

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church



*Behold, the star that they had seen
at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped
over the place
where the child was.*

~ Matthew 2:9

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Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Mass Schedule:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:00 am

Tuesday & Thursday: 5:30 pm

Saturday*: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 pm

*1st Saturday of the month 8:00am

Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation:

Tuesday & Thursday: 4:45 pm - 5:15 pm

Saturday 4:45 pm - 5:15 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am & 12:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism:

Call the parish office at least six weeks in advance.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Call the parish office at least six months in advance.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday: The Baptism of the Lord

Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins

Wednesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Friday: St. Hilary

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; Julian Calendar New Year

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm - All the nations will worship you, Lord (Psalm 72).

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

Gospel — Magi from the east arrive looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

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The Epiphany of the Lord
January 8, 2023

They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

— Matthew 2:11b

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-3

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Eugenio B., Neomi Balderas, Dolores Beardsley, Mary Blake, Rosa Becnel, Michael Castro, Juliana Cavazos, Maria Chavez de Hernandez, Esther & Guadalupe Contreras, Ashley Cuellar, David Davis, John De Leon, Kate DeWein, Mary Elizabeth Donovan, Angela Fitzner, Deacon Frank Gallardo, Vangie Gallardo, Eric Hawbecker, Josephine Janczar, Markus Klink, Kathy McCoy, Sally McDuffee, George Perez, Rina Pollack, Jeanie Sanders, Carlos Saucedo, Edward Jacob Sciantarelli, Jim Sciantarelli, Laurie Seligman, Jerry SESCO, Carolyn Smith, Lisa Weissler, Henry Wolff, Stephen Wyrick.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
All are welcome to the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Exposition begins every Tuesday in the Adoration Chapel after the 5:30pm Mass and ends on Friday at 7 am.

For more information please contact Becky Prieto at 210-725-2383.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 9

7:00 am Joseph Eisenhoffer (d)
- Family

Tuesday, January 10

5:30 pm Jullia Pastewka (d)
- Family

Wednesday, January 11

7:00 am J. P. Johnson (d)
- Marilyn Johnson

Thursday, January 12

5:30 pm Carl Crittel (d)
- Diane Wyrick

Friday, January 13

7:00 am Larry Letscher (d)
- Mr. & Mrs. Larry Cooper

Saturday, January 14

5:30 pm John & Millie Pfeiffer (d)
- Rita & Ken Bragg

Sunday, January 15

8:30 am Lawrence Roegelein (d)
- Family
10:30 am Jullia Pastewka (d)
- Pedraza Family
12:00 pm Our Lady of Grace Parishioners

MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday, January 9

Mass 7:00 am Fr. Jorge

Tuesday, January 10

Confessions 4:45 pm Fr. Jorge
Mass 5:30 pm Fr. Jorge

Wednesday, January 11

Mass 7:00 am Fr. Joseph

Thursday, January 12

Confessions 4:45 pm Fr. Jorge
Mass 5:30 pm Fr. Jorge

Friday, January 13

Mass 7:00 am Fr. Joseph

Saturday, January 14

Mass 5:30 pm Fr. Joseph

Sunday, January 15

Mass 8:30 am Fr. Jorge
Confessions 10:30 am Fr. Frank Santucci, OMI
Mass 10:30 am Fr. Joseph
Mass 12:00 pm Fr. Frank Santucci, OMI



**Lord, every nation
on earth will adore you**

The Proclamation of the Date of Easter on Epiphany

At one time, calendars were not as available as today. It was necessary to make known the date of Easter since many celebrations of the liturgical year were figured in relation to Easter. Easter falls on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox. The Epiphany Proclamation still has value. It is a reminder of the centrality of the Resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are celebrated each year. Mark these and other key dates and feasts on your 2023 Church Calendar:

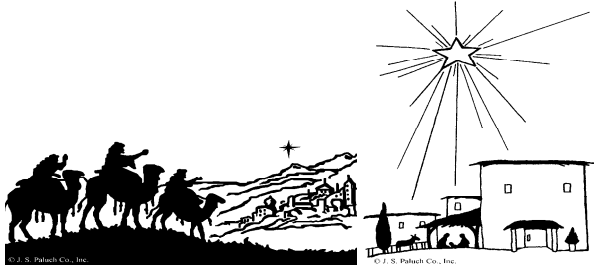
Ash Wednesday: February 22, 2023

The Easter Triduum: April 6 - April 9, 2023
(Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday)

The Ascension of the Lord: May 21, 2023

Pentecost Sunday: May 28, 2023

First Sunday of Advent: December 3, 2023



EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING



Materials: a piece of chalk and a lighted candle (candle is optional). Gather with family members, friends, and perhaps some neighbors at the front door.

Leader: In the (+) name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**We sign this doorway with four crosses and the numerals of the new year.
[20 + C + M + B + 23]**

**Let us pray: May Christ bless this house!
ALL: Amen!**

Each room of the house is blessed using the following prayers.

Living Room:

**Where two or three are gathered in your name, Lord, you are present.
Bless this room, O Lord.
ALL: Amen!**

Kitchen:

**Give us this day our daily bread. Bless this room O Lord.
ALL: Amen!**

Dining Room:

**Prepare us for the heavenly banquet. Bless this room, O Lord.
ALL: Amen!**

Bedrooms:

**Stay with us Lord, when night has come. Bless this room, O Lord.
ALL: Amen!**

Bathroom:

**Cleanse us from all sin. Bless this room, O Lord.
ALL: Amen!**

All return to the front door to pray together around the lighted candle.

Leader: Let us pray as Jesus taught us: Our Father . . .

The leader prays the final prayer below.

**Bless this household through all days to come, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
forever and ever.**

ALL: Amen!



Then they opened their treasures and offered him

GIFTS OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH.

Matthew 2:11

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SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS

Epiphany is a day when popular customs mostly overshadow scriptural accuracy. Matthew's Gospel never refers to kings coming to see Christ, nor to their number (only the gifts are enumerated), nor to their names. Matthew tells us only that some "magi" came with gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Magos referred to members of the Persian priestly class; later it had the connotation of magicians and astrologers. Matthew's magi report that they have seen a star rising; its light was visible to them far beyond the boundaries of Israel, an early and significant symbol for Jesus, the Light of the World. At the end of Matthew's Gospel (chapter 28), the followers of Jesus worship him, an act foretold in the actions of the Magi today. The eleven are told to make disciples of "all nations," nations symbolized by the Magi. Today we hear our own mission: to worship Jesus Christ, and to spread his Good News everywhere, every day.

STAR OF WONDER

In our day-to-day lives, we can experience epiphanies: new perceptions, unexpected insights, sudden changes in direction. In the liturgical year, Epiphany celebrates the appearance of a star in the heavens, a remarkable star followed by the Magi to Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They are not so different, our daily epiphanies and the Epiphany celebrated today. The arrival of the Magi certainly changed Mary and Joseph's perceptions of the world, the same way a helpless, tiny baby likely altered the Magi's insights as to what a star in the heavens would reveal. The story of the Magi—and the story of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—is filled with unexpected changes in direction, as God's plan continues to vary when it encounters people who cooperate with it, and others who attempt to thwart it. A deep and long reflection on this day we call Epiphany will uncover numerous epiphanies.

STAR OF LOVE

Like all of the Christmas season, Epiphany celebrates God's eternal and infinite love. In a special way, this day shows how God's love is truly all-inclusive. The magi were not Jews, not part of the Chosen People who expected that the Messiah was coming to save only them. Early on in his Gospel, Matthew tells us that God's love will not be limited by our human presumptions or boundaries. We still struggle with the fact that God is constantly epiphanizing us to grow beyond the limits of our experience or expectations, to move beyond the boundaries of the world around us. Let us pray that we might be given epiphanies to help us find grace where we didn't believe it existed, to aid us in understanding that God's love is most often shown by who is included, not who is excluded. May we open our eyes and hearts to know that the Christ-light shines everywhere.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 60:1–6
Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13
Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6
Matthew 2:1–12



Christmas Eve 2022

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Grace Church,

The ripples of your kindness start to flow through Healy Murphy Center even before Thanksgiving when our counselors start to gather the family gift information from our students. Those students who have been with us for a while know that a wondrous act of kindness awaits them. The new students can't even conceive that total strangers would bless their families in such an unparalleled way.

Their ordinary lives are complicated by financial situations that, sadly, make Christmas gifts a low priority on the list of needs.

Please know that you have done wondrous deeds for our young people and their families at this holiest of times.

Gratefully,

Sister Mary Fagan

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Holy Hour For Priests



**Tuesday,
January 10, 2023
7 PM- 8 PM**

All are welcome to join the Rosary Prayer Group

the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Please join us from **6:30-8:00 pm** in the Madonna Room. For more information, contact Greg Clary at 903-714-0232.



Altar Flowers: If you would like to donate flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a birthday or anniversary, please call the office at 734-7285. Each weekend in the bulletin we thank all those who sponsor the altar flowers.

THANK YOU to all the business people who advertise in our Sunday bulletin. Your advertising helps to provide our bulletin free of charge each week. We are very grateful for this continuous support and hope everyone will patronize these businesses.

Parish Bulletin Deadline

If ministry or parish organization needs something to be included in the bulletin, please submit the information by Friday afternoon before 5:00 PM for the following week's bulletin.

Please email your request to Teni at office@olgsa.org.



As with many other industries, our calendar publisher is experiencing longer than usual delays in their printing process. Our parish calendars should arrive in a couple of weeks.

OUR LADY'S CHOIR

Rehearsals are held every Wednesday at 7pm in the Choir Loft.

We are preparing to sing at the 10:30 Sunday Mass and special parish celebrations.

Please contact me if you have any questions or if you want to join us!

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