

**BAPTISM OF LORD** MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024 7:00AM



New Norm Regarding Extraordinary Ministers of Holy

#### **Communion taking Communion to the Homebound**

Bishop Silva requests every parish to place the following announcement in its weekly bulletin for three consecutive weeks:



In order to safeguard the sacredness of the Holy Eucharist, Bishop Silva has forbidden that the Eucharist be given to anyone presenting a pyx in the Communion line. Only those who are authorized by the parish priest to take Holy Communion to the sick may receive the Eucharist from the priest after the Communion of the faithful, and never during the Communion procession.

#### **DIVINE MERCY PRAYER EVERY FRIDAY** AFTER MORNING MASS

"Jesus, I trust in you"

FIRST FRIDAY, **EUCHARIST ADORTION AFTER MORNING MASS** 7:30am-8:30am and 5:30pm-6:30pm Adoration

## **JANUARY 2024**



Fr. Chacko Muthoottil—1/06 Mike & Violet Pszyk—1/09 Isaac Honokaupu—1/13 Jeffrey Pszyk –1/16 Paul Kaina Sr.—1/20 Mary & Tony Silva—1/23 Abel & Irene Gouveia—1/27

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK **BROTHERS & SISTERS** 

James Gonzalez-Wesley **Rosemary Robbins** Debbie Faborito Rachel Cravalho Robert Robello Melissa Prince Stanley Lee Fr. Chacko Muthoottil Winona Martinez Clarita Pimentel Helen Estrella Stephen Groff Jeremy Konohia Felicia Gonzales JoAnn Potter



Join Us to Pray the Rosary. Monday thru Friday after morning mass

Saturday before Mass at 4:30pm Sunday at 8:00am



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~MASS SCHEDULE~ ~ST. RITA~ Saturday: 5:00 p.m. ~ Vigil Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: 7:00 a.m. ~ Tuesday ~ Friday ~ST. GABRIEL~ 1st & 3rd Sundays: 11:00 a.m.

~RECONCILIATION~ ST. RITA~ Saturday: 3:30 ~ 4:00 p.m. ST. GABRIEL~ Before Sunday Mass

~ANOINTING OF THE SICK Please contact the Office

~BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, **FUNERALS~** Please contact the Office

~MINISTRIES~ **MINISTRY OF SONG: CHOIR** Wayne Freitas & Rita Bauldry Tuesday ~ 6:00 p.m.

**PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD** 

**COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND** 

As we celebrate the Solemnity of Epiphany this Sunday, we are called to contemplate the mystery and significance of the birth of Jesus the Savior. The story of the Magi, who followed the star to find the Christ child, reminds us of the universal nature of Jesus' birth, His coming for the salvation of all humanity.

In the gospel, we read about the Magi who, after encountering Jesus, were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, and they went home by another route. Similarly, when we meet Jesus in the communion of the Mass, God calls us to embrace change. Just as the Magi chose a different path, we are called to leave behind old ways and embrace new directions in our lives.

The gifts of the Magi symbolize our human awe and reverence at the true nature of Christ, and the need for transformation. As we begin this New Year, let us make resolutions that are in line with the path Christ calls us to follow. Let us identify the "Herod" in our lives—the things that distance us from Christ-and resolve not to return to them.

**\*\*Guided by the Light of Christ\*\*** Let us allow ourselves to be guided by the light of Christ and be transformed by His grace. Through our encounters with Jesus, may we go forth rejoicing, carrying the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts and becoming lights for others seeking Jesus in their lives.

May the journey of Epiphany remind us that meeting Jesus leads us to a different path, and through His grace, we are called to embrace change and transformation.

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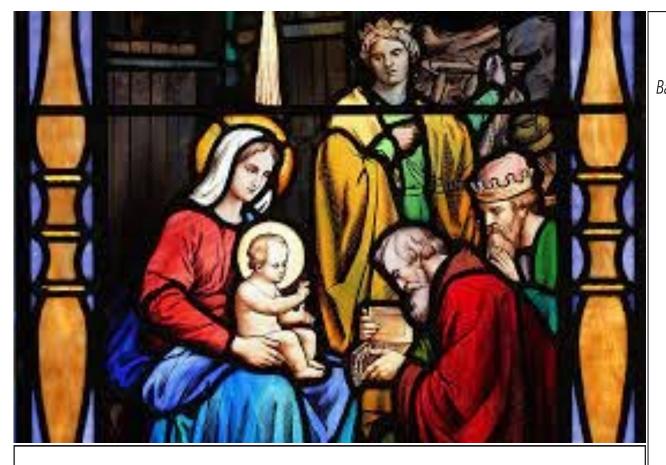


#### **JANUARY 7, 2024** THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD A message from our pastor Fr. Robert Ni Ni, MF

## **\*\*Embracing Change in Communion**\*\*

## **\*\*Resolutions in Line with Christ's Path\*\***





# Good News!

January 7, 2024 The Epiphany of the Lord (B)

Isaiah 60:1-6 / Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Matthew 2:1-12

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I live at a parish in downtown Milwaukee. From my window I watch the world pass by, everyone below in search of one thing or another. Students from the local university seek an education, business folk look for a sale, street people often look for a place to spend the night, teenagers hope to find love. Yet beneath all of those longings, in each one there is a deeper hunger that wonders what life is all about and the hope that they might find it. Hidden amidst it all, the real hunger is for God, a longing sewn into our being, sometimes recognized but too often not.

The story of the Magi is a story of seekers making their way from afar in hopes of finding the promised one, a newborn king. Perhaps they knew of this child's divine nature, more likely not, yet it was ultimately that same hunger that exists in all of us that drove them, a deep desire to know God.

Every serious religion seeks to experience God in life and tells the stories of those who have done so. There are Christian mystics like St. John of the Cross and St. Teresa of Ávila, Jewish mystics of the Kabbalah tradition, the Sufis of Islam, Native Americans who go on vision quests, the Hindus who practice yoga, as well as the Buddhists and Taoists and Confucians. Like the Magi, we all seek to find God.

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MONDAY

January 8 Baptism of the Lord ls 55:1-11 1 Jn 5:1-9 Mk 1:7-11 **TUESDAY** January 9 Weekdav 1 Sm 1:9-20 Mk 1:21-28 **WEDNESDAY** January 10 Weekday 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Mk 1:29-39 THURSDAY January 11 Weekdav 1 Sm 4:1-11 Mk 1:40-45 FRIDAY January 12 Weekday 1 Sm 8:4-7,

10-22a Mk 2:1-12

**SATURDAY** January 13 Weekday 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a Mk 2:13-17

**SUNDAY** January 14 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42

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"They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." MATTHEW 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, as Christian Stewards, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

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St. Rita	INCOME December 31, 2023	St. Gabrie
\$1,986.00	Collections	\$
\$513.00	'Ohana In Christ	\$
\$62.00	Candles	
\$160.00	Mass Intention	\$
\$110.00	Shepherd's Care	
\$40.00	Religious Education	
\$520.00	Repairs & Maintenance	\$
\$473.00	Holy Mother of God	
\$3,864.00	TOTAL	\$



Formation



Wed. Jan. 10, 2024 6:00pm Wed. Jan. 17, 2024 6:00pm

STARTS AT 6PM IN THE PARISH HALL ALL ARE WELCOME! (CLASSES WILL BE APPROX. 6-8 PM)

#### **Stewards Worship**

Starting date for these classes will be announced after we have a definite number of participants.

Any questions pertaining to classes call the Parish Office 808-575-2601 and leave a message for Rita.