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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass:

5:30 PM, 7:00 PM (Spanish)

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM
1:15 PM - Spanish

Daily Masses:

Monday—Friday 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 6:30 PM,
Tuesdays 6:30 PM - Spanish
Saturday—7:00 AM, 9:00 AM

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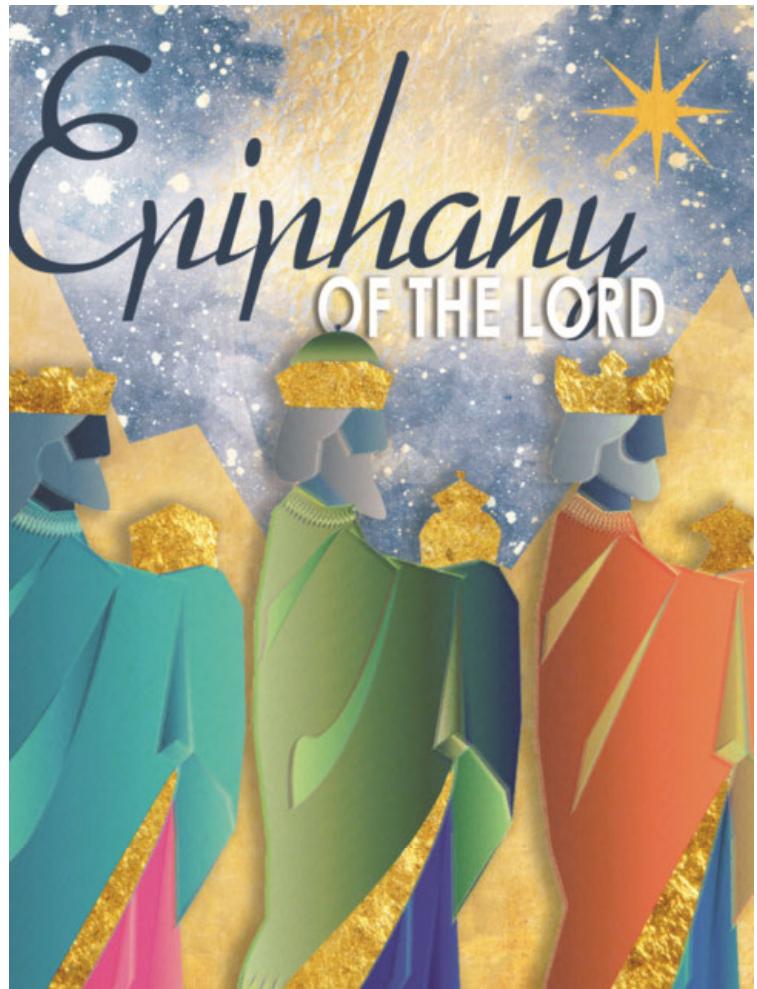
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Sunday, January 7, 2024

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**Saturday**

5:30 pm
7:00 pm (Español)

Sunday

7:30 am

9:00 am

10:30 am

12:00 pm

1:15pm (Español)
3:00 pm

5:30 pm (Tagalog)

Monday

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12:00 pm

1:15pm (Español)

January 6

Edward Fuentes
Julian Sosa
January 7
The People of the Parish
Roy Mustard
Louis J. Gioia
Alfonso Rivera
The Chavez Family
Special Needs Inclusive Family Mass
Special Intention

January 8

Edgar Caparas
Edith Suarez
Rose Schmidt
January 9
The Intentions of the Allison Family
Arlene Casper
Joel Manalang
January 10
James Puliatte
Roberto Catania
Eduardo Marquez Silva and
Francisco Castillo Sinag

January 11

German Natividad
Sp. Int.: Luz & Shirley Sanchez—
In Thanksgiving

Walter Mischler

January 12

Anna Arnhols—Birthday
Patricia Victoria
Alicia Del Rosario Remo

January 13

Intentions of Joseph Jeen &
Ancy George

Antoinette Morrone—16th Anniv.
Norma Musni Arevalo

Cristian Pichardo

January 14

The People of the Parish
Frances B. Gorman
Ralph Salvaggio

Rafael Escano

January 15

Adela Sosa

**Penance**

Saturdays: 1:00pm—2:00pm in the Church

BaptismsEnglish - 3:00pm — 2nd & 3rd Sundays
of the month

Spanish—2:45pm—4th Sunday of the month

Instructions for parents will be held on the 1st Sunday of the month in English at 1:30pm in the Parish Life Center Basement and the 3rd Sunday of the month in Spanish at 2:45pm in the Parish Life Center Gathering Room for parents having their first child baptized. All parents must be registered parishioners and present the child's birth certificate at the time of arranging the baptism. Godparents must be practicing Catholics, at least sixteen years of age, who have received the Sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist, and, if married, the Sacrament of Matrimony. Sponsor certificate must be presented at least one week before Baptism. Please call the Rectory at 201-384-0101 for information.

Matrimony

Arrangements for a wedding should be made at least one year in advance. Please contact one of the priests, 201-384-0101.



March for Life 2024 The Knights of Columbus is again sponsoring a bus trip to the March for Life in Washington, DC on

January 19. This is a prayerful & peaceful opportunity to join with thousands of people from around the world to help make abortion unthinkable in our lifetime. This year's theme is 'With Every Woman, For Every Child'.

The bus will leave St. John's at 6am & return approximately at 10pm, with brief rest stops along the way. We ask for a donation of \$25 per person to help cover our costs.

Also, the Knights of Columbus welcome all to their annual Right to Life Mass on January 14 at the SMA Fathers (Tenafly). We will gather at 2pm for Adoration and the Rosary, followed by Mass at 3pm.

For more information or to reserve your spot on the bus, contact Gerry Flood: 914-343-5508, gerrypflood@gmail.com

A Reflection from Our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



The Epiphany, meaning 'manifestation, revealing,' is celebrated today, twelve days after the celebration of the Nativity, the birth of Christ. The wise men come from the east, from the orient, following the light of a star. They are oriented, enlightened because the light of the star guides their path. In some traditions there are seven, nine, or even twelve wise men, since the Gospel does not specifically say how many they are. Our tradition of three wise men comes from the gifts which they bear; gold frankincense and myrrh. Their persons represent all the nations, all of humanity, called to recognize in the Child the manifestation of God's love.

In the Mass of Christmas Eve we heard the words from the Prophet Isaiah: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Pope Francis, in a Christmas homily, reflected on these words:

"This prophecy of Isaiah never ceases to touch us, especially when we hear it proclaimed in the liturgy of Christmas night. This is not simply an emotional or sentimental matter. It moves us because it states the deep reality of what we are: a people who walk, and all around us – and within us as well – there is darkness and light. In this night, as the spirit of darkness enfolds the world, there takes place anew the event which always amazes and surprises us: the people who walk see a great light. A light which makes us reflect on this mystery: the mystery of walking and seeing.

Walking: this verb makes us reflect on the course of history, that long journey which is the history of salvation, starting with Abraham, our father in faith, whom the Lord called one day to set out, to go forth from his country toward the land which he would show him. From that time on, our identity as believers has been that of a people making its pilgrim way toward the promised land. This history has always been accompanied by the Lord! He is ever faithful to his covenant and to his promises. "God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all" (1 Jn 1:5). Yet on the part of the people there are times of both light and darkness, fidelity and infidelity, obedience, and rebellion; times of being a pilgrim people and times of being a people adrift.

In our personal history too, there are both bright and dark moments, lights and shadows. If we love God and our brothers and sisters, we walk in the light; but if our heart is closed, if we are dominated by pride, deceit, self-seeking, then darkness falls within us and around us. "Whoever hates his brother – writes the Apostle John – is in the darkness; he walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has blinded his eyes" (1 Jn 2:11).

On this night, like a burst of brilliant light, there rings out the proclamation of the Apostle: 'God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race' (Tit 2:11)".

There is a tradition to write in chalk the numerals of the new year and the initial letters of the Magi above the door of your house, blessing the home for the coming year. Thus:

20+B+M+G+24. (meaning 2024 Balthazar, Melchior, Gaspar). We will be doing it at the rectory, why not also do it at your house?

Fr. Sean



Una Reflexión de Nuestro Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

La Epifanía, significa manifestación, revelación, se celebra hoy, doce días después de la celebración de la Natividad, el nacimiento de Cristo. Los reyes magos vienen del oriente, y occidente, siguiendo la luz de una estrella. Están orientados, iluminados porque la luz de la estrella guía su camino. En algunas tradiciones hay siete, nueve o incluso doce reyes magos, ya que el Evangelio no dice específicamente cuántos son.

Nuestra tradición de tres reyes magos proviene de los dones que llevan; incienso de oro y mirra. Sus personas representan a todas las naciones, a toda la humanidad, llamada a reconocer en el Niño la manifestación del amor de Dios.

En la Misa de Nochebuena escuchamos las palabras del profeta Isaías: La gente que caminaba en la oscuridad ha visto una gran luz. El Papa Francisco, en una homilía de Navidad, reflexionó sobre estas palabras:

"Esta profecía de Isaías nunca deja de tocarnos, especialmente cuando la escuchamos proclamada en la liturgia de la noche de Navidad. Esto no es simplemente un asunto emocional o sentimental. Nos conmueve porque establece la realidad profunda de lo que somos: un pueblo que camina, y a nuestro alrededor - y dentro de nosotros también - hay oscuridad y luz. En esta noche, cuando el espíritu de las tinieblas envuelve al mundo, se produce de nuevo el acontecimiento que siempre asombra y nos sorprende: la gente que camina ve una gran luz. Una luz que nos hace reflexionar sobre este misterio: el misterio de caminar y ver.

Caminar: este verbo nos hace reflexionar sobre el curso de la historia, ese largo camino que es la historia de la salvación, comenzando por Abraham, nuestro padre en la fe, al que el Señor llamó un día a salir, para salir de su país hacia la tierra que le mostraría. Desde entonces, nuestra identidad como creyentes ha sido la de un pueblo que peregrina hacia la tierra prometida. Esta historia siempre ha estado acompañada por el Señor! Él es siempre fiel a su pacto y a sus promesas. "Dios es luz, y en él no hay tinieblas" (1 Jn 1, 5). Sin embargo, por parte de la gente hay momentos de luz y oscuridad, fidelidad e infidelidad, obediencia y rebelión; tiempos de ser un pueblo peregrino y tiempos de ser un pueblo a la deriva.

También en nuestra historia personal hay momentos, luces y sombras, brillantes y oscuros. Si amamos a Dios y a nuestros hermanos y hermanas, caminamos en la luz; pero si nuestro corazón está cerrado, si estamos dominados por el orgullo, el engaño, el egoísmo, entonces las tinieblas caen dentro de nosotros y alrededor de nosotros. "El que aborrece a su hermano - escribe el apóstol Juan - está en la oscuridad; camina en la oscuridad, y no conoce el camino, porque la oscuridad ha cegado sus ojos" (1 Jn 2, 11).

En esta noche, como estallido de luz brillante, resuena el anuncio del Apóstol: 'La gracia de Dios ha sido revelada, y ha hecho posible la salvación para toda la raza humana' (Tit 2, 11)".

Hay una tradición para escribir en tiza los números del nuevo año y las letras iniciales de los Magos sobre la puerta de su casa, bendiciendo el hogar para el próximo año. Así:

20+B+M+G+24. (que significa 2024 Balthazar, Melchior, Gaspar). Lo haremos en la rectoría, por qué no hacerlo también en tu casa?

Padre Sean

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations
as it has now been revealed
to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the
same body,
and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus
through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Though the magi did not know where the star of Bethlehem would lead, they trusted that God would be with them along the way. Let us all embrace that same faith as we go about the journey God has planned for us this year.

Observances for the week of January 7, 2024

- Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord
 - Monday:** The Baptism of the Lord
 - Saturday:** St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

St. John's Food Pantry

Thanks to your generosity & kindness our St. John's community assisted more than 100 needy families so they would have food on their tables to celebrate Christmas. We distributed more than 50 turkeys and hams. We also handed out more than 80 "gently used" winter coats, jackets, hats, gloves and scarves.

Our food pantry is very low on most grocery items, except canned vegetables & canned soup. (We have lots of these two items.) Here's what we need: cereal, pasta & sauce, rice, tuna, mac & cheese, coffee, pancake mix & syrup, black beans, oatmeal, paper towels and toilet paper. If you'd like to donate a sizable quantity of goods, or to donate frozen/refrigerated items, please contact Joe McHale before purchasing 201-655-1073. Thank you & God bless you!



Saint of the week

St. Tarcisius was a 12-year-old boy who lived in 3rd-century Rome. Although much of what is known of him is from a poem written by Pope Damasus (366-384), he is considered an important martyr who protected the Eucharist from desecration with his life.

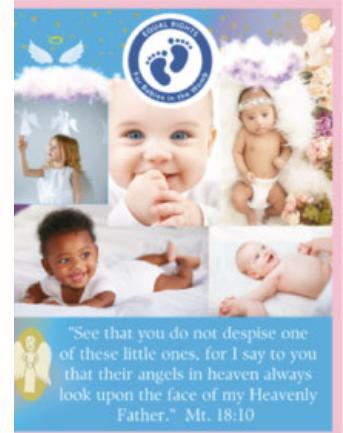
Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord,
With thanksgiving we entrust our year to You: whatever it holds, whoever we encounter, wherever we traverse. What You supply is gift. May our comings and goings be aligned with Your will. Amen.

ADORATION

Come & Pray

Tues., Wed., Thurs.
12:00pm—6:15pm

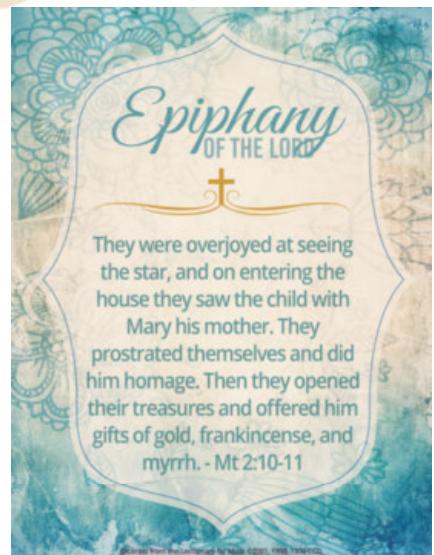


Women's Cornerstone Retreat

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*Un año nuevo en las
manos de Jesús*

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Viernes 19 de Enero del 2024
7:30 p.m.

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29 N WASHINGTON AVE BERGENFIELD NJ**

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Confesiones

Sábados: 1:00pm-2:00pm en la iglesia

Bautizos

Inglés - 3:00pm - 2º y 3er domingo del mes

Español-2:45pm-4º domingo del mes

La clase para los padres se llevarán a cabo el 1er domingo del mes en inglés a la 1:30pm en el basement del Parish Life Center y el 3er domingo del mes en español a las 2:45pm en Parish Life Center para los padres que van a bautizar a su primer hijo(a). Todos los padres deben ser parroquianos registrados y presentar el certificado de nacimiento del niño(a) en el momento de organizar el bautizo. Los padrinos deben ser católicos practicantes, de al menos 16 años de edad, que hayan recibido los Sacramentos de la Confirmación y la Eucaristía, y, si los padrinos están casados, el Sacramento del Matrimonio. El certificado de padrino o madrina debe ser presentado al menos una semana antes del Bautizo. Por favor llame a la Rectoría al 201-384-0101 para información.

Matrimonio Los arreglos para una boda deben hacerse al menos con un año de antelación. Por favor, hable con uno de los sacerdotes, 201-384-0101.

Ntra. Sra. de Altas Gracias

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La Palabra

lunes, Iglesia de abajo, 7:30pm ~ 9:30pm

Legión de María

martes, Capilla del Parish Life Center, 6:00pm ~ 7:30pm

Tienda del Encuentro

martes, Basement del Parish Life Center, 7pm ~ 10pm

Emaús Mujeres

miércoles, Iglesia de abajo, 7:30pm ~ 9:30pm

Emaús Hombres

*miércoles, Basement del Parish Life Center
7:30pm ~ 9:30pm*

Grupo de Oración Luz y Vida

jueves, Iglesia de abajo, 7:30pm ~ 9:30pm

Devoción a la Preciosa Sangre de Cristo

viernes, Basement del Parish Life Center, 8pm ~ 9pm

Ministerio Matrimonios Con Cristo

tercer viernes del mes, iglesia de abajo, 7:30pm ~ 9:45pm



Jesús ama a los niños pequeños!



*"Después, tomando a un niño,
lo puso en medio de ellos y,
abrazándolo, les dijo:*

**'El que recibe a uno de estos
pequeños en mi Nombre, me recibe
a mí, y el que me recibe, no es a
mí al que recibe, sino a aquel
que me ha enviado'"**

~Mk. 9:36-37

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