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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
(All masses are livestreamed at stcecilia.com)

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The Epiphany of the Lord

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Church

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Parish Office (415) 664-8481
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Please call the Parish Office (415) 664-8481
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Please contact the Parish Office at least six months
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ANointing of the Sick

Please call the Parish Office (415) 664-8481
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ROSARY

Monday-Saturday @ 8:35 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass
and ends with Benediction at 5:15 p.m.

The Epiphany of the Lord - January 7, 2024

First Reading
Isaiah 60:1-6
Jerusalem shall be a light to all nations.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13
Every nation on earth shall worship the Lord.

Second Reading
Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6
Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 2:1-12
The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

Background on the Gospel Reading

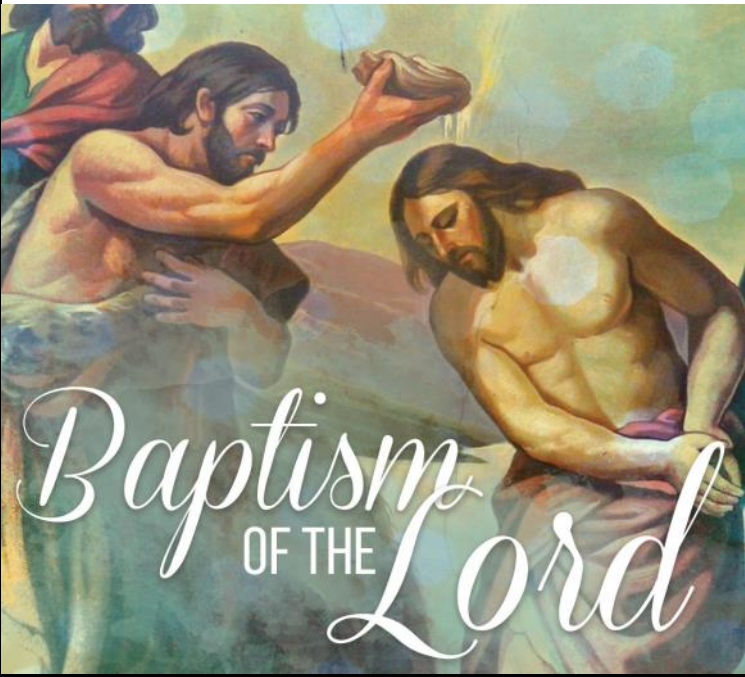
The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family’s flight into Egypt. Matthew’s Gospel tells a version of Jesus’ birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, “When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . .” The story of the census is found only in Luke’s Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew’s Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew’s Gospel, they represent the Gentiles’ search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus’ role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus’ kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus’ death.

The word Epiphany means “manifestation” or “showing forth.” Historically several moments in Christ’s early life and ministry have been celebrated as “epiphanies,” including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD - MONDAY, JAN. 8TH
Matthew 3:16-17
After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION
In re: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco, Case No. 23-30564
Notice of Deadline for Filing Claims: February 20, 2024
YOU MAY HAVE A SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM OR OTHER CLAIM AGAINST THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO

On August 21, 2023, The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco, a California corporation sole, aka Archdiocese of San Francisco (the “Debtor”), filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”).

If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Debtor, you must file a claim so as to be received by February 20, 2024, or otherwise you will be forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from asserting such claim against the Debtor.

Claims based on acts or omissions of the Debtor that occurred before August 21, 2023, must be filed on or before February 20, 2024, even if such claims are not now fixed, liquidated, or certain or did not mature or become fixed, liquidated, or certain before August 21, 2023.

For more information on how to obtain and file a proof of claim form and associated documents, please visit <https://omniagentsolutions.com/RCASF>, or contact Omni Agent Solutions, Inc., the Debtor’s claims agent via email at RCASFInquiries@omniagnt.com or by phone at 888-480-6507 (U.S. and Canada toll free) or 747-293-0084 (International), between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Pacific Time), Monday through Friday.

****If you have questions about the bankruptcy case filed by the Archdiocese of San Francisco, please also visit the website at <https://sfarch.org> and follow the links for Chapter 11 Filing****

Matthew 2:2 We saw His star at its rising and have come to do Him homage.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. CECILIA Sunday Offertory for December 30th & 31st Sunday Envelopes - \$6,280 Online Giving - \$2,444 Total donation - \$8,724		2023 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL Campaign Goal : \$135,985 Amount Received: \$77,411 Balance Due: \$58,574	
COFFEE & DONUTS FELLOWSHIP Our next Coffee & Donuts will be on Today - Eucharistic Ministers and Readers January 14 - Saint Peter’s Prayer Group January 21 - Mothers Club January 28 - School <i>We thank our ministries for volunteering to serve.</i>		2024 CRAB FEED SATURDAY JANUARY 20TH @ 6PM  ST. CECILIA PARISH For more information or reservations for the MOSC’s Annual Crab Feed, please send your emails to: mosc.president1917@gmail.com	
2024 RESPECT LIFE ESSAY CONTEST Theme: Adoption as a Concrete Way of Love Essay due January 26, 2024 For all students in grades K-12 in public school, Private school, and home school, Cash Prizes!!! For more information visit afarch.org/essay-contest Or contact prolife@sfarch.org .		ST. CECILIA YOUTH MINISTRY RETURNS! For information regarding the St. Cecilia Youth Group Ministry, please email Maggie Baglin, Youth Minister at magsbags101@gmail.com 	
20TH ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE CELEBRATION! Saturday, January 20, 2024 2024 marks the 20th Anniversary of the Walk for Life West Coast, below is a quick summary of the main events. More in-depth information to follow in another newsletter. 9:30 AM Walk for Life Mass, St. Mary’s Cathedral - The official Walk for Life Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, featuring the St. Brigid School Children’s Choir. 10:45 AM - Civic Center Plaza, San Francisco Come visit the vendors at the annual Info Faire, listen to speakers, testimonies and Walk starting at 1:30 PM down Market (2 miles). Walk ends at Embarcadero Plaza. info@walkforlife@wc.com Or call (415) 658-1793		CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION -ALSO NEW TEACHERS ALWAYS WELCOME- Register online at bit.ly/StCeciliaCFF and/or show up on Sunday at the Collins Center 2560 - 18th Avenue at 8:30 a.m. If you have questions, please contact the parish office at 415-664-8481 or email stceccilia@stceccilia.com	
		COLLINS CENTER 2560 18th Avenue - (415) 664-8481 or (415) 566-2690 Activities begin at 1:30 p.m. <i>*Exception St. Martha Prayer Group starts at 8:30 a.m.</i> Monday 1/8 - Pedro, Computers Tuesday 1/9 - Bingo, French, Italian Thurs. 1/11 - NO EXERCISE , Bridge, Knitting, Scrabble Fri. 1/12 - <i>*8:30 a.m. St. Martha Prayer Group</i> Movie: “Young at Heart” starring Doris Day	
THIS WEEK’S MASS INTENTIONS - PLEASE COME BY THE OFFICE TO REQUEST MASSES.			
MONDAY, Jan. 8 9am Erna Suryadi 5:30pm Gregory Anthony Wong	WEDNESDAY, Jan. 10 9am Sr. Helen Clare Howatt, SNJM Marcelina Paras Ysip 5:30pm Michael Canavan	FRIDAY, Jan. 12 9am Yvonne Little 5:30pm Kitty Gillespie SATURDAY, Jan. 13 9am Teresa O’Connor SATURDAY VIGIL, Jan. 13 5:00pm Chris Ourtiague	Simon & John Corry Dr. Edward & Anthony Erigero SUNDAY, Jan. 14 7:30am Domineca Cotroneo 9:30am People of Saint Cecilia 11:30am Christine Ryan Vinciguerra George Morey Morey Family, Living
TUESDAY, Jan. 9 9am Ann Clancy 5:30pm Agnes Hung	THURSDAY, Jan. 11 9am Jerry Morris 5:30pm Peter Coviello		