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The Epiphany of the Lord

Come, let us adore Him.

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5:30PM

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SUNDAY
8:30AM
10:30AM
12:00PM

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MONDAY, 8TH BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

- Youth Night 7:00pm

TUESDAY, 9TH

- Holy Hour 7:00pm
- Knights Meeting 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, 10TH

- RCIA - The Eucharist: Source & Summit of Catholic Faith - 6:30pm
- Choir Practice - 7pm

FRIDAY, 12TH

- Marriage Preparation Retreat (Session 1) 6pm

SATURDAY, 13TH

- Marriage Preparation Retreat (Session 2) 9am

SUNDAY, 14TH

- Marriage Preparation Retreat (Session 3) 4pm

The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2024

All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.

— Psalm 72:11

*Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.*

Matthew 2:2

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem 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."

Matthew 2:1-2

The Magi were most likely from Persia, modern-day Iran. They were men who regularly engaged in a study of the stars. They were not Jewish but were most likely aware of the popular belief of the Jewish people that a king would be born who would save them.

These Magi were called by God to encounter the Savior of the World. Interestingly, God used something very familiar to them as an instrument of their calling: the stars. It was among their belief that when someone of great importance was born, this birth was accompanied by a new star. So when they saw this new, bright and brilliant star, they were filled with curiosity and hope. One of the most significant aspects of this story is that they responded. God called them through the use of a star, and they chose to follow this sign, embarking on a long and arduous journey.

God often uses those things most familiar to us that are part of our daily life to send forth His calling. Recall, for example, that many of the Apostles were fishermen, and Jesus used their occupation to call them, making them "fishers of men." He especially used the miraculous catch of fish to clearly indicate to them that they had a new calling.

In our own lives, God is constantly calling us to seek Him out and worship Him. He will often use some of the most ordinary parts of our lives to send forth that calling. How is He calling you? In what way is He sending you a star to follow? Many times when God speaks, we ignore His voice. We must learn from these Magi and diligently respond when He calls. We must not hesitate and must seek to daily be attentive to the ways that God invites us to deeper trust, surrender and worship.

Reflect, today, upon God's call in your life. Are you listening? Are you responding? Are you ready and willing to abandon all else in life so as to serve His holy will? Seek Him, wait on Him and respond. Doing so will be the best decision you ever make.

Lord, I love You and pray that I will be open to Your guiding hand in my life. May I always be attentive to the countless ways that You call to me each and every day. And may I always respond to You with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in You.

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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.
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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!



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

All are welcome to the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition begins on Tuesdays in the Adoration Chapel after the 5:30pm Mass and ends on Friday at 7am. For more information please contact Becky Prieto at 210-725-2383.

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.



The Men's Fellowship Group (formerly Bishop Sheen group) continues to meet on Saturday mornings from 8:30-9:30 am in the Madonna Lower Level. Currently, the focus of our discussions, after completing the Sheen series, is now the weekly readings and sermons by Bishop Barron. All men are invited to join us as we prepare for Sunday Mass with scripture, spiritual discussion and fellowship. Coffee is provided.



Holy Hour for Priests
Tuesday, January 9, 2024
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Rosary, Prayer & Benediction

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE

- Monday, January 8**
7:00 AM Fr. Abe
Joseph Eisenhower (d) - Family
- Tuesday, January 9**
4:45 PM **Confessions - Fr. Jorge**
5:30 PM **Mass - Fr. Jorge**
Mrs. Imelda Matjeka (d) - Joy Bugar
- Wednesday, January 10**
7:00AM Fr. Abe
Will Bailey - Theresa & David Tiggeman
- Thursday, January 11**
4:45 PM **Confessions - Fr. Jorge**
5:30 PM **Mass - Fr. Jorge**
Roberto & Alicia 'Panchi' Pacini Anniversary
- Ricardo Pacini
- Friday, January 12**
7:00 AM Fr. Abe
Theresa Seitz (d) - Carol Foelker
- Saturday, January 13**
4:45 PM **Confessions - Fr. Jorge**
5:30 PM **Mass - Fr. Jorge**
Laura Leon Ivaldi (d) - Parish
- Sunday, January 14**
8:30 AM **Confessions - Fr. Jorge**
8:30 AM Fr. Abe
Our Lady of Grace Parishioners
10:30 AM Fr. Jorge
Ronald LeVrier (d) - Pat LeVrier
12:00PM Fr. Jorge
Sevie Castro (d) - Family

This weekend's second collection is for the Parish Outreach.

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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All men are invited to join the Spring semester of That Man Is You beginning Tuesday Jan. 9. The program starts at 6:30 am and we adjourn promptly at 7:30 am. The theme of this year's program is "Thy Kingdom Come" which focuses on the fact that "The kingdom of God is among us. Indeed, it is here now. For where the King is there is His Kingdom. Let us live with an eternal perspective."

Come join men gathering to learn more about our faith and to support each other We strive to be better holier men for our families and communities.

Upcoming Young Adult Events

- 16 January **Young Adult Night**
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
At St. Peter Prince of the Apostles Mark and Luke room
- 21 January **Young Adult Night**
5:30 pm
5:30 pm Mass at St. Peter Prince of the Apostles followed by fellowship at a near by restaurant
- 25 January **Young Adult Night**
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
At Our Lady of Grace in the Lower Madonna Room
- 30 January **Young Adult Night**
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
At St. Peter Prince of the Apostles Mark and Luke room

UPCOMING JANUARY YOUTH NIGHTS

- 8 BACK TO SCHOOL GAME NIGHT 7 PM - 8:30 PM AT OUR LADY OF GRACE LOWER MADONNA ROOM
- 20 NEW YEAR NEW ME YOUTH NIGHT 3 PM - 4:30 PM AT ST. PETER PRINCE OF THE APOSTELS PARISH HALL
- 22 "THESE ARE THE DAYS" BIBLE STUDY 7 PM - 8:30 PM AT OUR LADY OF GRACE LOWER MADONNA ROOM

CALLING ALL YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

We are looking to start setting up meetings and events for middle school and high school youth and young adults (age 18-39) and we need your input. Please fill out the form with your preferred day(s).



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World Marriage Day is an opportunity for married couples to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.

Married couples are invited to an evening of reflection to spend time together and renew their marriage.

Please email the parish office at office@olgsa.org to register.



For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.
~Matthew 6:21

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GOD'S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE

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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