

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

January 2, 2022

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THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b*

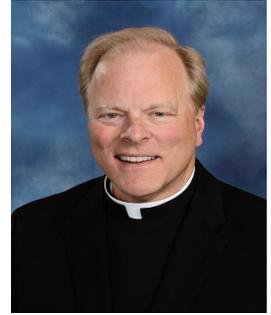
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Mission Statement

We are a Catholic family, living our awareness of Christ's presence through worship, service, evangelization & community for the benefit of all.

Pastor's Corner

On Sunday, January 9, 2022, we will be celebrating the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and we will be having a Special Holy, at 3:00 p.m., that afternoon, to celebrate the beginning of our 100th Anniversary Year. Yes, 100 years ago, in 1922, the parish of St. Thomas the Apostle had its first sitting pastor installed. We have had many milestones in our history since that time, and we would like to dedicate this year to celebrating them. It might prove to be a great way to help get our minds off of this pandemic.



The Holy Hour will be a Eucharistic Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with some Scripture, Hymns, spoken prayers and an appropriate time for silent prayer and reflection. I would like to offer these Holy Hours throughout this Anniversary Year. This will also be a great time to celebrate the wonderful gift of life that we share as we approach another anniversary of the tragic Supreme Court decision of Roe versus Wade, of 1971. There are many pieces of legislation, some promising and some horrific that are now pending. Unfortunately, our State of Illinois falls in the category of the more horrific legislation, so we need prayers for the sanctity of life now, as much as ever before.

Today, of course, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. On this day, a star led Three Wise Men to the Infant Jesus' crib. What is important in these manifestations is how symbolic this meeting is even to today's Epiphany celebration. Because of this encounter, people from everywhere are counted among God's chosen people.

As the three knelt adoring the newly born Savior of the world, they glimpsed the glory of God. His light illuminated their darkness. The Magi knew convincingly, then, this light would soon erase the world's darkness, making chosen people out of the entire world. May we embrace our role as God's chosen and share in the glorious Light of the Gospel message.

Peace, love and joy,

Fr. Bob Jones



Mass Intention for the Week

Monday, January 3

6:30 +Dwyer Family
+Joe Lamm
12:10 Kostrzewski Family, Living & Deceased
+Jim Schwarz

Tuesday, January 4; St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

6:30 +Frances M. Barciak
8:30 +Robert Otis

Wednesday, January 5; St. John Neumann

6:30 +Edgar Nolan
12:10 +Harry J. Wiggs
+William F. Doherty Family

Thursday, January 6; St. Andre Bessett

6:30 +Roger Weise
+Aaron Wojewoda
8:30 +Kevin Patrick Sullivan
+Wayne Macklin

Friday, January 7; St. Raymond Penyafort

6:30 +Sonia Calamia
12:10 +Sue Buthod

Saturday, January 8

7:30 +Rosie Gilfether
4:30 +Milt Mickow
Living & Deceased Members of the Kothera Family

Sunday, January 9

7:30 +Stephen Bright
9:00 St. Thomas Women's Club Members,
Living & Deceased
10:30 +Mary Pollasky
+Elaine Warren
Noon The People of St. Thomas Parish,
Living & Deceased
5:30 +Pat Marks
Joseph Speziale, Special Intention



Question:

Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

Answer:

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

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

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

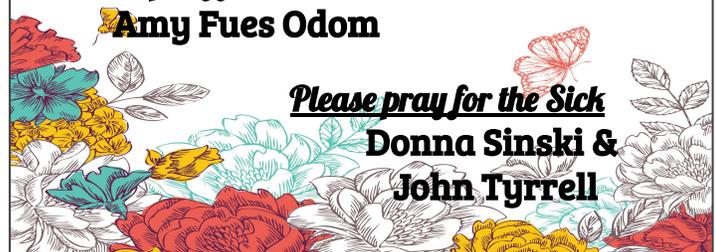
Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the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

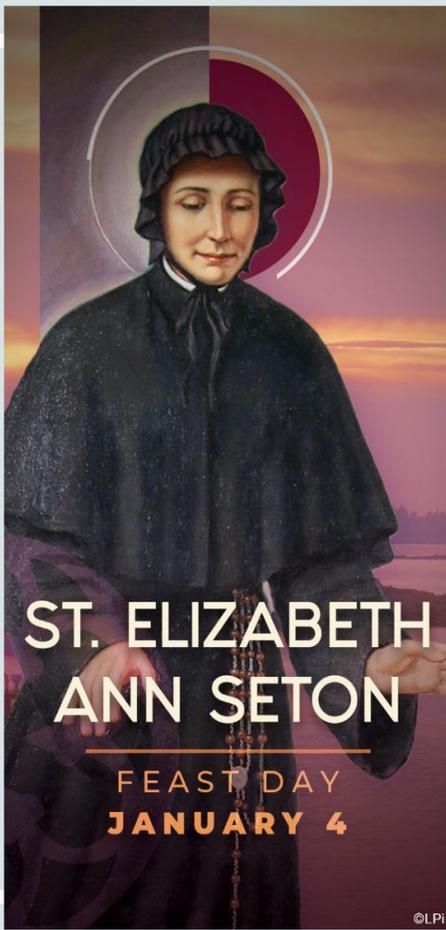
Please pray for the deceased

Amy Fues Odom

Please pray for the Sick

**Donna Sinski &
John Tyrrell**





Saint of the Week

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

Celebrants: January 3, - January 8, 2022:

1/3-6:30 am - Fr. Jones, 12:10 pm - Fr. Hernandez
 1/4-6:30 am - Fr. Jones, 8:30 am - Fr. Hernandez
 1/5-6:30 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick, 12:10pm - Fr. Hernandez
 1/6-6:30 am - Fr. Hernandez, 8:30 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick
 1/7- 6:30 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick, 12:100 pm Fr. Jones
 1/8-7:30 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick

Sunday Masses: January 8 - January 9, 2022

4:30 pm - Fr. Hernandez - Lector;
 7:30 am - Fr. Jones - Lector;
 9:00 am - Fr. Jones - Lector;
 10:30 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick - Lector;
 Noon - Fr. Fitzpatrick - Lector;
 5:30 pm - Fr. Hernandez - Lector;

Schedule: January 8 - , January 9, 2022

4:30 pm:
 7:30 am:
 9:00 am:
 10:30 am:
 Noon:
 5:30 pm:

Altar Server Schedule: January 8 - January 9, 2022

4:30 am:
 7:30 am:s
 9:00 am:
 10:30 am:
 Noon:
 5:30 pm:

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

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

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, 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/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



Our Adoration Chapel will Re-Open on Monday, January 3, 2022, at 6:15 am. Thank you to all our adorers for your time, dedication and prayers.



Dear God, rest your hands on recovery efforts in the Kentucky communities. Let all people find relief and healing in you. Amen.

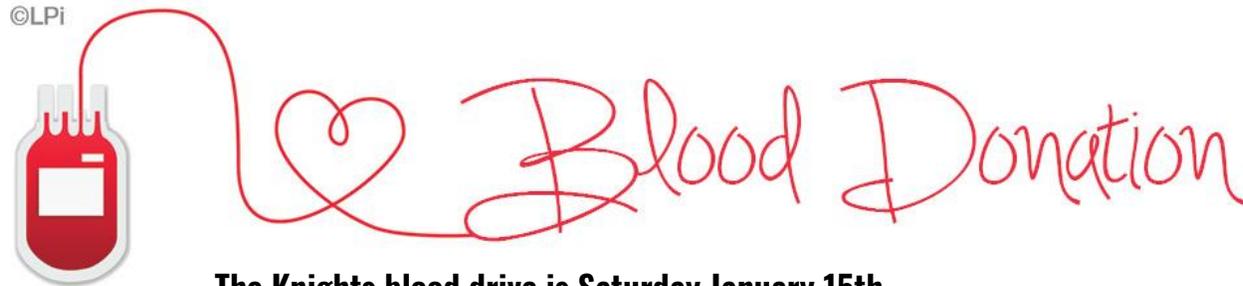
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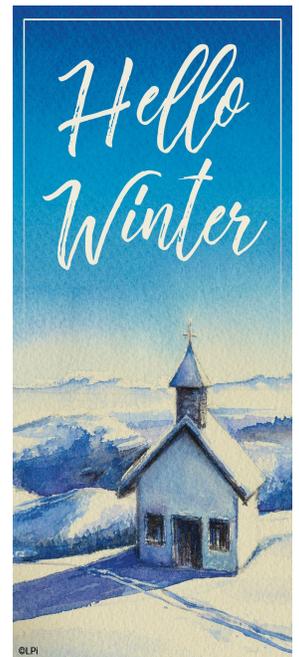

worldwide marriage encounter

- ◆ What are your priorities for the new year?
- ◆ Worldwide Marriage Encounter gives the tools for a strong vibrant marriage.
- ◆ Start your new year out right and sign up today for a virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on January 8-9; in person Experience Feb. 11-13 in Madison, WI or April 22-24 in Brookfield, WI.
- ◆ Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

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**The Knights blood drive is Saturday January 15th
From 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM
St. Thomas Church on Rt 176 & Oak St.
In the Community Room. Contact Annette O'Connell
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Weekly Collection	Weekly Collections 12/19/21	Year to Date 7/1/21-Present
Weekly Mass Offering	\$ 27,999.54	\$ 502,889.03
EFT	\$ 6,496.15	\$ 68,359.45
On-Line	\$ 1,506.50	\$ 102,507.79
Totals	\$ 36,002.19	\$ 673,756.27
Budget Goal		\$ 794,878.25
Over/Under Goal		-\$ 121,121.98
Hispanic	\$ 2,649.75	

Weekly Collection	Weekly Collections 12/26/21	Year to Date 7/1/21-Present
Weekly Mass Offering	\$	\$
EFT		\$
On-Line		\$
Totals		
Budget Goal		
Over/Under Goal		
Hispanic	\$	

Totals for Dec 26 will be posted in next week's bulletin



In Honor of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Sunday January 9, we will be offering holy water for use in your homes. Your donation of \$ 1.50 will help defray the cost of the bottles- it is not to pay for the holy water! Holy water is always available to you from the respecticle in the Narthax of the Church. We Encourage the use of this wonderful sacramental to call down God's protection on your homes, families, and loved ones throughout the year.



The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life." If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life. One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?" That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it. The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary. In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others. Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS©LPi



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE YOUTH MINISTRY

Confirmation



Our next session
Sunday, January 23rd
1:30-3PM 7th Grade RE
7-8:30PM Confirmation (year 1&2)

High School Youth Ministry / Wednesday's 6:30-8PM

St Thomas the Apostle
YOUTH
MINISTRY

Time: 6:30-8PM
Where: Oak Street Church
Snacks / Games / Friends / Prayer / Community / Great Topics and Jesus!

Jr High Youth Ministry / Thursday's 6:30-8PM

Upcoming Dates for Youth Ministry.....
Next YM Sessions / Jan 5,6 / Happy New Year!

Pray | Promote | Present

As our journey continues, **please consider these 3 opportunities** to **Pray** for our young people; **Promote** the various ministries we have (and invite the young people you know to join us); Please consider joining us to **Present** the various events as a small group leader, welcoming and hospitality. Our young people need all ranges of our community to help them grow and encounter Christ. **Sign up to help** is on our parish website / youth ministry

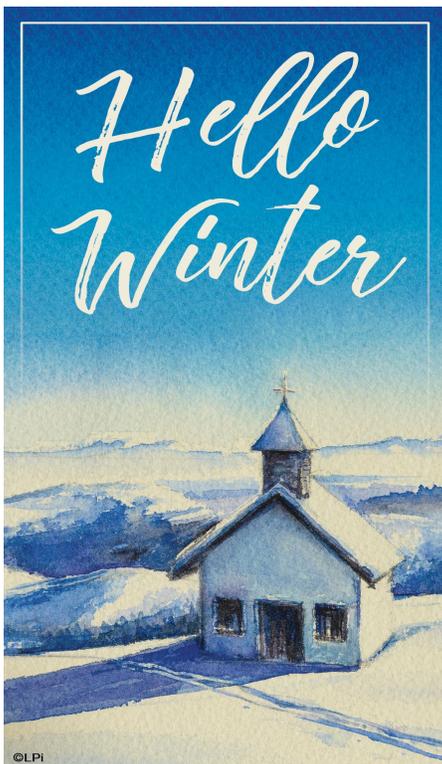
CAMP WOW
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But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:30

SIGN UP TODAY!!
6 / 5 / 22 - 6 / 8 / 22
Spots are limited!

We are also looking for HS Counselors, Grades 9-12
Sign up is available on our parish website
<https://sainthomascatholicchurch.org/>
TODAY!



How Can
We Pray
FOR
You?



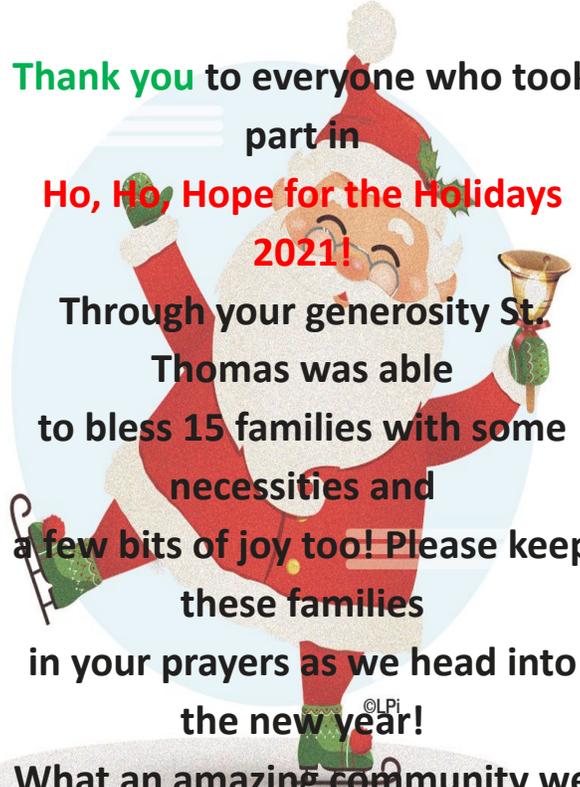


Mówimy Po Polsku?? Well, get your Polish ready, St. Thomas! It's that time after taking a year off. The Annual *Fr. McCormickski Knights of Columbus Council 3880* Polish Dinner is coming. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, January 8, 2022**, and get your tickets ASAP. Every year we sell out and every year we have to turn people away... the Community Center is only so big.. but we are getting ready to serve up all of the scrumptious *Irene Skaja's* Beef Barley Mushroom soup, Roast Pork, Polish Sausage, Pierogi, Golabki, Kopytka and Bigos to name a few, that you have devoured in the past! And save room for the Kolaczki and Raspberry Nalesniki! Find a Knight or give Matt Carzoli a call, 815 216 1391. A great evening for a low price, \$20.00 per adult, and \$10.00 per child. Tickets will go on sale soon!! **"Nie będzie późno"**

Thank you to everyone who took part in

Ho, Ho, Hope for the Holidays 2021!

Through your generosity St. Thomas was able to bless 15 families with some necessities and a few bits of joy too! Please keep these families in your prayers as we head into the new year!
What an amazing community we have!





A Holy Hour to Celebrate

January 9, 2022

Holy Hour

3-4PM

Oak Street Church



The 100th Anniversary Year of St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

Join us for a new year as we **kickoff and celebrate 100 years as a parish**. Throughout the year, we will be offering a number special opportunities to gather and recognize the many gifts and graces God has given our community, as well as to give thanks One of these most blessed parts is YOU!





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Parish Center Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-5:00 PM

Confessions (Reconciliation):

Mondays 5:00 PM-6:00 PM (Oak Street Church)
Saturdays 8:00 AM-9:00 AM (Oak Street Church)
and 3:00 PM-4:00 PM

Locations:

Oak Street Church- 451 W Terra Cotta Ave. Crystal Lake, IL 60014
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Parish Office-272 King St. Crystal Lake, IL 60014
St. Thomas School-265 King St. Crystal Lake, IL 60014
Preschool-454 Lake St. Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Resources:

Crystal Lake Food Pantry-42 East St. Crystal Lake, IL 60014
815-455-0961
M, W, F - 10:00 am-2:00 pm
Th - 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Sat. - 9:00 am - Noon

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815-455-1249

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If you would like the St. Jude Guild to pray for the special intention of a loved one who is living, please contact Georgia Kostur at 815-459-5432



Please visit or call the Parish Center to schedule a Mass Intention

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9:00am a 4:00pm

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nuevo horario de misas

Martes 6:00 am

Miércoles 6:00 am

Jueves 7:30 pm

Viernes 7:30 pm

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Domingo 9:30 am y 11:30 am

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30 min. Antes de misa de 11:30am domingos

O llamar a la Oficina Parroquial para hacer una cita.

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2 de enero de 2022 La Epifanía del Señor

Aun en estos tiempos, la humanidad continúa buscando la estrella, esa estrella que muchas veces se pierde entre la injusticia, el odio y la discriminación. Sin embargo, hay que seguir el camino y alzar los ojos al cielo para encontrar el centro de su luz. “Levántate y brilla, que ha llegado tu luz y la Gloria de Yavé amaneció sobre ti (Isaías 60,1). La Gloria de la Manifestación de Jesús en su Evangelio y en la Eucaristía se hace presente entre nosotros en la Liturgia de hoy. El Papa Francisco nos explica acerca de la belleza de esta celebración. “La manifestación de Jesús, simbolizada por la luz: Levántate y resplandece, Jerusalén, porque llega tu luz; la Gloria del Señor amanece sobre ti”. Él nos exhorta al movimiento, a no quedarnos ahí fijos como estatuas sin hacer nada.

También, nos explica sobre la participación de los magos del Oriente y lo que ellos representan. “Los Magos, venidos de Oriente, representan a todos los pueblos lejanos de la fe judía tradicional: se dejan guiar por la estrella y se enfrentan a un largo y arriesgado viaje; se postran ante Jesús y le ofrecen regalos simbólicos: oro, incienso y mirra; la búsqueda del Señor implica también la generosidad del corazón” (1/6/2019). ¿Qué le estoy ofreciendo a Jesús en esta etapa de mi vida? ¿Qué tipo de manifestaciones he tenido de Dios a lo largo de mi vida? Pidamos, en esta Eucaristía, que la luz de Cristo se manifieste en estos tiempos turbulentos y oscuros que experimentamos en el mundo entero. Sigamos vigilantes, caminemos por sendas nuevas, sigamos el ejemplo de los Magos. Ellos, regresaron a su país por otro camino... ©LPI

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