

From the Desk of the Pastor

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The Gospel tell us that the wise men came searching for Christ. When they found Him, they worshipped Him, they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of Gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Then, having worshipped him, 'they returned to their own country by another route.'

Many have pondered on how this mystical encounter with the Divine child could have changed the course and direction of their lives.....

The human face of a tender loving God in Jesus must have transformed them...

Prior to this, encounter, the Magi needed the guiding light of a star to show them the way to Bethlehem;

Now the light of Christ itself shone so bright that it illuminated their own hearts and minds. It was now their turn to go about spreading the good news of God's transforming love for them and for all nations in the world.

The first Reading today reminds us that all nations are invited to hear the Good News, to come to know God, to love Him, to adore Him, to serve Him and sing His praises.

Since then millions of people have followed in these bold footsteps of the Magi and come to Christ.

We come today to Christ to worship Him and offer Him our gifts.... We come with different attitudes, values and goals. One cannot intentionally encounter Christ and walk away without something radical happening in our lives and affecting the way we live. His star shines for all, even for your and for me. His light is 'the true light which enlightens all peoples'.

If we have courage and open ourselves to His Light, then his presence will dispel the darkness in our minds and hearts and give us hope.



LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR

El Evangelio nos dice que los reyes magos vinieron buscando a Cristo. Cuando lo encontraron, lo adoraron, abrieron sus tesoros y le ofrecieron regalos de oro, incienso y mirra. Entonces, al verlo adorado, 'regresaron a su país por otra ruta.'

Muchos han reflexionado sobre cómo este encuentro místico con el Divino niño pudo haber cambiado el rumbo y la dirección de sus vidas...

La cara humana tierna y amorosa de un Dios en Jesús debe haberlos transformado...

Antes de este maravillosos encuentro, los Reyes Magos necesitaba la luz guiadora de una estrella para mostrarles el camino a Belén;

Ahora la misma luz de Cristo brilló tan intensamente que iluminó sus propios corazones y mentes. Ahora era su turno para ir propagando la buena nueva del amor transformante de Dios para ellos y para todas las Naciones del mundo.

La primera lectura de hoy nos recuerda que todas las Naciones están invitadas a escuchar la Buena Nueva, para llegar a conocer a Dios, para amarlo, adorarlo, servirle y cantar Sus alabanzas.

Desde entonces millones de personas han seguido estos pasos audaces de los Reyes Magos y vienen a Cristo. Venimos hoy a Cristo para adorarlo y ofrecerle nuestros dones... Venimos con diferentes actitudes, valores y metas.

Uno no puede intencionalmente encontrar a Cristo y darle la vuelta sin que algo radical pase en nuestras vidas y afecte la forma en que vivimos.

Su estrella brilla para todos, incluso para usted y para mí. Su luz es "la luz verdadera que ilumina a todos los pueblos".

Si tenemos valor y nos abrimos a Su luz, entonces su presencia disipará la oscuridad en nuestras mentes y corazones y nos dará esperanza.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

December 24– 28, 2025

Weekday Masses Offerings.....\$ 212.87
Simbang Gabi Novena.....\$ 295.00
Christmas Mass Offerings.....\$3,753.75
Weekend Mass Offerings.....\$2,029.81

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS

January 4: Reserve Fund

January 11: Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

January 25: Music Ministry

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Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

We urge you to help us meet our goal:

Parish Assessment:	\$31,021.00
YTD we paid:	\$25,123.82
Balance we owe:	\$ 5,897.18
Pledges Balance	\$ 75.00

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3 TO JANUARY 10

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
January 3, 2026	January 4, 2026	January 5, 2026	January 6, 2026	January 7, 2026
9:00am ✠ Henry & Teresa Thran ✠ Juanito Caceres	8:00am Parish of St. John 10:00am Virginia Ouiba ✠ Matthew Malvar ✠ Manuel Simpliciano ✠ John McCarthy ✠ Deceased Members of the Hierro Family 12:00pm Parish of St. John	9:00am ✠ Benjamin Caceres	9:00am ✠ Lilian Rosales Steven Van Dyke Richard & Gabrielle Silva	9:00am Living members of the Young Men's Institute
4:30pm ✠ Delia Medina		THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		January 8, 2026	January 9, 2026	January 10, 2026
		9:00am ✠ Eduardo S. Genoves	9:00am Deceased members of the Young Men's Institute	9:00am Parish of St. John 4:30pm Parish of St. John

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