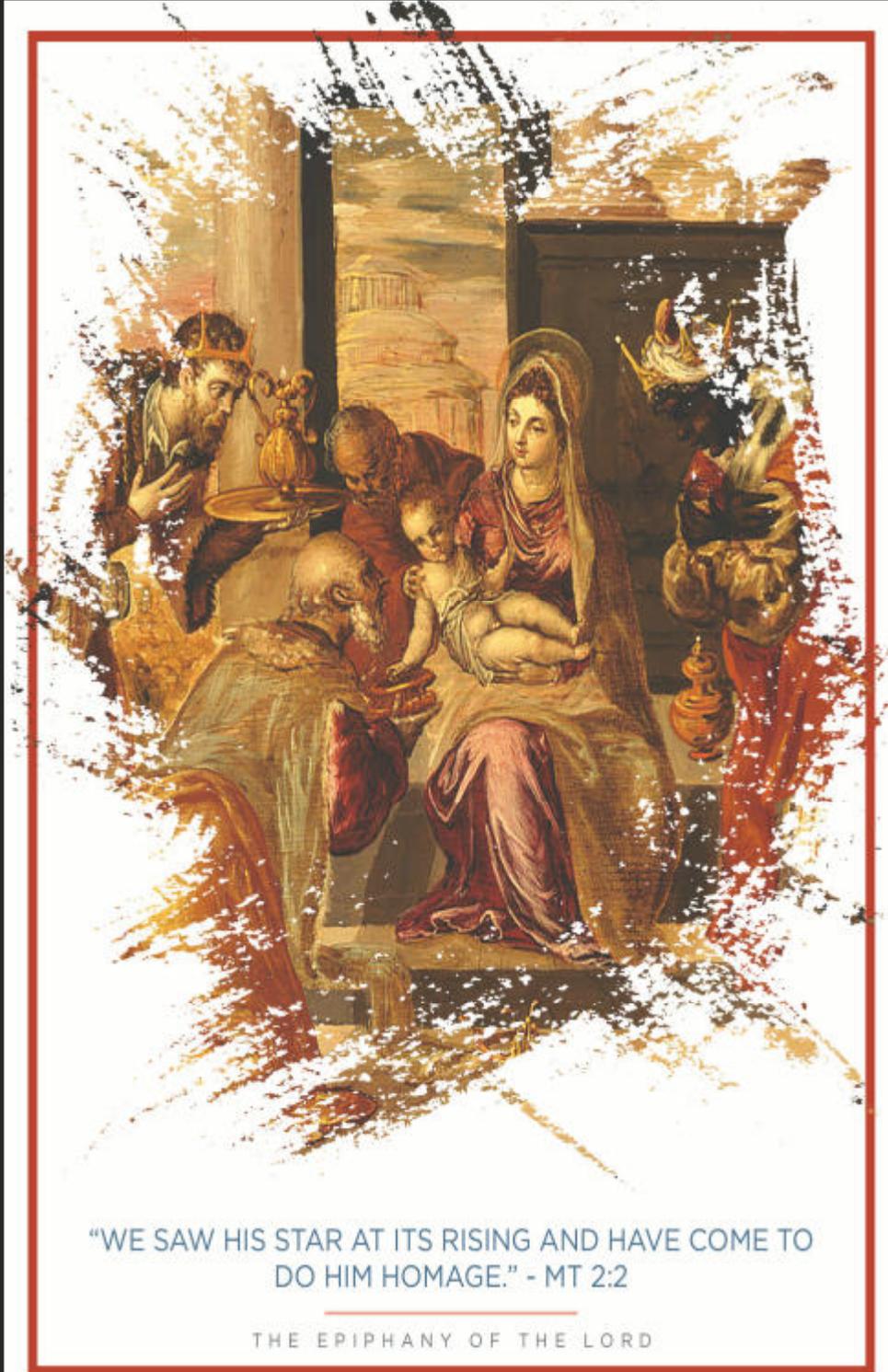




Saint Christopher Catholic Church

Mission Statement:

“St. Christopher Catholic Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist; Proclaims, Witnesses, and Shares the Good News of Jesus Christ. We invite all of you to join us as we live our faith!”



“WE SAW HIS STAR AT ITS RISING AND HAVE COME TO DO HIM HOMAGE.” - MT 2:2

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Baptism: Please contact the office for information or send an email to reception@stchristophermarana.com. Parents and Godparents must attend a class before the baptism.

Marriage: Engaged Couples planning to marry must contact the parish office at least six months in advance.

Anointing of The Sick: The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is for the spiritual comfort, strength and healing of the ill. Please notify the church office when you or another parishioner would like to receive this Sacrament.

(Due to Covid-19 Priests in the DOT are restricted from visiting hospitals)

PARISH INFORMATION

MASS TIMES (DURING COVID-19):

Tue—Fri: NOON (outdoor)
SATURDAY: 5:00 pm Sunday Mass
SUNDAY: 7:00 am Mass
9:00 am Mass
11:00 am Santa Misa

Live-streaming of Sunday Mass
9am English & 11am Spanish

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm |
and by appointment

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:30 am – 5 pm

(face masks and safety protocols must be observed)

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READINGS FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
3 JANUARY 2021

Reading I: Is 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples;
but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory.
Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance.
Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you:
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.
Then you shall be radiant at what you see,
your heart shall throb and overflow,
for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you,
the wealth of nations shall be brought to you.
Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and
Ephah;
all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense,
and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

R.(cf. 11) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Reading II: Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of
God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely,
that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It
was not made known to people in other generations as it has
now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the
Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same
body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through
the gospel.

Gospel: Mt 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days
of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in
Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the
Jews? We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage." When King Herod
heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with
him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the
people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be
born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it
has been written through the prophet: And you,
Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among
the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called
the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of
the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said,
"Go and search diligently for the child. When you have
found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him
homage." After their audience with the king they set out.
And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising
preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place
where the child was. 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. And having been
warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed
for their country by another way.

Primera Lectura: Is 60, 1-6

Levántate y resplandece, Jerusalén,
porque ha llegado tu luz y la gloria del Señor alborea sobre ti.
Mira: las tinieblas cubren la tierra
y espesa niebla envuelve a los pueblos;
pero sobre ti resplandece el Señor
y en ti se manifiesta su gloria.
Caminarán los pueblos a tu luz
y los reyes, al resplandor de tu aurora.
Levanta los ojos y mira alrededor:
todos se reúnen y vienen a ti;
tus hijos llegan de lejos, a tus hijas las traen en brazos.
Entonces verás esto radiante de alegría;
tu corazón se alegrará, y se ensanchará,
cuando se vuelquen sobre ti los tesoros del mar
y te traigan las riquezas de los pueblos.
Te inundará una multitud de camellos y dromedarios,
procedentes de Madián y de Efa.
Vendrán todos los de Sabá
trayendo incienso y oro y proclamando las alabanzas del Señor.

Salmo Responsorial: 71, 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

R. (cf. 11) Que te adoren, Señor, todos los pueblos.

Segunda Lectura: Ef 3, 2-3a, 5-6

Hermanos: Han oído hablar de la distribución de la gracia de Dios,
que se me ha confiado en favor de ustedes. Por revelación se me
dio a conocer este misterio, que no había sido manifestado a los
hombres en otros tiempos, pero que ha sido revelado ahora por el
Espíritu a sus santos apóstoles y profetas: es decir, que por el
Evangelio, también los paganos son coherederos de la misma her-
encia, miembros del mismo cuerpo y partícipes de la misma
promesa en Jesucristo.

Evangelio: Mt 2, 1-12

Jesús nació en Belén de Judá, en tiempos del rey Herodes.
Unos magos de oriente llegaron entonces a Jerusalén y
preguntaron: "¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que acaba de
nacer? Porque vimos surgir su estrella y hemos venido a
adorarlo".
Al enterarse de esto, el rey Herodes se sobresaltó y toda Je-
rusalén con él. Convocó entonces a los sumos sacerdotes y a
los escribas del pueblo y les preguntó dónde tenía que nacer
el Mesías. Ellos le contestaron: "En Belén de Judá, porque
así lo ha escrito el profeta: Y tú, Belén, tierra de Judá, no
eres en manera alguna la menor entre las ciudades ilustres de
Judá, pues de ti saldrá un jefe, que será el pastor de mi pue-
lo, Israel".
Entonces Herodes llamó en secreto a los magos, para que le
precisaran el tiempo en que se les había aparecido la estrella
y los mandó a Belén, diciéndoles: "Vayan a averiguar
cuidadosamente qué hay de ese niño y, cuando lo encuen-
tren, avísenme para que yo también vaya a adorarlo".
Después de oír al rey, los magos se pusieron en camino, y de
pronto la estrella que habían visto surgir, comenzó a guiar-
los, hasta que se detuvo encima de donde estaba el niño. Al
ver de nuevo la estrella, se llenaron de inmensa alegría.
Entraron en la casa y vieron al niño con María, su madre, y
postrándose, lo adoraron. Después, abriendo sus cofres, le
ofrecieron regalos: oro, incienso y mirra. Advertidos durante
el sueño de que no volvieran a Herodes, regresaron
a su tierra por otro camino.

MEDITATION

“Where is that thing?” mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. “I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!” Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, “Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear.” The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

“And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.” The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God’s tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God’s salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God’s healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 03, 2020

Sun: 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
Mon: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tue: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
Wed: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
Thu: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/
Lk 4:14-22a
Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/
Jn 3:22-30
Sun: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/
Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/
1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

MASS INTENTIONS

† = Deceased

Saturday, January 2nd, 2021

5:00pm Frances Morales (Birthday)

†All souls in purgatory

Sunday, January 3rd, 2021

7:00am †Kenneth Potzunik

9:00am Marie, John & Natt Limov

11:00am Familia Castro (Bienestar)

†Petra Chavez Villa

†Guadalupe Elizarraras

†Otilia Rodriguez Zamora

María Esther Elizarraras (Cumpleaños)

Tuesday, January 5th

Noon Communion service

Wednesday, January 6th

Noon Communion service

Thursday, January 7th

Noon Communion service

Friday, January 8th

Noon Communion service

To request a Mass intention, please call or stop by the office.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

* ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT *

* ADORACION DEL SANTISIMO SACRAMENTO *

Friday 9:30am-5pm

Daily Mass

OUTDOOR AT NOON



Ready for more in life? Ready to put Christ at the center instead of fitting him in? A new year begs for new beginnings. Take the next step in becoming a complete Man of Christ. See you soon.

(face masks and safety protocols must be observed)

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

	<u>Christmas</u>	<u>12/27/20</u>
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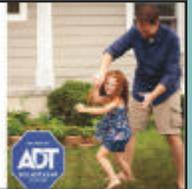
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