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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

Matthew 2:11

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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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January 1

Lolita Alayon and Wenceslao Alayon
Juan Gabriel Gonzalez

January 2

People of the Parish
Adalia Borda & Antipolo Royo
John Suttora
Erlinda Tan
Maria Castro Ruiz
Special Needs Inclusive Mass
Special Intention

January 3

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Nancy L. Osborne
Irene De Leon Abustan

January 4

Patricia Sutherland
Alece Isoldi
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January 5

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James J. Casey

January 6

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Ancy Palliyathu George
Gonzalo Durana

January 8

Priscilla Torres
Lolita Alayon
Cayo DeSales
Cristian Pichardo

January 9

People of the Parish
Prisco Marin
Barnabe Dayalo
Joseph Gangemi
Kenneth Webber

Baby Bottles




We ask those who still have a Baby Bottle for Life to return it, filled with change or unfilled, by next weekend. Thank you to all who have supported this Right to Life project which helps local pregnancy centers as they encourage unexpected expectant mothers to choose life over abortion!

SANTO NIÑO NOVENA

The Novena honoring Santo Niño will begin this Thursday, January 6th, in the Main Church at 6:30pm, and will continue each evening at that time until Friday, January 14th (except on Saturday, January 8th when it will be at 4:30pm so as not to conflict with evening Masses). The Solemn Mass will take place at our 5:30pm Mass on Saturday, January 15th, with a party to follow in Conlon Hall after the Mass, subject to appropriate covid guidance.

We wish you and your families a blessed 2022



Prayers for the Deceased

*Please remember
Albina Perez
in your prayers.*



Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we observe the Solemnity of the Epiphany. It seems a bit early to us who are older and remember January 6th as the traditional day. Since that date is not a national holiday in this country, the bishops decided it would be best to celebrate it on the Sunday after New Year's Day so more people could attend Mass.

Next Sunday is the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. It is also the first special collection of the year, combining previously separate collections for the Catholic Communications Campaign, Evangelization, and the Church in Latin America into "Communicating God's Word." By our Baptism, God calls us to reach out with the good news of Salvation to others, not only ourselves but also through our support of the various means that the church uses through missionaries and social media. As always, I encourage your generosity in this collection.

Msgr. Richard Arnholts, Pastor

Reflection on Today's Scripture Readings

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 Copyright © 2014, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

Stewardship: Sharing our Time, Talent, and Treasure!

"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."

~ *MATTHEW 2:11*

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

Our Sunday Offering: Sunday, Nov 21, 2021 — \$15,931.03

Nov. 22, 2020 — \$13,130.99 (quarantine) ~ Nov. 24, 2019 — \$16,749.77

Escritorio del Párroco

Estimados Feligreses,

Este fin de semana celebramos la Solemnidad de la Epifanía. Parece un poco temprano ya que recordamos el 6 de enero como el día tradicional. Dado que esa fecha no es un día feriado en este país, los obispos decidieron que sería mejor celebrarlo el domingo después del día de Año Nuevo para que más personas pudieran asistir a Misa.

El próximo domingo es la Fiesta del Bautismo de Nuestro Señor. También es la primera colección especial del año, que combina colectas previamente separadas para la Campaña de Comunicaciones Católicas, Evangelización y la Iglesia en América Latina en "Comunicar la Palabra de Dios". Por nuestro Bautismo, Dios nos llama a acercarnos con las buenas nuevas de Salvación a otros, no solo a nosotros mismos, sino también a través de nuestro apoyo a los diversos medios que la iglesia usa a través de los misioneros y las redes sociales. Como siempre, animo su generosidad en esta colecta.

Monseñor Richard Arnhols, Párroco

Reflexión de las Escrituras de Hoy

¿Cuáles son las atracciones más importantes en tu localidad? ¿Hay maravillas naturales, edificios espectaculares, actividades atrayentes, personas influyentes, obras de arte? Es de esperar que una multitud vaya a ver a estrellas del rock y personas de la realeza, la Torre Eiffel y el Gran Cañón. En las Escrituras de hoy, sin embargo, vemos a "turistas" atraídos hacia dos "espectáculos" modestos y humildes.

Jerusalén era un espectáculo lamentable cuando se escribió el libro de Isaías. La visión del profeta le debió parecer imposible a aquellos que oyeron este mensaje. Y no obstante Jerusalén es hoy una atracción turística muy importante. También sabemos que a través de los judíos muchas otras personas —cristianos y musulmanes— han sido atraídas hacia el único y verdadero Dios.

El mismo Jesús debió parecer muy débil e insignificante comparado con el rico y poderoso rey Herodes, y después comparado con los sacerdotes y los fariseos. No obstante, aun desde su nacimiento la gente iba hacia él en multitud. Como los "turistas" en el Evangelio de hoy, la gente vio algo en él que las llevó a adorar y servir a Dios. Y a través de Jesús llegaron a entender lo que Dios deseaba para la vida de ellos. —Virginia Stillwell *Derechos de autor © 2014, World Library Publications. Todos los derechos reservados.*

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“...Se postraron ante Él y lo adoraron.

Entonces abrieron sus cofres y le ofrecieron sus regalos de oro, incienso y mirra”

- MATEO 2:11

¿Qué regalos le da usted al Señor? El papa San Gregorio dijo que estos tres dones representan lo que deberíamos dar al Señor cada día. El oro - debemos reflejar la sabiduría de Cristo en todas nuestras relaciones. Incienso - representa nuestras oraciones diarias y la adoración a Dios. Mirra - es un símbolo de nuestros sacrificios diarios que nos unen con Jesús por el bien de los demás.

Nuestra Ofrenda Dominical: Domingo, 21 de noviembre 2021 — \$15,931.03

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St. John's Prayer Groups

Legion of Mary ~ Meets each Saturday, 9:30am-11:00am in the Lower Church (English).

Padre Pio Prayer Group ~ Meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month, 3-5pm in the Lower Church.

St. John's Youth Group - Meets on Sunday 7:00pm-9:00pm, Youth Room, Lower Church. For more information contact Eric Acosta, ericacosta7@msn.com.

El Shaddai DWXI-PPFI Bergenfield Outreach - Currently through Zoom For more info, contact John Teopengco or Lourdes Liwanag.

Anointing Fire Ministry Group - Meets the 2nd Friday of the month from 10pm—6:30am for Eucharistic Adoration & Praise, in the Lower Church.

Come & Pray

This week's Adoration Schedule:

Tuesday 12pm—5:30pm

Wednesday 12pm—6:30pm

Thursday 12pm—6:00pm



Sacraments

Penance - Saturday: 1:00pm-2:00pm in the Church

Baptisms - All will be scheduled now for 3:00pm.

Instructions for new parents are held in English on the first Sunday of the month at 1:30pm in the Parish Life Center Basement and in Spanish on the third Sunday of the month immediately after the 1:15pm Spanish Mass. All parents must be registered parishioners & present child's birth certificate at the time of arranging for the baptism. Godparents must be practicing Catholics, at least sixteen years of age, who have received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, and, if married, the Sacrament of Matrimony. Sponsor certificate must be presented at least one week before Baptism.

PLEASE NOTE! We are accepting registrations for Baptisms for February and beyond. Please call the Rectory at 201-384-0101 for information.

Matrimony - Arrangements for a wedding should be made at least one year in advance. Couples are required to attend Pre-Cana and God's Plan. Please contact one of the priests, 201-384-0101.

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Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
— Isaiah 60:1

JOURNEY TOWARD GOD

In our celebration of the Epiphany, two interwoven themes are present in the readings today. God is beginning something new, and God gathers all of humanity to participate. For Isaiah, God's bright light, manifested in the people of Israel, attracts and summons people from many nations to Jerusalem. In the letter to the Ephesians, God's grace makes the Gentiles co-heirs and co-partners in the gospel. Matthew tells the story of the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel through the birth of Jesus, and simultaneously leading foreigners to share in these same promises. With the birth of Jesus, God chose a particular people, in a particular time and place, to enter most directly into the human story. Today's readings teach that God did this in order to gather all people, all cultures, into unity with God. Like the magi, we are drawn into a journey toward God, becoming co-partners in God's work. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Vivamos la Palabra de Dios

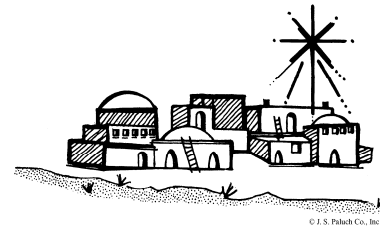
La Iglesia es el nuevo Israel, a quien Isaías le dice atraer a todos los pueblos hacia el Señor. Sin embargo debemos ser ese lugar “donde [se encuentra hoy] el niño” (Mateo 2:9). La gloria de Dios resplandece a través de la Iglesia y, a pesar de nuestras muchas imperfecciones, estamos llamados a ser el “lugar” donde todos pueden encontrar a Dios y vengan “a adorarlo” (2:11). *Derechos de autor © 2014, World Library Publications. Todos los derechos reservados.*

CAMINO HACIA DIOS

En nuestra celebración de la Epifanía, dos temas entrelazados están presentes en las lecturas de hoy. Dios está comenzando algo nuevo, y Dios reúne a toda la humanidad a participar. Para Isaías, la luz brillante de Dios, manifestada en el pueblo de Israel, atrae y convoca a personas de muchas naciones a Jerusalén. En la carta a los efesios, la gracia de Dios hace a los gentiles coherederos y en el Evangelio de Mateo los hace coparticipes. Mateo cuenta la historia del cumplimiento de las promesas de Dios a Israel por medio del nacimiento de Jesús, y simultáneamente guiando a los extranjeros a compartir esas mismas promesas. Con el nacimiento de Jesús, Dios eligió a un pueblo determinado, en un tiempo y lugares específicos, para entrar directamente en la historia de la humanidad. Las lecturas de hoy enseñan que Dios lo hizo para reunir a todos los pueblos, a todas las culturas, en la unidad con Dios. Al igual que los magos, estamos siendo llevados a un viaje hacia Dios, convirtiéndonos en coparticipes de la obra de Dios. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



*¡Feliz Año Nuevo!
Les deseamos a ustedes
y a sus familias muchas bendiciones en el 2022.*



Levántate y resplandece, Jerusalén,
porque ha llegado tu luz
y la gloria del Señor alborea sobre ti.

— Isaías 60:1



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Nota:

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- El precio no incluye test de Covid-19 en caso de ser requerido

Mayor Info:

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Grupos Parroquiales

Legión de María ~ **lunes**, Capilla del Parish Life Center
de 6:00pm ~ 7:30pm

La Palabra ~ **lunes**, Iglesia de abajo de 7:30pm ~ 9:30pm

Tienda del Encuentro ~ **martes**

Basement del Parish Life Center de 7:00pm ~ 10:00pm

Emaús Mujeres ~ **miércoles**, Iglesia de abajo
de 7:30pm ~ 9:30pm

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

Grupo de Oración Luz y Vida ~ **jueves**, Iglesia de abajo
de 7:30pm ~ 9:30pm

Devoción a la Preciosa Sangre de Cristo ~ **viernes**

Tercer piso del Parish Life Center de 8:00pm ~ 9:00pm

Ministerio Matrimonios Con Cristo ~ **tercer viernes del mes**,
Iglesia de abajo de 8:00pm ~ 9:45pm

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