

Wise Men
Still Seek Him



Lord Jesus
may your light shine our way,
as once it guided the steps of the magi:
that we too may be led into your presence
and worship you,
the Child of Mary,
the Word of the Father,
the King of nations,
the Saviour of mankind;
to whom be glory forever.

Frank Colquhoun



Mass intentions

Saturday, January 6

4:00 PM Bill & Darlene Blankenship by a Friend

Sunday, January 7

8:00 AM †Reynaldo Juárez by A.J. Juárez & Dean Whiteside

10:30 AM Pro Populo

12:15 PM †Asención y †Julio Reyes Int. de Benita Herrera

Tuesday, January 9

8:00 AM †Ann Glynn by Martha Kasper

Wednesday, January 10

8:00 AM †Karen Dregeley by Carolyn Spraul

Thursday, January 11

8:00 AM Tammy Zeller by Patricia Chilcoat

Friday, January 12

8:00 AM †Daniel Diaz by Becky Soto

Saturday, January 13

4:00 PM Rod & Rosann Kinkaid by a Friend

Sunday, January 14

8:00 AM †Marie Fairchild by Mary Pat & Bill Samuels

10:30 AM Efrain Herrera by Benita Herrera

12:15 PM †Luis Gaytan Martinez (1º Aniversario de Fallecimiento) Int. de su Esposa y Hijos

Blessing for Expectant Mothers



This weekend we will have our monthly blessing for expectant mothers of our parish after all the Masses.

Knights of Columbus - Meeting

The Knights of Columbus will meet *Thursday, January 11th* at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Last Week's Collection

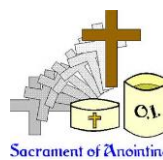
Last Week's Collection:	8,750.62
FY' 17-18 Budgeted Average:	6,500.00
FY' 17-18 Average Sunday Coll. thru 12/30/17:	6,872.00
Attendance:	732

Mass Intentions



Sound Catholic practice encourages us to offer the Mass for the departed and for those in any need. To request a Mass to be offered, please visit the parish office or return to the office a completed Mass intention card. Available cards are located in the foyer of the church.

Anointing of the Sick



Because of the Privacy Act, hospitals and nursing homes are no longer able to provide a list of the Catholic patients/residents for the Churches use in order to visit and administer the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick. Therefore, I need your assistance when you have a family member who is hospitalized or in a nursing home. Please call Fr. Orosco at the Church Office at (972) 563-3643 so that I may be of assistance.

Prayer Requests



Richard Collier
 Richard Lozano Sr.
 Nona Hernandez
 Nancy Bardsley
 Curtis Rushing
 Paul Smith
 David Salinas
 Paul Gumler
 Olivia Nicole Yates
 Stanley Quist
 Sonia Rodriguez Cadena
 Brenda Larsen
 Carol Dossey
 Cindy Kinkaid
 Rosann Kinkaid
 Juan Cleto Castillo
 Patti Sikors Garrett
 Angel Gabriel Godinez
 Tomas Samuel Garcia
 Barbara Sikors Hendricks
 Myra Arrellano
 Ma. del Refugio Mendoza
 Marianne Marsden
 Maria Landaverde
 Casandra Lopez Ramirez
 Luisa Regina Ramirez Pérez
 Jovita De la Garza
 Bob Rowland
 Judy Aloï
 Gayla Jackson
 Oscar Ramirez Robles
 Amie Voigt
 Maria Guillen
 Darlene Blankenship
 Bacilisa Garcia
 Richard Lyon & Family

Nick Morales, Sr.
 Lee Wilde
 Vicki Stevens
 Brenda Newburn
 Henry Taft
 Jesus Arteaga
 Jose Ivan Ramirez
 Mason Gumler
 Lois LaDay
 Joe Wages
 Ziggy
 Margaret Wages
 Sheila Wages
 Kevin Huggins
 Johnnie B. Malouf
 Pascual Meza
 Robert Repka, Sr.
 Michelle Elliott
 Crystal Sanchez
 JoAnn Martinez
 Warren Terry
 Elmer Marsden
 Odin Kizer
 Claire Taft
 Jackie Petricka
 Claudia Aronoff
 Efrain Valenzuela
 Colleen Eldred
 Shirley Taft
 Jose Aramil
 Bruce Leleux
 Jackie Hull
 Daniel Guillen
 Blaine Miller
 Consuelo Luna



The Week Ahead

Sunday, January 7

9:15 AM R.E. classes

Monday, January 8

1:00 PM Crochet Ministry @ Casa St. John
 7:00 PM Grupo de Oración @ Casa St. John

Tuesday, January 9

8:00 AM Daily Mass
 6:30 PM R.E. classes

Wednesday, January 10

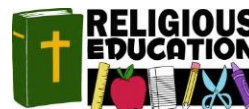
8:00 AM Daily Mass
 6:30 PM R.E. classes
 6:45 PM Hora Santa

Thursday, January 11

8:00 AM Daily Mass
 7:00 PM RCIA class
 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus meeting @ Hall

Friday, January 12

8:00 AM Daily Mass



Calendar for January:

Sunday Classes: 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

Tuesday Classes: 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th

Wednesday Classes: 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

January 20-21 High School Confirmation Retreat

Ministry Schedule for the Weekend of January 13/14

Lectors:

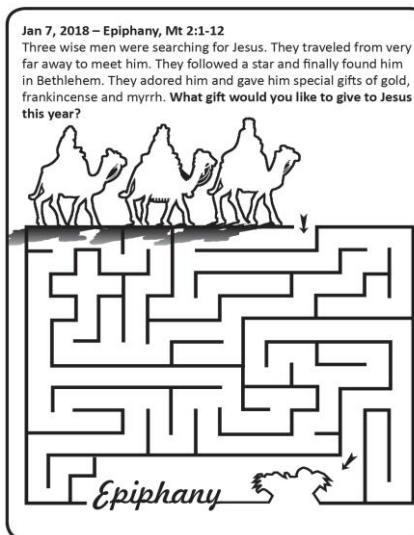
Sat. 4:00pm Cathy Burton/Karen Mathers
 Sun. 8:00am Linda Faulkner-Johnston
 Sun. 10:30am Karie Hammond/Tammy Guerra

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat. 4:00pm Michael Gumler/Karen Mathers/Suzy McCook
 Sun. 8:00am Chris Probst/Dan Probst
 Mary Pat Samuels/Robin Truett
 Sun. 10:30am Bud McClure/Bill Bedrick
 Shelilah Dean/Tammy Guerra

Ushers:

Sat. 4:00pm Debbie Patterson*/Paul M./Steve R./Sherry G.
 Sun. 8:00am Cindy Kelley*/Conrado A./David B./Abby H.
 Sun. 10:30am Kevin Prouty*/Dennis C./Steve H./Erik A.



First Week of Ordinary Time

For most of the world, January 6, is the celebration of the **Epiphany of the Lord**, although the US celebrates it this Sunday. That is why this year the closing feast of the Christmas Season, the **Baptism of the Lord**, is celebrated on Sunday, in most of the world, but in the U.S. it is moved to Monday.



Whether we celebrate the **Baptism of the Lord** on Sunday or Monday, we hear the Lord say in the first reading from **Isaiah**, “Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with

whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit.” That is echoed in **Luke's Gospel**, after Jesus' baptism: “And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” This feast marks the end of the **Christmas season**. Monday or Tuesday begins **Ordinary Time** on the Church calendar which will continue until **Ash Wednesday**.

During the weekdays, we begin a three-week cycle of captivating readings from the **First Book of Samuel**. We read of Samuel's mother, Hannah, who promises the Lord, “if you give your handmaid a male child, I will give him to the LORD for as long as he lives.” Samuel hears a call from the Lord and responds, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” An epic battle against the Philistines ends in devastating losses for Israel and the capture of the Ark of the Covenant. In his old age, Samuel rules Israel and the elders ask Samuel to appoint a King to rule them. Samuel meets Saul. “When Samuel caught sight of Saul, the LORD assured him, “This is the man of whom I told you; he is to govern my people.”

From now until the beginning of Lent, the weekday gospels are from **Mark's Gospel**. Mark offers us a look at the beginning of Jesus public ministry. Jesus calls his first disciples, fisherman at work: Simon and Andrew, then James and John. “Then they left their nets and followed him.” He drives out evil spirits and heals the sick. He hears the cry of the leper: “If you wish, you can make me clean,” and Jesus, “moved with pity” heals him. Friends lower a paralytic from a roof down into the crowd in front of Jesus, who heals him and says, “Child, your sins are forgiven.” Jesus extends an invitation to the despised tax collector, Levi: “Follow me.”

Daily Prayer This Week

In this first week of Ordinary Time, we might find ourselves feeling a little let-down after the Christmas season, especially in parts of the world where it seems cold and dark most days. This is where we can ask for the grace to let the stories of the gospels come alive in our hearts.

The vivid narratives of this week's gospel are packed with stories of Jesus' entering into the lives of real people and touching them in extraordinary ways. These are not far away stories, but ones that have a real meaning for us. This is a week of invitation from Jesus to us, with two invitations for us to ponder in our hearts this week.

Jesus encounters Levi, a Jewish tax collector. Because of his profession, he was probably wealthy but he had humiliated his family and made himself a pariah to most of those around him. Jesus' response to this “outcast” was to invite him to be one of his closest disciples - and to dine at his house.

In our own lives we may find a loneliness or separation from people in our family or others in our lives. We have parts of our lives that are dark and embarrassing and seem unchangeable. It is into this very darkness and discomfort that Jesus extends the same invitation to us - “Follow me.” This clear and personal call to us is from Jesus who already knows us and our failings and yet asks us to be with him. We can hear this invitation more clearly if we can be touched with awareness of our own failings and understand more deeply how much we need a savior in our lives. It is then that our hearts open to accept this invitation.

This week Jesus invites us to follow him, as friends and disciples. This is a good week for us to contemplate with Jesus, what we are looking for and how much we want to turn and follow him. We can pray to Jesus for the strength to leave the patterns and habits of our lives that so often turn us away from him and ask for the grace to make a new beginning in our lives. If we can sit with our hands open in humility, we can accept that we can't do this on our own, but know in our hearts that with the help of God, nothing is impossible.

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“VIMOS SURGIR SU ESTRELLA Y HEMOS VENIDO A ADORARLO”



Entraron en la casa y vieron al niño con María, su madre, y postrándose, lo adoraron. Después, abriendo sus cofres, le ofrecieron regalos: oro, incienso y mirra. (Evangelio)

Aquellos sabios de Oriente fueron capaces de reconocer, a través de una estrella, al rey de los judíos que acababa de nacer, que es Dios Hijo. Él es el único Camino verdadero – sí, no hay otros- que nos conduce hasta nuestro Padre del cielo.

Grupo de Oración

El Grupo de Oración se reúnen cada lunes a las 7pm en la Casa St. John.



ANOTEN:

Favor de notificar la oficina de la Iglesia (972-563-3643) si tiene un cambio de domicilio o cambio de número de teléfono.



Unción de los Enfermos

Si usted o alguien que usted conozca está necesitado en recibir comunión o el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos favor de llamar al Padre Orosco en la oficina de la Iglesia al número 972-563-3643.



Hora Santa

Todos están invitados a la Hora Santa cada miércoles a las 6:45pm. Nos reunimos en la Iglesia para darle honra a Jesús Sacramentado.



LA DOCTRINA...

Calendario para el mes de Enero:

Clases de Domingo: 7, 14, 21 y 28

Clases de los Martes: 9, 16, 23 y 30

Clases de los Miércoles: 10, 17, 24, 31

Clases de Pre-Bautismales

Tenemos clases Pre-Bautismales cada primer sábado de cada mes en el Centro Parroquial a las 6:00pm. Favor de llamar a la oficina (972-563-3643) para más información.

