



*Sunday, January 7th, 2024*  
*The Epiphany of the Lord*

## **Holy Family Church**

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### **Sunday Mass Schedule**

**Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10 a.m. & 12 Noon**

### **Weekday Masses**

**Monday – Saturday: 8:30 a.m.**

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: Wednesdays 8:15a.m**

**Anointing of the Sick Sacrament: Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. Mass**

**Bible Study: 1st and 3rd Monday of the Month 12:30 p.m.**

### **Confessions**

**Saturdays: 9:00am-9:30am / First Fridays 9:00am-9:30am**

## **Women's Silent Retreat**

### **EL CARMELO RETREAT HOUSE**

located in Redlands! (a ministry of the Discalced Carmelite Friars) (Feb. 9-11, 2024) A very quiet and reflective place! 2024 Theme " The Heart of the church" "The Eucharist" If interested please call Fran Hay at (714) 334- 4488.

Your payments must be sent asap.

## **Diocesan Second Collection Next Weekend**

There will be a second collection next weekend, **January 13-14, 2024**. This collection combines the Church in Africa, Latin America, and Eastern Europe. Thank you for your generosity.

## **Your Contributions- Thank you**

**Sunday, Dec. 31, 2023:** \$5,315

**Online Giving:** \$1,420

Thank you for your generosity!

## **Record of your 2023 contributions**

A record of your 2023 church contributions (>=\$250) for your income tax report will be mailing out to you during January.

The PSA 2023 donations report will come from the PSA office in the Diocese of Orange. [psa@rcbo.org](mailto:psa@rcbo.org) or 714.282.3043  
If any question, please call the parish office at (562)430-8170 during office hours.

## **News from the Diocese**

### **• The 6th Annual Orange County Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast.**

Monday, January 15, 2024, 8 a.m.  
Newsong Church, 1010 W. 17th Street, Santa Ana, CA 92706. Join others throughout Orange County for a heartfelt morning of prayer and celebration at the Orange County MLK Prayer Breakfast! This in-person event will be held at the Newsong Church. Come together with our community to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his message of love, unity, and equality. Start your day with inspiring prayers, uplifting music, and meaningful conversations. Let's remember Dr. King's dream and continue working towards a brighter future for all. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals and be part of a powerful movement. Together, we can make a difference! The Diocese of Orange is a sponsor on this event, and we welcome you to attend as individuals or parish group.

### **• The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is 18-25 January. The theme of this year is You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbor as yourself.**

*(cf. Luke 10:27)*

- Last week, Christ Cathedral held it's annual Christmas Concert titled, "A Carol Service by Candlelight.". Save the date for the next concert on Saturday, January 20 at 2:00 PM. It is a Choral Festival in Honor of Dr. Fred Swann. Learn more by clicking here: [www.christcathedralmusic.org](http://www.christcathedralmusic.org)

# Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (Catholic

At the time of Jesus' birth, it was commonly believed that a new star would appear whenever a new ruler was born. The Father in Heaven used this belief to honor His Son, the new King. When three astrologers from the East, the Magi, saw this "new star," they chose to follow it to discover the new King. Pointing the way, in the form of a star, was creation itself.

The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation," inviting us to look at how Christ is manifest in our own hearts.

First, when the Magi saw a sign from the heavens that pointed to a new King, they stopped everything and departed in haste to find Him. When God speaks to you and manifests Himself to you in some way, nothing could be more important than to be attentive to His voice and follow Him with the same haste.

The Magi brought the Christ Child gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Gold symbolized kingship. When we ponder the gift of gold given to the Christ Child, we are inspired to give Him our own symbolic gold by prayerfully acknowledging Him as our King to whom we pledge complete submission.

Used in worship to symbolize prayers rising to heaven, frankincense symbolizes the Christ Child's divinity. We offer frankincense to Christ when we acknowledge His divine nature. Often used in burial, myrrh honors the Christ Child Who came to give His life as a sacrifice for many. We offer myrrh to profess our belief in the saving power of Christ's death on the Cross and our need for that gift of salvation.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany, see it as a historical event in which you are invited to share. God wants to manifest Himself to you today. When this happens, respond with faith and worship, giving God the greatest glory by giving Him your very life and offering Him your spiritual gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

## ***Prayer***

***Most glorious Christ Child, the Father in Heaven honored Your birth by placing a star over the place where you lay. Through that new star, Your divine presence was made manifest to the world in the Magi who responded with faith and worship. Please manifest Yourself to me within my own soul where You wish to be born, and give me the love and zeal I need to follow the example of the Magi, offering You my own gifts in adoration and trust. Jesus, I trust in You.***

## A Prayer for the New Year

Lord,  
Whether I leave behind  
a year of joy or of trials and difficulties,  
I pause to *give thanks*.  
Thank you for being with me  
every day of every year.  
Thank you for making all things **new**  
and for giving me the grace of  
fresh starts  
and *new beginnings*.  
Remind me of your presence in the days to  
come,  
even when I feel pushed and rushed by  
busyness.  
Be glorified in my life this year.

*Amén*



### Thank you so Much

Our parish clergy and staff have received an outpouring of generosity this Christmas season. We have received so many gifts to spend, to consume, and to use. It is impossible to thank all of you personally because we are likely to miss some of you. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your generous gifts. Our Christmas and Sunday collections are reflecting the same generosity, also. May the Lord keep you prosperous and healthy in the New Year.

## Prayer Intentions for the Week

### Monday 8:30 a.m. January 8

Wang Kang, RIP

Epiphane Dieu Do, RIP

Darryl Kladden, Sp. Int.

### Tuesday 8:30 a.m. January 9

Robert Holliman, Sp. Int.

### Wednesday 8:30 a.m. January 10

Fr. Augustine Lan, RIP

Jessy Harte, RIP

Peter Hong, RIP

### Thursday 8:30 a.m. January 11

Juan Urbano Jr., RIP

Hoang Thi Di and Hoang Thi Nah, RIP

### Friday 8:30 a.m. January 12

Mary Mai To, RIP

MSGT Bob "Wojo" USMC, RIP

Sang Nguyen & Khuyen Hoang, RIP

### Saturday 8:30 a.m. January 13

Sun & Darryl Kladden, Wedding Anniversary

### Saturday 4:00 p.m. January 13

Msgr. Justin McCarthy, Sp. Int.

Richard Molina, Sp. Int.

### Sunday 8:00 a.m. January 14

Marie Kavanaugh, Sp. Int.

### Sunday 10:00 a.m. January 14

Matthew Yi, RIP

### Sunday 12 Noon January 14

Rose Blanco, Sp. Int.

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**“Recognize in this bread  
what hung on the cross,  
and in this chalice what  
flowed from His side.”**

- ST. AUGUSTINE