



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

*- Mt 2:6b*

*"Pues de ti saldrá un jefe, que será el pastor  
de mi pueblo, Israel". - Mt 2, 6*

## *Feast of the Epiphany*

In our lifetime, we have experienced moments when it seemed like to the world was coming together for a good reason. One of these rare moments happened on December 31, 1999. The world came together to celebrate the new millennium. The television networks begin reporting New Year's Eve celebrations throughout the whole world from early evening and throughout the night. It was an experience of the human family coming together. We get the same feeling sometimes every few years during the Olympics. The human family comes together in a positive and celebrative way.

Unfortunately, moments like this are not that frequent, especially on matters that may make a significant impact on the world. We struggle to come together for example on matters of peace, a just economic system, and the preservation of the planet.

The Epiphany story gives us a glimpse of what the world can be. Three Magi came from afar to venerate the child Jesus. Their hearts were filled with hope as they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The story also gives us a glimpse of the reality that can destroy the dream of what the world can be. The scheming self interest of Herod in the story leads us to imagine that his intent was to do harm to the infant Jesus.

Perhaps as we celebrate Epiphany, we can find joy in our hope in what the world can and should be, and at the same time deal with the world as it is and try to transform it. We learn through the attitude of Herod that we are often motivated by our own selfish interest. What makes matters worse is that we attempt to justify our selfish interests and somehow make that the norm. The Epiphany story suggests that this attitude leads to destruction. Ultimately that destruction lead to the murder of the Holy Innocents. I find it interesting that one year ago on January 6 (traditional celebration of Epiphany), we, as a country experienced social and political unrest in the insurrection at the Capitol of the United States. Most objective accounts of that event do not see this action motivated by justice. It was simply divisive and destructive.

The major message of the story of Epiphany is that the hope of the world brings us together. We struggle to promote peace and good will. We conscientiously try to remove obstacles to this vision. We, for example, work at dialogue in our relationships and strive to communicate honestly. We strive to be more understanding. We can also try to eliminate excesses in our use of electronic media especially, those things that can foster a sense of selfishness. We pray that we may always have a vision of peace as we live out our lives as a family, a community, and a world.

.....a word about our new Mass schedule

For almost two years, our Mass schedule had to allow time to disinfect the church. We no longer are required to disinfect the Church between the Masses. This allows us to return to a more accommodating schedule. On the recommendation of the Pastoral Council and the Parish Staff we returned to a familiar schedule. You will see the new Mass schedule in the bulletin. At the present time there is no Saturday evening Mass. We will continue to schedule Weddings, First Communions and Confirmations on Saturday. We will consider the Saturday evening Mass when another priest is assigned to the parish. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Fr. Larry



**Monday, January 3, 2022**  
 NO Food Pantry  
**Tuesday, January 4, 2022**  
 6:30 am Prayer Group  
**Wednesday, January 5, 2022**  
**Thursday, January 6, 2022**  
 6:00 pm Encuentros  
**Friday, January 7, 2022**  
**Saturday, January 8, 2022**

# Prayer REQUESTS

Deacon Jim  
 Benjamin Mendoza  
 Francisco Mendoza  
 Maria Eugenia Mendoza  
 Brother Ed  
 Amy Avalos  
 Arnaldo Rodriguez Vega

# MASST INTENTIONS

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**  
 8:00 am + JoAnna Eich  
 9:30 am Pedro & Maria Barrios  
 Aniversario de Bodas  
 11:30 am Deceased Food Pantry Workers  
 1:00 pm Edgar Ruiz Flores \*Cumpleaños\*  
 + Guadalupe Martinez  
 + Francisca Martinez  
 6:00 pm + Pedro Garcia  
**Monday, January 3, 2022**  
 8:30 am + Trinidad Zamudio  
**Tuesday, January 4, 2022**  
 8:30 am  
**Wednesday, January 5, 2022**  
 8:30 am + Salvador Soto  
**Thursday, January 6, 2022**  
 8:30 am  
**Friday, January 7, 2022**  
 8:30 am Rosa Torres \*salud\*  
**Sunday, January 9, 2022**  
 8:00 am Deceased Members of the  
 Ardaugh Family  
 9:30 am + Nicolas Morales  
 + Josefina Graffity  
 + Maria Arreola  
 11:30 am  
 1:00 pm + Miguel Gomez  
 6:00 pm

## The Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity Sunday, 02 January 2022

**Gifts.** The Magi, these foreign interpreters of dreams, do the following: follow a star, travel a great distance, trust the words of others, bring and give gifts. In some countries, Epiphany and not Christmas is gift-giving day. This twelfth-day (when on the traditional 6<sup>th</sup> of January) brings to completion the manifestation of Christ – first to the Jews and today to everyone. No one is foreign to God’s good grace.

How will I search diligently for Jesus?  
 Because God is merciful to me, what mercy work can I do for another?  
 What gifts will I give to others in need?

Thank you to those who purchased Christmas Poinsettias in honor of their loved ones:



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 + Joseph Linko  
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### Support the works of the Lord through the 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

The 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) is now underway, and we are asking everyone to pledge their support to this important effort for our diocese, and our parish. This year’s CMAA theme, *Devoted to the Works of the Lord*, illustrates how the many ministries our annual appeal supports allow us to join together to do God’s work throughout our diocese. From helping the poor and vulnerable to forming future priests and educating people of all ages in the faith, the ministries funded through your gifts are far more extensive than our parish could provide on its own. Our parish’s goal for the 2022 CMAA is \$19,700, and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the materials and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year’s annual appeal. If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office to request one.



## *Fiesta de la Epifanía*

A lo largo de nuestra vida, hemos experimentado momentos en los que parecía que el mundo se estaba uniendo por una buena razón. Uno de estos raros momentos ocurrió el 31 de diciembre de 1999. El mundo se unió para celebrar el nuevo milenio. Las cadenas de televisión comienzan a informar sobre las celebraciones de Año Nuevo en todo el mundo desde las primeras horas de la noche y durante toda la noche. Fue una experiencia de la unión de la familia humana. A veces tenemos la misma sensación cada pocos años durante los Juegos Olímpicos. La familia humana se une de manera positiva y celebradora.

Desafortunadamente, momentos como estos no son tan frecuentes, especialmente en asuntos que pueden tener un impacto significativo en el mundo. Luchamos por unirnos, por ejemplo, en cuestiones de paz, un sistema económico justo y la preservación del planeta.

La historia de la Epifanía nos da una idea de lo que puede ser el mundo. Tres magos vinieron de lejos para venerar al niño Jesús. Sus corazones se llenaron de esperanza mientras le ofrecían regalos de oro, incienso y mirra. La historia también nos da una idea de la realidad que puede destruir el sueño de lo que el mundo puede ser. El interés propio de Herodes en la historia nos lleva a imaginar que su intención era hacer daño al niño Jesús.

Quizás mientras celebramos la Epifanía, podemos encontrar alegría en nuestra esperanza en lo que el mundo puede y debe ser, y al mismo tiempo tratar con el mundo tal como es y tratar de transformarlo. Aprendemos a través de la actitud de Herodes que a menudo estamos motivados por nuestro propio interés egoísta. Lo que empeora las cosas es que intentamos justificar nuestros intereses egoístas y de alguna manera convertir eso en la norma. La historia de la Epifanía sugiere que esta actitud conduce a la destrucción. En última instancia, esa destrucción condujo al asesinato de los Santos Inocentes. Me parece interesante que hace un año, el 6 de enero (tradicional celebración de la Epifanía), nosotros, como país, vivimos disturbios sociales y políticos en la insurrección en el Capitolio de los Estados Unidos. La mayoría de los relatos objetivos de ese evento no ven esta acción motivada por la justicia. Fue simplemente divisivo y destructivo.

El mensaje principal de la historia de la Epifanía es que la esperanza del mundo nos une. Luchamos por promover la paz y la buena voluntad. Intentamos concienzudamente eliminar los obstáculos a esta visión. Nosotros, por ejemplo, trabajamos en el diálogo en nuestras relaciones y nos esforzamos por comunicarnos honestamente. Nos esforzamos por ser más comprensivos. También podemos tratar de eliminar los excesos en nuestro uso de los medios electrónicos, especialmente, aquellas cosas que pueden fomentar un sentido de egoísmo. Oramos para que siempre podamos tener una visión de paz mientras vivimos nuestras vidas como familia, comunidad y mundo.

..... unas palabras sobre nuestro nuevo horario de Misas

Durante casi dos años, nuestro programa de Misas tuvo que dar tiempo para desinfectar la iglesia. Ya no estamos obligados a desinfectar la Iglesia entre las Misas. Esto nos permite volver a un horario más complaciente. Por recomendación del Concilio Pastoral y el personal de la parroquia, volvimos a un horario familiar. Verá el nuevo horario de Misas en el boletín. En la actualidad no hay Misa los sábados por la noche. Continuaremos programando bodas, primeras comuniones y confirmaciones el sábado. Consideraremos la Misa del sábado por la noche cuando se asigne otro sacerdote a la parroquia. Gracias por su paciencia y comprensión.

Padre Larry



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