

WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2017

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Home of the



MASS TIMES

Sunday 9:00am Family Mass

11:30am

1:30pm (Spanish) 5:30pm

7:30pm

Mon.-Fri. 12:00pm | 5:30pm

Saturday 5:30pm Vigil

RECONCILIATION:

M-F 4:30pm-5:20pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

 Monday
 6:00-7:00pm

 Wednesday
 4:30-5:20pm

 Friday
 8:15-9:15am

FIRST FRIDAY:

5:30pm Mass of the Sacred Heart and Eucharistic Adoration

ROSARY:

Monday-Friday 11:25am

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

To be a member of our parish requires registration and participation in worship, sacraments, the life of the parish, and regular financial support of the parish. This is a basic consideration when requesting marriage, baptism, or to act as a godparent/sponsor. Register in the parish office or on-line.



http://keenforgod.wordpress.com

The Epiphany of Our Lord

The wise men follow the star, find the new king, and, upon seeing him, place their gifts at his feet. What happens to them afterwards? We have all kinds of apocryphal stories about their journey back home, but these, while interesting, are not helpful. We do not know what happened to them afterwards and that is exactly the point. Their slipping away into anonymity is a crucial part of their gift. The idea is that they now disappear because they can now disappear. They have placed their gifts at the feet of the young king and can now leave everything safely in his hands. His star has eclipsed theirs. Far from fighting for their former place, they now happily cede it to him. Like old Simeon, they can happily exit the stage singing: Now, Lord, you can dismiss your servants! We can die! We're in safe hands!

(Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI)

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2017

The Tabernacle Candle is being sponsored this week in memory of Fiona by Marina A.

The deceased are indicated by a cross in front of their names. Masses said for the living are for their special intentions.

Sunday, January 8-The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1:6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12 Mary Casile by the Parish 9:00am 11:30am Erica by Marina A.

1:30pm Sonia González Vásquez by Soccorro Gonzalez 5:30pm Mary Broderick by Tom and Josephine Hill

7:30pm For the Parish

Monday, January 9-The Baptism of the Lord IS 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38 | Mt 3:13-17

12:00pm

5:30pm Families with Special Needs and World Peace

Tuesday, January 10 Heb 2:5-12/ Mt 1:21-28

12:00pm ♣ Dan Trunk by Joyce Trunck

Mission 10,000 5:30pm Wednesday, January 11 Heb 2:14-18/ Mt 1:29-39

12:00pm 5:30pm

Thursday, January 12 Heb 3:7-14/ Mt 1:40-45

12:00pm 5:30pm

Friday, January 13 Heb 4:1-5/Mk 2:1-12

12:00pm

5:30pm Marina A. by Marina A.

Saturday, January 14

Morning: Heb 4:12-16/ Mk 2:13-17

5:30pm

The Catholic Student Center

CLERGY & STAFF MEMBERS

Pastor Father Marek Dzien Parochial Vicar Father Benjamin Romero, CMF Administrative Assistant to the Pastor Gail Fitzsimmons RCIA & Young Adult Ministry Coordinator Sabrina Sy St. Augustine Church Liturgy & Music Co-Directors Doug Ghizzoni Matthew Kuizon Liturgy Assistant Melissa Likamwa

Religious Education Coordinator Elena Melendez Facilities & Operations Manager Mary T. Wise Bookkeeper Holly Freitas Parish Secretaries Brian Gulig Cecile Sands Rosa Nakamatsu Housekeeping

Director of the Catholic Student Center

Campus Ministers - Ashley Hemingway and Sandy DeTeresa

Father David Ruchinski

Campus Ministry Assistants - Anna Gugliemino and Sr. Ana-Luisa Galvan

Alumni Outreach Coordinator - Lauren Troncoso

Seminarian - Michael Kieler

FOCUS Missionaries (Fellowship of Catholic University Students)

Katelyn Miller | Ariadna Ruiz | Joseph West | Drew Decker

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 8

9:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:00am Religious Ed

10:15am Religious Ed-grades 4-5 10:15am Religious Ed-middle school

2:30pm Cafecito

3:00pm Spanish Bible Study

3:00pm Spanish RCIA

4:00pm **High School Confirmation Parent** Information and Orientation

6:00pm **RCIA**

8:45pm Alpha Meeting

Monday, January 9

6:00pm Holy Hour

6:30pm Sacramental Preparation

7:00pm Nueva Alianza

9:00pm CSC Coalition Meeting

Tuesday, January 10

4:00pm Student Choir Practice 6:15pm Newman Dinner

7:00pm Spanish Bible Study

Wednesday, January 11

4:30pm Holy Hour with Confession

Middle School Religious Education 6:30pm

9:00pm **Ministry Formation**

Thursday, January 12

6:00pm Upper Room 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 13

8:15am Holy Hour and Exposition Wedding Rehearsal 2:30pm

<u>Saturday, January 14</u>

3:00pm Wedding

5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass

RCIA

Contact Sabrina Sy at sabrina@catholicgators.org

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Call the office for information on First Reconciliation/First Communion, High School Confirmation, & Adult Confirmation preparation.

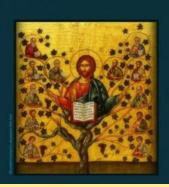
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples should meet with a priest at least eight (8) months prior to the wedding. Contact Gail Fitzsimmons at (352) 372-3533 ext. 113 or gail@catholicgators.org for an initial consultation.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism Preparation is required and both parents should attend our monthly preparation class and coordinate with the parish office. Please call the parish office to arrange for Baptism and preparation, preferably before the baby's birth.





"I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit.'

TIME AND TALENT FESTIVAL

WHEN: After all Masses on Sunday January 22, 2017

There are many opportunities here at St.

Augustine's to serve the Lord, your faith community and the community at large.

Spend some time in prayer and thought, then come to the Time and Talent Festival. Talk to other parishioners about their service and see how fruitful YOU can be using your God-given gifts in service!

Bishop's Businessmen's **Communion Breakfast**



Join with area businessmen in a unique opportunity to gather in community and interact with Bishop Estévez and other Catholic men of faith.

Wednesday, January 11, 2017 from 7:30-9:00 AM at St. Francis Catholic Academy. Mass in the chapel

to be celebrated by Bishop Estévez from 7:30-8:00AM (complimentary breakfast to follow.)

COMING SOON! MyParish App

The Diocese of St. Augustine has partnered with myParish to bring you this premium app, free of charge. The myParish app is designed to help you grow in your love for Christ and his Church. You now have daily Mass readings, traditional and contemporary Catholic prayers, homilies, Gospel reflections, examination of conscience, and so much more. It's all in one place!

St. Augustine's will be implementing this soon, so stay tuned for more information on how to download and access the my-Parish app.



WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP PLEASE NOTE: DATE CHANGE!

The Learning Committee and the Women's Book Discussion Group invite you to join us in the lounge at 10:00 a.m. January 29 for a book signing and discussion by Katelin Maloney. She will discuss her novel, Drowning, which raises awareness of domestic violence through its powerful story that allows the reader to witness an abusive relationship and 'walk on eggshells' along with the victim. Books will be available on the 29nd but if you would like to read it in advance contact Janet allenim@cox.net. Katelin donates a portion of the proceeds to Peaceful Paths shelter. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JOHN PAUL II POLAND, MAY 2017

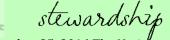


Duration: Eight days **Accommodation:** Hotel in Kazimierz There's still time to learn more and sign up!



INTERESTED? PLEASE CONTACT FR. MAREK.





December 25, 2016 The Nativity of the Lord

Offertory:	\$10	,532.91
E-Giving:	\$ 1,	813.96
Parish Pay:	\$	135.00
Poor Box:	\$	80.62
Catholic Student Center:	\$	890.00
Sanctuary Renovation:	\$	120.00
Advent/Christmas Appeal:	\$ 5	,463.50
Mercedarian Sisters:	\$	5.00
Angel Tree	\$	140.00
Specified Donations:	\$	700.00

Totals for January 1, 2017 not available at press time.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Needed: a few good people who are interested in developing adult learning opportunities for the parish. Must be interested in a broad range of educational opportunities to keep the parish updated on current Catholic thought and spirituality . The next meeting of the learning committee will be January 11 at 7:00PM in the upstairs conference room. Please come or leave your name and contact information in the office.



MAXIMIZING GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR HIS GLORY

STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 8, 2017

Today we celebrate Epiphany. How many people can give the definition of "epiphany"? According to dictionary.com (after the recognition of the Catholic Solemnity) it is, "An appearance or manifestation, especially of a deity; a sudden, intuitive perception of or insight into the reality or essential meaning of something." More on that in a minute. Another word from today's Gospel is "magi" (singular "magus" – Did anyone know that?). Who were the magi? Contrary to the not-quite-correct popular Christmas carol, they were not kings. According to dictionary.com, a magus is a Zoroastrian priest, or sorcerer or magician (that's where "magic" comes from). They would have been "wise men" who came from Persia. What is the meaning of the gifts of the Magi? According to Origen, a father of the Church, gold signifies Jesus as a king, frankincense signifies Jesus as God, and myrrh (a burial spice) foretells His death for our salvation.

OK, so the simple meaning of the Epiphany, as emphasized by the three readings for today's mass, is that the Gentile world, via the Magi, recognized Jesus as King. He didn't come for just the Jews (good thing for us since not many of us are Jews). We tend to take this for granted, since the Christians ended up breaking away from the Jewish faith not long after Jesus' Church was formed by His Apostles.

But back to epiphany. As is the case for almost every scripture, it is not dead, something that ceased to have meaning or impact more than 2,000 years ago. It's not just history. We should always strive to find relevance to our lives today. So what is our epiphany? I believe that most Christians fall into routine and not allow ourselves to be challenged by our faith (e.g., "I go to mass every Sunday, receive the sacraments, and follow the Ten Commandments, so I'm doing OK."). But what did Jesus say the greatest two commandments are? First - Love the Lord your God with your whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. Second - Love your neighbor as yourself. He said that the whole law and the prophets are based on these (Mt 22:35-40). There's a lot more there than the Ten Commandments! Now there's an epiphany, a very challenging epiphany.

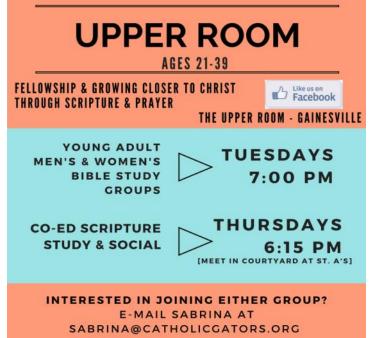
So how's this for a New Year's resolution? Every day when we awake, let us dedicate the upcoming day to love God with our whole being and to love our neighbor as ourselves. If we, like the Magi, recognize Jesus as our king, can we do otherwise than to follow his commands? Or do we conveniently keep Jesus locked in the manger scene where He safely evokes "Awes" as an innocent little baby.

but don't let His Word challenge us in our everyday life?

Paul A. Gulig

Chair, Stewardship Committee and Parish Council









Estudio Bíblico

En la biblioteca Domingo, 3:00pm- 4:00pm Martes.

7:00pm-8:00pm

RCIA en Español

Domingo, 3:00pm-4:30pm Liturgy Conference Room <u>Ultreya</u>

primer Lunes de Mes, 7:00pm-10pm Lounge

Y los próximos Cursillos de este año son:

Febrero 16-19, 2017 por Hombres Marzo 2-5, 2017 por

Mujeres

Cursillo de Cristiandad

Cursillo, en español quiere decir "curso pequeño" o "corto." Es de tres días para hombres y mujeres de cualquier edad. ¿Deseas tener un encuentro real con Cristo? Es una experiencia maravillosa. ¿Deseas ser parte de una comunidad Cristiana comenzando desde tu propio hogar?

Y los próximos Cursillos de este año son:

Febrero 16-19, 2017 por Hombres Marzo 205, 2017 por Mujeres

Para mayor información comunicarse con: Awilda Merced (787) 448-7968 o Ángela Chiriboga (352) 331-7616.

Cafecito y dulces

Se les invita a pasar al salón de la iglesia cada domingo después de la Misa de la 1:30 p.m. para compartir amistad y cafecito. Vengan y conozcan mejor a sus hermanos en Cristo. Si desean, pueden traer donaciones de galletas o bebidas.



AFRICAN CELEBRATION

Are you interested in African culture? We are planning a celebration of African culture and religion. We need a lot of knowledgeable people who are willing to participate. Do you sing African songs, dance, cook, model or speak about African religions? We will provide more information as plans develop but we would be happy to know if you can contribute. The next meeting of the learning committee will be January 11 at 7:00PM in the upstairs conference room. Please come or leave your name and contact information in the office.



Knight's Corner



Want to Join the Knights?

Our college council is right here at St. A's parish, *Pope John Paul II -13900* Council, and you can become a member if you are a practicing Catholic male over 18 years old. Al-though our council is a "college council", we have members representing all age brackets. Since our student members move on upon graduating, we are always looking for non-student members to provide permanence to our council. To join, or if you have any questions about the Knights of Columbus, please contact our Grand Knight, **Bradley Nartowt** at binartowt@gmail.com.

Saint Francis Catholic Academy

Souper Fun Sunday will be taking place on January 29 at Saint Francis Catholic Academy! Join us in tasting soups from over 30 of Gaines-ville's best restaurants. It's an event you won't want to miss! More information is available at www.souperfunsunday.com

