

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.

Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.

May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen

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ORACIÓN POR LAS VOCACIONES

Dios Padre nuestro, te damos gracias por llamar a hombres y mujeres a servir en el Reino de tu Hijo como sacerdotes, diáconos y personas consagradas.

Envía tu Espíritu Santo para ayudar a otros a responder generosa y valientemente a tu llamado.

Que nuestra comunidad de fe apoye vocaciones de amor sacrificial en nuestros jóvenes y jóvenes adultos.

A través de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos.

Amén



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SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

MARCH AT 1 PM
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EQUALITY BEGINS IN THE WOMB



CELEBRATE LIFE PROTECTED IN TEXAS

Gospel Meditation:

A stranger in a foreign land, I was exhausted and homesick as my summer Spanish immersion ended in Guatemala. The rusty minivan arriving outside my small residence filled me with joyful hope. I was flying home to the U.S. and would be, at long last, completely happy. Or so I thought. After about half an hour of being home, I thought to myself, "This place is boring. I want to go somewhere." So, I hopped in my car and left to see my friends. As I drove, I wistfully wondered, "Where am I truly at home?"

The feast of Epiphany has a lot to do with our notion of home. Where is our origin? Where are we going?

When is our wandering done? Saint Matthew tells us of the Magi, "They were overjoyed at seeing the star."

This star will bring them home, to a place where their questing will end, and they will be satisfied.

Their real home is neither in the East nor in the earthly Jerusalem. Somehow, their home is wherever this boy and his parents are.

If you're a teenager or older, you probably know by now that every physical home we have is temporary. So, we look up at the countless stars in our proverbial skies: things which bedazzle and beckon us to follow toward peace.

The Gospel invites us to behold that — at long last — God has sent us a star to follow home, one that whispers, "Follow me! I will take you home!" Perhaps that star is your spouse. A friend. An opportunity. A cause. An intuition about a new direction. A prayer group. What is it for you? How will you know? It will lead you to Mary and Joseph and their son, and you will be home.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Siendo un extraño en una tierra extranjera, estaba exhausto y nostálgico cuando mi inmersión de verano en español terminó en Guatemala. La minivan oxidada que llegaba a las afueras de mi pequeña residencia me llenó de alegre esperanza. Estaba volando a casa en los Estados Unidos y sería, por fin, completamente feliz. O eso pensaba.

Después de aproximadamente media hora de estar en casa, pensé: "Este lugar es aburrido. Quiero ir a alguna parte".

Así que me subí a mi coche y me fui a ver a mis amigos. Mientras conducía, me preguntaba melancólicamente: "¿Dónde estoy realmente en casa?"

La fiesta de la Epifanía tiene mucho que ver con nuestra noción de hogar. ¿Dónde está nuestro origen?

¿Adónde vamos? ¿Cuándo termina nuestro deambular? San Mateo nos dice de los Reyes Magos: "Se llenaron de alegría al ver la estrella". Esta estrella los llevará a casa, a un lugar donde su búsqueda terminará y estarán satisfechos.

Su verdadero hogar no está ni en el Oriente ni en la Jerusalén terrenal. De alguna manera, su hogar está donde sea que estén este niño y sus padres.

Si eres un adolescente o mayor, probablemente ya sepas que cada hogar físico que tenemos es temporal. Por lo tanto, miramos hacia las innumerables estrellas en nuestros cielos proverbiales: cosas que nos deslumbran y nos invitan a seguir hacia la paz.

El Evangelio nos invita a contemplar que, por fin, Dios nos ha enviado una estrella para seguir a casa, una estrella que susurra: "¡Sígueme! ¡Te llevaré a casa!" Tal vez esa estrella sea tu cónyuge. Un amigo.

Una oportunidad. Una causa. Una intuición sobre una nueva dirección. Un grupo de oración. ¿Qué es para ti?

¿Cómo lo sabrás? Te llevará a María, a José y a su hijo, y estarás en casa.

— Father John Muir

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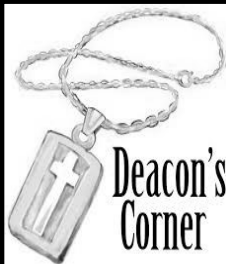
Every 'case' is unique but if yours is a Civil Union and you would like your marriage '*Blessed by the Church,*' we would love to talk with you.

Contact Fr. Ed, one of your Deacons or call the Parish Office, (210) 655-5070, for more information.



***PRAY FOR PEACE
IN THE MIDDLE EAST
AND
IN THE WORLD!***





This weekend we celebrate the **Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord**. The term *Epiphany* comes from Greek *epiphaneia*, and means “manifestation.” In the early days of the Church it referred to the *manifestation* of God to the world through the Baptism of Christ... but in the 4th century the focus shifted to His birth and the *manifestation* of God through Christ to the world symbolized by the Magi from the East.

There is a special blessing associated with the Feast of the Epiphany. Traditionally, a home is blessed by the Head of the Household on the feast day (*Jan 6th*) or on the closest Sunday (*this year Jan 7th*), but the blessing may be performed at any time.

A House Blessing on the Feast of the Epiphany:

Using chalk (*preferably blessed... but any chalk will suffice*), write the following inscription over the doorway of the home:
20 + C + M + B + 24

The numbers on either side reflect the year of the blessing (20-24). The letters have a dual meaning. They are the initials of the traditional names of the 3 Magi: **C**aspar, **M**elchior, and **B**althasar. They also abbreviate the Latin words **C**hristus **M**ansionem **B**enedicat... translated: May Christ Bless the House. The crosses represent the protection of the Precious Blood of Christ, whose Sacred Name we invoke and the holiness of the 3 Magi sanctified by their adoration of the Infant Jesus. The inscription is made at or above the front door so that all who enter and depart may enjoy God’s blessing.

The Blessing: Lord God almighty, Bless + this home, and under its shelter let there be health, chastity, self-conquest, humility, goodness, mildness, obedience to your commandments, and thanksgiving to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. May Your blessing remain always in this home and on those who live here; through Christ, our Lord. Amen,.

Each room of the house may then be sprinkled with Holy Water – (this is not necessary for the blessing but should be done if Holy Water is available.)

Until next time... Happy New Year and God Bless- DT

**COSAS QUE HACER
PARA EL AÑO NUEVO**

Bueno, aquí estamos... 2024! *¡¡Feliz Año Nuevo!!*
 ¿Ya has hecho tus propósitos de Año Nuevo?
 Aquí hay una fácil para ti...
 ¿Tiene la Oficina Parroquial la información más actualizada de usted (*de su familia*)?
 ¿Eres nuevo en la parroquia y tal vez aún no te has registrado?
 ¿Te has mudado?
 ¿Has cambiado de número de teléfono?
 ¿Hay nuevos miembros en la familia?
 ¿Alguien se ha mudado?
 Si alguna de estas cosas se aplica a usted / a su familia... Ahora es un buen momento para actualizar su información de registro.
 Por favor llame a la Oficina Parroquial (210) 655-5070 y Actualiza tu registro familiar. No tardará mucho.
 Otra vez... *Feliz Año Nuevo* y... *Dios los bendiga-*

THINGS TO DO FOR THE NEW YEAR

Well, here we are... 2024! *Happy New Year!!*
 Have you made your New Year’s Resolutions yet?
 Here’s an easy one for you...
 Does the Parish Office have your (*your family’s*) most current information?
 Are you new to the parish and maybe haven’t yet registered?
 Have you moved?
 Have you changed phone numbers?
 Are there any new members to the family?
 Has anybody moved out?
 If any of these things apply to you / your family...
 Now is a good time to bring your Registration info up to date.
 Please call the Parish Office (210) 655-5070 and Update your family record. It won’t take long.
 Once again... *Happy New Year* and... *God Bless-*



EVERYONE IS INVITED

***Friday, January 19th
8 am School Mass***

Bishop Gary will be celebrating Mass with our school children.
***Let’s give him an STM Welcome!!
All parishioners are welcome to come!***

St Pius X - STEPHEN MINISTRY

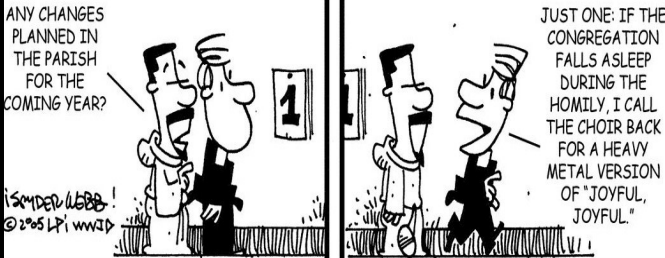
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 If you, or some you know could benefit from a Stephen Minister,
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Joyce Dobrowolski at (210) 240-7388.***

This Week at Our Parish

****STM School - Catholic Life Insurance Raffle Sales All Masses****
Sunday, January 7, 2024
 10:00 am KoC Mass - Church
Monday, January 8, 2024
 7:00 am KoC Council Meeting - Carolan Hall
 Guadalupanos Board Meeting - RMR
Tuesday, January 9, 2024
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy - Rectory Mtg Room
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - Rectory Mtg Room
 Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - Church
Wednesday, January 10, 2024
 7:00 pm Pastoral Council Mtg - Rectory Mtg Room
 Guadalupanos Choir Practice - Church
Thursday, January 11, 2024
 6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group - Church
 7:00 pm RCIA - Rectory Mtg Room
Friday, January 12, 2024
 9:00 am Friday Adoration - Church
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - Church
Saturday, January 13, 2024
Sunday, January 14, 2024
 8:00 am KoC Breakfast - Carolan Hall

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 6, 2024
 8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**
 5:00 pm †Phoebe Stensland by Dominguez Family
 †Christina C. Dominguez
Sunday, January 7, 2024
 8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**
 10:00 am †Dora Litterio & Hector Roman by Sylvia Roman
 †Steven Lee Waldron by Mom
 †Medardo E. Morales & Evangelina G.Morales
 By Morales & Brisino Families
 12:00 pm †Bernardo Hernandez by Hernandez Family
 †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet
Monday, January 8, 2024
 8:00 am **Health - Alfredo Sanchez**
Tuesday, January 9, 2024
 8:00 am **Hernandez Family - Living and Deceased** by Ramona Yglesias
Wednesday, January 10, 2024
 8:00 am †Michael McDonald by the Trimms
Thursday, January 11, 2024
 8:00 am †Vicente Khanh by Kim Nguyen
Birthday - Virginia Rabel by Family
All Ordained Clergy and Religious
Friday, January 12, 2024
 8:00 am †Ruben P. Villa by Family
 †Genevieve Oswald by Oswald Family
Saturday, January 13, 2024
 8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**
 5:00 pm †Susie Davis by Rosa Saldiva
Birthday - Kingston McMurtry
Sunday, January 14, 2024
 8:00 am †Gertrud Tolman by Kim Nguyen
In Thanksgiving
 10:00 am †Salome H. Briseno & Carolina B. Briseno
 by Morales & Brisino Families
 †Guadalupe T. Mendoza by Guadalupanos
 12:00 pm **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**



Sanctuary Light Intention:
James Manning

Lecturas de la Semana del 8 - 14 enero

Lunes: Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; 1Jn 5:1-9; Mc 1:7-11
Martes: 1Sm 1:9-20; 1Sm 2:1,4-8; Mc 1:21-28
Miércoles: 1Sm 3:1-10,19-20; Sal 39:2,5,7-10;
 Mc 1:29-39
Jueves: 1Sm 4:1-11; Sal 43:10-11,14-15,24-25;
 Mc 1:40-45
Viernes: 1Sm 8:4-7,10-22; Sal 88:16-19; Mc 2:1-12
Sábado: 1Sm 9:1-4,17-19; 10:1; Sal 20:2-7;
 Mc 2:13-17
Domingo: 1Sm 3:3-10,19; Sal 39:2,4 7-10;
 1Cor 6:13-15,17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Readings for the week of 8 - 14 Jan

Monday: Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; 1Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday: 1Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1,4-8; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1Sm 3:1-10,19-20; Ps 40:2,5,7-10;
 Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11,14-15,24-25;
 Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1Sm 8:4-7,10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1Sm 9:1-4,17-19;10:1a; Ps 21:2-7;
 Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: 1Sm 3:3b-10,19; Ps 40:2,4 7-10;
 1Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20; Jn 1:35-42



Liturgical Roles

Saturday, January 13, 2024
 5 pm Altar Servers - (None)
 Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, R.Alvarado, K.Ball, S.Chapa,
 R.Saldiva
 Lector - M.Fisher
Sunday, January 14, 2024
 8 am Altar Servers - (None)
 Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, M.Aguirre, Y.Cione, T.Garza,
 R.Davila
 Lector - P.Klar
 10 am Altar Servers - E.Hartsfield, A.Hartsfield , C.Hartsfield
 Eucharistic Ministers – Dcn Rolando, H.Rodriguez, Sr.Eucharia,
 L.Gifford, A.Fuentes, N.Rodriguez, M.Briseno
 Lector - M.Briseno
 12 pm Altar Servers - S.Obregon, A.Gomez, Volunteer
 Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, C.Hernandez, A.Chavez, H.Gomez,
 R.Gomez, I.Hernandez, F.Hernandez
 Lector - I.Hernandez / R.Borrego