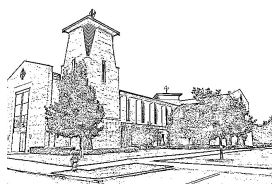


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*They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts of
gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

Matthew 2:11



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PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL: *Saint Michael Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen*

San Miguel Arcángel, defiéndenos en la lucha. Sé nuestro amparo contra la perversidad y asechanzas del demonio. Que Dios manifieste sobre él su poder, es nuestra humilde súplica. Y tú, oh Príncipe de la Milicia Celestial, con el poder que Dios te ha conferido, arroja al infierno a Satanás, y a los demás espíritus malignos que vagan por el mundo para la perdición de las almas. Amén.

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In our celebration of the Epiphany, two interwoven themes are present in the readings today. God is beginning something new, and God gathers all of humanity to participate. For Isaiah, God's bright light, manifested in the people of Israel, attracts and summons people from many nations to Jerusalem. In the letter to the Ephesians, God's grace makes the Gentiles co-heirs and co-partners in the gospel. Matthew tells the story of the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel through the birth of Jesus, and simultaneously leading foreigners to share in these same promises. With the birth of Jesus, God chose a particular people, in a particular time and place, to enter most directly into the human story. Today's readings teach that God did this in order to gather all people, all cultures, into unity with God. Like the magi, we are drawn into a journey toward God, becoming co-partners in God's work.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 6, 2019

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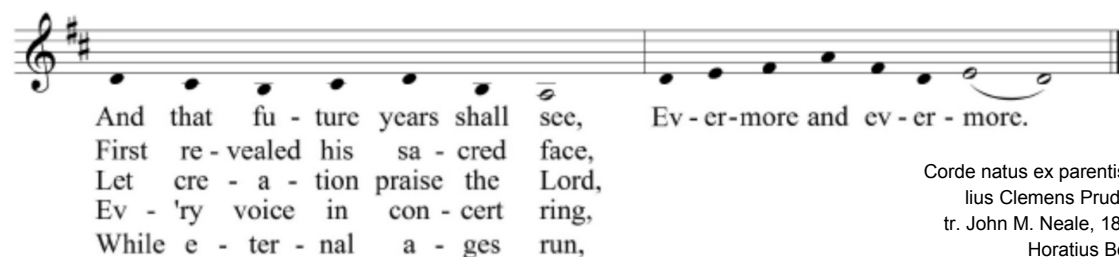
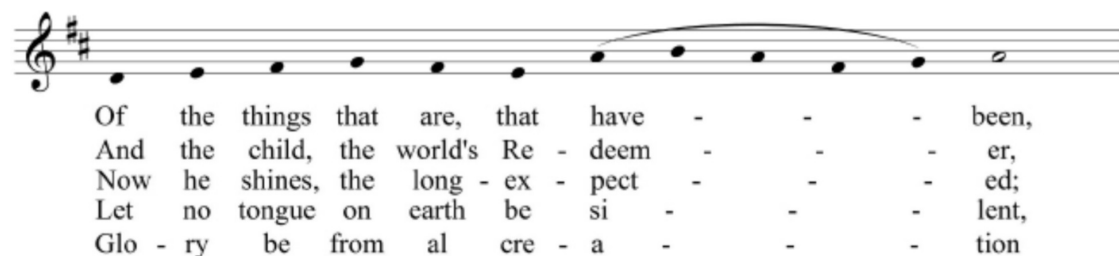
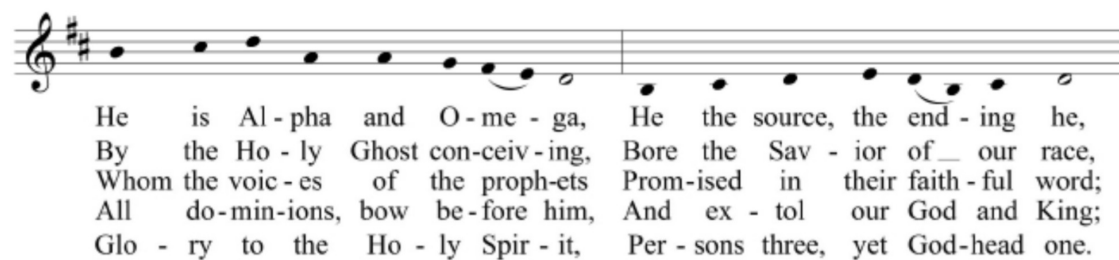
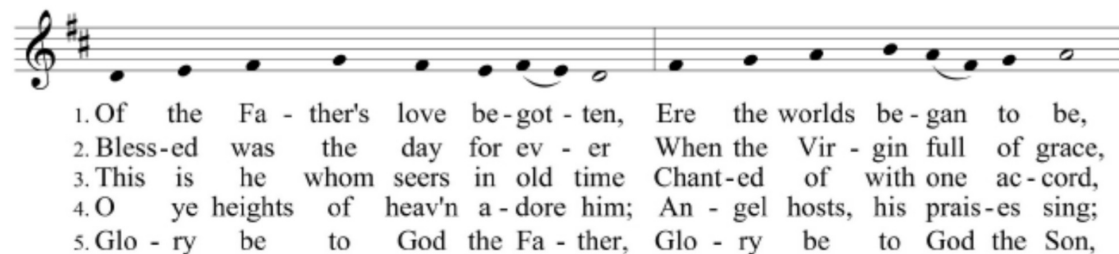
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Psalms 72



Of the Father's Love Begotten



Corde natus ex parentis; Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413
tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1877, alt vs.
Horatius Bonar 1808-1889
Music: Sanctus trope, 11c. Chant
mode V adapt fr. Piaae Cantiones, 1582

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6 DE ENERO DE 2019

Abriendo sus cofres,

LE OFRECIERON
REGALOS:
ORO, INCIENSO
Y MIRRA.

- Mateo 2:11

La Epifanía del Señor



Normal Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: Vigil Mass 5:00 pm English
Sunday: 8:00 am & 11:30 am English
Sunday: 9:30 am & 2:00 pm & 6:00 pm Spanish

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:00 am
Tuesday & Thursday: 5:30 pm

Confessions: Thursday: 6:00-7:00 pm
Saturdays: 3:30 pm-4:30 pm

Adoration: Thursday 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

Adoration First Friday 8:30 am - 8:00 pm

After Hours: Sick Call or Funeral
Requests: 469-667-7324

Funerals: Contact Valerie Stagaman
972-542-4667 ext 114.

Weddings: Contact Emy Avendaño
972-542-4667 ext: 102.

Six months prior to intended wedding date.

Mass Intentions January 5-12, 2019

Saturday, January 5

5:00 pm † Carole Vaultot & + Michelle Lane

Sunday, January 6

8:00 am For the People

9:30 am † Clemente Nieto

† Luis Brayan Patiño

† Alberto Lara

† Juan Campos

11:30 am † Marusak family

2:00 pm Almas en Purgatorio

Miguel Trejo

† Elizabeth Suarez

Veronica Ricano

Sanctity of Life

6:00 pm

Monday, January 7

8:00 am Christina Opara & family

Tuesday, January 8

5:30 pm † Matichak family

Wednesday, January 9

8:00 am Christina Opara & family

Thursday, January 10

5:30 pm † Bielski family

Friday, January 11

8:00 am † Ted Villinski

Saturday, January 12

5:00 pm † Marie & Roy Kerschbaum

ENSANCHA EL CORAZÓN

La alegría provocada por la presencia del amor de Dios ensancha el corazón para la acción de gracias y para la acogida a los demás.

—Gustavo Gutierrez: *Beber de su propio pozo*

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6 DE ENERO SOLEMNIDAD DE LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR

LITURGIA DE LA PALABRA

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Los Tres Reyes Magos

P. Carlos E. Vega

1. Gaspar, Melchor y Baltazar fueron los tres reyes magos, *(repite)*
Que vinieron del Oriente a venerar al Niño Rey.

Estrillo: Los reyes de Oriente van camino hacia Belén guiados por la estrella de David,
Ofreciendo oro incienso y mirra al Niño Rey *(repite)*

2. ¿Dónde está ese Rey de los judíos? Porque hemos visto su estrella. *(repite)*
Al Cristo Rey y Señor. *Estrillo*
3. La estrella les guió por el camino parándose encima del pesebre, *(repite)*
Se llenaron de alegría al encontrar al Niño Rey. *Estrillo*
4. Al entrar en la casa de María vieron al Niño Jesús. *(repite)*
Se postraron para adorarlo ofreciéndole regalos. *(repite)*

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En el Taller de Nazaret

Cesáreo Gabaráin

1. En el taller de Nazaret, pequeño y pobre taller, en su labor está José, y el Niño quiere aprender.



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2. En el taller de Nazaret, pequeño y pobre taller, silencio y paz, amor y fe, Jesús, María y José.
3. En el taller de Nazaret, pequeño y pobre taller, verás a Dios jugar, crecer, rezar y obedecer.

Los Reyes Magos del Oriente

Emilo Vincente Matéu



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1. Busca siempre al niño; busca sin cesar.
Si quieres tener su vida, si luchas por la verdad,
verás cómo en tu camino estará.
2. Deja lo que tienes; marcha hacia Jesús.
La vida están sólo un paso. Belén sigue hasta la cruz.
La noche ya nos presagia su luz.
3. Sigue caminando; ve sin descansar.
No temas si ya no brilla la estrella de tu verdad.
La luz de otro nuevo día vendrá.
4. Llévate tu vida; ponla ante el Señor.
No pienses que son riquezas aquello que busca Dios,
tan sólo viene buscando el amor.

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Baptisms / Bautismos

Registrations for Baptism and Baptism Class are on

Tuesdays: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Call the Church office for more information:
972-542-4667

Registraciones para Bautismos y Pláticas
Bautismales están

Martes: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Miércoles: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Por favor llama la oficina para mas información:
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Prayer of Faithful Stewards
Almighty God, we give you thanks for the inspiration of your Holy Spirit as we reflect on the gospel call to exercise Christ's stewardship on our journey of faith.

We ask you to guide us in our discernment and show us how to be faithful in the plans we make, the actions we take, and the love we share on our pilgrim way.

Heavenly Father, give us the courage to find wisdom in our sacrifices, joy in our generosity and hope in the compassion we show, especially to those most in need of your comfort and care.

Lord, create in us a more open heart and a greater awareness of our need to grow, to change, to be transformed, so that we may be better stewards of your gifts for the good of all. AMEN.

Oración de Corresponsabilidad para los Fieles

Dios Todopoderoso, te damos gracias por la inspiración de tu Espíritu Santo al reflexionar sobre el llamado del evangelio y poder ejercer en Cristo una buena administración de los bienes encomendados en nuestro camino de fe.

Te pedimos que nos guíes en nuestro discernimiento y nos muestres cómo ser fieles a los planes que hacemos, a las acciones que tomamos y el amor que compartimos en nuestro camino de peregrinos.

Padre celestial, danos el ánimo para encontrar sabiduría en nuestros sacrificios, alegría en nuestra generosidad y esperanza en la compasión que mostramos, especialmente por aquellos que necesitan más cuidado y ser más confortados.

Señor, crea en nosotros un corazón más abierto y una mayor conciencia de nuestra necesidad de crecer, de cambiar, de ser transformados, para que podamos ser mejores administradores de tus dones para el bien de todos. AMÉN.

Collection Totals

For December 23

Collection: \$18,535.00

Building Fund: \$ 11,592

Attendance: 3299

Christmas Collection

Collection: \$ 23,879.00

Building Fund: \$ 2,014.00

Attendance: 3567



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We pray for those who need the healing touch of
Christo ramos por aquellos necesitan el toque de Christ

*Paul Brands, Easton Carpenter, Jeff Gotes,
Nelma Hyde, Ken LaForge, Ralph Flores, Chris Paul,
Art Conlon Jr, Don Radke, Len Skorcz, Dan Ramirez,
Dorothy Ramirez, Alex Cole, Orion Rodriguez, Tony
Greise, Tom Niebuhr, Kathy Greise, Patrick Greise,
Gwen Dayton, Doug Dayton, Connie Flores,
Jeanine Bartolo, Macias family, Chris Luck,
Marcie Roberts, Flora Hendrix, Cathy Hanusek, Kim
Lenzer, Lewis Wells, Kevin Wells, Irene Wells,
Kerman Iriarte, Barbara Falcon, Bob Menard, Maria
Wesley, Patricia Tuuci, Beverly Fritz, Gabriela Andrade,
Antonio Reyes, Vincent Macias, Maria Weddle,
Rachel Mingura, Ofelia Sanchez, Christy Lane,
Lisa Hines, Alicia Solomon, Mary Derus, Ramón
Hernandez, Nettie Maestras, Angie Encizo,
Twila Anderson, Bette Long, Alicia Benavides,
Susie Alvarez, Pedro Almendarez, Ryan Jose, Hank
White, Jeff Cotses, Ricky Jackson, Cheryl Pushnack,
Luis Guillermo Villarreal, Jose Leonel Valenzuela,
Jay Semon.*

Please inform us of your loved one needing to be added
to the prayer list, please call the parish office @ 972-
542-4667. Names will remain on the list for 1 month
at which time you can re-submit their names for
prayers.

Para agregar o quitar a alguien de la lista de oraciones,
por favor Llama a la oficina.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Es tiempo de añadir los reyes magos al pesebre. En 1448
llegaron los pesebres italianos a las iglesias españolas, pero
no fue hasta que el Rey Carlos III le regaló un pesebre a su
hijo en el siglo XVIII que el uso de pesebres se expandió
en los hogares. Desde entonces, el uso de nacimientos
llega al continente americano en donde se convierte en la
decoración principal para las fiestas navideñas.

Así como en todo país latinoamericano el montaje del
Belén es una tradición, lo es también en Venezuela. Con el
pesebre venezolano llegan también aguinaldos, parrandas,
Misas y patines. ¡Sí! ¡Patines!

Desde la mitad del siglo pasado los venezolanos celebran
la época navideña con "patinadas". Estas "patinadas"
normalmente se hacen por las mañanas y muchas calles
están cerradas a los autos hasta las 8 a.m. para que niños y
jóvenes puedan disfrutar de los patines, bicicletas y otros
juguetes que les regala el niño Dios. Por eso, muchos niños
duermen con un "cordoncito" atado al dedo gordo de los
pies, que cuelgan por la ventana para que los despierten los
que pasan patinado.

Parish Calendar for the week of January 7th 2019.

Monday, January 7th

8:00 am - Mass - Chapel
10:00 am - Prayers & Squares - Holy Family Hall
7:00 pm - CRHP Women - Cl 3
7:00 pm - CRSP Mujeres - S. Drake
7:00 pm - CRSP Seguimiento Mujeres - St. Michael Hall
7:00 pm - FF Parent Formation - Church
7:00 pm - Grupo Emmanuel - Práctica Coro - Cl 5
7:00 pm - Jóvenes par Cristo - St. Rose Hall
7:00 pm - Legión de María - N. Drake

Tuesday, January 8th

2:00 pm - SVDP (food distribution) - Holy Family Hall
5:30 pm - Mass - Chapel
6:30 pm - Women's Guild - St. Michael Hall
7:00 pm - Grupo Emmanuel - Iglesia
7:00 pm - Pastoral Min Certificate - Holy Family & St.

Rose Halls

7:00 pm - Pro-Life Group - Cl 3

Wednesday, January 9th

8:00 am - Mass - Chapel
10:00 am - Women Bible Study - Cl 3
4:30 pm - Children's & Teen Choirs Rehearsal - Holy
Family, St. Rose Hall & Church
5:00 pm - Youth Confirmation Classes - All Rooms
7:00 pm - 11:30 am Adult English Choir Rehearsal -
Church Loft

Thursday, January 10th

2:00 pm - SVDP Food Distribution - Holy Family Hall
5:30 pm - Mass - Church
6:00 pm - Adoration and Confessions - Church
7:00 pm - CRSP Hombres - St. Rose Hall
7:00 pm - RCIA - St. Michael Hall
7:00 pm - RICA - N. Drake

Friday, January 11th

8:00 am - Mass - Chapel
5:00 pm - Wedding Rehearsal - Church
7:00 pm - Entrenamiento Ambiente Seguro - Español
- Holy Family & St. Michael Halls
7:00 pm - 9:30 am Misa - Coro Ensayo - N. Drake
7:00 pm - Junta Acomodadores - St. Michael Hall

Saturday, January 12th

7:30 am - SVDP (food distribution) - Holy Family Hall
9:00 am - FF Classes - All Rooms
9:00 am - Baptisms - Church
11:00 am - Bautizos - Iglesia
1:00 pm - Wedding - Church
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Confessions - Church
5:00 pm - Mass - Church
5:00 pm - Lectores Junta - St. Rose Hall
7:00 pm - FF Catequist Dinner - St. Michael Hall

Sunday, January 13th

8:00 am - Donut Social - Columbian Squires Circle -
St. Michael Hall
8:00 am - Mass - Church
9:30 am - Misa - Iglesia
11:30 am - Mass - Church
1:00 pm - 2pm Misa Ensayo Coro - Bride's Room
2:00 pm - Misa - Iglesia
3:00 pm - Pastoral Juvenil Hispana - St. Michael Hall
3:30 pm - Entrenamiento EM's - Iglesia
4:00 pm - Youth Catechist Meeting - St. Rose Hall
4:30 pm - 6pm Misa Ensayo Coro - Bride's Room
5:00 pm - Youth Min Confirmation - All Rooms
6:00 pm - Misa - Iglesia

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FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalms — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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 72:1-4, 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, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

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

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Blessing of the Home; National Migration Week

Monday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; Julian Calendar Christmas

ENCUENTRO CON DIOS

Los espléndidos Reyes Magos –destellantes, majestuosos y solemnes–, salen hoy de las páginas de Mateo y van rumbo a nuestra iglesia. Solamente Mateo nos habla de esta grande e interesante historia para que podamos ver la luz y saber que el niño que visitaron los Reyes Magos era el cumplimiento de la profecía, el rey cuyo mensaje llega hasta la tierra natal de estos magos y mucho más allá, hasta nuestra época.

Nosotros también nuevamente podemos ver y entender. Al igual que estos magos, nuestros santos patronos en este día, vemos en el niño recién nacido al rey del universo y la luz del mundo. Como los Reyes Magos, encontramos dentro de nosotros una nueva fe y una nueva vida. Como ellos, regresamos a casa por una nueva ruta.

Se nos pide terminemos esta temporada festiva renovados y consientes de la presencia de Dios entre nosotros. Se nos pide encontrar a Dios donde se le puede encontrar, que estemos atentos y listos para, con asombro, inclinarnos en adoración y ofrecer nuestras ofrendas.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Levántate y brilla, Jerusalén, porque sobre ti se levanta (Isaías 60:1-6).

Salmo — Que te adoren, Señor, todos los pueblos (Salmo 72 [71]).

Segunda lectura — El misterio se ha dado a conocer, que los no judíos han de compartir en Cristo Jesús la misma herencia (Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Evangelio — Vinieron unos Magos de Oriente preguntando: “¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que ha nacido?” (Mateo 2:1-12).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Sal 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Martes: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4, 7-8; Mc 6:34-44

Miércoles: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Sal 72 (71): 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mc 6:45-52

Jueves: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lc 4:14-22a

Viernes: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Sal 147:12-15, 19-20; Lc 5:12-16

Sábado: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Domingo: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 o Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Sal 29 (28):1-4, 3, 9-10 o Sal 104 (103):1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Hch 10:34-38 o Tit 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lc 3:15-16, 21-22

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SCHOOL SURVEY

An exciting new opportunity is being studied for a new Catholic elementary school in proximity to Main Street and Independence Parkway. The diocese assisted by a professional consulting firm, Meitler, is conducting a survey January 12th- 27th online for families with children 11 years and younger.

The purpose of the survey is to determine potential interest in a new Catholic elementary school. For more information visit our webpage csodallas.org/survey.

Thank you for your support and participation.

Una emocionante y nueva oportunidad se está estudiando para una nueva escuela primario católica que se ubicará en el Área de Main Street y Independence Parkway. La diócesis asistida por una firma de consultoría profesional, Meitler, lanzará una encuesta el 12 de enero hasta el 27 de enero para familias con niños en edad escolar (o 0 a 11 años).

El propósito de la encuesta es determinar el interés potencial para una nueva escuela primario católica. Por más información visite nos en línea csodallas.org/survey. Gracias por su apoyo y participación.

CAMINO DE TRANSFORMACIÓN

La tradición, la poesía y la literatura desde hace mucho tiempo reflexionan en la historia de los magos. El camino de los magos sin duda tiene impacto en los caminos de nuestras propias vidas. El camino es una búsqueda de un “rey”, por lo que o por quién es de una importancia fundamental en la vida. Quienes buscan pierden la dirección y encuentran obstáculos y peligros. Al buscar a un rey, los magos primero llegan con un rey engañoso, Herodes. La reaparición de la estrella muestra el verdadero camino y los guía al verdadero rey.

Para Mateo, el camino termina cuando los magos adoran a Jesús. Ellos descubren a un rey que no está vestido de majestuosidad, sino cubierto con humildad y sencillez. Ellos comienzan a reimaginar lo que es el verdadero poder regio. Transformados por este camino, ellos aceptan a este rey humilde, Jesús.

ROOTEDNESS

The flower does not bear the root. The root bears the flower. The rose is merely evidence of the vitality of the root.

—Woodrow Wilson

Roe Memorial Events / Eventos Memoriales de Roe

2019 Roe Memorial Events: On January 19, North Texas will mark the 46th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's tragic Roe v. Wade decision making abortion available on demand in America. The theme of the 2019 Roe Memorial is “A Post-Roe World: Equal Dignity, Equal Support.” The schedule of events includes:

8:00 a.m. Roe Memorial Rosaries at Dallas abortion facilities: Southwestern, 8616 Greenville Ave, Dallas, and Planned Parenthood, 7989 West Virginia Dr, Dallas

8:30 a.m. Youth for Life Rally (for high school students) at St. Jude Chapel, 1521 Main St, Dallas, TX 75201. Featuring inspiring presentations, great music, and Mass! Register at prolifedallas.org/yflrally. Youth under 18 must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or safe-environment cleared chaperone.

10:00 a.m. Roe Memorial Mass (bilingual) at Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe, 2215 Ross Avenue, Dallas, celebrated by Bishop Edward Burns (Procession of Roses begins at 9:45 a.m.)

12:30 p.m. North Texas March for Life from Cathedral to rally outside the Earle Cabell Federal Courthouse.

Don't miss this annual event for Life!! For more information, visit prolifedallas.org/roe or contact cplc@prolifedallas.org or 972-267-LIFE (5433).

Eventos Memoriales de Roe 2019: El 19 de enero, el norte de Texas conmemorará el 46 aniversario de la trágica decisión del Tribunal Supremo de los EE. UU. Roe v. Wade haciendo que el aborto esté disponible en demanda en Estados Unidos. El tema del Memorial Roe 2019 es “Un Mundo Pos-Roe: Igualdad de Dignidad, Igualdad de Apoyo”. Lo que sigue es un calendario de eventos:

8:00 a.m. Rosarios Memoriales de Roe afuera de los centros de abortos, Southwestern, 8616 Greenville, Dallas, y Planned Parenthood, 7989 West Virginia Dr, Dallas

8:30 a.m. Reunión de Jóvenes Por La Vida (para estudiantes de secundaria) en la capilla de San Judas, 1521 Main St, Dallas, TX 75201. Registración ya está disponible en prolifedallas.org/yflrally. Jóvenes menores de 18 años deben ser acompañados por un padre, guardián legal, o chaperón que está aprobado con el ambiente seguro. (El evento es en inglés solamente.)

10:00 a.m. Misa Memorial de Roe (bilingüe) celebrada por Obispo Edward Burns en la Catedral Santuario de la Virgen de Guadalupe, 2215 Ross Ave, Dallas. (La Procesión de Rosas comienza a las 9:45 a.m.)

12:30 p.m. Marcha por la Vida del Norte de Texas de la Catedral hacia la reunión afuera del edificio de la Corte Federal Earle Cabell.

Para obtener más información sobre estos eventos, visite providadallas.org o póngase en contacto con el Comité Católico Pro-Vida al 972-267-5433.

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THE ROAD TO COLLEGE AND HEAVEN STARTS HERE

Here within the Diocese of Dallas, we believe that Catholic Schools are a ministry of the church that is ultimately meant to change the lives of those we encounter. We stand behind superior academics, the moral and spiritual formation that our students encounter, and a lifelong commitment to a journey of sacramental engagement. When a family chooses Catholic education, it is important to note that they are not merely choosing a better education – they are choosing a better life.

Catholic Schools within our diocese exist as extensions of the local parish and of the greater diocesan ministry. They are designed to serve underserved populations, to support parishes, and to expand the community of the church into areas that need greater spiritual presence. We serve nearly 15,000 students across 37 sites, ranging from students who will be the first in their family to go to college all the way to those who are competing for top placement at national colleges. Nationally, our schools are continuing to be recognized with the nearly 20 Blue Ribbon Awards (open to only the top ten percent of schools nationally) in the last two decades, with three in the last two years. More importantly, however, our schools provide community, connection and development to countless families who want to grow stronger in their faith, whatever that faith background is.

The benefits and impact of Catholic Schools have been well studied. **We know Catholic School students are:**

-  more likely to pray daily, attend Mass more often, retain a Catholic identity as an adult and donate more to the Church;
-  twice as likely to attend college than students enrolled in public schools;
-  able to dramatically lessen or even eliminate the racial and socio-economic achievement gap seen among students in Texas;
-  able to at the very least double Texas state averages for achievement on the ACT for African American and Hispanic Students;

-  able to enjoy 100% high school graduation rates and 99% 4-year college attendance rates;
-  able to enjoy higher earning potential than other graduates;
-  more civically engaged, more likely to vote, more tolerant of diverse views and more committed to service as adults.

Information based on research of the National Catholic Educational Association and Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, as well as local Diocesan Comparison Data

PROPOSED NEW SCHOOL IN COLLIN COUNTY

The proposed new regional Catholic elementary school for Collin County in the Frisco-McKinney-Allen area is being founded on the principles cited above and rooted in a strong Catholic identity and tradition. The introduction and inclusion of biblical and sacramental principles is meant to form the next generation of Catholics and continue the mission of evangelization. Although the intellect is important to develop, here within the diocese, Catholic Schools and Catholic Education allow us to help parents realize the dream that their children will have the social and emotional development that allows the intellect to be applied in a manner which has an impact in the real world. The principles of loving neighbor as oneself, mercy, patience, inclusion, truthfulness, gentleness, self-control are all character traits that are desirous in vocations and careers.

Because we as Catholics believe that parents are the primary educators of their children, we cannot do any of this without your support and help. As such, a parent survey will be available on **JANUARY 12th** to assess the level of interest in a new school among parents in Collin County. More information will be available in parish bulletins, social media, and other means of communication. We look forward to hearing more from all of you soon.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Ceasar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Local Council 9903

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One man can make a DIFFERENCE! Become a member of the Knights of Columbus and united as Brothers, we can make the world better, one act of charity at a time....

Every day, Knights all over the world are given opportunities to make a difference – whether through community service, raising money or prayer. We celebrate each and every Knight for his strength, his compassion and his dedication to building a better world.

Serving our Catholic Church in communities, parishes, schools and neighborhoods across the world!

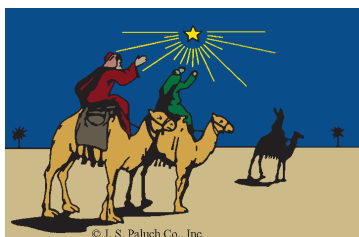
The Knights are the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world, nearly 2 million strong.

If you would like to learn more about joining, please meet various Brothers in the Rectory Hall following the 8AM Sunday Mass or ask an usher.

FUN FACTS- DID YOU KNOW?

- The heartbeat of the Knights is SERVICE.
- Knights will be helping to decorate the church for Christmas celebrations on Saturday December 22nd.
- Knights are a Pro Family and Pro Life organization.
- Knights provide Ushers for all English Masses.
- Knights come from all backgrounds including former President of the United States, distinguished members of the supreme court the senate and former governors.
- Knights recently sponsored for children "Cookies with St Nicholas" on Saturday, December 15th

The Epiphany of the Lord A Gift for the Wise Men



A rather liberal priest was teasing one of the women of the parish, asking, "How do we know the Wise Men weren't Wise Women?" She answered, "If they were, they'd have brought bottles, diapers, and a bassinet, instead of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Maybe they were wise enough to know that Mary could have bought a lot of diapers with the gold.

The gifts, of course, are symbols of who Jesus is: a king who is both God and human. And I wonder what our gifts to the Lord say about our faith in him. Remember the song about the little drummer boy, who had no gift to bring but his ability to play the drum? Or the parable of the woman who brought two small coins to donate at the temple (Mark 12:42)? They both remind us that a person who gives all they have, no matter how little it seems, is the most generous.

So what do we bring to the newborn king? I can give my time by coming to church for the feast of Epiphany and actually paying attention. How often do I sit in the pews, answer the prayers by heart, and suddenly realize that I can't remember what the first reading was, or what the homily was about? Just making the effort to listen to the words of scripture, to hear what God may be trying to tell me, could be a great gift. Or I could bring someone in our family, or a friend, who doesn't go to church very much.

Now let's not forget the meaning of "epiphany." In ancient times it meant the appearance or manifestation of a divine being. In the early church the feast included the baptism of Christ (with the voice of the Father and the Spirit as a dove) and the miracle at Cana, as well as the visit of the magi. So what we celebrate is not so much our gifts or those of the Wise Men, as it is a gift from God, manifest in Jesus. Maybe a way to celebrate the Epiphany is to reflect on how God has been made known to me. Simple things, like a hug from a friend or an answered prayer, or major events like a wedding, the birth of a child, or a funeral, can all be ways to experience the Lord. The Wise Men received the gift of an epiphany by following a star. May the light of Christ lead you to him also.

INCLUIDOS Y EXCLUIDOS

Una epifanía es una manifestación, una revelación de lo que estaba escondido, y a menudo un desafío a cambiar. Para la comunidad de Mateo, la historia de los magos desafía a estos nuevos cristianos, tanto aquellos de origen judío como a los que no son judíos. Los incluidos, aquellos enraizados en las tradiciones y Escrituras judías, podrían estar incómodos con los magos, y con Dios obrando en la cultura de aquellos que no son judíos y que se acercan a Dios. Los excluidos, también llamados gentiles, se alegran de que Dios los llame desde sus propias raíces. Excepto que ellos también saben que están llamados a sus propios caminos de transformación.

¿Hoy en día, quiénes son los incluidos y los excluidos? Algunos podrían ver a los fuereños como amenazas a las formas acostumbradas de honrar y servir a Dios. Otros podrían creer que ellos mismos están muy alejados, concluyendo que no pueden ser aceptados en la comunidad cristiana, y quizá dejen de prestar atención a la obra de Dios en sus vidas. Aun así, otros podrían pensar que creer en Cristo sirve como otra línea que divide a las personas, previniéndolas de ver a todas las personas como hijos de Dios. La historia de la Epifanía nos recuerda que clasificar a personas como incluidas o excluidas es una ilusión, una mentira que surge a partir de una separación de Dios. Cuando estamos unidos con Dios, solo podemos ver a los demás como hermanos y hermanas.

