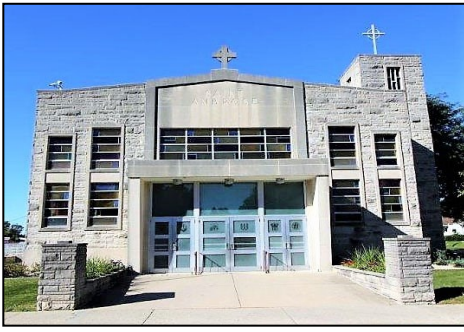




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3 de enero 2021

Epifanía del Señor

Father Tom's column (but not Father Tom) is on vacation this weekend. Happy, safe, holy and healthy new year!

I hope these reflections from Our Sunday Visitor serve your parishioners well in 2021.
 January 3, 2021 ~~ The Epiphany of Our Lord
 IS 60:1-6; PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; EPH 3:2-3a, 5-6; MT 2:1-12

Today, we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord. The Gospel account of the three magi traveling to meet Baby Jesus is one that we know well. Yet, when we pause to reflect on this moment when these men met Christ for the first time, we recognize that there is much to be said for us still today.

When the magi entered the house, it says, "they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage." Clearly these men knew that they were in the presence of their King. They also came bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, which symbolize Christ's kingship, divinity and humanity.

Christ is still manifesting Himself to us today. We enter God's house weekly, and we are in His presence. When we meet Him, do we offer Him our gifts — our time, talent and treasure? As Christian stewards, we are called to respond with love, reverence and gratitude.

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 2021

La columna del Padre Tom (pero no el Padre Tom) está de vacaciones este fin de semana.
¡Feliz, seguro, santo y saludable año nuevo!

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Esperamos que las reflexiones de nuestros invitados del domingo sirvan a sus feligreses en el 2021.
3 de enero 2021~~ La Epifanía de Nuestro Señor Isahias 60:1-6, Salomos 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13,
Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6;, Mateo 2:1-12.

Hoy celebramos la Epifanía de nuestro Señor. El relato del Evangelio de los tres magos que viajaron para encontrarse con el Niño Jesús es uno que conocemos bien. Sin embargo, cuando nos detenemos a reflexionar sobre este momento en el que estos hombres se encontraron con Cristo por primera vez, reconocemos que todavía hay mucho que decir denosotros hoy.

Cuando los magos entraron a la casa, dicen que, “vieron al niño con María, su madre. Se postraron y le rindieron honor”. Claramente, estos hombres sabían que estaban en presencia de su Rey. También vinieron con regalos de oro, incienso y mirra, que simbolizan la realeza, la divinidad y la humanidad de Cristo.

Cristo todavía se nos manifestando hoy. Entramos a la casa de Dios semanalmente y estamos en Su presencia. Cuando lo conocemos, ¿le ofrecemos nuestros dones: nuestro tiempo, talentos y tesoros? Como mayordomos cristianos, estamos llamados a responder con amor, reverencia y gratitud.

Confessions—St. Mary Anderson-Saturday, 2:30-3:30 PM: St. Mary Alexandria-Saturday, 3:30-4:00 PM
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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	4-Jan.	8:00 AM 8:00 AM	St. Ambrose St. Mary And.	Molly Ann O'Shaughnessy Thomas Higgins
Tuesday	5- Jan.	8:00 AM	St. Ambrose	Poor Souls
Wednesday	6-Jan.	8:00 AM 8:00 AM 11:30 AM	St. Ambrose St. Mary Alex. St. Vincent Hosp.	Betty Brownfield Florence Crist Poor Souls
Thursday	7- Jan.	8:30 AM	St. Mary And.	Grant Foster
Friday	8-Jan.	8:00 AM 8:30 AM	St. Mary Alex. St. Mary And.	Charles Crist Emma Gall
Saturday	9-Jan.	4:00: PM 4:30 PM 5:30 PM	St. Mary And. St. Mary Alex. St. Ambrose	Fr. Jim Costello S.J. Kelsey Norris Ryan Warner
Sunday	10-Jan.	7:30 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	St. Mary And. St. Mary Alex. St. Ambrose St. Mary And.	Thomas Sokol Garland Crist Pro Populo Poor Souls

Secretary Position Available for St. Mary Alexandria

We are looking to fill a position for clerical support to the church and school of St. Mary in Alexandria. The hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM. The duties included are those related to church and school operations. If interested please contact Rachel Duckworth at rduckworth@stmaryalex.net or call St. Mary School in Alexandria at 765-724-4459.

Knights of Columbus

There will be a chicken fry on January 9th, and a tenderloin dinner on January 16th. Due to Covid meals will be carry-out only until further notice. All meals are at the Columbian Hall from 5:00-7:30 and are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

Indiana March for Life**Commemoration of the Solemn Anniversary of Roe v. Wade**

All are invited to join in any of the following events commemorating the solemn anniversary of Roe v. Wade. The events include: January 21st, 7:00-9:00 PM-Vigil for life at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Carmel, a prayerful time of Eucharistic adoration and Confession. January 22nd, 10:30 AM-Mass for Life at St. John's, downtown Indianapolis, 12:00 Noon-March for Life, Indianapolis, from St. John's to the Indiana Statehouse, 12:45 PM-Rally at the south lawn of the Statehouse, 6:30 PM-Diocesan Mass for Life at St. Mary Cathedral, Lafayette, all of these events are free. Diapers will be collected for distribution to local crisis pregnancy centers. Registration is required at most of these events. Contact Susan Hoefer, Diocesan Respect Life Coordinator, shoefer@dol-in.org / 765-421-1998 for more information, or check out our website, <https://dol-in.org/family-life-events>.

Armor Up

On February 27th 2021 the E6 Catholic Men's Conference will be held at the All Saints Parish-St. Joseph campus in St. Leon Indiana. COVID- Compliance will limit attendance but more significantly there is unlimited live-streaming of the conference wherein individuals or groups (families, men's groups or entire parishes) can witness and participate with a single enrollment. Live or Streaming registrations begins January 4th at <https://www.e6catholicmensconference.com/> registration. Feature speakers are Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Jason Evert and Patrick Coffin.

A Prayer For Hope After A Hard Year.

God, Thank you for helping us to make it through this difficult year. Thank you that you've carried us through the uncertainty of deep waters, through the flames of trials, and through the pain of hard losses. We are constantly aware of how much we need you, your grace, your strength, your power working through even the toughest days.

Help us to keep our focus first on you this season. Please forgive us for giving too much time and attention to other things, for looking to other people before coming to you first. Help us to reflect again, on what Christmas is really all about. Thank you that you came to give new life, peace, hope, and joy. Thank you that your power is made perfect in our weakness.

Help us to remember that the gift of Christ, Immanuel, is our greatest treasure, not just at Christmas, but for the whole year through. Fill us with your joy and the peace of your Spirit. Direct our hearts and minds towards you. Thank you for your reminder that both in seasons of celebration and in seasons of brokenness, you're still with us. For you never leave us. Thank you for your daily powerful Presence in our lives, that we can be assured your heart is towards us, your eyes are over us, and your ears are open to our prayers. Thank you that you surround us with favor as with a shield, and we are safe in your care.

We choose to press in close to you today, and keep you first in our hearts and lives. Without you we would surely fail, but with you, there is great hope. Thank you for your healing power, thank you for bringing us into this new season up ahead. We look forward to all that You still have in store. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Classes are beginning for Sacrament Preparation!

Children 2nd grade or older may prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

Children age 13 or older may prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We also offer preparation classes for children age 7 and above, who have not been baptized.

Please email Christine at cvincent-rodas@parish.dol-in.org or call the parish office for more information or to

Register your child(ren) today.

Religious Education Materials Have Arrived

This year due to COVID, Religious Education classes are homebased. Materials are available for students grades K-9th as well as parent guides. Each lesson follows the Gospel reading of the weekend. Please email Christine at cvincent-rodas@parish.dol-in.org or call the parish office for more information or to register.

¡Empiezan las clases de preparación para los sacramentos de primero comunión y confirmación!

Los niños de segundo grado o mayores pueden prepararse para recibir los sacramentos de la reconciliación y la sagrada comunión.

Los niños de 13 años o más pueden prepararse para recibir el sacramento de la confirmación.

También ofrecemos clases de preparación para niños de 7 años o más, que no han sido bautizados.

Para obtener más información mande un mensaje por texto a 765-602-5312 con su nombre, los nombres de sus hijos y para cual sacramentos quiere inscribirse. También puede enviar un correo electrónico a Christine a cvincent-rodas@parish.dol-in.org o llame a la oficina parroquial para obtener más información o para inscribirse a su(s) hijo(s). ¡Gracias!

Han llegado los materiales de educación religiosa

Este año debido a COVID, las clases de educación religiosa se imparten en el hogar. Los materiales están disponibles para los estudiantes de los grados K-9, así como guías para los padres. Cada lección sigue la lectura del Evangelio del fin de semana. Para obtener más información o para registrarse mande un texto a 765-602-5312 o envíe un correo electrónico a Christine a cvincent-rodas@parish.dol-in.org. También pueden pasar a la oficina parroquial en el anexo de la escuela en Santa María en viernes a recibir sus materiales. ¡Gracias!

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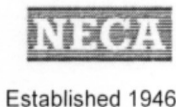
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