

*January 2,
2021*

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RECONCILIATION

4pm on Saturday afternoon

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

5pm Saturday evening

10am Sunday morning and 5pm on Sunday evening

Mass is being LIVE streamed on YouTube. Access thru Church website or personal devices. You can watch LIVE or recorded versions.

MARRIAGE

Call the office at least 1 year prior to intended date of wedding.

BAPTISM

Call the church office at least one month before intended date. Our next Baptismal class is scheduled for **January 16 @ 1pm**. Call the parish office to register.

No Baptisms during Lent

PARISH STAFF

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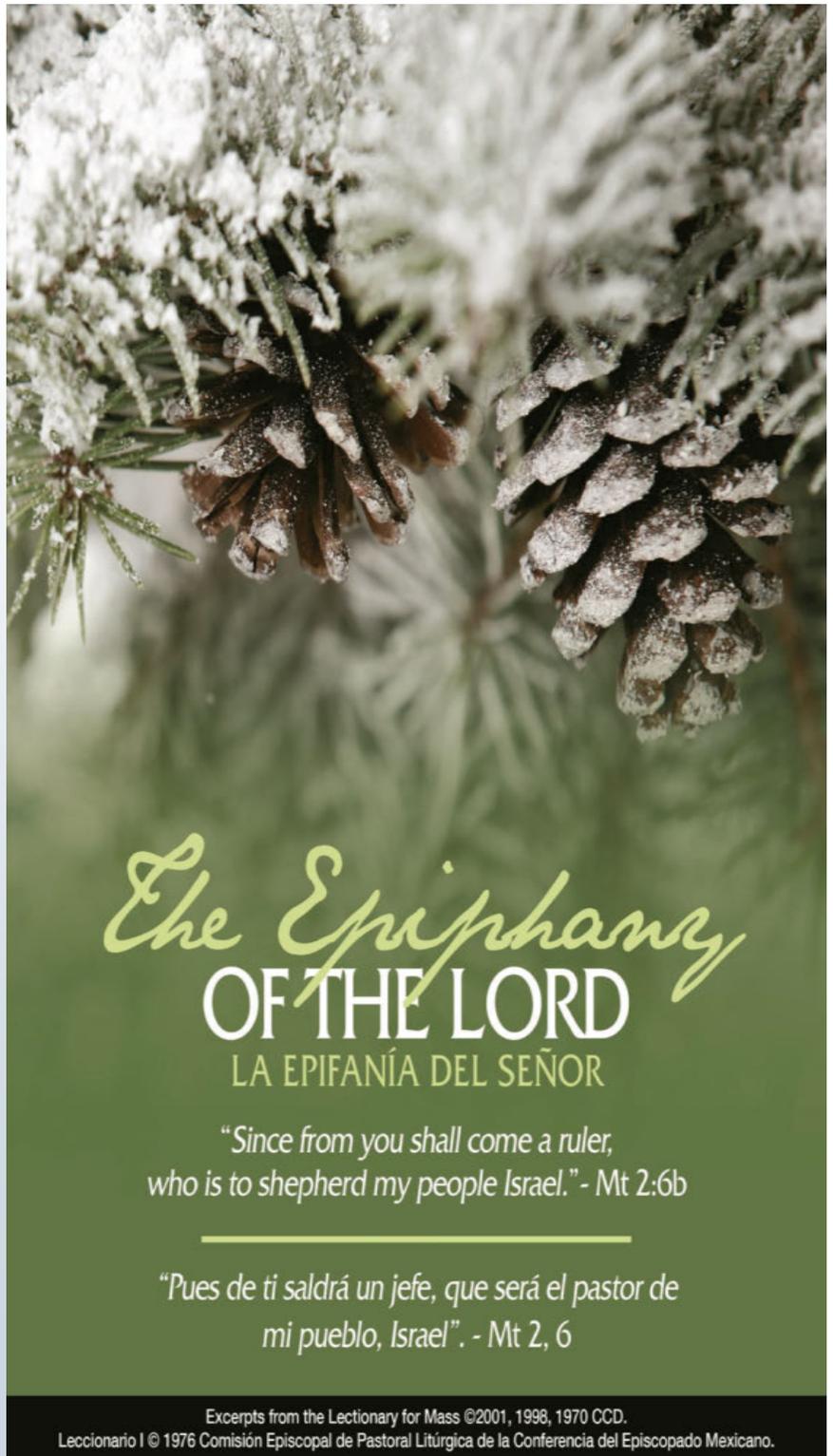
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ASSUMPTION PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

“To bring everyone together as people of God sharing the Bread of Life and living the Law of Love through service to all our neighbors”.



The Epiphany
OF THE LORD
 LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR

*“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*

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Monday, January 3
8:00 am Mass, In Memory of Bernice Pleva

Tuesday, January 4
8:00 am Mass, In Memory of Florence Sweeney

Wednesday, January 5
8:00 am Mass, In Memory of Jack Temme

Thursday, January 6
8:00 am Mass, In Memory of Bernie Volz

Friday, January 7
8:00 pm Mass, In Memory of Mary Manning

Saturday, January 8
5:00 pm Mass, In Memory of Ray Mikulan

Sunday, January 9
10:00 am Mass, For the People of Assumption Parish
5:00 pm Mass, In Memory of Bob & Dorothy Bobowski

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YOUR YEAR!**

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

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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Catholic Faith on demand!

WELCOME TO ASSUMPTION

Newcomers are asked to register by going to www.assumptiongranger.com print a registration form fill it out in its entirety and return to the Parish Office.

If you would also do us a favor and contact the parish office when you leave or have a change of address, phone number or email so that we can update our system.

JOPPA IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

Our friends at the NEW Joppa Resource Center need 2-4 hours shifts covered to help in the warehouse, Thrift Store and other areas within the center. This is a perfect opportunity for those who are retired or groups looking for volunteer hours. Please go to www.joppa.org and click on the Volunteer button to help.

**CONNECTION CAFÉ-HELP**

Connection Cafe has finally run out of meat, which has been generously provided over the past year by various parishioners. That means, however, that we need more. Beef, pork or venison will be appreciated by the Social Justice Committee and by the homeless and hungry people at Connection Cafe. Thanks in advance!

**UNITED WAY DONATIONS- DID YOU KNOW?**

United Way allows all or a portion of your donation to be designated to any 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Assumption Church is a qualified nonprofit organization. If you would like your United Way donation to be designated towards Assumption parish, please note the following when pledging your donation:

- Designations need to be made and submitted at the time of the pledge
- Be sure to provide complete information, including Assumption's name, street address, city and state to ensure that your designated gift is correctly processed, as many organizations have similar names. Employers may match your donation, doubling your gift. If your employer provides payroll deduction for United Way, you can designate it to Assumption. For more information talk to your employer or call our office.

BAPTISM CLASS

Our next Baptismal Prep class will be held **Sunday, January 16, at 1pm**. This class is intended for new parents and those who have not taken this class within the last 3 years. Call Brenda at the parish office to register (515-999-2239 ext. 13)

**Know Your Catholic Faith****Epiphany of the Lord**

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the oldest Christian feasts, though, throughout the centuries, it has celebrated a variety of things. *Epiphany* comes from a Greek meaning "to reveal," and all of the various events celebrated by the Feast of the Epiphany are revelations of Christ to humanity. Epiphany originally celebrated four different events, in the following order of importance: the Baptism of the Lord; Christ's first miracle in the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana; the Birth of Christ; and the visitation of the Wise Men. Each of these is a revelation of God to humankind. Eventually, Western Christians separated out the celebration of the Nativity into Christmas; the Baptism of the Lord to the Sunday after January 6 (unless Epiphany falls on Sunday, January 7 or 8 then the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated the next Monday); and the wedding at Cana to the Sunday following the Baptism of the Lord. The Feast of Epiphany, therefore, commemorates the manifestation, the revelation, of God through Christ to the whole world (that is, to the Gentiles and not just the Jews) symbolized by the visit of the Magi to the Christ child, when they worshipped him and gave him gifts. These Wise Men were guided through darkness by the light of the star. The star is seen as a sign that leads the wise to Jesus. (11:6)

Next week: Baptism of the Lord.

If you would like a specific topic about the Catholic faith addressed, submit your question via email to parish@assumptiongranger.org with "Catholic Faith" in the subject line.

CHURCH CALENDAR

- ◆ Fri. 5pm New Year's Eve Mass
12/31
- ◆ Sat. 9am New Year's Day Mass
1/1 5pm Weekend Mass
- ◆ Sun. 10am Weekend Mass obligation
1/2 5pm Weekend Mass obligation
NO Religious Education Classes today
NO RCIA class today
- ◆ Mon. 8:30am Adult Faith Gospel of Mark (Conf. room 2)
1/3 6-8:30pm Jacobs Martial Arts (Gym)
- ◆ Tues 5-6:30pm Scott Basketball practice (gym)
1/4
- ◆ Wed. 9am-12 noon Pickle ball (gym)
- ◆ 1/5 5pm Adult Faith Gospel of Mark (Conf. room 2)
7pm Adult Faith Gospel of Mark (Conf. room 2)
7-8:15pm Religious Education Classes (5-8th grade)
- ◆ Thurs. 6-8:30pm Jacobs Martial Arts (Gym)
1/6
- ◆ Sat. 11 am Baptism for Annie Jo Danner (Dcn. Dennis)
- ◆ 1/8 5pm RCIA class (Tom)
- ◆ Sun. First Communion for Jameson Paul Klaus (during 10am Mass)
1/9 11:15-12:15pm Religious Education Classes (K-4th grade)
5-8pm 2nd yr. Confirmation Class (starting with Mass)
- ◆ Mon. 8:30am AFF-Gospel of Mark
1/10 6-8:30pm Jacobs Martial Arts (Gym)
- ◆ Tues 5-6:30pm Scott Basketball practice (gym)
1/11 6pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Conf. 2)
- ◆ Wed. 9am-12 noon Pickle ball (gym)
1/12 5pm AFF-Gospel of Mark
7pm AFF-Gospel of Mark
7-8:15pm Religious Education Classes (5-8th grade)
7-8:15pm Youth Group (ALL High Schoolers!)
- ◆ Thurs. 6-8:30pm Jacobs Martial Arts (Gym)
1/13

ASSUMPTION BOOK CLUB

The January meeting will be on Saturday, January 15th. The book to be discussed in January is *The Shadow of His Wings: The True Story of Fr. Gereon Goldman*.

We will meet in Conference room #2 down the hallway in the school. If you have any questions about the book club please contact Cindy VanDeWalle by phone 986-1371 or email her: vandewalle1979@gmail.com



New Members are always welcome!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday RE Classes (K-4th grade)
11:15am-12:15am
1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30

2nd Year Confirmation (10th grade)
Sunday 6pm-8pm
1/9 start w/Mass @ 5pm

Confirmation is scheduled for April 27th @ 7pm

1st Year Confirmation (9th grade)
Sunday 6-8pm
1/16

Youth Group (All High Schoolers)
Wednesday 7-8:15pm
1/12, 1/26

Wednesday RE Classes (5-8 grades)
7-8:15pm
1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26

Family Catechesis: 11-12:30PM 2/27

6 CHARACTERISTICS OF AN EVERYDAY STEWARD

1. **MINDFUL:** Lives in the present, without the baggage of the past, and without fear of the future.
2. **PRAYERFUL:** Sees entire day as an opportunity to be in the presence of God.
3. **GRATEFUL:** Give thanks for all of God's blessings, especially the little everyday ones.
4. **GRACIOUS:** Receives all of God's creation in a welcoming and hospitable manner.
5. **COMMITTED:** Perseveres daily in a way of life acknowledging everything belongs to God.
6. **ACCOUNTABLE:** Understands the value of parish community and the role it plays.

2021 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

A Big Thank You to those who have given a gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal! The ADA parish goal is \$101,589. We are currently at \$71,516. Thank you to the 142 families that have participated out of the 509 Active Families.

Remember that the money our parish raises above our goal stays right here at Assumption. Please experience the joy of giving and join us as we work to continue God's work of spirituality, charity and education.

Please consider making a gift online by credit card by visiting <https://www.dmdiocese.org/giving>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
<http://assumptionknights.org>

January 20 – 6pm Rosary followed with Mass, @ 6:15pm Meeting & Dinner



TAMANIQUE, OUR SISTER PARISH

"Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime." This proverb applies directly to our parish's Tamanique project, which is in its tenth year. It provides scholarships to students in Tamanique, El Salvador, many of whom would not be able to attend, or finish, high school. Our scholarships pay only about 75 percent of the cost. The students and their families pay the rest. However, it's enough to help graduates assist their families and communities, and find work in El Salvador instead of emigrating to the U.S. and other countries. It helps us fulfill our Christian obligation of building a more just world. Over the years, we have received innumerable letters of gratitude from the students and many of our parishioners have received the thanks personally in our annual visits there. The annual cost of a scholarship for one student is \$330, but we'll take donations of any amount. To donate, or for information on our next trip to Tamanique please contact Tom Carney, 515 556-5068 or carney133@msn.com, or contact the parish office.

Pickle Ball

The Assumption Church is now sponsoring Pickle Ball as an event on Wednesday's from 10am-12noon in the Assumption Gym.

This is open to everyone wanting to learn the game and play. For more information, please contact Diane Erickson at 515-979-9236



PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Spots are still open to join Father Ken Halbur from St. Luke's on this once-in-a-lifetime Pilgrimage to Italy opportunity.

From April 25 - May 5, 2022, we will visit many of the most significant landmarks of the Catholic Church including the relics of St. Luke the Evangelist as well as the Tombs of St. Paul and St. Francis of Assisi. Included on the trip are visits to many popular tourist attractions including Venice, Tuscany, and the Colosseum. The trip culminates with a guided tour of the incredible Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel as well as a potential Papal Audience at St. Peter's.

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SCHOOL HELP WANTED

Pius Pals, the before and after school program for St. Pius X Catholic School, is looking for individuals age 16 on up to work part-time. Hours are Monday - Friday: 3:00 - 5:30 pm with the opportunity for additional hours on no school days. Additional information can be found on the school website.

<https://stpiusxurbandale.org/our-school/employment-opportunities-->

MAGNIFIK**ID**

We would like to draw your attention to the booklets that we provide each week on the bulletin tables. These booklets are wonderful tools for your kids to follow along thru Mass. They come in a plastic wrapping 1 for each week of the month. Please take the whole packet home with you and have them bring them to Mass. Do not return these booklets they are yours to keep and enjoy!

Tamanique Scholarship Student Spotlight

Every year Assumption parish provides scholarships to students in Tamanique, El Salvador. These scholarships help promote social justice by supporting those in the greatest need. For many of our students the reality is, no scholarship means no school. The scholarships are part of a program that provides much more than an award of money. All scholarship students create and implement a community project and take part in regular leadership workshops to further develop their impact as a citizen as well as their communication skills.

*This week's student spotlight is:
Dayana Melissa Galdámes Patiño*



Hello. My name is Dayana Melissa Galdámes Patiño. I'm 18 and live in the community of Buenos Aires in the municipality of Tamanique with my mother and father and two brothers. My mother has no formal education and but my father completed none grades.

The scholarship program has helped me in many areas. First, it has helped me financially because it has allowed me to continue studying in my second year of technical high school. Despite not having my grades for the first quarter this year, I have done my best to have an excellent academic performance regardless of the difficulties I faced. One of them was that I didn't quite understand some of my classes, and when I had my tests, I had difficulties answering them. I always do my homework because I'm aware of the responsibility and commitment I have to get good grades. Another difficulty is the lack of electricity at my house, so I can't charge my phone when I don't have battery to continue my homework. Thankfully, other scholarship recipients and I were beneficiaries of the solar panels project delivered by the Center for Interchange and Solidarity (which administers the scholarship program) in the context of the pandemic and online classes. The solar panel has helped me a lot because I can charge my phone. I take good care of it because it's very useful and I'm very grateful for it.

In addition, thanks to the program I have been able to socialize with other young people. I have met people with good hearts who help us to reflect about the importance of studying, moving forward in our education and not being afraid. They teach us to struggle to achieve our goals and dreams and always help others. I hope this program continues for many years, so other young people can be supported. Thank you so much for your help!

Sadly, due to the pandemic I didn't complete my social project. I had planned to help Lazaro Aparicio who teaches second grade at Buenos Aires School. I was able to help at the beginning of last year before the pandemic. I helped children who had difficulties reading and writing, and also making the classes more fun and dynamic. I also helped three students of seventh grade. They had difficulties doing research for their schoolwork since they didn't have internet or signal in their phones to investigate some themes. Last December, I started going to the Rosario de Fatima Chapel to help with the cleaning, and help on Sundays with the sales they do to raise funds for the chapel. I help on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at the chapel. I hope I can help more in my community next year.

One of my obstacles is my family's financial situation, since my father is the only one who works. He is a farmer and his income is very low. I started to work at a restaurant in El Tunco beach in August last year. I only work on the weekends. Lack of electricity at home is also an obstacle as is not having my own computer for school work. During the pandemic things got complicated because we had to present every homework in a digital format and I only had my cellphone to do all my schoolwork, which was hard because I needed to charge my phone frequently. But CIS brought computers to a place nearby and contracted with an Internet provider. I'm very grateful.

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