



Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. Epiphany comes from a Greek verb meaning “to reveal,” and all of the various events celebrated by the Feast of the Epiphany are revelations of Christ to all humankind. Epiphany is traditionally and actually on January 6, but a number of years ago the Bishops in the United States moved it to the Sunday that falls between January 2 and 8.

Of course, our readings on this solemnity all refer to the Epiphany as we know it — the time that the divinity of Jesus was revealed, made manifest, to the entire world, not just Israel and the Jewish people. The world is represented by the three magi — the wise men as most of us know them. They came from the east and were, like most of us, Gentiles.

In the First Reading from Isaiah the prophet speaks of what will happen centuries later after the birth of Christ. There are two strong references to the story of the Magi with which we are so familiar. Isaiah declares, “Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.” We often speak of the Light of Christ, and often He is portrayed in art sort of glowing or with a light on His face. In addition, we have the light of the star which led the Magi to Him so they could worship Him. The images we have of them are influenced by Isaiah, when he says, “Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord.”

Therefore, today we celebrate receiving God’s light. But there is more to it than that. The First Reading opens with “Rise up in splendor... Your light has come.” We are to do more than just receive the light. We are to share it and reflect it. In our terms it is as if the Lord said, “Rise and shine; your light has come.” That is what we mean when we say we are called. We are called to be disciples and to be the Light of Christ for those around us.

In his letter to the Ephesians, our Second Reading, St. Paul speaks of the revelations which this day represents. Paul points out that it had been revealed to us; a revelation is an epiphany. What is revealed? Exactly what Isaiah speaks of in the fact that Christ and His Divinity are revealed to the whole world. And what is the key to this revelation? The fact that “the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.”

Paul also says in relation to the divinity of the Lord, “the mystery was made known to me by revelation.” We need to appreciate that what we translate as “mystery” is from the Greek word, *mysterion*, used by Paul. For us a mystery may represent something dark or obscure or incomprehensible. However, that is not the meaning of *mysterion*. It is more accurately translated as a now-open secret, something originally hidden, but now revealed by God.

There are certain passages in Holy Scripture almost universally known, and certainly well known to even a lukewarm Christian. The story of the Magi, the wise men or the three kings, falls into that category. As Matthew shares it in today’s Gospel, they were “magi from the east.” At no time does Matthew tell us there were three of them nor does he indicate that they are kings. Most likely, according to scholars, they were astronomers or astrologers, thus their knowledge of and fascination with the star which led them. Who they were and how many of them there were is not important. What is important is that they represent all of us, and their actions suggest to us how we need to respond to Jesus Christ and what He is and represents.

Holy Scripture is filled with subtleties we sometimes miss. Matthew tells us that “on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.” Joseph is evidently not present, and there is a reason for that. He was not, as we know, the true father to Jesus. They presented gifts to Jesus, not to His mother or His parents. When we give to Jesus today, we do not do it directly, but to the Lord’s people through the parish and other charities.

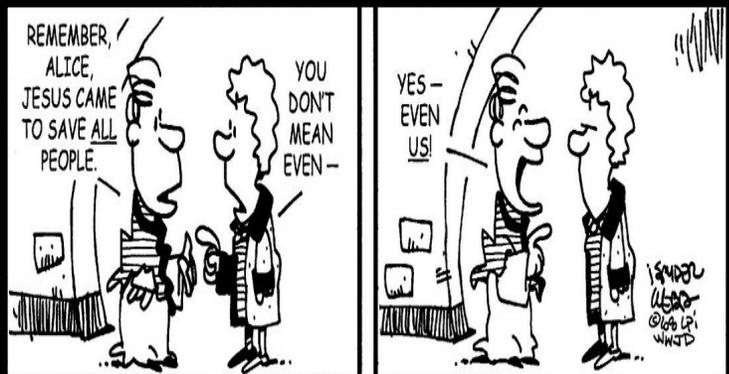
Finally, these visitors worshiped the Lord (“They prostrated themselves and did him homage”). We, too, need to worship the Lord; we, too, need to acknowledge His holiness and His kingship. Worshiping is more important than the gifts, but we are reminded in this Gospel that both are significant.

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

December 26, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 5,692.82
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 199.69
Facilities Improvement fund.....	\$ 30.00
Assumption Seminary.....	\$ 498.61
Christmas Offering.....	\$ 4,394.00

***Second Collection - January 8 - 9:
Helping Hands Fund***



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DAILY ADORATION

The Blessed Sacrament will continue to be exposed and available for silent adoration between the hours of Noon and 3 pm.

You are invited to spend some quiet time of reflection with Our Lord...

Have a minute... stop by and say "Hello"...

Have an hour... stop by and "chat" a while.

He (*Our Lord*) would love to see you.



El Santísimo Sacramento continuará expuesto y disponible para la adoración silenciosa entre las horas del mediodía y las 3 pm.

Estáis invitados a pasar un rato tranquilo de reflexión con Nuestro Señor...

Que tengas un minuto... pasa y di "Hola"...

Tener una hora... pasa y "charla" un rato.

A Él (*Nuestro Señor*) le encantaría verte.

A pastor was walking down the street one day when he noticed a small boy trying to press a doorbell on a house. However, the doorbell was too high for the little boy to reach.

After watching the boy's efforts for some time, the pastor walked across the street to help. He stepped up behind the boy... placed his hand on the child's shoulder, leaned over, and gave the doorbell a solid ring.

Crouching down to the child's level, the pastor smiled and asked, "And now what, my little man?"

To which the boy replied, "*Now we run!*"

Holy Hour

/

la Hora Santa

Don't forget...

Our Holy Hour (English) will be THIS THURSDAY at 6 pm.

Come... Spend some quiet 'one-on-one' time with Our Lord...

ever present in the ***Most Blessed Sacrament.***

Hope to see you there.



No olvides...

Nuestra Hora Santa (español) será ESTE VIERNES a las 7 pm.

Ven... Pasa un rato tranquilo 'uno-a-uno' tiempo con Nuestro Señor...

siempre presente en ***el Santísimo***

Espero verte allí.

CMC - Catholic Men's Conference
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Sat, Feb 26th from 8 am- 4 pm
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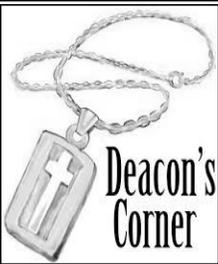
*** **Registration Flyers are available at the back of the Church** ***
*** **Scholarships are available** ***



PILGRIM
Center of Hope

Guiding people to Christ





Today 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 + 22

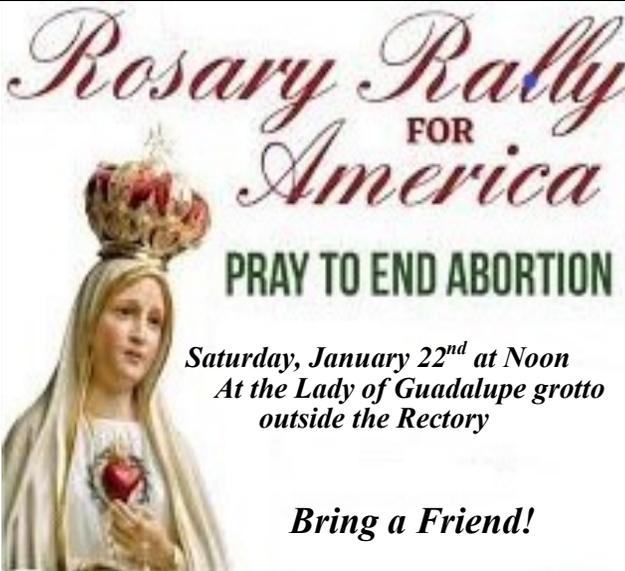
The numbers on either side reflect the year of the blessing (20-22).

The letters have a dual meaning. They are the initials of the traditional names of the 3 Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. They also abbreviate the Latin words **Christus Mansionem Benedicat**... 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



*Saturday, January 22nd at Noon
At the Lady of Guadalupe grotto
outside the Rectory*

Bring a Friend!

You are invited to a Pro-Life Rosary Rally on Saturday, January 22, 2022 as we pray for the overturning of the infamous Roe v Wade decision in America... Be a part of the 20,000+ groups participating in this rally nationwide!

Abortion is the most debated issue in our society right now... and it is necessary to wage a spiritual combat against those who would seek to destroy the most vulnerable among us. The rosary is the weapon that will save our nation and destroy evil practices like abortion.

America Needs Fatima is asking faithful Catholics to join in this rosary rally in defense of the unborn.

We cannot end such an evil practice by staying at home. We must go out and pray the rosary for life! Please join us... Hope to see you there!



St. Thomas More English Prayer Group



- Jan 5 10a Core Gp Mtg - Rectory Mtg. Room
- Jan 13 6p 1Sam 4:3 - “Why has the Lord permitted us to be defeated today” - Church
- Jan 27 6p 2Sam 7:29 - “By your blessing the house of your servant it shall be blessed forever” - Church

Contacts: Olga Guerrero (210) 657-1610 or Stella Lopez: (210) 618-6977



**Grupo de Oración
Familias compartiendo la palabra**



El grupo de oración les desea una feliz navidad y un feliz Año Nuevo
Los esperamos el próximo Año
Gracias bendiciones.

El grupo de oración se reúne los viernes a las 7 pm.
Contacte a: Maria Isabel Hernandez (210) 843-9756

This Week at Our Parish

*** **School Selling Catholic-Life Raffle Tickets** ***
 *** **After All Sunday Masses** ***

Sunday, January 2, 2022
 10:00 am KC Corporate Mass

Monday, January 3 2021
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 5:00 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - RMR
 7:00 pm Guadalupano Board Mtg - RMR

Tuesday, January 4, 2021
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy - Rectory Mtg Room
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - Rectory Mtg Rm
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - Church

Wednesday, January 5, 2021
 10:30 am English Prayer Gp Core Mtg - RMR
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 6:00 pm KC 3rd Degree Officer Mtg - Carolan Hall
 7:00 pm Guadalupano Choir Practice - Church

Thursday, January 6, 2021
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 6:00 pm Holy Hour - Church
 7:00 pm English Prayer Gp - Church
 RCIA - Rectory Mtg. Room

Friday, January 7, 2021
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 7:00 pm la Hora Santa - Church

*** **School Selling Catholic-Life Raffle Tickets** ***
 *** **After All Weekend Masses** ***

Saturday, January 8, 2022
 4:00 pm Reconciliation - Church

Sunday, January 9, 2022
 8:30 am KC Breakfast - Carolan Hall

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, January 8, 2021
 5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, (+ 2 Vol - if needed)
Lector - T.Guerrero

Sunday, January 9, 2022
 8:00 am **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, (+2 Vol-If needed)
Lector - C.Brown

10:00 am **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, E.Garcia, H.Rodriguez
Lector - R.Davis

12:00 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, DC John, (+1 Vol)
Lector - M.Cisneros / L.Lopez

Readings for the week of Jan 3 - 9

Monday: 1Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7-8,10-12;
 Mt 4:12-17,23-25

Tuesday: 1Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4,7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2,10,12-13;
 Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2,14,15bc,17;
 Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15,19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a,9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 40:1-5,9-11; Ps 104:1b-4,24-25,27-30;
 Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16,21-22

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 1, 2022
 8:00 am Unborn Souls by Kim Nguyen
 Orphaned Souls by Kim Nguyen
 5:00 pm †Joe Ramirez by Edward Ramirez
STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased

Sunday, January 2, 2022
 8:00 am †Alexandra Gedminas by Glenn
 10:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**
Daniel, Sabella, Ezra Acosta by Lorenzo & Diana Acosta
 12:00 pm †Kathryn Sweet by Maria T. Sweet
 †Baldemar Chavez

Monday, January 3, 2021
 8:00 am †Vicente Nghiep by Kim Nguyen
 †Rodolfo M. Segovia by Martha Menchaca

Tuesday, January 4, 2021
 8:00 am †Vicente Nghiep by Kim Nguyen
 †Kathryn Sweet by Maria Sweet

Wednesday, January 5, 2021
 8:00 am †Vicente Nghiep by Kim Nguyen
 Donna Willingham by Margie Murray
Birthday - Daniel Acosta by Lorenzo & Diana Acosta

Thursday, January 6, 2021
 8:00 am **All Ordained Clergy and Religious**

Friday, January 7, 2021
 8:00 am †Hoang Nguyen by Doc & Eileen Adams
 †Vicente Nghiep by Kim Nguyen
 Donna Willingham by Margie Murray

Saturday, January 8, 2022
 8:00 am †Ann Bonge by Bill & Linda Volpenhein
 †Vicente Nghiep by Kim Nguyen
 5:00 pm †Ramon Mata, Sr

Sunday, January 9, 2022
 8:00 am †Vicente Nghiep by Kim Nguyen
STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased
 Mr & Mrs Willingham by Margie Murray
 10:00 am †Genevieve Oswald by Oswald Family
 †Medardo E Morales & Evangelina G. Morales
 By Morales & Briseno Families
 †Violet Flores by Flores / McQueen Families
 12:00 pm †Esequiel Castro



Sanctuary Light Intention:
†Fr. Gilbert Pansza and
†Richard Pansza, Jr

Lecturas de la Semana del 3 - 9 enero

Lunes: 1Jn 3:22-4:6; Sal 2:7-8,10-12; Mt 4:12-17,23-25

Martes: 1Jn 4:7-10; Sal 71:1-4,7-8; Mc 6:34-44

Miércoles: 1Jn 4:11-18; Sal 71:1-2,10,12-13; Mc 6:45-52

Jueves: 1Jn 4:19-5:4; Sal 71:1-2,14,15,17; Lc 4:14-22

Viernes: 1Jn 5:5-13; Sal 147:12-15,19-20; Lc 5:12-16

Sábado: 1Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6,9; Jn 3:22-30

Domingo: Is 40:1-5,9-11; Sal 103:1-4,24-25,27-30;
 Tit 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lc 3:15-16,21-22