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Sunday, January 7, 2024 | The Epiphany of the Lord



# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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." - Mt 2:1-2

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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## OUR PARISH MISSION & VISION

St. Martin de Porres is a Stewardship and Hospitality parish. As Catholic Christians guided by the Holy Spirit, we are Christ's disciples dedicated to faith formation, worship, community life, and service. All are welcome as we use our unique gifts to serve the world as a visible sign of God's love.



# From Our Deacon Mark Murphy

An epiphany is an incredible experience. We find ourselves looking at something or someone or a situation one way, and then, as if we simply shifted lenses, we see the exact same thing completely differently. With new eyes. With an entirely different perspective. Our new lens often creates powerful access to transformation that was not available with the previous perception.

If we remain curious and attentive, these "aha moments" occur with regularity. A few of mine include shifting from viewing:

- "That homeless person over there" to "that fellow child of God who currently has no home."
- "The burden and stress of my job" to "the blessing of being employed."
- "The need for control" to "the liberation of surrender."

I often see those who experience a life-threatening incident or medical diagnosis shift their perspective from "the challenges of life" to "the celebration of each precious moment."

Epiphanies are gifts from God. They may be prompted by a life experience, the question of another, a book, or a challenging homily. God uses all kinds of tools to get our attention and help us see more clearly.

While anyone else visiting Jesus in the manger would have seen a baby boy with two parents (no big deal), the Shepherds and the Magi saw the exact same scene with totally different eyes. They saw God incarnate. How can different people look at the exact same circumstances and see with such disparate views?

How broad are your lenses? Do you go through life with all the answers, judging everything you see using a library of criteria gathered over the decades? Can you "name that tune in 3 notes" as to whether something is good or bad, right or wrong? Or have you slowed down your judgement to be able to view people and situations newly? Are you deeply curious about things, listening for God's perspective, even when it doesn't square with your previous experience?

May 2024 be a year of curiosity, of slowed judgment, of constant prayer. May we see things newly, with greater love. May we develop our Father's eyes. And may we enjoy the liberating access to Jesus as God incarnate in each of our epiphanies!

Happy New Year! Deacon Mark

# REREDOS ART FOR JANUARY



#### **OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP**

Feast Day June 27 Our Mother of Perpetual Help is a Roman Catholic title of the Blessed Virgin Mary associated with a 15<sup>th</sup> Century Byzantine icon of the Madonna & Child. The Archangels Michael & Gabriel, hovering

in the upper corners, hold the instruments of the Passion—St. Michael (left corner) holds the spear, the wine -soaked sponge, and the crown of thorns. St. Gabriel (right corner) holds the cross and the nails. The intent of the artist was to portray the Child Jesus contemplating the vision of His future Passion. Frightened by the vision, He runs to His mother for consolation. The anguish He feels is shown by the loss of His sandals. The icon, also conveys the triumph of Christ over sin and death, symbolized by the golden background (a sign of the glory of His resurrection) and the manner in which the angels hold the instruments, i.e. like trophies gathered up from Calvary on Easter morning. The Child Jesus grasps the hand of the Blessed Mother. He seeks comfort from His mother, as He sees the instruments of His passion. The position of Mary's hands—both holding the Child Jesus (who seems like a small adult) and presenting Him to us—convey the reality of our Lord's incarnation, that He is true God who became also true man. The star painted on Mary's veil, centered on her forehead, highlights her role in the plan of salvation as both the Mother of God & our mother. On January 19,1866, Frs. Marchi & Bresciani, Redemptorists, brought the miraculous picture to St. Alphonsus Church. Today it is permanently enshrined in the Church of St. Alphonsus, where the original Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help text is prayed weekly. Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for us.



### **BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Monday, January 8, 2024 The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, or Theophany, is the feast day commemorating the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. The baptism of Jesus marks the inauguration of His

public ministry and confirms His identity as the Son of God. Christ's baptism remarkably shows all three Persons of the Trinity at the same time: the Son being baptized, the Holy Spirit descending, and the Father speaking from the heavens. On this occasion, Jesus entered into His ministry and acquired His first disciples. St. John proclaimed Christ the Lamb of God, whose way he had prepared, and the triune nature of the Godhead was manifested. When the Solemnity of the Epiphany is transferred to Sunday, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the following Monday, this year January 8. This feast brings to an end the season of Christmas.

# WORSHIP



#### **Question:**

How are the feasts of the baptism of Jesus and the account of the wedding feast of Cana related to the Epiphany celebration?

#### **Answer:**

The Epiphany season focuses on revealing Jesus to the world. Following the Christmas celebration, the liturgical year lays out a series of manifestation points in which Jesus is made publicly known. From its very beginning, the Christian community highlighted three events in the life of Jesus. These are the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the wedding feast at Cana.

The Epiphany discloses Jesus to the world of the Gentiles, represented by the magi from the East. The accounts of Jesus' baptism reveal his identity and mission, along with exposing him to those to whom he was sent to minister. The miracle of turning water to wine at the wedding feast of Cana, unique to John's Gospel, is the first public sign that Jesus performs, thus manifesting his public identity and his powers.

Today in the Roman Church, these are usually celebrated on three successive Sundays: Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord which is usually the next Sunday, and the wedding feast of Cana, which is proclaimed on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time in lectionary year C.

These feasts connect around the concept of epiphany, public manifestation of Jesus to the world. They help us get to know more intimately who Jesus is and what he is about. Spend some time delving more deeply into your understanding of who Jesus is. Continue to cultivate these "epiphany" moments in your life.

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- ST. AUGUSTINE





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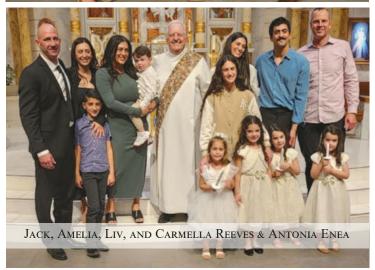












"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." - Matthew 28:19



# FAITH FORMATION



# RCIA CLASS TOPICS

Are you interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith? Guest are invited to stop by and listen to our RCIA speakers explain the Faith.

Adultff@smdpyl.org

- Jan 7 A Love That Lasts: Discovering Authentic Love & God's Plan for Sexuality—Deacon Mark
- Jan 14 Catholic Social Teaching: Building a Civilization of Love—Deacon Nick
- Jan 21 Catholic Social Teaching: Protecting the Dignity of the Human Person—Deacon Nick



All Kids of the Kingdom classes resume this week, Monday, January 8 and Wednesday, January 10.

No classes the week of Monday, January 15 and Wednesday, January, 17 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

For more information contact:

Ambar Duarte, Associate Director of Child Faith Formation:

Childff@smdpyl.org



### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Confirmation** (Meeting 7-9pm)

C1: January 9, 23 C2: January 9, 16

Middle School (Meeting 6:30-8pm)
January 8

January 8

SMYL (Meeting 7-8:30pm)

January 17, 31

**High School Youth Night** (Meeting 6:30-8:30pm) **January 7 & 14** 

# 8 SESSION BIBLE STUDY STARTS WEDNESDAY

For those who have registered.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible 7:15 – 8:30pm | Parish Hall

## **January**

10- Introduction 17- Early World 24- Patriarchs31- Egypt & Exodus & Desert Wanderings

## February

**7**– Conquest & Judges & Royal Kingdom **21**- Divided Kingdom, Exile & Return

28 – Maccabean Revolt & Messianic Fulfillment

#### March

6- Messianic Fulfillment, the Church & Continuing the Journey



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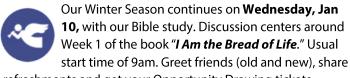
**Holy Triduum Silent Retreat:** March 28-31 **Lenten Journey:** Every Sunday during Lent

**Discernment Retreat:** June 24-30

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# COMMUNITY LIFE-

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# FORMED—

# PICKS OF THE WEEK – January 7



In the Gospels we hear Jesus refer to his mother Mary as "Woman." This reference should draw our attention to the woman mentioned in Genesis, as well as in the

book of Revelation. But who is this "Woman," and why is she so central in the history of Salvation? Watch The Woman on FORMED.org this week. This powerful film presents the beautiful Catholic teaching about Mary, the mother of Jesus, and her important role in the Church and in the lives of Christians today.



Have your children ever wondered who made the world and everything in it? Or, who made God? Watch the Adventure Catechism

episode "Who Made the World" with them this week on FORMED.org. In this episode children will learn about Creation and even about the creation of God Himself! This short video is one of nine in the Adventure Catechism series for children.

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# COMING TO FORMED JANUARY 15!

Do you ever feel like it's almost impossible to raise holy kids who love God (and sit still in Mass!) in our modern world? You're not alone. This six-episode series features real Catholic families like yours sharing their daily struggles and victories. Created by the Augustine Institute and Catholic Sprouts, The Catholic Parent aims to encourage you as a mom or dad as you embrace your God-given role to form your family in the richness of the Catholic faith. Watch the series with your spouse, with friends, on your own, or as part of a small group! The participant guide includes questions for group discussion, topics for personal reflection, and ideas to try at home.

If you don't have a free account, go to formed.org/signup and search for St. Martin de Porres Yorba Linda, 92886 to sign up.

# FAITH & FITNESS MINISTRY

Kick off 2024 by praying in a new way that honors your body, mind and soul, with SoulCore. This unique prayer experience combines praying the Rosary or other Catholic prayers, while incorporating gentle exercises, stretches and balance moves.

### Winter Schedule as follows:

\*Mondays, starting Jan 8: 9-10am in St. Elizabeth Room \*This class will be the seated/chair format.

## We have a new night date/time:

\*\*Wednesdays, starting Jan 10: 7:30-8:30pm in St. Joseph Room. \*\*will change to the exercise mat format. This is a more "physically involved format," that will require an exercise mat and going onto the floor for gentle exercises and stretches. Modifications will be offered.

Participants must wear tennis shoes (no open-toe or slip-on shoes), comfortable attire, bring a water bottle, and an open heart.

Anyone ages 16 and over are welcome. (We cannot have children in the class, and don't offer childcare at this time.)

For more information visit smdpyl.org/fitness or email Rebecca Gonzalez at: fitness@smdpyl.org

# COMMUNITY LIFE-



Santa makes a special guest appearance at the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass and takes a moment to pray before the Nativity with pastor, Msgr. Stephen Doktorczyk.



# St. Martin de Porres Brothers in Christ Men's Ministry

Please join us every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month for a gathering of St. Martin de Porres men for the purpose of fraternal, educational and spiritual growth.

**Our next meeting is January 13,** immediately following the 8am Mass (8:45 - 10am) in the Sts. Paul and Elizabeth room.

"Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might" Ephesian 6:10



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### **Funeral Rite**

For assistance with funeral arrangements, kindly direct your questions to the Parish Office at 714-970-2771. Please note that in most cases, funeral requests require 7 days of preparation and planning.

## Rite of Matrimony

Call the Parish Office for an appointment with a priest/deacon at least 6 months prior to the planned date of marriage.

# SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6

(3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7,

8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-

15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17,

18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps

21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

# Prayers for the Sick

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# MASS INTENTIONS

Presider schedule is subject to change

## Saturday, January 6:

8:00 AM (Fr Nicolaus) † Jason Kirkwood 5:30 PM (Msgr Stephen) † William McGerty, † Ramon Ang Lee, † Pio Adriano Jr., † Consuela Limon Lopez, Kathy Gerlits

## Sunday, January 7:

7:15 AM (Msgr Stephen) For the People 8:45 AM (Fr Nicolaus) † Bill Gerard 10:30 AM (Fr Nicolaus) † Paul Cieslak 12:15 PM (Msgr Stephen) † Alexandra Roeder

5:30 PM (Msgr Stephen) † Thang and †Tuat Cao, Cao Family

## Monday, January 8:

8:00 AM (Fr Nicolaus) Avalos Family 6:30 PM (Msgr Stephen) † Rojelio Mancenido

## Tuesday, January 9:

8:00 AM (Msgr Stephen/Dcn Mark) Catalina De La Torre

6:30 PM (Fr Nicolaus) † Eddie Valdez

### Wednesday, January 10:

8:00 AM (Fr Nicolaus) Women of Wings 6:30 PM (Fr Nicolaus) † George Emanuel Stavros

### Thursday, January 11:

8:00 AM (Msgr Stephen) † Judy Knittle 6:30 PM (Msgr Stephen) † Carole Birchler

## Friday, January 12:

8:00 AM (Fr Nicolaus) † Owen Dettman, Souls in Purgatory, Dr Tae June Lee and Family, Thanksgiving to the Virgin Mary 6:30 PM (Msgr Stephen) † Bob Richards

### Saturday, January 13:

8:00 AM (Msgr Stephen) Jorge Rivera **5:30 PM** (Fr Nicolaus/Dcn Denis) † Andrew Phap Nguyen, † Rosean Munger, Roberta Tallabas, Gable Lopez, Hudson Tomaino, Jennifer Foth

## Sunday, January 14:

**7:15** AM (Fr Nicolaus/Dcn Denis) † William Irwin

8:45 AM (Msgr Stephen) For the People 10:30 AM (Msgr Stephen) † Ray Ryan 12:15 PM (Fr Nicolaus/Dcn Denis)

† Mark Michael

5:30 PM (Msgr Stephen) † Josefita Hernandez Veguillas

## **DEVOTIONS**

Rosary Monday - Saturday after 8am Mass, Monday - Friday at 6pm, before Mass on Sundays, Holy Days of Obligation & Holidays **Divine Mercy Chaplet Daily 3pm** Miraculous Medal Novena Mondays after 6:30pm Mass

**Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena** Wednesdays after 6:30pm Mass St. Joseph Novena Thursdays after 6:30pm Mass

**Litany of the Sacred Heart** Fridays after 6:30pm Mass

## PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send to pulpitann@smdpyl.org with a copy to parishOffice@smdpyl.org by the Tuesday prior to the weekend. Contents are to be only 1-2 sentences.

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Submit articles 10 days before the weekend (holiday submissions vary). Send to Becky Fautch at:

bulletineditor@smdpyl.org

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