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Mass Schedule:

Sunday	9:30 a.m.
Monday	7:00 a.m.
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.
Friday	7:00 a.m.
Saturday	4:00 p.m. at Saint Anthony Church

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday	3:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m. at St. Anthony's
Monday & Friday	following Mass
Tuesday	after Mass

Devotions:

Following the daily mass as follows:

Tuesdays	Saint Anthony of Padua
Wednesdays	Saint Jude the Apostle

Rectory Office Hours:

The Office is located at 400 Cardinal Medeiros Ave.

Monday – Thursday	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Friday, Saturday, & Sunday	Closed

Sacrament of Baptism:

The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of each month (except the season of Lent) at Saint Anthony Church. A preparation class is required for parents and godparents on the 2nd Sunday of each month prior to the baptism. Please call the parish office to arrange for the baptism at least a month in advance

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Please contact a priest at least a year in advance to schedule your wedding

Pastoral Care of the Sick:

Please contact the parish office at (617) 876-6754 or one of the priests for a loved one to receive a visit and the Sacrament of the Sick.

Welcome to Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

We welcome you to our celebration today. If you wish to register as a member of the parish, please complete the following form and return it to us:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Mass Intentions

January 4 · Sunday		SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY
4:00p.m.	<i>Saturday Vigil Mass at Saint Anthony Church</i>	
5:00 p.m.	<i>Saturday Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>	
9:30 a.m.	Manfredi Grassi	
January 5 · Monday		St. John Neumann, bishop
7:00 a.m.	Intentions of the Parishioners	
January 6 · Tuesday		Christmas Weekday
12:10 p.m.	Deceased priests of the Archdiocese	
January 7 · Wednesday		Christmas Weekday
7:00 a.m.		
January 8 · Thursday		Christmas Weekday
9:30 a.m.	Intentions of the Parishioners	
January 9 · Friday		Christmas Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Giovannina & Aristatide Camerlengo	
December 28 · Sunday		BAPTISM OF THE LORD
4:00p.m.	<i>Saturday Vigil Mass at Saint Anthony Church</i>	
5:00 p.m.	<i>Saturday Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>	
9:30 a.m.	Italia Pasquariello	

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays at Saint Francis of Assisi Church

All are welcome, invited and encouraged to pray at the chapel at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish each Tuesday morning from 9:00a.m. – 12:00 Noon for Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Following benediction at Noon, daily Mass is celebrated.

Thursdays at Saint Anthony Parish

All are encouraged to pray before the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel at Saint Anthony Parish for Exposition and Adoration from 9:30a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Immediately following Benediction daily Mass is celebrated in Portuguese.

Our Weekly Offerings for December 28

Next week's bulletin will include the collections for the past couple of weeks.

Thanks to Mary Grassi and all who worked and/or took part in the Holiday Brunch. The proceeds from the brunch totaled \$5,394.25 Well done!

Thank you very much for the gifts & weekly offertory donations which are signs of your faith & your commitment for the financial well-being of our parish community. God bless you with His grace & most precious gifts!



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By Dr. Scott Hahn

Newborn King

Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6 / Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/ Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Today the child born on Christmas is revealed to be the long-awaited king of the Jews. As the priests and scribes interpret the prophecies in today's Gospel, he is the ruler expected from the line of King David, whose greatness is to reach to the ends of the earth (see Micah 5:1-3; 2 Samuel 5:2).

Jesus is found with His mother, as David's son, Solomon, was enthroned alongside his Queen Mother (see 1 Kings 2:19). And the magi come to pay Him tribute, as once kings and queens came to Solomon (see 1 Kings 10:2, 25). His coming evokes promises that extend back to Israel's beginnings.

Centuries before, an evil king seeking to destroy Moses and the Israelites had summoned Balaam, who came from the East with two servants. But Balaam refused to curse Israel, and instead prophesied that a star and royal staff would arise out of Israel and be exalted above all the nations (see Numbers 22:21; 23:7; 24:7,17).

This is the star the three magi follow. And like Balaam, they too, refuse to be tangled in an evil king's scheme. Their pilgrimage is a sign - that the prophecies in today's First Reading and Psalm are being fulfilled. They come from afar, guided by God's light, bearing the wealth of nations, to praise Israel's God.

We celebrate today our own entrance into the family of God, and the fulfillment of God's plan that all nations be united with Israel as co-heirs to His Fatherly blessings, as Paul reveals in today's Epistle. We too, must be guided by the root of David, the bright morning star (see Revelation 22:16), and the light of the world (see Isaiah 42:6; John 8:12).

As the magi adored Him in the manger, let us renew our vow to serve Him, placing our gifts - our intentions and talents - on the altar in this Eucharist. We must offer to Him our very lives in thanksgiving. No lesser gift will suffice for this newborn King.

A service of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

With our Mass celebrations last week, Christmas began! Today within the Season of Christmas we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany. It is a time to continue to ask for the Lord's special blessings upon all families and our parish family also. I hope all of you had a wonderful and blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. It certainly is a hectic time of year and yet how nice it is to finally get to the destination where we will be for Christmas day and enjoy time with family and friends.

I would like to express my sincere thanks for the gifts and good wishes given at Christmas. In a special way I'd also like to thank all the many people who made our celebrations special in many ways: Fr. Jim Darcy, our ever faithful celebrant and Fr. Cristiano Barbosa who willingly offered to celebrate the Midnight Mass, and that was after already having celebrated a 6:00 p.m. in Nashua, NH and a 9:00 p.m. at St. Anthony for the Brazilian communities there. Thanks are due also to John Ciampi, who serves the Masses, Jane Hardy and Bill Mahaney who are always present and willing to provide music for our liturgies. Thanks to Linda Balliro for offering to put together a choir for the Midnight Mass and those who sang. Thank you to those who helped decorate: Betty and Marie Elena Saccoccio, Regina and Joaquim Moreira of the Shalom Community who work behind the scenes and any one else who pitched in to help. To All, a most sincere and heartfelt thanks! And to you, the parishioners, who enhance the liturgies by your presence: that the Lord may abundantly bless you in the New Year with his goodness!

May the Lord's Grace, Blessings and Peace be yours during the coming year!

Peace,
Fr. Walter

Blessing for the Home on the Feast of the Epiphany*

This weekend, we will celebrate the Epiphany. Epiphany is traditionally the day when homes are blessed. This could be done with a grand procession through every room. Everyone involved may have something to carry: candles, incense, the crucifix or the symbols of the three Magi (gold, incense, myrrh). In each room one person asks for a blessing, for example, "May this room be blessed in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

Then holy water may be sprinkled, the whole room incensed, and anyone can wish a particular blessing for that room: "May this basement stay dry and cool!" or "May this kitchen be fragrant for all who work here!" or even "May this bedroom be filled with sweet rest and good dreams!"

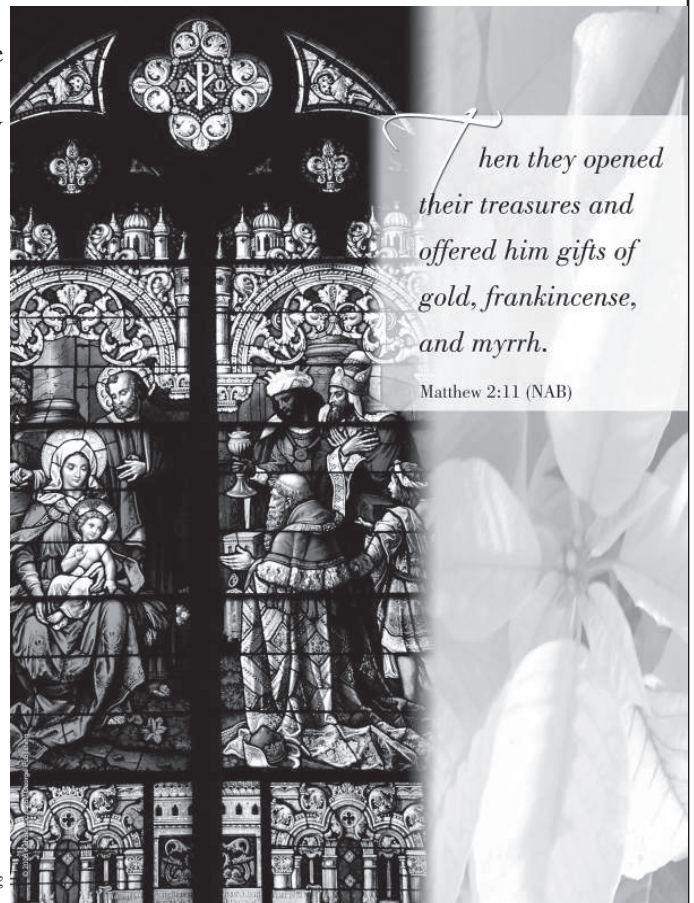
Sometimes it is customary to carry chalk and mark some of the doors with the year and the initials of the Magi (Casper, Melchior and Balthasar, according to tradition). Crosses separate the letters and numbers: 20+C+M+B+15.

At the end of this ritual through each room, the following prayer is recited:

Visit this home, we ask you O Lord.
Chase far away from it all the snares of the enemy.
Send your holy angels to live with us and keep us at
peace.

May your blessing be always upon us. Amen.

**taken from A Book of Family Prayer by Gabe Huck*



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