Let it remind you to keep your attention on the child at the end of its rays.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12 (20)*. "Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow."

Domingo, Jan 05, 2020

SOLEMNIDAD DE LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR

Buscar lo que resplandece

No podemos hacer mucho con respecto al año pasado—más allá de recordar y, tal vez, arrepentirnos. Pero el nuevo año se extiende ante nosotros suave como el cristal e inocente como un bebé. ¿Por qué no apuntar más alto, lanzar nuestros pensamientos en una dirección más amable, y buscar lo que resplandece? Isaías dirige el camino, invitándonos a caminar en la luz celestial. Cierta grupo de Magos hizo justamente eso, y ello lo condujo al niño Cristo. Fija una estrella donde puedas verla frecuentemente. Haz que te recuerde mantener tu atención en el niño que está en el extremo de sus rayos.

LECTURAS PARA HOY: *Isaías 60:1-6; Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mateo 2:1-12 (20)*. "Entonces estarás radiante con lo que veas, tu corazón palpitará y desbordará."



What's the purpose of incense?

Incense comes from the Latin word for "something burned." Smoke rises toward the sky, traditionally the dwelling place of the divine; it's no surprise that the psalm popularly prayed in the Liturgy of the Hours declares: "Let my prayer be incense before you" (Psalm 141:1-2). We also "lift up our hearts" to God in prayer at every Mass. Everything that goes to God, goes up. It was produced from the resin of trees and burned either in a swinging thurible pot or a stationary brazier.

Before the Second Vatican Council the use of incense was restricted only to High Masses. Now it can be used at any Mass: to honor the sacrament, the assembly and presider, the gospel book, the ambo and altar. Incense is also used to reverence the body of the deceased at funerals—reminding us that the destiny of the loved one, as our own destiny, is to unite with God in the life to come.

As liturgist Paul Philibert elegantly expresses it: "Incense, the fragrant, lovely substance that allows itself to be consumed and to float off into indeterminate space beyond our reach, signifies the loving entrustment of our lives to God's providence."

-Alice Camille is a religious educator, scripture commentator, and author of many books including This Transforming Word and other titles found at alicecamille.com.