

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF

BIENVENIDOS A LA PARROQUIA DE

GOOD
SHEPHERD

EL BUEN
PASTOR



January 2, 2022

2 de enero de 2022

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel."*

- Mt 2:6b

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Welcome to the Parish of Good Shepherd

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St. Joseph Site: 1905 W. Beltline Hwy. • Madison, WI 53713 • 608-268-9930

Mass Schedule

Weekend

Saturday 5:15 pm, December - May.....St. James

Saturday 5:15 pm, June - November.....St. Joseph

Sunday 8:30 amSt. James

Sunday 10:45 amSt. Joseph

Sunday 1:30 & 7:00 pm, Misa en españolSt. Joseph

Weekday

Tuesday 8:00 am.....St. Joseph

Wednesday 8:30 amSt. James

Thursday 8:00 am.....St. Joseph

Friday 8:30 amSt. James

Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil 5:15 pm.....St. Joseph

Holy Day 8:30 am and 5:15 pm.....St. James

Good Shepherd Lay Leadership

Parish Council: Dana Maas,

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Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturdays

9:15 am (Jan, March, May, July, Sept, Nov) at St. Joseph

9:15 am (Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec) at St. James

Saturdays: 4:30 - 5:00 pm., St. James (Dec.-May)
St. Joseph (June-Nov.)

Sundays: 7:45 am - 8:15 am, St. James

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please contact the Pastor at least 6 months in advance.

Sacrament of Baptism

Infant Baptisms will be scheduled individually. First-time parents will need to attend a Baptism Preparation Class. Please contact Gary Wiley at 268-9930 to schedule a baptism or register for the Baptismal Preparation class.

Anointing of the Sick

Celebrated individually by appointment.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - RCIA

Adults wishing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation in the Catholic Church. Call Gary Wiley at 268-9930 for more information.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Following Mass on Tuesday at St. Joseph until 9:30 am. Also, each Thursday at 7 pm at St. Joseph. At St. James, 7:15 - 8:15 am on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Vigil Light Candles

Vigil Light Candles at both church sites are \$5.00 each to help defray the cost to the parish.

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 3:30 pm

Friday 9 am - 12:00 pm

Parish Staff

Staff schedules vary, please call ahead for office visits.

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Folk Choir Director

Merta Maaneb de Macedo...443-9488 or mertarn@gmail.com

Hidden Treasures eBay Store

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Bulletin Deadline: Monday by 12 noon

Prayer Network

If you have a prayer concern, our Prayer Ministry team would love to support you in prayer. Visit our website www.thegoodshepherdmadison.org and click on the "Prayer Ministry" tab, or call Peg at 608-286-8871.



Monday, January 3		
7:00 pm Misa en español		SJO
Tuesday, January 4		
7:00 pm Misa en español		SJO
Friday, January 7		
7:00 pm Misa en español		SJO
Saturday, January 8		
5:15 pm Elizabeth Velaanyowu		SJA
Sunday, January 9		
8:30 am Arthur Williams		SJA
10:45 am For the Parish		SJO
1:30 pm Misa en español		SJO
7:00 pm Misa en español		SJO

SJA-St. James • SJO-St. Joseph

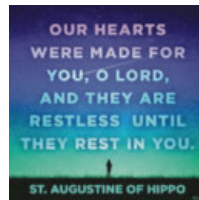


St. Joseph Liturgical Roles

Sunday, January 9
Commentator
 10:45 am Dana Maas
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
 10:45 am Joy Gnewuch
Lector
 10:45 am Kitty Maas
Servers
 10:45 am Zhana Gnewuch, Arthur Gnewuch
Ushers
 10:45 am Mike Brost, Volunteer

St. James Liturgical Roles

Weekend of January 8 and 9
Commentator
 5:15 pm Sue Geier
 8:30 am Mark Sukowaty
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
 5:15 pm Bruce Greer
 8:30 am Cynthia Schoettler
Lector
 5:15 pm Laura Tiller
 8:30 am Chris Ethen
Servers
 5:15 pm Alyssa and Noah Larson
 8:30 am JJ Ethen, Alex Moschkau
Ushers
 5:15 pm David Kastberg, Leonard Reed
 8:30 am Tom and Leo Richardson



Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Observances for the week of January 02, 2022

Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Monday:	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Tuesday:	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Wednesday:	St. John Neumann, Bishop
Thursday:	St. André Bessette, Religious
Friday:	St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

St. James Calendar

Sunday, January 2		
7:45 - 8:15 am	Confessions	Church
Thursday, January 6		
6:00 pm	Young Adult Group	Hall/Kitchen
6:30 pm	RCIA	Hall

St. Joseph Church

Monday, January 3		
5:30 pm	Quad Groups	Hall, Classrooms
Tuesday, January 4		
5:30 pm	Quad Groups	Hall
6:00 pm	1:30 Mass Choir Practice	Church
Wednesday, January 5		
10:00 am	Crafty Quilters	Library
6:15 pm	Religious Education	Classrooms
Thursday, January 6		
6:30 pm	Italian Women's Club	Hall
Friday, January 7		
5:00 pm	Quad	
6:30 pm	AA Meeting	Library

Thank you to all who made Scrip holiday gift purchases.

Scrip Sales 12/18-19:
 Sales: \$8,500
 Earnings: \$407.85



Parish Newsletter

Are you receiving the weekly parish newsletter? If not, email or give us a call at the Parish Office and let us know your email address. This is a great way to stay in touch with the parish!



Have you had an epiphany?

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. Traditionally celebrated on January 6, at the end of the 12 days of Christmas, Epiphany honors the coming of the Magi (the Three Kings) to the infant Jesus Christ. It is considered the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles, emphasizing that Jesus came into the world for the salvation of the whole world. It fulfills the prophecy of Genesis 12:3 that through Abraham and his descendants, in particular Jesus, all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

However, the word “epiphany” has a larger meaning. According to Merriam-Webster, an epiphany is “a moment in which you suddenly see or understand something in a new or very clear way.” This can happen when a “light bulb goes on” and what had been a mystery to you, suddenly makes sense. I remember the day that I finally understood how batting averages worked. It was the simple math of dividing hits by times at bat. For me it was an epiphany, not big in the larger scheme of things, but it changed my life as baseball fan.

While life is full of epiphanies, the most significant one that we can have relates back to the origins of the day we celebrate today. It is that moment when we realize that the Christmas story is not just about a sweet little infant being visited by some important guys from the east, after following a star. It’s how we fit into the story as well. We’re sitting there singing “We Three Kings” and “Silent Night” and having another Christmas treat, when the “light bulb comes on” and we realize that just like Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar (the names tradition has given to the Magi), we too can come before Christ and bow down and worship him. That encounter with Jesus changes us forever. We, too, can offer him our finest gifts, the most significant is our own life, to know, love and serve him forever.

So, have you had this epiphany? Has the “light bulb come on” for you? Can you offer yourself freely and fully to Christ? Once you’ve seen the star and followed it to Christ, everything changes. Christ becomes the “north star” of your life, and you will be able to guide other seekers to worship him. Let’s go make disciples!

New Year's Prayer

Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed. May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

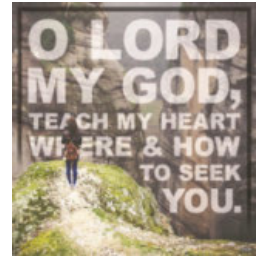


EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: A Healthy Start to the Year

Many of us begin the New Year ready to focus on good health, happiness and peace. Creating a game plan is key for success with our New Year’s resolutions. God can help us create that game plan!

Spending time in quiet reflection in front of the Blessed Sacrament can open our eyes and sharpen our thinking, attuning us to God’s will. Not sure where to start? Try bringing a prayer book or simply sit and pray, “Jesus, I trust in you.” Or pray, “Come, Holy Spirit!”

For parish Adoration times, please see page 2 of the bulletin.



Less than 5 minutes a day is all that is needed for us to make a difference in someone’s life through prayer. Join the Good Shepherd Prayer Ministry and you will have the opportunity to intercede to God, as part of a group, for the needs of others. Here is how it works - We receive requests to pray for illness, loneliness, discernment, wisdom, a good death, family problems, the safety of children and many other problems. Our ministers add these requests to their daily prayers as they can. God listens to our group and intercedes in these lives. You can get requests either by email or by phone tree. Go to the website and go to the Prayer Ministry tab to join the email list. To join a phone tree, call Peg at 286-8871.

Thanks, Peg

Mass Passport Symbol

Epiphany -- Star

1/2/22



This weekend we celebrate the feast of Epiphany where we commemorate the visit of the magi to the Christ child. Although the Bible is sparse on the details about the lives of the magi, they have traditionally been identified as three kings representing the three different continents of Asia, Europe and Africa. The story of Epiphany teaches us that Jesus is not simply the Messiah of the Jewish people but the Savior of the entire world. According to Matthew’s Gospel it was a star that led the magi to the infant Jesus in Bethlehem. This is the reason many families top their Christmas tree with a star. Stars are also spoken of in the psalms as signs of God’s immense power, so it is fitting that a star bears witness to unique reality that God took on human flesh in Christ. **What are other things in the natural world that remind you of God’s power?**



We will be taking down the Christmas decorations on Sunday, January 9th, and could really use help for this.

- After 8:30 AM Mass at St. James
- After 1:30 PM Mass at St. Joseph

Thanks to all the people who helped set up the Christmas environment at both places.

Angel Tree Thank You



The Liturgy Commission would like to thank all of our parishioners who contributed to our Angel Tree this year. We collected many items, and Bonnie sold over \$1,500 in gift cards, which helped the Scrip program as well as the families receiving the cards. For the gift bags for our older and homebound parishioners, we were able to give excellent bags for everyone on the list. Bags were organized and delivered by parishioners such as Cynthia Schoettler, Rae Rocca, Sue Geier and Elaine Staley, Jane Grinde, Mary Witte, Peg Adamowicz and Beth Hanson, plus members of the Liturgy Commission. We also were able to give diapers and other helpful donations to the Elizabeth House. So once again, thank you!

Preventing outdoor slips and falls



Weather, uneven surfaces, and debris can lead to slips and falls. Watch out for rocks, wet leaves and holes or dips in pavement, curbs, snow, ice, and wet floors. Even a slight change of $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ of an inch on a walking surface can cause a trip or fall.

Prevention Strategies:

- Be alert when you walk. Like driving, you need to look ahead. Put your cell phone in your pocket and focus on walking.
- Take small, slow steps when you are unsure of your footing on ice and slippery surfaces.
- Use the proper type of shoes for the conditions and add accessories that give you more traction if necessary, such as Yaktrax or overshoes, canes, and walkers.
- Watch for uneven surfaces and holes.
- Stay in the designated walkway/sidewalk, avoid taking the short-cut.
- Use hand rails for going up and down steps and elevators when available in wet and icy conditions.
- Continue to walk in an uncluttered indoor environment for strength, endurance, and flexibility.
- Walking is one of the best activities you can do for your health when the proper safety precautions are taken.
- Be well, Be safe, Be active.

This is a friendly health reminder to keep others safe around you if you are not feeling well, i.e., have a fever, sore throat, cough or other symptoms. Please stay home from public events. Remember to be healthy with good nutrition, water, exercise, prayer and rest along with hand washing, covering your cough and wearing a mask.



Please help welcome Rev. Fr. Carlos Piedrahita, P.S.S. who will be visiting our parish next

weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

SCHOOL NEWS

Our St. James School Christmas Program December 17 performance is now available on video. Find it on the home page of school website: www.stjameschool.org



Many thanks to our staff for organizing the event and to our students who practiced hard and performed well.

Please pray for our students and staff as they return to school this week after Christmas Break.

We recently received the following donations to our St. James School Annual Fund. Please pray for all of our benefactors/donors. We are very grateful for their support.



In memory of:
Sr. Zita
Ruth Harbort

In honor of:
Stella Bauhs

To donate to the Annual Fund, please visit: stjameschool.org/giving

Yarn and Embroidery Donations for Afghan Residents of Fort McCoy



All five Wisconsin Catholic Charities have been working with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) to provide Afghans residing at Fort McCoy with "morale, wellness, and recreation" (MWR) centers where children and adults can exercise, create, and find fellowship. As winter approaches, these centers need knitting and embroidery supplies so that women and children can create items of beauty and warmth. The following are gratefully accepted:

- Unused yarn skeins with their paper sleeves and knitting needles of all sizes
- Embroidery hoops, magnifying glasses, needles, floss, small scissors, and plain cotton or linen fabric

Donations may be dropped off at St. James School, 1204 St James Ct., Madison, WI 53715 (donation box in entryway). Donations can also be mailed directly to Catholic Charities, 3710 E. Avenue, La Crosse, WI 54601, Attn: Karen Becker.

La Epifanía del Señor

2 de Enero 2022, Año C



Aun en estos tiempos, la humanidad continúa buscando la estrella, esa estrella que muchas veces se pierde entre la injusticia, el odio y la discriminación. Sin embargo, hay que seguir el camino y alzar los ojos al cielo para encontrar el centro de su luz. “Levántate y brilla,

que ha llegado tu luz y la Gloria de Yavé amaneció sobre ti (Isaías 60,1). La Gloria de la Manifestación de Jesús en su Evangelio y en la Eucaristía se hace presente entre nosotros en la Liturgia de hoy. El Papa Francisco nos explica acerca de la belleza de esta celebración. “La manifestación de Jesús, simbolizada por la luz: Levántate y resplandece, Jerusalén, porque llega tu luz; la Gloria del Señor amanece sobre ti”. Él nos exhorta al movimiento, a no quedarnos ahí fijos como estatuas sin hacer nada.

También, nos explica sobre la participación de los magos del Oriente y lo que ellos representan. “Los Magos, venidos de Oriente, representan a todos los pueblos lejanos de la fe judía tradicional: se dejan guiar por la estrella y se enfrentan a un largo y arriesgado viaje; se postran ante Jesús y le ofrecen regalos simbólicos: oro, incienso y mirra; la búsqueda del Señor implica también la generosidad del corazón” (1/6/2019). ¿Qué le estoy ofreciendo a Jesús en esta etapa de mi vida? ¿Qué tipo de manifestaciones he tenido de Dios a lo largo de mi vida? Pidamos, en esta Eucaristía, que la luz de Cristo se manifieste en estos tiempos turbulentos y oscuros que experimentamos en el mundo entero. Sigamos vigilantes, caminemos por sendas nuevas, sigamos el ejemplo de los Magos. Ellos, regresaron a su país por otro camino.

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Sacramentos**Confesiones:** Jueves y Domingos a las 6pm o por cita.**Bautismo:** Llame para requisitos y fechas de bautismos comunitarios.**Matrimonio:** Llame con suficiente anticipación a la fecha que planea.**Primera Comunión-Confirmación:** Inscripciones durante el mes de Agosto.**Unción a los enfermos:** Llame al Padre Manuel Sacramentales**Quince Años, Presentaciones y Bendiciones:** Llame al Padre Manuel con anticipación.**Horario de Misas****Lunes, Miércoles, Viernes y Domingos:** 7 pm en español. Domingos también a la 1:30 pm.**Martes:** Grupo de Oración 7pm**Horario de Oficina en San José**

Lunes a Viernes de 8:30 am a 4:30 pm.

Horario de Oficina-Padre David

Miércoles de 3:00 am a 5:30 pm.

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 2 de enero de 2022**Domingo:** Día de la Epifanía del Señor; San Basilio el Magno y San Gregorio Nacianceno, obispos y doctores de la Iglesia**Lunes:** Día del Santísimo Nombre de Jesús**Martes:** Santa Isabel, Ana Bayley, viuda de Seton, religiosa**Miércoles:** San Juan Neumann, obispo**Jueves:** San André Bessette, religioso**Viernes:** San Raimundo de Peñafort, sacerdote**Sábado:****Domingo sig:** El Bautismo del Señor

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Lecturas de la Semana**Del 3 al 9 de Enero, 2022****Lun:** 1 Jn 3, 22—4, 6/Sal 2, 7-8. 10-12/
Mt 4, 12-17. 23-25**Mar:** 1 Jn 4, 7-10/Sal 71, 1-2. 3-4. 7-8/
Mc 6, 34-44**Miér:** 1 Jn 4, 11-18/Sal 71, 1-2. 10. 12-13/
Mc 6, 45-52**Juev:** 1 Jn 4, 19—5, 4/Sal 71, 1-2. 14 y 15.
17/Lc 4, 14-22**Vier:** 1 Jn 5, 5-13/Sal 147, 12-13. 14-15.
19-20/Lc 5, 12-16**Sab:** 1 Jn 5, 14-21/Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5 y
6 y 9/Jn 3, 22-30**Dom:** Is 42, 1-4. 6-7/Sal 28, 1-2. 3-4. 3.
9-10 [11]/Hch 10, 34-38/
Lc 3, 15-16. 21-22 o Is 40, 1-5. 9-11/
Sal 103, 1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-28. 29-30
[1]/Tit 2, 11-14; 3, 4-7/
Lc 3, 15-16. 21-22**Pláticas Bautismales papás y padrinos:**

La próxima sesión de pláticas bautismales será el 15 de Enero de 9:30 am a 12: 30pm. Llame al 268-9932 para registrarse.

Llame a la oficina para mas información sobre los requisitos para bautismo.

Esta semana en el sitio San José

Lunes	3 de Enero	
7pm	Misa	Iglesia
Martes,	4 de Enero	
7:00 pm	Grupo de Oración	Iglesia
Miércoles	5 de Enero	
6:15 pm	Clases de Catecismo	Todo
7:00 pm	Misa	Iglesia
Jueves	6 de Enero	
7:00 pm	Hora Santa	Iglesia
Viernes	7 de Enero	
7:00 pm	Misa en Español	Iglesia
Sábado	8 de Enero	
9:00 am	Retiro de Reconciliación- Español	Todo
3:00 pm	ARPA	Biblioteca
Domingo	9 de Enero	
10:45 am	Misa en Inglés	Iglesia
1:30 pm	Misa en Español	Iglesia
5:30 pm	Clases de Confirmación	Salón/Biblioteca
6:00 pm	Rosario	Iglesia
7:00 pm	Misa en Español	Iglesia

Ayuda para guardar las decoraciones de Navidad

Quitaremos las decoraciones navideñas el domingo 9 de enero y realmente nos vendría bien ayuda para esto. En nuestro sitio de San Santiago, inmediatamente después de la misa de las 8:30 am. En nuestro sitio de San Jase, inmediatamente después de la misa de la 1:30 pm. Gracias a todas las personas que ayudaron a crear el ambiente navideño en ambos lugares.

Símbolos del Pasaporte de Misa

Epifanía-Estrella

01/02/2022



Este fin de semana celebramos la fiesta de la Epifanía donde conmemoramos la visita de los magos al Niño Jesús. Aunque la Biblia es escasa en los detalles sobre la vida de los magos, tradicionalmente se los ha identificado como tres reyes que representan los tres continentes diferentes de Asia, Europa y África. La historia de la

Epifanía nos enseña que Jesús no es simplemente el mesías del pueblo judío, sino el salvador del mundo entero. Según el Evangelio de Mateo, fue una estrella la que llevó a los magos hasta el niño Jesús en Belén. Esta es la razón por la que muchas familias coronan su árbol de Navidad con una estrella. En los salmos también se habla de las estrellas como signos del inmenso poder de Dios, por lo que es apropiado que una estrella sea testigo de la realidad única de que Dios asumió la carne humana en Cristo. **¿Qué otras cosas del mundo natural te recuerdan el poder de Dios?**

Oración por el Año Nuevo

Querido Señor, al comienzo de este Año Nuevo, Recuerdo que eres un Dios de comienzos y finales. Creaste el mundo, con todos sus patrones eternos. El invierno comienza con las heladas y termina con el deshielo de la primavera.

La primavera comienza con una nueva vida verde y termina con el calor del verano.

El verano comienza con el sol y termina con la brisa del otoño.

Y el color del otoño lleva de nuevo al blanco del invierno. Mientras otro año termina y comienza en nuestras vidas ayúdanos a recordar que has hecho un mundo de ciclos.

Cuando la fortuna se convierte en pruebas o las dificultades en gozo, ayúdame a disfrutar de la vida que he recibido de ti.

Recuérdame que algún día pasaré de este mundo y entraré en una nueva vida como la que me han precedido. Amén.

LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA: RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

La Luz de la Luna

Si tienes un televisor que se ha encendido en algún momento durante el último mes, es probable que hayas captado al menos una escena o dos de la película clásica de 1946 "¡Que Bello es Vivir!"

Si no estás familiarizado con la película, esta sigue la vida de George Bailey desde la infancia hasta la edad adulta. Un soñador por naturaleza, George tiene grandes planes para sí mismo que involucran la exploración del mundo y la aventura, pero las obligaciones familiares y comunitarias lo mantienen atado al mismo lugar en el mapa, llevando una vida completamente ordinaria.

Una de las escenas más memorables de esa película es la de George bailando con su amada Mary mientras cantan "Buffalo Gals - ¿No saldrás esta noche / y bailarás a la luz de la luna?"

Esa letra siempre me llama la atención. Por supuesto, la luna no tiene luz propia. Todo lo que tiene la luna es la capacidad de reflejar la luz que la ilumina.

Lo mismo vale para nosotros, ¿no? Nuestra corresponsabilidad es puramente un reflejo de la gracia que nos ha otorgado otro. "Sobre ti resplandece el SEÑOR," escribe Isaías, "y sobre ti aparece su gloria." Toda buena acción que vayamos a tomar comienza en la mente de Dios. El hecho de que tengamos el honor de llevarlo a cabo en su nombre es un hermoso regalo. Es Dios quien hace que nuestras vidas ordinarias sean extraordinarias.

Al final de la película, George Bailey se da cuenta de que tuvo una vida mucho mejor porque, en lugar de ser el héroe de su propia historia, se permitió reflejar la bondad en los demás.

Recuerda: los magos no trazaron su propio curso. Simplemente siguieron la estrella.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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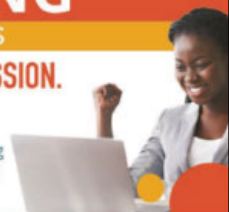
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