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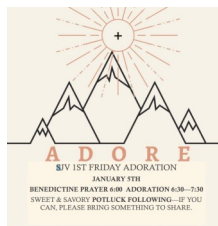
When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *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.*” Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star’s appearance.

He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage.” After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way. Matthew 2:1-12 Giotto, “*Adoration of the Magi*,” ca. 1304, Scrovegni Chapel, Padua

1ST FRIDAY ADORATION

This evening is our 1st Friday Adoration. If you would like to arrive at 6:00PM, you will be able to join in the **Benedictine Evening Prayer**, a beautiful sequence of prayer in which we join with the Communion of Angels, Saints, and the worldwide Church in giving glory to God.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 6:30. The evening will conclude with a potluck in the Parish Hall. If you can, please bring a sweet or savory to share.



EPIPHANY MASS & TAKE DOWN PARTY

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. On Sunday, Jan. 7th, the Children's Liturgy will followed by the Christmas Take Down Party (after this weekend, we return to Ordinary Time and a simple sanctuary). **Please stay and help—many hands mean a quick clean up!**

SJV TEAMS BEING FORMED FOR A MONTHLY COMMUNITY DINNER

We have one team in the works, but hope to assemble a couple more. Can a few families, or a group of friends come together and form another couple of teams?! **The teams are responsible for providing a hot main dish, a salad, a vegetable, and dessert (optional) for 20-25 people.** The time commitment is approximately two hours, (4:30-6:30). The SJV team will serve the meal and interact with those who attend the dinner. IFCH has two employees who set the tables, provide dinnerware and flatware, water, "to-go" containers, and clean up after the meal. Prior to COVID, SJV had teams who helped with the community dinners, and as the dinners have resumed, it is hoped that our participation as one of the Vashon faith groups will also resume. We are being asked to donate food, time and hospitality. This might be work for two-three families with children of appropriate ages to provide this very worthwhile community service, but of course a group of parish friends would also make a perfect team!



Meals are held Monday through Friday at 5:00PM at the Presbyterian Church under the auspices of the Interfaith Counsel to Prevent Homelessness. SJV has been asked to be responsible for only one evening a month (the 3rd Thursday).

Interested teams - please contact Barbara Powell at (707) 812-2420 or Pam McMahan at (206) 817-8731

WE WILL WELCOME FR. FRED W/ PANCAKES

Pancakes in two weeks, while Fr. Fred will be here celebrating Mass for us.



BENEDICTINE PRAYER

Liturgy of the Hours in the unity of the Holy Spirit every M, W, F, from 6:30 to 7AM at the Burton Community Church!



SVDP GRATITUDE TO OUR PARISH

"A big thank you to our parishioners who supported our St Vincent De Paul Advent Giving Tree annual program. EVERY single tag off our tree was taken! Thanks to your generosity we helped 46 children and made their Christmas a little brighter. Each household also received a grocery gift card made possible by generous cash donations to SVdP. One of our families consisted of a single mother fleeing a dangerous situation and struggling to pay move-in costs and rent. Not only did SVdP assist with rent and food, but when our volunteer arrived with Christmas gifts for her two young children she broke down in tears of joy."

SYMBOLON— On [Formed.org](https://formed.org), please watch **SYMBOLON Part 2, Living the Faith**, Session 5, Matrimony and Holy Orders, for the study group on January 7th.



FRASSATI YOUTH GROUP

Next meeting is on **January 10, 2024** Plan to be here... **6:30PM** Faith sharing...Fun... Friendship...Food...Pre-Teens and Teens, don't miss Frassati!



NEW SJV COFFEE HOUR FOR 2024...

Coffee Hour will begin for 2024 once Maui and Jamie get the teams scheduled for the 2024 Sundays. More news to come.



2023-24 1ST SACRAMENT PREPARATION—

Sat. & Sun., Feb. 3 & 4 (No class in January) Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion Class will meet twice in February, for the 1st Reconciliation Retreat on Sat. (8:30 & 2:30) and for class on Sunday (10:45).

2023-24 PREPARACIÓN DE LOS PRIMEROS SACRAMENTOS—

Sabado y domingo, 3 y 4 de febrero (No hay clases en enero). Las clases de Reconciliación y Primera Comunión se reunirán dos veces en febrero, para el 1er Retiro de Reconciliación el sábado (8:30 & 2:30) y para la clase del domingo (10:45).



LIVING A LITURGICAL LIFE

This week in the liturgical year we celebrate the **Epiphany of the Lord** (January 6/Sunday, January 7), the Feast of the **Baptism of the Lord** (on Monday, January 8), and the **return to Ordinary Time**. Here's a few suggestions to celebrate this culmination of the Christmas season. For many Catholic Christians the **Epiphany of the Lord** is the principal celebration of the Christmas season. Just as Christmas Day seems to begin ever earlier on Christmas Eve, Epiphany begins on the **Twelfth Night** (the eponymous setting of Shakespeare's play) with revelry and singing. This is the age old night to "wassail all over the town" as the traditional English folk carols put it, that is, to go a-caroling from the door to door singing the Christmas songs while imbibing **wassail**, a mulled hard cider.



An English priest friend of mine introduced me to a variant of wassail known as Lamb's Wool which begins with oven roasted, caramelized whole apples to give a velvety finish to the top of the wassail. It is relatively easy to make a mulled apple cider sans alcohol and add some sparkling water for an all-ages wassail. Another custom associated with the feasting of Epiphany involves making and sharing **King Cake** (*Roscón de Reyes* in Spanish). I know best the New Orleans-style King Cake that shows up again on Mardi Gras (the night before Ash Wednesday) which is a buttery French brioche dough incorporating some dried fruits which is then shaped into a large crown or ring and elaborately frosted in gold (for Christmastide), green (for the return to Ordinary Time), and purple (looking ahead to Lent). Into one crown is placed a large almond, fava bean, or 1" bakeable mini-figure of the Baby Jesus. Whoever finds the Baby Jesus either wins a prize, is the Lord of Misrule for that night, or must host next year's Epiphany Party/Twelfth Night depending on whom you ask. While customarily more associated with Mardi Gras at the conclusion of this short bit of Ordinary Time, my family usually makes a big pot of jambalaya for our Epiphany celebrations as a great way to stir in all the Christmastide leftovers and have plenty to share. Just be sure to start with your Holy Trinity of onions, celery, and bell peppers!



At the heart of Epiphany is recalling the visit of the **Magi** who have followed the star to adore the newborn Jesus Christ who is thus revealed as a savior not only for the Jewish people, the downtrodden shepherds about whom we heard on Christmas night, but also as the savior for all the nations, these highborn Gentiles about whom we hear today. In some families or parishes the figures of the wisemen are kept from the Nativity scene (creche, manger, pesebre) until the celebration of the Epiphany when they make their appearance. The Gospels and subsequent carols describe these **wisemen** or Magi as coming from the East. But have you ever wondered where they really came from? Check out Dr. Brant Pitre's great explanation: <https://youtu.be/Y7UCn4a-9z8> The gifts brought by these wisemen who were seeking their savior in Jesus—gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh—has resulted in our enumerating three **kings** or Magi (*Tres Reyes Magos* in Spanish) even though no mention of how many is made in the Gospel. Since the sixth century we have even in the tradition named them Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The shrine of their relics is the heart of the Cathedral in Cologne, Germany and the placing of the relics there likely gave rise to the carol "I Saw Three Ships"—a hope we can all share for the return of a three-boat schedule! In some Catholic cultures gifts are given on the Epiphany of the Lord in memory of the gifts the Magi brought to the newborn Jesus while a cruel counterpart, La Befana in Italy, instead brings coal to naughty children on this day. The names given to the Magi also provide a helpful mnemonic for the traditional **Blessing of the Home** on Epiphany often associated with the **chalking of the doors** with **20 + C + M + B + 24** with the CMB standing for Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar as well as the Latin "Christus mansionem benedicat" ("Christ bless this house..."). Blessing and chalking the entryways of your house is a wonderful custom our whole parish celebrates (be sure to pick up your blessed chalk!) which provides a connection between what we do in the church with what we do in our home and reminds us that just the blood of Passover lamb marked the lintels of Hebrews so also does the Cross of Christ adorn the doors of we are set free by his Precious Blood. The full blessing of the home can be found, of course, in our *Catholic Household Blessings Prayers*. Just as the Magi blessed Jesus with their gifts and in turn received the greatest blessing by being able to adore Christ, we too bless others and receive a still greater blessing when we welcome visitors to our home or visit others' homes as ambassadors of peace. As our Wassail carol says, "May love and joy come to you...May God bless you and give you a happy New Year!" In Orthodox and Eastern Catholic communities the Epiphany is observed with a specific focus on water (such as Timkat in Ethiopia and Eritrea) owing to the Gospel for the day being that of the Baptism of Jesus which we in the West celebrate in its own right on the next day with the **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**. The Epiphany theme of blessing the home is extended in some cultures to include a blessing of the whole new year and the blessing of all creation, specifically water which Jesus Christ made holy by his own Baptism in the River Jordan. A custom observed in Slavic countries for the Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord is a kind of polar bear plunge where devotees jump into frigid water to retrieve a Cross thrown therein by a priest who used that Cross to bless the waters! Often the ice over a body of water is sawn into the shape of a Cross (see image). While I am not recommending anyone risk hypothermia the whole ordeal is a powerful reminder that when we are baptized our old self is put to death so that our new life in Christ may arise (Romans 6). We remember our baptism each Sunday at Mass with the Sprinkling Rite during this Christmastide and, as we conclude this holy season with Feast of the Baptism of the Lord it is a great opportunity to recall your own baptism, to find your baptismal candle, and to share as a family stories and photographs of the Holy Baptism of everyone in your household. It was indeed **at your baptism that the Holy Spirit first took up flesh in you, transforming you into a Temple of the Holy Spirit, by pouring into you the grace to both follow Jesus and show others the way to him by the radiance of your life.**

The Church is replete with these three-fold celebrations such as the Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday evening) and the autumn Triduum (All Hallow's Eve through All Souls). Here the triptych opens with Epiphany, reveals in the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord who Jesus Christ is as the beloved Son of God, and thirdly leads us to an invitation to follow him (as we will hear on the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time) as our Lord. While the idea of **returning to Ordinary Time** can seem humdrum after the Christmas festivities, we have come to the manger and adored him so that we can, like the Magi, return home and glorify the Lord whom we have encountered by how we live our lives. And don't fret too much as you finally take down the Christmas tree; we will hear and celebrate one more echo of Christmas on Friday, February 2, with the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple also known as Candlemas. But, until then, keep up your ordinary ways of growing in holiness as a family! How will the love and joy of Christmas, having met anew the Christ for whom you have longed, transform you and **commission you as his disciple to bear that light to others?** Prepared by Andrew Casad, MTS, MA

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE FEAST OF
THE EPIPAANY**

<u>Positions</u>	<u>5PM Vigil</u>	<u>9:30 Sunday</u>
Sacristan	MA Beardsley	D. Farlow
Greeter	T. Terry	C. Johnson
Lector 1	CL Ives	B. Simmons
Lector 2	K. Meyer	H. Folkestad
EMC Host	CL Ives	A. Scafe
EMC Cup	A. Terry	L. Wishik
EMC Cup	MA Beardsley	D. Farlow
Altar Server	D. Mielock	C. O'Connell
Altar Server	xxxxx	A. Simmons
Accompanist	xxxxx	M. Casad
Cantor	xxxxx	A. Medeiros

**Prayer for the Sick Requests & Mass
Intentions & Funerals**

As a parish we pray for:

Gert Cunningham—Healing
Dailene Dean—Healing
Kathi Ferrari —Healing
Charlie Mayovsky—Healing and Strength
Dennis McCabe —Repose of the Soul
Gary Medeiros—Strength during treatment
Mary Sage—Strength in her illness
Monica Stein—Strength in illness
Gena Yousoufian—Healing
Please submit Prayer for the Sick requests to:
Barbara Powell: waltersmom50@gmail.com

**PRAY THE ROSARY WITH OUR
SJV FAMILY**

Wednesday Zoom Rosary at 7PM—
we are praying for our parish family
and individual intentions. Consider a
1/2 hr. a week to add your parish's
prayers to your own, and join us. Find
the link on the SJV website—[https://
stjohnvianneyvashon.com/](https://stjohnvianneyvashon.com/)



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil **5:00 PM** Sunday Mass **9:30 AM**

Daily Mass Wednesday **Noon** Thursday, with Eucharistic Adoration **Noon** Friday **Noon**

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation Sat. 4:00-4:30, *and by appointment*

HORARIO DE MISAS

Sabado 5:00PM **Domingo** 9:30 AM **Miercoles Jueves, y Viernes** 12PM

SACRAMENTOS

Bautizo: Avisar 1 mes antes y preparacion se requiere **Matrimonio:** Avisar 6 meses antes y preparacion

Reconciliacion: Sabados 4:00-4:30 y con cita

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HOMEBOUND MINISTRY Please call the office at 206-567-4149 if you know of anyone sick or homebound and who wants to receive Communion.

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