



As our celebration of Christmas continues, today we observe the great feast of The Epiphany of the Lord. The word “epiphany” comes from Greek and means manifestation or appearance. The stewardship way of life is one in which we live in grateful response to God’s countless manifestations in our lives.

And, as Christian stewards we are all called to manifest God’s love to each other in the sharing of our gifts. St. Paul describes this beautifully in our second reading in his letter to the Ephesians, saying, “You have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for your benefit.” We have all been given unique and wonderful gifts from our good and generous God. He wants us to share these gifts to benefit others and so to give Him glory.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, also has much to teach us about stewardship — through the actions of the magi. These three kings from ancient days display many aspects of stewardship spirituality which we can apply as modern-day stewards right now.

First, we observe that their overriding priority is on honoring the long-awaited King. The magi travel a great distance in search of him. Upon arrival in Jerusalem they immediately begin to ask others where this King may be found, unashamedly declaring that they “have come to do him homage.” Is honor and worship of God our highest priority? Do we order our lives so that Sunday Mass is the most important act of the week for ourselves and our families no matter what else is going on?

Second, we observe that the magi, as good stewards, were watching for manifestations of God’s presence in their lives. “We have seen the star at its rising,” they say. Good stewards are keenly aware of the “star” of God’s presence and His gifts in their lives. It is this awareness that fills them with gratitude and the desire to both worship God and share His gifts with others.

Third, we observe in the magi that a stewardship journey is not without its difficulties, its twists and turns. Herod tried to take advantage of their goodness, feigning a desire to join them in worshipping the newborn Jesus, in order to hide his deadly intentions. Yet God protected and guided them along their way, and through their cooperation with God’s plan, He accomplished great things through them.

Fourth, we observe that the magi, upon seeing the manifestation of God’s presence in their lives, “were overjoyed.” Good stewards, who live with the awareness of God’s presence and gifts to them, simply can’t help but be filled with joy — not necessarily the fleeting and superficial kind of joy that the world promises if we just obtain enough wealth or power or comfort — but rather, the deep, unalterable joy that only God can give.

Finally, we observe that the magi were so filled with awe upon encountering the newborn Jesus, that they prostrated themselves before him. To prostrate oneself is to make a total offering of oneself in humility, recognizing the greatness of the One before them; it is an act of worship. And as a further act of worship, they “opened their treasures and offered him gifts.” This is precisely why good stewards generously share their material gifts — as a loving act of worship to an extravagantly loving God.

Let us rejoice in God’s manifestations in our lives and be watchful for the new ways He is calling us to share ourselves and our gifts in gratitude to our King in the year ahead.

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

January 1, 2023

Sunday Collection	\$ 6,721.75
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 115.05
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 632.19
Helping Hands.....	\$ 213.00
Christmas Offering.....	\$ 4.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$ 439.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 239.00
Mothers Day Novena - 2022.....	\$ 10.00

Second Collection - January 14-15:

STM School



HELP!! Ayudame!! S.O.S.!!!

I... we... the parish... need your help. As you look around the church you may come to the realization that we are an aging parish. Looking at the various ministries within the parish, it's an eye opener to realize that you are the "young guy" of the group... especially when you're in your 70's! We need some "new blood" to keep our parish alive and vibrant. ***That's the reality of it.***

Many of our faithful servants have had to step down because of age... health... or other reasons. We need people (*we need you*) to step up and replace them otherwise we may find we'll have to do without.

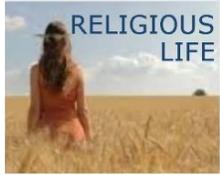
I'm recruiting Lectors and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. **Volunteers are needed at all Masses... Especially our Sat-5pm and Sun-8am Masses.**

We need you! We can't do it without you!
Is He calling you?

If so... call the Office @ (210) 655-5070

LIFE AWARENESS

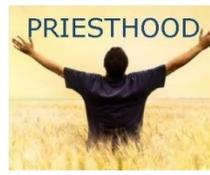
Religious Vocation Discernment Weekend



Life Awareness is a retreat event that provides time and space for single men and women to discern a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life.

The event brings participants (ages 18-40) together with priests and religious brothers and sisters, for a weekend of lectures, group discussions, private consultations and prayer.

The objective of the retreat is to help participants develop a realistic view of what it's like to serve God and the Church in today's world.



The 2023 Life Awareness Retreat will take place at the Cordi-Marian Retreat Center on **February 3 - 5, 2023**

If you are a person who is:

- Looking for an opportunity to provide service to others,
- Wondering if the religious life as a Priest, Brother or Sister might be what you're looking for, or...
- Even if you haven't reached that point, but you have that quiet, subtle, nagging feeling that this is something you should know more about... Then... ***This is for YOU!***

This retreat is sponsored by the San Antonio Archdiocesan Vocation Office. The Archbishop's appeal is generously covering all expenses for this retreat.

Therefore, it is free for participants.



Register Today!



Life Awareness es un evento de retiro que proporciona tiempo y espacio para que hombres y mujeres solteros discernan una vocación al sacerdocio o a la vida consagrada.



El evento reúne a los participantes (de 18 a 40 años) con sacerdotes y hermanos y hermanas religiosos, para un fin de semana de conferencias, discusiones grupales, consultas privadas y oración.

El objetivo del retiro es ayudar a los participantes a desarrollar una visión realista de lo que es servir a Dios y a la Iglesia en el mundo de hoy.



El Retiro de Life Awareness 2023 tendrá lugar en el Centro de Retiros Cordi-Marian ***el Febrero 3 - 5, 2023***

Si usted es una persona que:

- Buscando una oportunidad para prestar servicio a los demás,
- Preguntarse si la vida religiosa como sacerdote, hermano o hermana podría ser lo que estás buscando, o...
- Incluso si no has llegado a ese punto, pero tienes esa sensación tranquila, sutil y persistente de que esto es algo sobre lo que deberías saber más ... Entonces... ***¡Esto es para ti!***

Este retiro es patrocinado por la Oficina Arquidiocesana de Vocaciones de San Antonio. La petición del arzobispo cubre generosamente todos los gastos de este retiro.

Por lo tanto, es gratuito para los participantes.

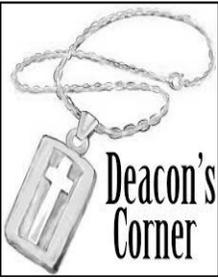


40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion in America.

With 40 Days for Life 365, you can sign up to pray on the sidewalk any day of the year! Abortion may be gone here in San Antonio, but our prayers are still needed to change the hearts and minds of the abortion-minded.

Vigil Location: Planned Parenthood abortion clinic; 2140 Babcock Rd. San Antonio, TX

To Sign up, Visit: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/sanantonio>



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, 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 + 23

The numbers on either side reflect the year of the blessing (20-23). 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

WEEKDAY HOLY HOUR

Since the Christmas Season has come to an end with the Feast of the Epiphany...

Our Weekday Holy Hour has ceased.

It will resume on Thursday, February 23rd with the coming of Lent.

Many thanks and blessings to those who took advantage of this special opportunity to be with Our Lord.



CIVIL UNION?

Is your marriage recognized by God and the Church?
Would you like it to be?

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

Join us on Saturday, January 21st at 1 pm to stand for life, liberty and each person’s right to breath so they can pursue happiness.

This will be the first March For Life since Roe v. Wade Decision was OVERTURNED. This will be a Year of Jubilee! Celebrate with us!

This remains a critical time to remember the importance of every human life as we never forget the damaging effects of Roe v. Wade when the Supreme Court decided that abortion should be legal throughout all nine months of pregnancy.

With inaccurate scientific information, incomplete medical data and false records, the SCOTUS made Jan 23, 1973 a day of infamy! A **Day of Infamy**... until all human life, born and unborn, is protected across the United States of America!

The day’s events include an Exhibitor Expo beginning at 12:30 pm, the SA March For Life at 1 pm and the Rally For Life at 2 pm. All are invited to participate. It’s time to stand up for those who cannot speak for themselves.

We need you, your prayers, and your presence to share the truth with them.



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SAN ANTONIO MARCH FOR LIFE SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
 MARCH FOR LIFE @ 1 PM
 RALLY FOR LIFE @ 2 PM
 MAIN PLAZA
 SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
 TO REMEMBER AND PEACEFULLY
 BEAR WITNESS TO THE BEAUTY OF LIFE.
 WE CAN LOVE THEM BOTH.
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 SAN ANTONIO FAMILY ASSOCIATION



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This Week at Our Parish

Sunday, January 8, 2023
8:00 am KoC Breakfast - *Carolán Hall*

Monday, January 9, 2023
6:30 pm Guadalupanos Board Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Room*
Liturgy Committee Mtg - *School Library*
7:00 pm KoC 3rd Degree Council Mtg - *Carolán Hall*

Tuesday, January 10, 2023
5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Room*
6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room*
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - *Church*

Wednesday, January 11, 2023
6:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting - *Rectory Mtg Room*
7:00 pm Guadalupanos Choir Practice - *Church*

Thursday, January 12, 2023
6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group - *Church*
CDA Board Mtg - *Rectory Dining Room*
6:15 pm Guadalupanos Rosary - *Church*
7:00 pm RCIA - *Rectory Mtg Room*

Friday, January 13, 2023
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - *Church*

Saturday, January 14, 2023
4:00 pm Reconciliation - *Church*

Sunday, January 15, 2023
8:00 am Guadalupanos Mass - *Church*
9:00 am Guadalupanos General Mtg - *Carolán Hall*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 7, 2023
8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**
5:00 pm †Christine C. Dominguez by Dominguez Family
Birthday - Olivia Grace Mata by Mata Family

Sunday, January 8, 2023
8:00 am **Health & Recovery of Deacon Rolando**
10:00 am †Salome H. Briseno and Carolina B. Briseno by Morales-Briseno Families
†Bob, Gloria, and Inga Garcia by Vicky Smith
12:00 pm †Bernardo Hernandez by Hernandez Family
STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased

Monday, January 9, 2023
8:00 am †Fr Joe Uvietta by Melba Fisher
In Thanksgiving by Kim Nguyen

Tuesday, January 10, 2023
8:00 am **Health & Recovery of Marianne Sanchez**

Wednesday, January 11, 2023
8:00 am **All Priests, Deacons, and Religious**

Thursday, January 12, 2023 (Communion Svc)
8:00 am **All Ordained Clergy and Religious**

Friday, January 13, 2023
8:00 am †Patricia E. Butts by Sisters

Saturday, January 14, 2023
8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**
5:00 pm †Kathryn Sweet by Volpenhein Family
STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased

Sunday, January 15, 2023
8:00 am †Jovita & Leandro Palacios by Palacios Family
10:00 am †Deacon Paul Charron by Guadalupanos
†Juan Urbano & Mike Urbano by Urbano Family
†Bob, Gloria, and Inga Garcia by Vicky Smith
12:00 pm †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet



 **Sanctuary Light Intention:**
Ramon Mata, Sr



Lecturas de la Semana del 9 - 15 enero

Lunes: Is 42:1-4,6-7; Sal 28:1-4,3,9-10; Mt 3:13-17
Martes: Heb 2:5-12; Sal 8:2,5-9; Mc 1:21-28
Miércoles: Heb 2:14-18; Sal 104:1-4,6-9; Mc 1:29-39
Jueves: Heb 3:7-14; Sal 94:6-11; Mc 1:40-45
Viernes: Heb 4:1-5,11; Sal 77:3,4,6-8; Mc 2:1-12
Sábado: Heb 4:12-16; Sal 18:8-10,15; Mc 2:13-17
Domingo: Is 49:3,5-6; Sal 39:2,4,7-10; 1Co 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Readings for the week of Jan 9 - 15

Monday: Is 42:1-4,6-7; Ps 29:1-4,3,9-10; Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab,5-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4,6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5,11; Ps 78:3,4bc,6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10,15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 49:3,5-6; Ps 40:2,4,7-10; 1Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, January 14, 2023
5 pm Altar Servers - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - S.Chapa, T.S.Garza, E. Guerrero, K.Ball
Lector - R.Davis

Sunday, January 15, 2023
8 am Altar Servers - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - M.Nguyen, Sr.Eucharía,B.McQueen, P.Klar
Lector - O.Weich

10 am Altar Servers - A.Mata, L.McCarthy, J.Cantu
Eucharistic Ministers – H.Rodriguez, R.Davis, A.Fuentes, L.Gifford, P+R.Mendoza
Lector - M.Briseno

12 pm Altar Servers - A.Gomez, S.Obregon, Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers - R.Gomez, T.Sweet, C.Torres, F.Tobar, N.Obregon, G.Torres
Lector - D+F.Malacara