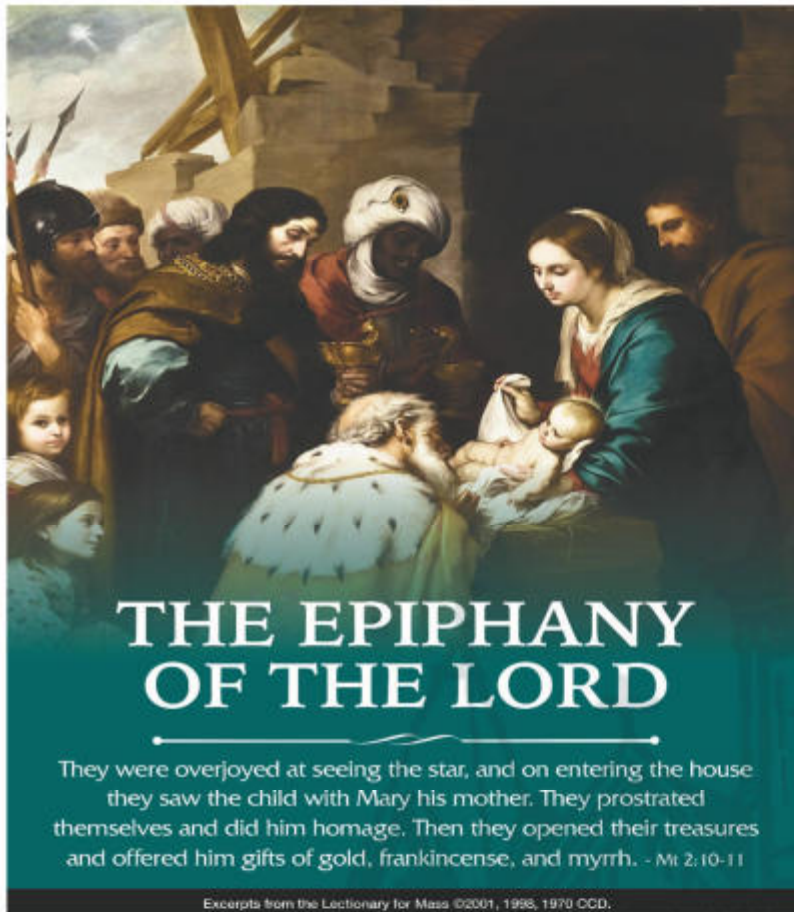


St. Paul the Apostle

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Paul the Apostle Parish is a community committed to celebrating and communicating the life and spirit of Jesus by word and action. Together with the Archbishop, it strives to build a living, caring and evangelizing church. The parishioners commit themselves to this mission by the sharing of their time, talent and treasure for the benefit of all in the community.

Parishioner Registration

To better serve you and your family, please consider becoming a registered member of our community at St. Paul the Apostle. Simply fill in (name, address, phone & email) and drop it off or mail it to the rectory.

Para servirle mejor a usted y a su familia, considere convertirse en un miembro registrado de nuestra comunidad en St. Paul the Apostle. Simplemente complete el registro (nombre, dirección, teléfono & email) y déjelo o envíelo por correo a la rectoría.

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone & Email _____

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Spanish), 11:00 AM (at St. Ann's Nursing Home), 12:00 PM

MONDAY - FRIDAY

7:00 AM, 8:30 AM - Convent Chapel

SATURDAY

8:30 AM - Convent Chapel

5:00 PM (Sunday Vigil)

HOLY DAYS of OBLIGATION

7:00AM, 8:30 AM, 12:00 NOON & 7:00 PM

CIVIC HOLIDAYS: 8:30 AM in Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM or any time by appointment.

OTHER SACRAMENTS

For information regarding BAPTISMS, R.C.I.A., HOLY MATRIMONY, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK, please visit our website or call us at the rectory phone number.

Para obtener información sobre BAUTISMOS, R.I.C.A., MATRIMONIO, EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA Y UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS, visite nuestro sitio web o llámenos al número de teléfono de la rectoría.

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday: 9:00 AM - 4:00PM, Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Please call to make an appointment with a priest.

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Daily Mass Intentions- Week of January 3rd, 2021

Saturday, January 2, (Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Drs. of the Church)

8:30AM Aida Cuadra Barnett (Gail Cousins)
5:00PM Romeo Dapito (Ocfemia Family)

Sunday, January 3, (Epiphany Of The Lord)

8:00AM Rosary Society
10:00AM Juan Gabriel Cortes (Nilsa Cortes)
11:00AM (St. Ann's) For the Residents
12:00NN Gemma Costa (Diana Palangio, Miriam Duro, Margaret Marlow & Angel Obando-Sanchez)

Monday, January 4, (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious)

7:00 AM Juan Troya (Family)
8:30AM Daniel Leone (Joseph Leone)

Tuesday, January 5, (St. John Neuman, Bishop)

7:00AM Cesar T. Celestino Jr. Birthday (Ester Celestino)
8:30AM Joseph Capan (Gail Cousins)

Wednesday, January 6, (St. Andre Bessette, Religious)

7:00AM Rita M. Miller (George Miller)
8:30AM Alfred Clacer (Rose Arney)
7:00PM Divino Niño

Thursday, January 7, (St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest)

7:00AM For the Corona Virus Victims
8:30AM Tomas & Elena Camposagrado (Melinda & Joel Camposagrado)

Friday, January 8,

7:00AM Cristina P. Mendoza (Ocfemia Family)
8:30AM Alfred Clacer (Rose Arney)
10:00AM (St. Ann's) For the Residents

Saturday, January 9,

8:30AM Benedicta Santos Birthday
5:00PM Dan Naegle (Lourdes Zeik-Chivi)

Sunday, January 10, (Baptism of the Lord)

8:00AM Priscilla Velasco (Velasco Family)
10:00AM Emmie Melendez Birthday (Nydia Rodriguez)
11:00AM (St. Ann's) For the Residents
12:00NN Fidel Macalalag (Macalalag Family)

Weekly Collection

Christmas: 2,319 Sunday: \$2,458

Repair: \$75 Retirement: \$68

Latin Mass: \$2,167

Anonymous Donation \$1,000

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Goal: \$16,720 Pledges: \$21,082.67

Received: \$20,454.67

Thank you for your generous contributions to our parish and to our Archdiocese.

**Epiphany of the Lord
January 3, 2021**

Today is the Feast of Epiphany of the Lord. Epiphany means, 'appearance.' or manifestation. This feast also was popularly known as the feast of the Three Kings. Epiphany commemorates and celebrates principally the self-revelation of Jesus Christ as the savior to the Gentiles. It is the feast of the universal church.

The adoration of the Magi fulfills the oracle of Isaiah prophesying that the nations of the world would travel to the Holy City following a brilliant light and would bring gold and incense to contribute to the worship of God.

Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 72) includes a

verse about kings coming from foreign lands to pay homage to a just king in Israel.

St. Paul's letter to the Church of Ephesus expresses God's secret plan in clear terms: *"the Gentiles are...copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.*

The three wise men or magi in today's gospel brought with them gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The three kings reached Jesus guided by a special star. When they found Jesus, they offered Him the gifts of gold, symbolizing the Kingship of Jesus, frankincense symbolizing the Divinity of Jesus and myrrh symbolizing Humanity of Jesus.

There were three groups of people who reacted to the Epiphany of Christ's birth. The first group, headed by King Herod the Great, tried to eliminate him, the second group, priests and scribes, ignored him, and the third group, represented by the shepherds and the Magi, came to adore him.

Let us make sure that we belong to the third group: by worshiping Jesus at Mass with the gold of our love, the myrrh of our humility and the frankincense of our adoration.

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Hoy es la Fiesta de la Epifanía del Señor. Epifanía significa "aparición" o manifestación. Esta fiesta también se conocía popularmente como la fiesta de los Reyes Magos. La epifanía conmemora y celebra principalmente la autorrevelación de Jesucristo como salvador de los gentiles. Es la fiesta de la iglesia universal.

La adoración de los Magos cumple el oráculo de Isaías profetizando que las naciones del mundo viajarían a la Ciudad Santa siguiendo una luz brillante y traerían oro e incienso para contribuir a la adoración de Dios.

El Salmo responsorial de hoy (Sal 72) incluye un versículo sobre reyes que vienen de tierras extranjeras para rendir homenaje a un rey justo en Israel.

La carta de San Pablo a la Iglesia de Éfeso expresa el plan secreto de Dios en términos claros: "los gentiles son.. coparticipes en la promesa en Cristo Jesús a través del Evangelio.

Los tres reyes magos del evangelio de hoy trajeron oro, incienso y mirra.

Los tres reyes llegaron a Jesús guiados por una estrella especial. Cuando encontraron a Jesús, le ofrecieron los regalos de oro, que simboliza el reinado de Jesús, el incienso que simboliza la divinidad de Jesús y la mirra que simboliza la humanidad de Jesús.

Hubo tres grupos de personas que reaccionaron a la Epifanía del nacimiento de Cristo. El primer grupo, encabezado por el rey Herodes el Grande, intentó eliminarlo, el segundo grupo, sacerdotes y escribas, lo ignoraron, y el tercer grupo, representado por los pastores y los magos, llegó a adorarlo.

Asegurémonos de pertenecer al tercer grupo: adorando a Jesús en la Misa con el oro de nuestro amor, la mirra de nuestra humildad y el incienso de nuestra adoración.

**God Bless you,
Rev. Thomas Thottungal, Pastor**



Parish Announcements

THANK YOU

Our hoodie, t-shirt, mask fundraiser for the youth disciples was a great success. We raised just about \$2,400 for our youth disciples. Special thank you to Wendy for creating this year's design. Thank you so much to everyone for your support. God bless the youth of our parish!

Nuestra recaudación de fondos de capuchas, camisetas y máscaras para los jóvenes discípulos fue un gran éxito. Recaudamos aproximadamente \$ 2,400 para nuestros jóvenes discípulos. Un agradecimiento especial a Wendy por crear el diseño de este año. Muchas gracias a todos por su apoyo. ¡Dios bendiga a la juventud de nuestra parroquia!



2021 Hymnals

Due to COVID restrictions we cannot have hymnals in the pews. You can purchase a copy of this years' hymnal before or after Mass. The English copy is \$5 and contains the music and the Sunday readings for the entire liturgical year.

Debido a las restricciones de COVID, no podemos tener himnarios en los bancos. Puede comprar una copia del himnario de este año por antes o después de la misa. El himnario en español cuesta \$3 y tiene las lecturas para cada domingo del año.

Giving Tree

We would like to thank all the parishioners who chose an ornament from our Giving Tree this year. You graciously gave your time and treasure to provide others in our community with the joy of Christmas. God teaches that those who give much will receive much. Your generosity is a blessing to us.

Nos gustaría agradecer a todos los feligreses que eligieron un adorno de nuestro árbol de donaciones este año. Usted amablemente dio su tiempo y su tesoro para brindar a otros en nuestra comunidad la alegría de la Navidad. Dios enseña que aquellos que dan mucho, recibirán mucho. Tu generosidad es una bendición para nosotros.

Food Pantry

We would like to thank all the parishioners who made donations to our food pantry during 2020. This year has been especially difficult for many in our community due to the economic struggles caused by the pandemic. Your efforts to provide nourishment to others is a direct response to Jesus' teaching that we must care for our neighbors.

Nos gustaría agradecer a todos los feligreses que hicieron donaciones a nuestra despensa de alimentos durante el 2020. Este año ha sido especialmente difícil para muchos en nuestra comunidad debido a las luchas económicas causadas por la pandemia. Sus esfuerzos por proporcionar alimento a los demás es una respuesta directa a la enseñanza de Jesús de que debemos cuidar a nuestro prójimo.

Humor Corner



Food for thought

“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is the success.”

Henry Ford-

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