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¡Feliz Día de Reyes!

JANUARY 4, 2026



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Mt 2:6

"Y tú, Belén, tierra de Judá, no eres en modo alguno la menor entre los principales de Judá, porque de ti saldrá un jefe que será el pastor de mi pueblo Israel". Mt 2,6

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 8:30am, 5:00pm Vigil
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:30pm

Weekday Masses

Monday | 8:30am
Tuesday | 8:30am
Wednesday | 8:30am
Thursday | 8:30am
Friday | 8:30am

Confession

Wednesday | 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Saturday | 9:00am - 10:00am
3:30pm - 4:30pm
or by appointment

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From the desk of Fr. Mark

Joyous greetings of the Angels as we sing with them the glory and blessing of God on this Epiphany Sunday. Our daily reflections for Advent and Christmas will be coming to an end this coming week with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Today on the Epiphany is the celebration of the Magi/Wise Men/Kings from the East coming to give recognition and honor to the new born King of the Jews. It is a mysterious event in many different ways and brings about a lot of questions.

First, we do not know how many there were. We do hear the three gifts were brought but whether or not it was three or if it was more or less is something we don't know. We don't know what title they carried when they came to Bethlehem, kings, wise men or magi? It is a question buried in history and translation. We don't know exactly when they came. Very shortly after the birth, one month, one year? The time is not known. We also don't know what they did after the encounter with King of the Jews. Did they go directly home? Did their lives change in this encounter? We will never know that.

What we do know from the Gospels is that in a mysterious way, God called them and they responded. In a mysterious way, they travelled and searched not knowing for who, not knowing where or when but trusting in the message of hope they followed. And finally, in the encounter with the child, they understood that the world was changed, not seeking firm understanding but by being overwhelmed by the mysterious gift of God's grace...they chose another way.

At Christmas we offered to the parish Matthew Kelly's *Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy*. We will begin a book club study of this book in the coming weeks. Please do not rush through...but slow down to the speed of joy in reflecting on the message shared and given.

The Parish School Open House is on January 25th (Sunday). Please look for fliers and information in the bulletin and join with us in helping to invite children who deserve a Catholic Education. You can also come and view the work of our students with their Science Fair projects.

We thank you for your generosity in supporting our parish with your time, talent and treasure. As we move forward with our pastoral plan of the diocese, please continue to keep the Diocese of San Jose in your prayers.

God Bless,
Fr. Mark

Desde el escritorio del Padre Mark

Felices saludos de los ángeles mientras cantamos con ellos la gloria y bendición de Dios en este domingo de la Epifanía. Nuestras reflexiones diarias para el Adviento y la Navidad llegarán a su fin esta próxima semana con la Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor.

Hoy, en la Epifanía, se celebra la llegada de los Magos/Sabios/Reyes del Este para dar reconocimiento y honor al recién nacido Rey de los judíos. Es un evento misterioso de muchas maneras diferentes y genera muchas preguntas.

Primero, no conocemos dónde había muchos de ellos. Sabemos que trajeron los tres regalos, pero si fueron tres o si fue más o menos, es algo que no sabemos. No sabemos qué título llevaban cuando llegaron a Belén, ¿reyes, sabios o magos? Es una cuestión enterrada en la historia y la traducción. No sabemos exactamente cuándo llegaron. Muy poco después del nacimiento, un mes, un año? Se desconoce la hora. Tampoco sabemos qué hicieron tras el encuentro con el Rey de los Judíos. ¿Se fueron directamente a casa? ¿Cambiaron sus vidas en este encuentro? Nunca lo sabremos. Lo que sí sabemos de los Evangelios es que, de una manera misteriosa, Dios los llamó y ellos respondieron. De manera misteriosa, viajaron y buscaron sin saber a quién, sin saber dónde ni cuándo, pero confiando en el mensaje de esperanza que seguían. Y finalmente, en el encuentro con el niño, entendieron que el mundo había cambiado, no buscando una comprensión firme sino al ser abrumados por el misterioso don de la gracia de Dios... eligieron otro camino.

En Navidad ofrecimos a la parroquia *Ralentizando hasta la velocidad de la alegría* de Matthew Kelly. Comenzaremos un estudio de club de lectura sobre este libro en las próximas semanas. Por favor, no te precipites... Pero reduce la velocidad de la alegría al reflexionar sobre el mensaje compartido y dado.

La jornada de puertas abiertas de la escuela parroquial es el 25 de enero (domingo). Por favor, busca folletos e información en el boletín y únete a nosotros para ayudar a invitar a niños que merecen una educación católica. También puedes venir a ver el trabajo de nuestros estudiantes con sus proyectos de feria de ciencias.

Les agradecemos su generosidad apoyando a nuestra parroquia con su tiempo, talento y recursos. Mientras avanzamos con nuestro plan pastoral de la diócesis, por favor continúen manteniendo a la Diócesis de San José en sus oraciones.

Dios los bendiga,
P. Mark

MASS INTENTIONS

Saint Lawrence the Martyr Catholic Church

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January 3, 2026 Saturday The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 John 2:29-3:6 / John 1:29-34

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving - Morris Family

†Maria Inocencio

January 4, 2026 Sunday THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 60:1-6 / Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Matthew 2:1-12

5:00 PM Vigil †Albert Toni

8:00 AM †Helen Lazo

†Sharon Lee

†Olga and Victor Mourra - Death Anniversary

People of Saint Lawrence

†Francisco Barcelos

10:00 AM †José Trinidad Cerda Garcia

12:30 PM †Antonio Reyes Jimenez



January 5, 2026 Monday Saint John Neumann, Bishop

1 John 3:22-4:6 / Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

8:30 AM Melchor Roth - Birthday Remembrance

January 6, 2026 Tuesday Saint André Bessette, Religious

1 John 4:7-10 / Mark 6:34-44

8:30 AM †Jimmy Mourra - Death Anniversary

†Gisele Dabdoub - 1st Month Death Anniversary

January 7, 2026 Wednesday Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

1 John 4:11-18 / Mark 6:45-52

8:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

January 8, 2026 Thursday Christmas Weekday

1 John 4:19-5:4 / Luke 4:14-22

11:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

January 9, 2026 Friday Christmas Weekday

1 John 5:5-13 / Luke 5:12-16

8:30 AM Jaime Hufalar - Happy Birthday

7:00 PM Personal Intentions of Fr. Mark

January 10, 2026 Saturday Christmas Weekday

1 John 5:14-21 / John 3:22-30

8:30 AM Olivia Trias - Happy 15th Birthday

January 11, 2026 Sunday THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 / Matthew 3:13-17

5:00 PM Vigil †Antonio Calixto - Death Anniversary

8:00 AM †David Sanville - Happy Birthday

†Clem Folz

10:00 AM †Zuildo Vieira

People of Saint Lawrence

12:30 PM Gianna Razón-Barragán - Happy 3rd Birthday

†Maria del Carmen González

2026 MASS INTENTION BOOK

IS NOW OPEN!

It is recommended that Mass Intentions are scheduled at least TWO MONTHS in advance to increase the probability of obtaining the Mass date and time requested. We will try our best to grant your Mass intention on the specific date requested and can not promise that each Mass intention will be celebrated on the specific date requested.

To request a Mass intention, contact the

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parish@saintlawrence.org or

giuliana.razon@dsj.org or call and leave a

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* Their name and contact number

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* Info for Mass Intention

* Requested donation is \$10 per Mass as determined by diocesan policy (#206), is to accompany each Mass request

* Make checks payable to: St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish.

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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen

†Carmen B. Jesús

St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish bridges young adult ministry



Join us every first Monday of the
month at 8PM in the Parish Hall!

@st.lawrence.bridges on IG for events & updates!



OH COME,
LET US
ADORE HIM.



Thank you for your Generosity

Each year, the Giving Tree reflects the true spirit of our parish: compassion, generosity, and love in action. The Social Concerns Group of Saint Lawrence the Martyr Parish extends heartfelt thanks to all parishioners who so generously donated gifts this year. Because of your kindness, gifts brought to the Giving Tree were delivered to St. Justin's Church for distribution, where 463 families were expected to be helped. Your thoughtful generosity has brought hope, comfort, and joy to many individuals and families in need.

Thank you for opening your hearts and hands to others and for being a living example of Christ's love in our community. May God bless you abundantly for all you do.





2026 WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST CAMINATA POR LA VIDA



Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 20th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 24, 2026.

Fees: A \$25.00 fee is required upon registration to cover costs (cash or check only payable to "St. Lawrence"). No refunds for cancellation available. This fee includes transportation to/from the event via bus and bottled water. Buses have restrooms and comfortable seating.

Schedule: We will leave St. Lawrence at 7:30am to arrive at St. Mary's Cathedral to attend the Pro-Life Mass with Archbishop Corleone. From there we will leave to the San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza for the Info Faire and 12:00pm Rally (bring a bagged lunch to enjoy on the lawn). The Walk down San Francisco's Market Street begins at 1:00pm from Civic Center Plaza and ends at Justin Herman Plaza at the Embarcadero. We plan to return to St. Lawrence by 5:30pm.

Minors: All minors must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Info: For complete information about the Walk, visit www.walkforlifewc.com or call (415) 658-1793.

Únete a hermanos católicos y gente pródiga proveniente de toda California y más allá, poniéndonos de pie a favor de los más pequeños entre nosotros en la decimocuarta Caminata anual por la Vida de la Costa Oeste en San Francisco, el 24 de enero de 2026.

Costo: Se requerirá una cuota de \$25.00 al registrarse para cubrir los costos de transporte (pago en efectivo o cheque a nombre de "St. Lawrence"). No hay devoluciones por cancelación. Esta cuota incluye el transporte desde/hacia el evento vía autobús y agua embotellada. Los autobuses tienen baños y cómodos asientos.

Agenda: Un autobús saldrá a las 7:30am para llegar a St. John Vianney para asistir a Misa con el arzobispo Corleone. De ahí salimos a la Plaza del Centro Cívico en San Francisco para la Feria de Información. El Rally comienza a las 12:00pm en la Plaza del Centro Cívico y la caminata por Market Street hasta Justin Herman Plaza a la 1:00pm. Planeamos volver a St. Lawrence a las 5:30pm.

Menores de edad: Todos los menores deben ser acompañados por un adulto responsable de ellos.

Informes: www.walkforlifewc.com/enespanol o llame al (415) 658-1793.



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THE MARTYR CATHOLIC PARISH





Eucharist Adoration & Holy Hour

Every Thursday
after the 8:30 Daily Mass

Exposition 9:15 am – 6:00 pm
Benediction 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

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THE SMALLEST
BRUSHES THAT
THE ARTIST
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BEST
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—St. André Bessette

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— CLIMBING THE MOUNTAIN OF FAITH —

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Saint Lawrence Mountain Men is a young men's group for all Christian men aged 18-25. Our goal is to help young men climb the mountain of faith by helping them find their calling from God and to help grow our members' personal relationship with Christ! We will strive to help all those that come to walk Christ's path and to spread the Gospel. **Join us at our meetings every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:30pm in front of the Church, and....**
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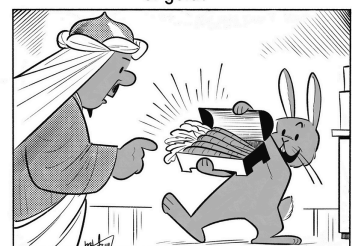


Epiphany Blessings!

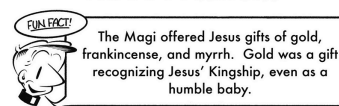
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"I thought you said this was a chest of gold?"



"Yes! It's 14 carrots!"



Epiphany of the Lord by Deborah Ferry
(taken from The Little Blue book of Reflections on Advent)

In commemoration of the visit of the Magi to the home of the Holy Family, there arose the customs of blessing homes during the week of Epiphany.

The blessing includes marking the first initials of the legendary names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar) at the top of the main door frame along with the year, plus crosses in between the numbers and letter. This year it would look like this:

20 + C + M + B + 26

The home of a Christian is a holy place – a place with Christian symbols, and a place where prayers are said.

The Church encourages the practice of lay people praying blessings – blessing food, children, their home. The bishops of the United States have published a book of “Catholic Household Blessings,” noting that if the Sunday assembly is to be a praying community, prayer has to happen in the “little churches” – households and families.

On this feast of the Epiphany, whether you live alone or with a family, pray a blessing on the place you call home.

Here’s an example:

Be my shelter, Lord, when I am at home, my companion when I am away, and my welcome guest when I return. And at least receive me into the dwelling place you have prepared for me in your Father’s house, where you live forever and ever. Amen.

In France, a popular Christmas tradition is to mark the days of the three king’s journey to the Christ Child, with a table of 13 desserts.

The number “13” represents the days it took the Magi to follow the Star to the newborn Jesus. The practice begins on Christmas Eve and continues until the traditional feast day of the Epiphany. The desserts follow a “big supper” that is held on Christmas Eve before midnight Mass.

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Palabra que da la Vida



¡Tú también ven:
a adorar al Rey
de los Judíos que
ha nacido ya!



Unos magos de Oriente llegaron entonces a Jerusalén y preguntaron: ¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que acaba de nacer? Porque vimos surgir su estrella y hemos venido a adorarlo" ... (Mt. 2: 1-12)

En este Evangelio, podemos analizar por lo menos dos cosas:

1. Los tres magos que seguían la estrella, eran tres sabios; tres buscadores de la verdad. En la lectura vemos, que había gente que buscaba la verdad porque se daba cuenta que existía y era posible alcanzarla.

Sin embargo, hoy en día, casi nadie busca la verdad, e incluso hemos llegado al grado, en el cual, decir que la verdad existe es ridículo u ofensivo para muchos.

2.- Posiblemente el primer milagro que hace Jesucristo, es que no sólo los pastores sino también los magos, van a ver a Dios, no para pedirle, sino a ver qué era lo que podían darle; ¡Van a adorarle!

La mayoría de nosotros, casi sin darnos cuenta, tenemos una relación con Dios, basada en la petición y no en el agradecimiento, casi siempre vamos a ver qué nos puede dar. Pocos se acercan a la Iglesia a ver qué le pueden ofrecer a Dios, qué es lo que le pueden dar.

El hombre de hoy es muy frágil, porque equivocadamente, ha unido la palabra felicidad con el sentimiento y no con la verdad.

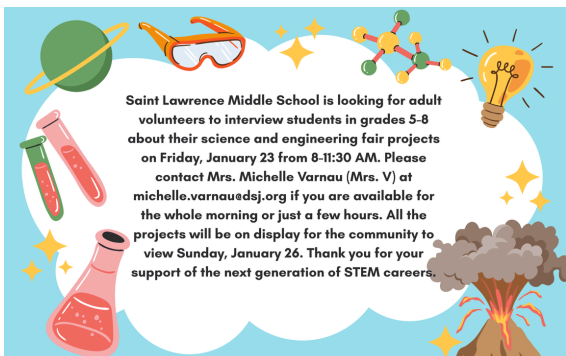
Tenemos que ser capaces de ser testigos de la felicidad basada en la verdad. ¿Y cómo puedes ser feliz? ¡Soy feliz cuando amo, cuando doy! Unas veces daré perdón, otras tiempo o dinero, otras tantas daré el cumplimiento de mi obligación profesional, o quizá daré el estar al lado de una persona que se encuentra mal, o daré simplemente la humildad de pedir disculpas porque me he equivocado.

¿Y de dónde saco la fuerza? ¿Quién me enseña? ¿Quién me levanta cuando me caigo? ¿Quién me ayuda? ¡Cristo nuestro Señor!

Cristo es mi felicidad, porque Dios es el amor, el que me enseña a amar, el que me da la fuerza cuando no lo consigo el Señor me dice: ¡Levántate, estamos en el camino y yo te voy a ayudar para que sigas caminando!

Padre Santiago Martin. (FM)

Responsable MARC.



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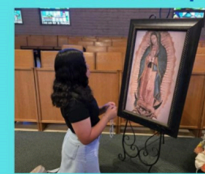
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**Cada Jueves tenemos
diferentes invitados**

**Misa cada segundo
Jueves de Mes.**

**Comenzamos con el
Santo Rosario 6:30 pm.**



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