



January 07, 2024 - The Epiphany of the Lord

All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him. ~ Psalm 72:11



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Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13; Eph 3:2-3a,5-6; Mt 2:1-12

All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises (1,Ps) for they have been called to hear the good news (2) and worship the long awaited Messiah and King (3) with the gift of their lives.

The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah, probably the greatest of the prophets, prophesies extensively on the coming of the savior, the Messiah. His prophecies are so specific it is hard not to believe that he is telling a contemporary story rather than proclaiming the future far in advance.

“Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.” This proclamation about the coming of the Gentiles and all nations to worship the Lord is wonderful news indeed, for it presages our own worship of Jesus the Christ.

Saint Paul says that “the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.” We who are Gentiles can rejoice in our loving acceptance by our God.

**Nations Shall Walk
By Your Light**

“Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, ‘Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.’” These words are joyous news for those through the ages who worship Christ, but bad news to those who, like Herod, selfishly guard their own prominence and kingship. “Herod called the magi secretly . . .” Those who act in secret often have evil motives, and like Herod, are full of lies—“. . . that I too may go and do him homage.” Herod has no such intent, but plans to murder the Christ child and, he thinks, protect his own rule. Evil is always at work in the world, but God protects the innocent, in this case sending the magi home by a different route rather than back to Herod.

**Your Heart Shall Throb
and Overflow**

The magi “were overjoyed at seeing the star.” So many of the words of Isaiah positively glow at the prophecy of the shining light of Israel, Jesus. “Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance . . . Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow.”

Christmas day, with all of its light and glory, has passed, and yet we forget that the Christmas season continues until tomorrow. The glory of the Lord continues to shine and manifest the glory to all nations. We who are members of these nations of the earth should continue to celebrate and rejoice at the coming of the Lord into our lives. We are indeed the Gentiles who have come to worship Christ, and to be saved by his glorious appearance. Blessed be the God who reaches out to us in mercy and love, and may the joy of his coming fill our hearts forever.

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Gentleness

Feelings are everywhere—be gentle.

~ J. Masai



Please Pray for our Holy Father's Intention for January

Pope's Intention: For the gift of diversity in the Church. We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

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Matthew 2:1-2

New Mass Schedule

We will return to our pre-COVID-19 Mass schedule beginning Sunday, February 4, 2024. Sunday Masses will be as follows:

5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday and

7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m., 12:00, and 5:15 p.m. Masses on Sunday.

We will also have a monthly Tagalog Mass at 2:00 p.m.

on the first Sunday of the month

and a monthly Charismatic & Healing Mass at 2:00 p.m.

on the third Sunday of the month.

Weekday Masses will be at 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., and 5:15 p.m.

Confession will be available Monday through Thursday from

9:00 to 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the rectory.

Appointments are preferred.

Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners born this week.

Joseverino Listana 01/08

Antonia Widodo 01/11

Liezl Madrona 01/08

Luke Wilkinson 01/13

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The Holy Star

O Father, may that holy star
Grow every year more bright
And send its glorious beams afar
To fill the world with light.

~ William Cullen Bryant

Saints & Special Observances

MONDAY: FEAST ~ THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday: optional memorial ~

St. Hillary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

SUNDAY: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: *Is 42:1-4,6-7* or *Acts 10:34-38*; *Mk 1:7-11*

Tuesday: *1 Sm 1:9-20*; *Mk 1:21-28*

Wednesday: *1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20*; *Mk 1:29-39*

Thursday: *1 Sm 4:1-11*; *Mk 1:40-45*

Friday: *1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a*; *Mk 2:1-12*

Saturday: *1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19*; *0:1a*; *Mk 2:13-17*

SUNDAY: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME


1 Sm 3:3b-10,19; *Ps 40:2,4,7,10*; *1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20*;
Jn 1:35-42

Walk for Life West Coast 2024

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 19th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 22, 2024. There will be Mass at 9:30 am celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary's Cathedral. The rally begins at 12:30 pm in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city's Market Street, begins at 1:30 pm. For more information visit www.walkforlifewc.com or call 415-658-1793.

saint snippets

He who gives you
the day will give you
also the things
necessary for the day.




St. Gregory of Nyssa
4th-century theologian and bishop of Nyssa who contributed to the Nicene Creed. Along with Basil of Caesarea and Gregory of Nazianzus, he is one of the Cappadocian Fathers.

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saint snippets

The more I do God's will,
the more he will prove
his love for me.




St. Marguerite Bourgeoys
French religious sister who devoted her life to educating young girls and the poor in Canada

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saint snippets

No matter how sinful
one may have been, if
he has devotion to Mary,
it is impossible that
he be lost.



St. Hilary of Poitiers
4th-century bishop, theologian, and Doctor of the Church who defended the Church against the Arian heresy, which denied Christ's divinity.

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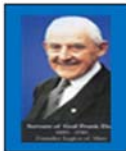
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The Founder Frank Duff
1889 - 1980

Legion of Mary's History

The Legion of Mary was founded in Dublin, Ireland on the 7th of September in 1921.

It is a lay Catholic organization giving service to the Church on a voluntary basis in almost every country.

Legion of Mary's Aim

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's works.

Legion of Mary's Unit

The unit of a Legion of Mary is called a praesidium, which holds a weekly meeting where prayer is intermingled with reports and discussions. Persons who wish to join the Legion must apply for membership in a praesidium.

Legion of Mary's Active Works

The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of everyone. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in homes and hospitals and through collaboration in every apostolate and missionary undertakings sponsored by the parish. The works are more of spiritual works of mercy.

Legion of Mary's Active Membership

This membership is open to all faithfully practicing Catholics. Members attend weekly meetings and engage in prayers and active works. Candidates under 18 years of age can be received in a Junior Praesidium.

Today's Readings

First Reading — You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star (Matthew 2:1-12).

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Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

The magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn ..."

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Answer: *king of the Jews*

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Feast of Faith

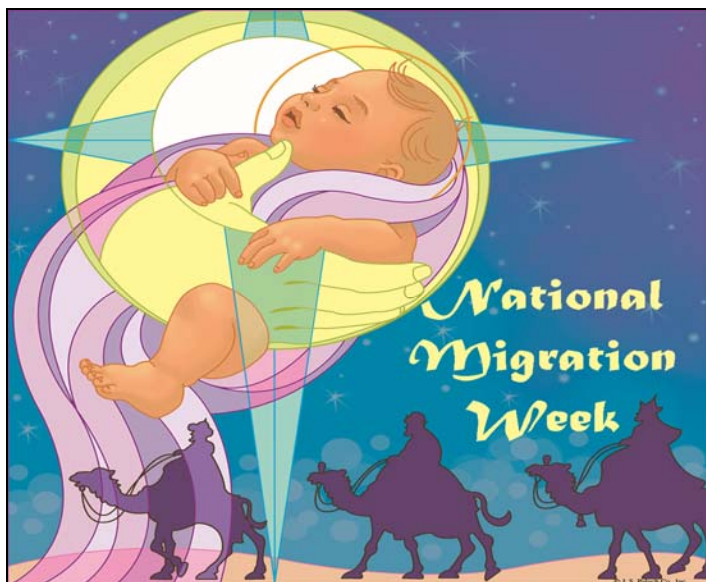
The Liturgy of Emmanuel

The assembly has gathered from near and far, on foot, by bus, by car, by subway, singly and by twos and threes: single people, couples, families. Now that movement is ritualized and made visible in the liturgy's entrance procession.

We are not alone on this journey; Christ is with us. The procession is led by the cross, with the image of Christ upon it. Candles, signs of a living presence, are carried around the cross. Candles also accompany the Book of the Gospels, another sign of Emmanuel, God-with-us. The priest presider is likewise a sign of Christ's presence in our assembly; he will act *in persona Christi*, in the person of Christ, who presides at every Eucharist.

As the procession begins, we stand and sing together in our first act as a community. The joining of our voices begins to turn many into one. The songs we sing range from ancient chants to contemporary hymns, but they have the same purpose, to foster our unity and turn our thoughts to the mysteries we gather to celebrate. We may feel that we can't sing well, but "Christ always invites us to enter into song, to rise above our own preoccupations, and to give our entire selves to the hymn of his Paschal Sacrifice" (USCCB, *Sing to the Lord*, 14).

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Promise Fulfilled

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Treasures From Our Tradition

Before long, people will be throwing Mardi Gras beads in the streets of New Orleans—purple, gold, and green. A few will be in on the secret: the colors of the beads are derived from the gifts of the magi. Gold for wealth, purple for power, green for good health. The gifts are also a key to the identity of the Christ Child: the incense for God; the gold for a king; the myrrh, fragrant burial ointment for one who comes to die.

Centuries ago, today's feast bore the heavy burden of celebrating all the manifestations of Christ's identity: the birth of Jesus, the coming of the magi, the baptism of the Lord, the wedding feast at Cana. It was too much for one day. Fortunately the one day has blossomed into a whole season of grateful celebration, stretching behind us into Advent, and ahead of us into the Baptism of the Lord and to Christ's coming again in glory. Tonight, be sure to light the Christmas lights, and gather at the crèche for a favorite carol and a prayer.

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Lord of All

Saint Paul was born and brought up as a Jew, deeply aware of the Jewish people as the Chosen Race. Thanks to his education by rabbis, Paul was steeped in the Hebrew scriptures, which emphasized God's particular love for Jews. Paul expected a Jewish Messiah for the Jews, and may well have believed such a one would be a great military or royal leader like King David. Jesus did not fit that profile. Paul was ardent in his conviction that all those who believed Jesus was the promised Savior were deluded and dangerous, and he was willing to hunt them down and kill them off. After his vision of Jesus on the road to Damascus, Paul's change of heart and mind was profound. All his preconceptions were wrong. He was wrong about Jesus and wrong about Jesus' followers. He was wrong about the Messiah being only for the Jews. Paul was a remarkable man who was prepared to admit that he was wrong! He knew that he had been given an insight into the mystery of God's grace, hidden until the world was ready. God's love and grace are universal and no human being is beyond that love; only those who choose not to receive it cannot benefit from God's grace. He was certain that those who were not Jews were also called to be part of the body of Christ. This was an astounding idea and, at first, brought conflict with apostles such as Peter. Yet these convictions took Paul and his companions out into the world around the Mediterranean on long and dangerous journeys. Jesus was born a Jew in Bethlehem yet, as Risen Lord, he is Lord of all nations and peoples. Paul knew this. It changed his mind. It changed his heart. It changed the world.

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Partners in the Promise

As a society, during these days we can be in something of a "postpartum" depression. Our celebrations of Christmas and the New Year are over, and after today many of us will put away the decorations and the last visible remnants of the celebrations of the past weeks. The apostle Paul today uses the expression "partners in the promise." This is an uplifting phrase for us to reflect upon, and to think of as our own calling in these days following the birth of the Lord. What is this promise? We can find it in the gifts the magi bring: it is a promise of being a royal priesthood (gold), a holy nation (frankincense), a people set apart for self-giving (myrrh). We find more of the promise in Isaiah—a light shines upon us! In the psalm we know a promise of a world of flowering justice, profound peace, the poor rescued, pity for the lowly and the poor. This is the promise; and one of the best ways for us to lift ourselves out of any possible low spirits we may be suffering is to live out our partnership in this promise each and every day.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

Epiphany celebrates the wake-up calls of life, the showings of God's majesty and power in the person of Jesus. The feast alerts us to look for signs of the Lord's grace and action in our lives today. In this context, the call of the Second Vatican Council to reform the sacramental life of the Church, including our pattern of care for the sick, is indeed a holy awakening.

Prior to the 1960s, our care for the sick had collapsed in the popular imagination into something everyone called "last rites." An immensely complicated ritual, with anointing accompanied by quickly muttered Latin prayers, was enacted for a marginally conscious person at "death's door." By the time a priest was called, the sick person might not be able to receive viaticum, or derive much personal benefit from the ritual. The healing effects of the sacrament, investing suffering with the dignity of a link to Christ's cross, and the immense assurance of forgiveness for a person reviewing the life journey, were hidden. Suddenly, an epiphany swept through the Church, and the way we care for the sick was utterly transformed. It took several centuries, however, for the Church to reach that moment of renewal.

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Find a Child, See a King

We can easily see why the first reading opens today's feast of readings. What Christian can fail to connect the mention of the great, shining world bathed in new light and the parade of camels and dromedaries from the East with unmistakably familiar gifts of gold and frankincense? Of course, we connect this to the Magi and the feast of Epiphany.

The story of the Magi is endlessly intriguing. It draws us like moths to light. But only the Gospel of Matthew tells the story. This is consistent with his whole purpose, which is to forge unmistakable links between the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. Matthew's Gospel initially addressed members of the Jewish-Christian community, who knew well their own Scriptures. Matthew intentionally adjusted Micah's prophecy, "But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah, *too small* to be among the clans of Judah, From you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel." (5:1). In Matthew, this same prophecy reads, "And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are *by no means least* among the princes of Judah" (2:6). Thus Matthew's exaltation of once insignificant Bethlehem signals the need for a radical reorientation. The small will be great; the center of power will shift; a child will be king. The Magi are seekers and seers. They follow all the lights they are given. They find a child and see a king. They go home a new way; they go home renewed.

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ALL SHALL COME BEARING GIFTS

The prophet Isaiah foresaw that knowledge of the Messiah would spread to foreign lands.

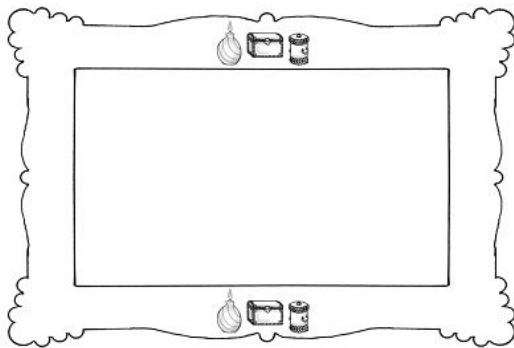
*Caravans of camels shall fill you,
dromedaries from Midian and Ephah;
All from Sheba shall come
bearing gold and frankincense,
and proclaiming the praises of the LORD. (Isaiah 60:6)*

Many different people heard the news about the Messiah. Some called him a new king. Wise men from the East went searching for him. They stopped in Jerusalem to ask where they could find the newborn king. They brought gifts, just like the ones Isaiah mentioned. Isaiah knew that when the Messiah came he would be for all people. Jesus came to give his life for everyone for all times.

If you had a chance to travel with the wise men, what gift would you bring? Think about the many gifts you have. Your gift might not be something you can carry or see. It might be something inside you that you can share with Jesus and with others, like your sense of humor. Draw a picture of your gift. Remember, you do share your gift with Jesus each time you share it with another person. Add the picture to your booklet.

The Christmas season ends today.

Keep your booklet with your Christmas decorations so you can look at it again next Advent.



The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



The magi prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Mt 2:11

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Magi from the east arrived

Pastor Al®



"I don't know where my life is going. Why doesn't God provide directions online, like those map services?"

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God's Promise to All Peoples

Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

Where on earth would you go to honor the magi? Iran or Saudi Arabia, Tarshish or the Isles come to mind, but Cologne, Germany would be a good choice. There the Shrine of the Three Kings has been the centerpiece of the city's cathedral since the fourth century. Today it is the largest reliquary in the world: a gilded and ornamented triple casket gleaming high above the altar. In the fourth century, the supposed relics of the wise men were taken from Constantinople to Milan, where they remained until the German Emperor with the unlikely name Frederick Barbarossa (Red Beard) gave them to the Archbishop of Cologne. Ever since, pilgrims have streamed into the city to honor the magi, the first of all pilgrims, and thus the heavenly patrons of all who have some holy wanderlust.

This largest Gothic cathedral in Europe today was begun in the mid-1200s to house the relics. In medieval times, the relics in a city's possession were often the key to a sound international economy. The reliquary was last opened in 1864, and the remains of three men were indeed discovered. The cathedral is well worth a visit, with enormous twin spires forming the largest façade of any church in the world (it is the model for St. Patrick's in New York). Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880, a six-hundred-year project. Today, it is a World Heritage Site, described by the U.N. as "an exceptional work of human creative genius." This great treasure of our tradition suffered fourteen direct bomb hits in World War II but did not collapse. It survived while the city burned around it, preserved, the townspeople say, by three heavenly patrons.

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Reflecting on God's Word

What are the major attractions in your area? Are they natural wonders, spectacular buildings, engaging activities, powerful people, works of art? We expect people to stream to see rock stars and queens, the Eiffel Tower and the Grand Canyon. In today's scriptures, however, we see "tourists" attracted to two very lowly and humble "sights."

Jerusalem was a sorry sight when the scripture from Isaiah was written. The prophet's vision must have seemed impossible to those who heard this message. And yet, today Jerusalem is a major tourist attraction. We also know that through the Jews many other people—Christians and Muslims—have been attracted to the one Lord.

Jesus himself must have seemed very weak and insignificant in comparison to the rich and powerful King Herod, and later on compared to the priests and Pharisees. Yet, even from his birth, people streamed to him. Like the "tourists" in today's Gospel, people saw something in him that led them to worship and serve the Lord. And through him they came to understand what God intended for their life journeys.

~ Virginia Stillwell

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Epiphany: Finding the Time We Need

Pay your respects; give the gift of yourself; return home

I love Epiphany, the feast for the chronically late who drive others crazy. Twelve days after the big event is time enough to pay our respects, present the gifts, and make our way home. The prolonged Christmas season gives us something we sorely need—time to allow the light to seep into the cracks of our souls, illuminate the dark places, and allow us to unfold in the presence of God. The process is not always easy. To let the peace of Christ fully enter us, we must stop being so busy that we hide what most needs healing in us.

T.S. Eliot captured the process in his poem "The Journey of the Magi." At the beginning of the poem, the magi recall that it was the worst time to make the trip—a cold, hard journey. For us today, the weeks leading up to Christmas can be a blur of activities that leave no time for reflection. Cold and snow only add to the burden.

Imagine what would happen if at the eleventh hour on Christmas Eve someone whispered, "Your present is twelve more days." The smiles of relief and joy would rival the wishes for a Merry Christmas. So the question for us is this: What will we do with our precious found time? The reparations are done. Christmas dinner is ready to go. How will we journey with the magi?

I suggest that the movement of the magi is ours. We pay our respects (in Latin: look again) to the Incarnation and behold the mystery of love that calls us to conversion. We present the gift of ourselves to God so he can make us into who he wants us to be. We return home changed by the experience. Then we can use what God has given us to point to his presence in the world. Twelve days doesn't seem like a long time, but it may be all the time we need.

On entering the house (the magi)... prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way. (Matthew 2:11-12)

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Light

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The Epiphany of the Lord

Today's readings remind us not to discourage those who misunderstand the real meaning of Christ and Christmas, but to instead use the opportunity for welcome and conversion.

The Church especially chose these readings because she sees in them symbols of the universality of God's people. "Lift up your eyes and look around: all are assembling and coming toward you" the prophet says. Are we to turn away or belittle any who come to find the Lord, in whatever small way?

Saint Paul, in the second reading, reminds us that as Gentiles, we too, come from pagan roots and were once misunderstood. Yet we, too, have been welcomed. We now share the same inheritance, are part of the same body of Christ.

The Christmas season is not the time to turn away anybody. Rather, it is the time to be catholic, that is, accepting of all.

The Star Filled Them With Delight

If you've ever been around young children, you know their lives are daily epiphanies, when one revelation builds on the next as they grow in continuous awe of their own selves, life, and God.

For children, life itself is like the star that filled with delight the wise men who visited the infant Jesus. Some daily revelations from the mouths of babes include:

"Birds eat bugs."

"Wind moves air."

"Potatoes grow roots."

"Ants are strong."

"Snow sticks together."

God is With Us

Today's Gospel offers us all the reminder that God is with us. God is right before our eyes as bright as the star that led the wise men to an out-of-the-way place called Bethlehem and to a child and his mother.

As you hear this familiar story, place yourself in the scene with childlike awe and wonder. What do you see? What do you hear? How do you feel? A Sunday religious education teacher read the Gospel and posed those questions to her class full of four-year-olds. They responded:

"Jesus musta been cold."

"I bet he cried a lot like my baby brother."

"Did he wear diapers?"

"Jesus was a poor boy."

"The animals kept him warm."

"Jesus was alone."

"No, his mother and father were with him."

"He got 'spensive presents."

How lucky the wise men were to see God incarnate face to face. Nevertheless, we should not diminish our own unique and privileged perspective to be able to observe this scene of a baby with his mother and know that he is indeed the One who has brought salvation to all.

We can return to today's Gospel from the perspective of an awe-filled child, and then do the same for the rest of your week. Look anew at all of God's wonders and see God incarnate right before your eyes in birds that eat bugs, in wind that moves air, in snow that sticks together, and in the children who call our attention to these events.

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Eastern Star

Fair eastern star, that art ordain'd to run
Before the sages, to the rising Sun,
Here cease thy course, and wonder that the cloud
Of this poor stable can thy Maker shroud.

~ Sir John Beaumont

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Comment

We can easily see why the first reading opens today's feast of readings. What Christian can fail to connect the mention of the great, shining world bathed in new light and the parade of camels and dromedaries from the East with unmistakably familiar gifts of gold and frankincense? Of course, we connect this to the Magi and the feast of Epiphany.

The story of the Magi is endlessly intriguing. It draws us like moths to light. But only the Gospel of Matthew tells the story. This is consistent with his whole purpose, which is to forge unmistakable links between the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. Matthew's Gospel initially addressed members of the Jewish-Christian community, who knew well their own Scriptures. Matthew intentionally adjusted Micah's prophecy, "But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah, *too small* to be among the clans of Judah, From you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel."(5:1). In Matthew, this same prophecy reads, "And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are *by no means least* among the princes of Judah" (2:6). Thus Matthew's exaltation of once insignificant Bethlehem signals the need for a radical reorientation. The small will be great; the center of power will shift; a child will be king. The Magi are seekers and seers. They follow all the lights they are given. They find a child and see a king. They go home a new way; they go home renewed.

Reflection

This feast day feels like it should be celebrated on the top of a snow-covered mountain flooded with light and bracing air. This is an exotic feast, a far cry from the quiet, homebound story that began the Christmas season. Here we have Eastern philosopher-astronomers mounted on dromedaries and bearing dazzling, mysterious gifts from the equally mysterious Orient. Not even the stars stay in place.

For all its greatness as a story, the story of the Magi appears briefly in but one Gospel. We are not sure of their home, their number, their occupation or preoccupation. They rise up out of the dark from the East like the rising sun itself and disappear as quickly as they appear.

Nonetheless, the Church sets out this amazing story and invites us to read deeply. The Gospel discloses the manifestation or showing forth of God (*epiphaneia* in Greek). We are asked to contemplate on this feast day the promise of God to the whole world, and to consider the whole world's participation in that promise. Today is a feast of the universal or "catholic" Church.

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Living God's Word

The Church is the new Israel, called to attract all people to the Lord. We must be "the place where the child" (Matthew 2:9) is found today. God's glory shines through the Church and, despite our many flaws, we are called to become the "place" where everyone can find the Lord and "[do] him homage" (2:11).

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What are you doing to bring Christ to others beyond your family and parish? Are you young or an active retiree? Consider becoming a volunteer missionary yourself! Contact Catholic Volunteer Network (catholicvolunteernetwork.org) for opportunities to serve here or overseas. Alternatively, support Catholic Home Missions, which helps to bring the gospel to the poorest and most remote areas of our country.

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The Epiphany of the Lord

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising and
have come to do him homage."
Matthew 2:1-2

January 7, 2024

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The Foreshadowing of the New Age

We do not know the time when earth and humanity will reach their completion, nor do we know the way in which the universe will be transformed. The world as we see it, disfigured by sin, is passing away. But we are assured that God is preparing a new dwelling place and a new earth. In this new earth righteousness is to make its home, and happiness will satisfy, all the yearnings for peace that arise in human hearts. On that day, when death is conquered, the sons of God will be raised up in Christ; what was sown as something weak and perishable will be clothed in incorruption. Love and the fruits of love will remain, and the whole of creation, made by God for man, will be set free from the frustration that enslaves it.

We are warned indeed that a man gains nothing if he wins the whole world at the cost of himself. Yet our hope in a new earth should not weaken, but rather stimulate our concern for developing this earth, for on it there is growing up the body of a new human family, a body even now able to provide some foreshadowing of the new age. Hence, though earthly progress is to be carefully distinguished from the growth of Christ's kingdom, yet in so far as it can help toward the better ordering of human society it is of great importance to the kingdom of God.

The blessings of human dignity, brotherly communion and freedom - all the good fruits of earth of man's cooperation with nature in the Spirit of the Lord and according to his command - will be found again in the world to come, but purified of all stain, resplendent and transfigured, when Christ hands over to the Father an eternal and universal kingdom: "a kingdom of justice, love and peace." On this earth the kingdom is already present in sign; when the Lord comes, it will reach its completion.

*From the pastoral constitution on the Church in the modern world of the Second Vatican Council
(*Guadium et spes*, n. 39)*

True Beauty

People are like stained glass windows; they sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light within.

~ Dr. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross



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The Inner Word: What's in your Heart?

The Epiphany is about the divine mysteries becoming known.

- ⇒ How does the light of God shine in your life?
- ⇒ How does the world around you reflect the glory of God?
- ⇒ How does what you know through revelation complete what you know through the natural world?

Applying the Word: Keeping our eyes on the light

As prolonged shopping season has kept the lights of Christmas before us for perhaps too long. But children and the young at heart might disagree— can there ever be too much light shining on our world? Our Advent candles also accompanied us en route to our first epiphany—and so did the lights of Hanukkah that our Jewish sisters and brothers were lighting at the same time this year. (It's interesting to note that the majority of Old Testament references to divine epiphany occur in the Books of Maccabees, commemorated at Hanukkah.) The strobe lights of New Year's parties and the lengthening daylight since the winter solstice are all reminders of the role light plays in our season of manifestation. But to Christians, the brilliance humanity is longing for has already come: Christ, the light of the world. And as most of the New Testament references to epiphany remind us, the most splendid manifestation is yet to come. ~ Alice Camille

Scripture links

OT use of Epiphany: Gen. 35:7; Jer. 29:14; Zeph. 2:11; 2 Macc. 3:24, 30, 5:2-4, 12:22, 14:15, 15:27

NT use (birth of Jesus): Luke 1:78-79; 2 Tim. 1:10; Titus 2:11

NT use (parousia): Acts 2:20; 2 Thess. 2:8; 1 Tim. 6:14; 2 Tim. 4:1-2, 8; Titus 2:12-13

Catechism links

Theophany and Epiphany: CCC 697, 707

Incarnation: CCC 456-463

Baptism of the Lord as Epiphany: CCC 438; 535-37; 1223-1225

Light as symbol of manifestation: CCC 696-697; 1168; 1202

Today the Bridegroom claims his bride, the church, since Christ has washed away her sins in Jordan's waters; the magi hasten with their gifts to the royal wedding; and the wedding guests rejoice . . . alleluia. ~ Antiphon for Morning Prayer, Epiphany

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MY SHINING STAR

CAUGHT MYSELF responding to a compliment I'd received about an employee by saying, "Oh, yes, thank you, she's my shining star."

Now, where on earth did I come up with that expression? I asked myself the minute the words came out of my mouth. It sounded so schmaltzy and, I feared, even patronizing. But I realized later the sentiment really was heartfelt. The person in question does serve as a beacon showing me the way to live gracefully and graciously. She has gone through tremendous personal hardships yet never complains. She takes what comes, not with stoicism but with practicality. She has a very dear sense of what she has control over and what she doesn't, and she makes the best of every situation—with no anguished second-guessing or regret.

She is courteous, respectful, and caring. She is not afraid to show emotion, but does wallow or binge. Her calm, level-headed approach to problems and her ability to forgive and move on are textbook examples of the mature Christian, a true steward of God's grace, to use Saint Paul's phrase.

Like the magi, I feel blessed to have a star to show me the way—although I get lost a little more often than I'd like.

Who are the shining stars in your life who lead you to the light of Christ?

—Patrice J. Tuohy





Lectio Divina for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

We begin our prayer:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, who on this day
revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star,
grant in your mercy, that we, who know you already
by faith,
may be brought to behold the beauty of your
sublime glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

(Collect, Solemnity of the Epiphany, Mass During
the Day)

Reading (*Lectio*)

Read the following Scripture two or three times.
Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlchem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests

and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:

*And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
are by no means least among
the rulers of Judah;
since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my
people Israel."*

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.



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Meditation (*Meditatio*)

After the reading, take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

If practicing lectio divina as a family or in a group, after the reflection time, invite the participants to share their responses.

Prayer (*Oratio*)

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Contemplation (*Contemplatio*)

Read the Scripture again, followed by this reflection:

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage. Increase How can I express praise and thanksgiving to God? How can I grow in my love of the Eucharistic liturgy?

When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. What people, places, or things cause anxiety and doubt in my heart? How can I grow in my trust of God?

And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, / are by no means least among the rulers of Judah. Who are the “least” in my community? How can I reach out to the people on the peripheries?

After a period of silent reflection and/or discussion, all recite the Lord’s Prayer and the following:

Closing Prayer:

O God, with your judgment endow the king,
and with your justice, the king’s son;
He shall govern your people with justice
and your afflicted ones with judgment.

Justice shall flower in his days,
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.
All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;
the lives of the poor he shall save.

(From Psalm 72)

Living the Word This Week

How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?

Seek out community, parish, or diocesan efforts to assist those in need and participate to the best of your ability.

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Dec. 15-17: Women's Healing After Abortion Retreat

If you have been carrying a burden from a past abortion, you are invited to the next healing retreat for women. Father Vito Perrone of the Contemplatives of St. Joseph and Divine Word Father James Liebner will lead this three-day retreat, which will include Mass, the sacrament of reconciliation, counseling and sharing as much as each woman is comfortable doing in this warm and healing environment. It will be held at a confidential location. If you are interested, please call 415-614-5567 or email projectrachel@sfarch.org.

Dec. 22: Christmas Angels Program

The Restorative Justice Christmas Angels program supports children affected by homicide, children with a parent in prison and children affected by domestic violence and abuse. The project culminates with a family Christmas event on Dec. 22 from noon-4 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption. Gifts will be distributed, food and drinks will be served and children will have the opportunity to get their photo taken with Santa. Learn more at <https://sfarchdiocese.org/christmasangels/>.

Jan. 13, 2024: Santo Nino Celebration

Join the Archdiocesan Filipino Ministry for the 8th annual Santo Nino Fiesta on Jan. 13 at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption. The "Santo Nino" (or Holy Child Jesus) is a symbol of the birth of Catholicism in the Philippines more than 500 years ago when Magellan presented a statue of the Santo Nino to Queen Juana of the Philippine Island of Cebu in 1521.

Jan. 19-20, 2024:

20th annual Vigil for Life and Walk for Life

The 20th annual Walk for Life will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20, at 12:30 p.m. at the Civic Center in San Francisco.

Join the Walk for Life Vigil Mass on Jan. 19 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Dominic's Catholic Church, all-night adoration at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church and Star of the Sea Catholic Church, and the Walk for Life Mass at 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 20 with Archbishop Cordileone. List of events is at: www.walkforlifewc.com/event-info/event-schedule/

Jan. 25, 2024:

Vespers for the Week of Christian Unity

For the 18th year, Archbishop Cordileone and Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Gerasimos will be leading Solemn Vespers in observance of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Join them at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 25, at St. Pius X Catholic Church.

Feb. 3, 2024: Wedding Anniversary Mass

Celebrate your sacramental wedding anniversaries at a Mass and reception with Archbishop Cordileone on Feb. 3 at 10 a.m. Those celebrating at least five-year anniversaries (5, 10, 15, 20, etc.) will be recognized during the Mass.

Feb. 4, 2024: Consecrated Life Mass

The Mass for Consecrated Life will take place Feb. 4 at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption. Honor consecrated men and women who serve in the Archdiocese.

Feb. 14, 2024: Ash Wednesday

Feb. 24, 2024: Archdiocesan Women's Conference

Women are invited to attend the Archdiocesan Women's Conference on Feb. 24 at St. Dominic's Catholic Church with Mass at 9 a.m. with Archbishop Cordileone followed by a day of reflection and prayer.

Feb. 24, 2024: Chinese New Year Mass and Celebration

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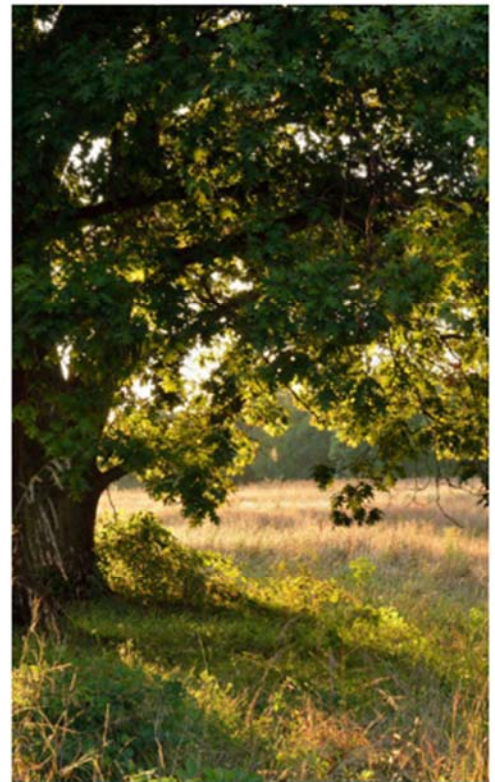
Be still and know that I am God (Ps 46)

Retreat begins Tuesday January 16th, registration begins at 11:30am, followed by lunch at 12.30pm. Retreat ends after breakfast on Friday, January 19th.

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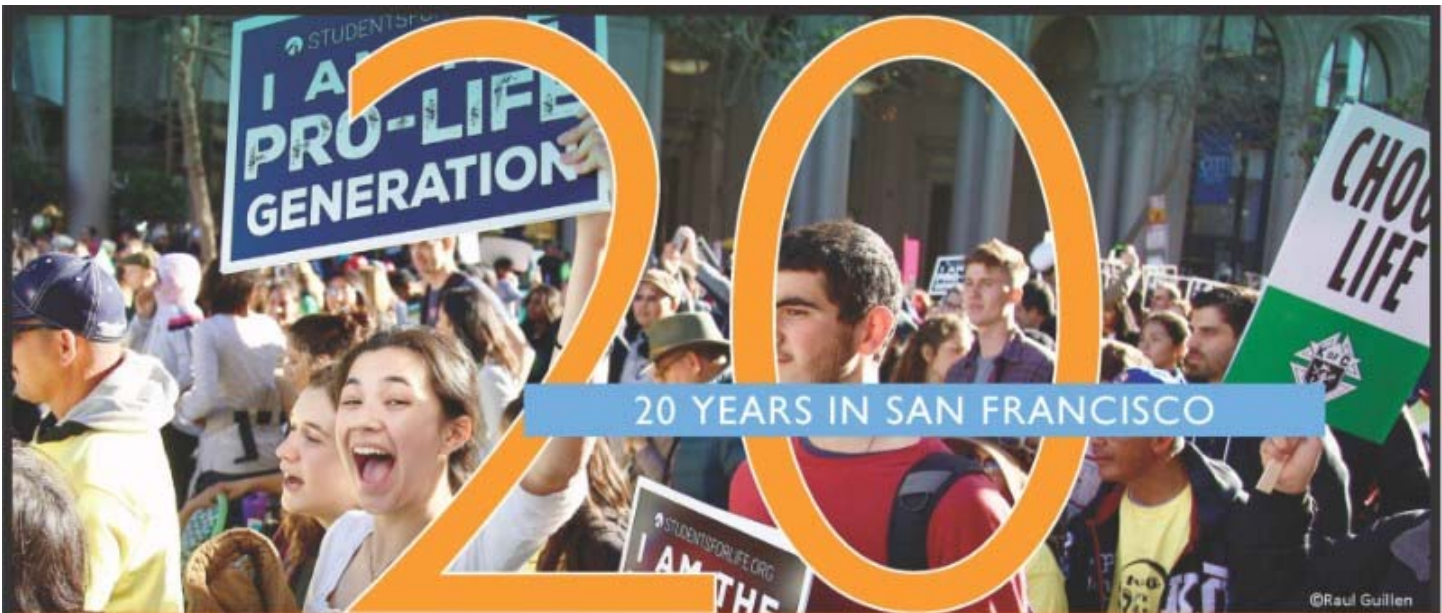
*"Seek out a tree and let it
teach you stillness"
(Eckhart Tolle)*



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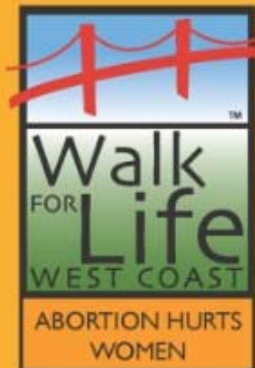
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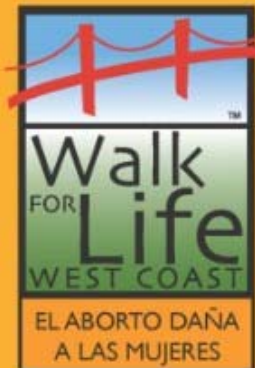


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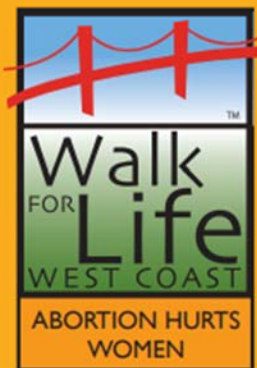
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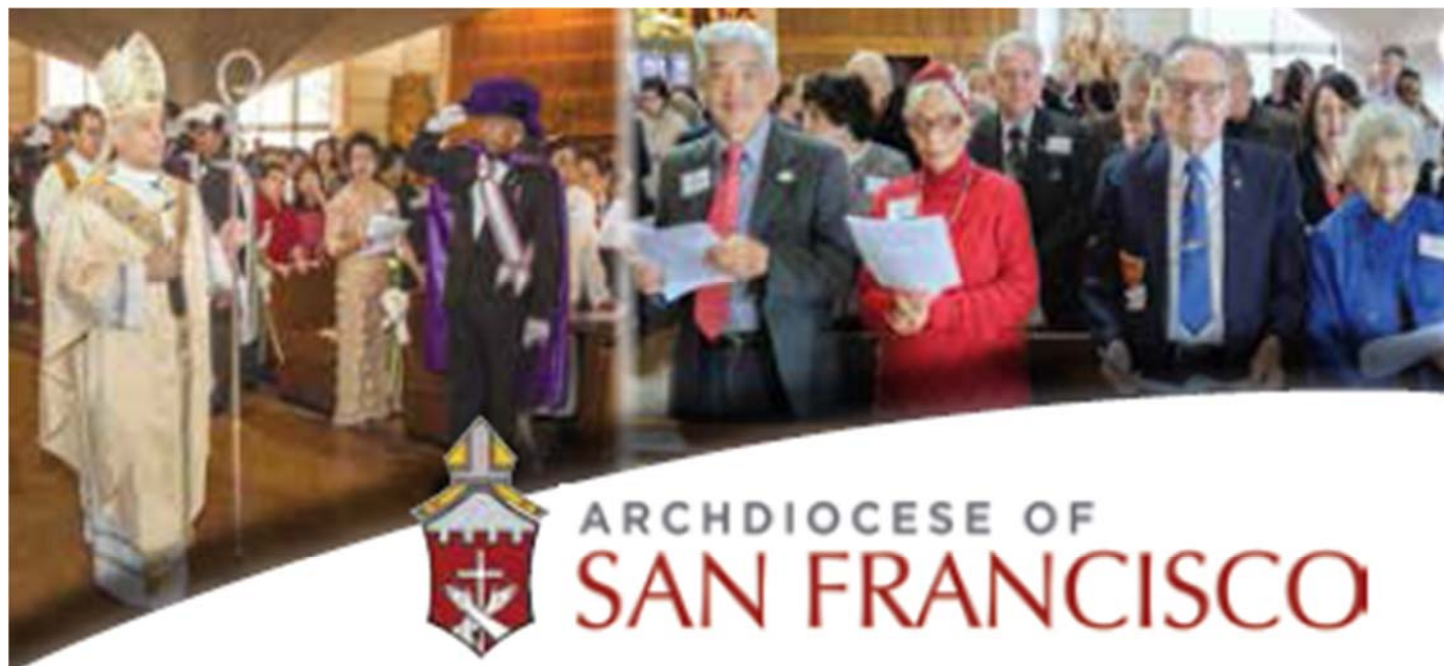
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I CANNOT FAIL TO MENTION THE NEED FOR FOSTERING VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD,
FOR AS SAINT JOHN PAUL II SAID,

THERE CAN BE NO EUCHARIST WITHOUT THE PRIESTHOOD

~ POPE FRANCIS

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Mass Intentions for Jan 07 - 13

Date	Time	Intention
Sunday 07	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	BD Mary Bernadette G. Biagtan † Nicomedes & Juanita Abello † Jordan Chavez
Monday 08	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	† Marilyn Sumulong † Jordan Chavez
Tuesday 09	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	SI Corazon M. Ambata † Jordan Chavez
Wednesday 10	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	BD Laurence Sudario † Jordan Chavez
Thursday 11	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	SI Ben Jacob Banatao † Jordan Chavez
Friday 12	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	SI Helen & Elizabeth Santos † Jordan Chavez
Saturday 13	12:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	† Magdalena Corcuera † Freddy Ramirez Quipoz

Parish Schedule

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (in the Rectory)

(appointments are preferred)

Monday, Thursday, and Friday

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Every Tuesday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

Sto. Niño Devotion

Every Friday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

Sacred Heart

First Friday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

Communion in the Home

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring Communion to those who are unable to attend Mass. Please call the office at 415-421-3730 for more information.

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Black Nazarene

Feast Day
January 9

Rosie Drapiza
Lydia Cagampan
Rene & Elsa Tuazon



San Lorenzo Ruiz 1st Filipino Saint (Sep 28)

Maureen Oakes
Fe Macatangay
Cathy Bohol
Alma Raymundo

Shiela Montemayor
Maribelle Olegario
Gino Percival Ventura
Torno Family
Alejandra Ayala



PRAYER TO
St. Anne

O GOD, You bestowed on St. Anne such grace that she was found worthy to become the mother of MARY, who brought forth Your only begotten SON. Grant that we may be helped by her intercession. Amen.

St. Anne

Feast Day July 26

Parish Registration

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Ph. No. _____

D.O.B. _____

Gender _____

Marital Status _____

Occupation _____

Please drop in the collection basket or return to the parish office

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*Krista Mari, Ezra Mari,
 & Juliana Mari*



*Laeti bibamus sobriam
 profusionem Spiritus.*

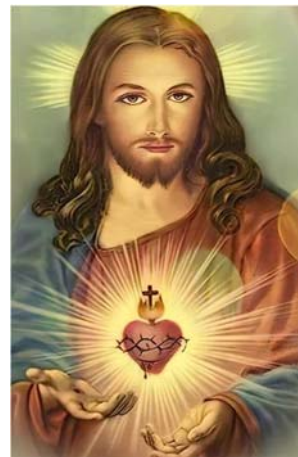
St. Patrick Charismatic Prayer Group

**Matt
 Dorsey**
 SAN FRANCISCO SUPERVISOR



I'm proud to represent you in City Hall and grateful for the faith community we share at St. Patrick's. For help with City matters, call (415) 554-7970 or email me at Matt.Dorsey@sfgov.org.

Matt Dorsey



*Most Sacred Heart
 of Jesus,
 Have Mercy on Us.*

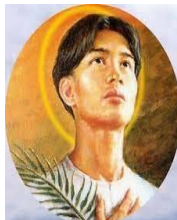
*First Friday
 of the month at
 11:00 a.m.*



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 OF
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Pray the rosary



*San Pedro
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 2nd Filipino
 Saint
 (April 2)*



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