

# St. Mary, Our Lady of the Lake

6100 Lohman Ford Road • Lago Vista, Texas 78645

January 2, 2022



*They were overjoyed at  
seeing the star*

## MASS SCHEDULE


Saturday: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m.  
Holy Days: 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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## SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### SACRAMENTAL LIFE



**Baptism:** The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the third Sunday of the month following the Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass. If you have a child that you would like to have baptized, or have been asked to be a godparent, please contact the parish office. Classes are held by appointment.

**Reconciliation:** Confessions are heard every Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Saturday from 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m., and anytime by appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick:** The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is offered on the first Saturday of each month, following the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Those who are seriously ill, elderly, facing or recovering from surgery, or women who are pregnant are welcome to celebrate this Sacrament of healing. If you or a loved one would like to celebrate this at any other time, please contact the parish office.

**Marriage:** Couples preparing for marriage should contact the parish office six months prior to the planned wedding date. No date can be scheduled until an initial meeting.


### DEVOTIONS

**Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament** is held following the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesdays until 10:30 a.m.

**Rosary:** The Rosary is prayed every Wednesday following the 9:00 a.m. Mass, during Adoration.

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** is prayed every Friday following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

### MISSION STATEMENT



*We, the parishioners of St. Mary, Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, as modern-day disciples, dedicate ourselves to the task of carrying on the mission of Jesus Christ with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.*

*We will accomplish this through our unique gifts of worship, stewardship, reaching out to members of the community in this place and time, and by living the commandment of Jesus to love one another as he loves us.*



## SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

### SAINTS, READINGS AND MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Sunday, January 2

#### Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

*Is 60:1- 6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12*

*Mass Intentions 4:00 p.m. Saturday Doug DeGroot  
8:30 a.m. Sunday For the People of St. Mary's  
11:00 a.m. Sunday Smith/Grapp Families*

#### Monday, January 3

#### The Most Holy Name of Jesus

*1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25*

#### Tuesday, January 4

#### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

*1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44  
Mass Intention 9:00 a.m. Kim Courville †*

#### Wednesday, January 5

#### St. John Neumann, Bishop

*1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52  
Mass Intention 9:00 a.m. Lofton Family*

#### Thursday, January 6

#### St. André Bessette, Religious

*1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a  
Mass Intention 9:00 a.m. Msgr. Joseph J. Schmitt †*

#### Friday, January 7

#### St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

*1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16  
Mass Intention 9:00 a.m. Rick Piazza and Sons, Jason and John †*

#### Saturday, January 8

*1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30*

## PRAYER REQUEST LIST

*All names will remain on the prayer request list  
for two months. To add, delete or renew someone,  
please call the office.*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Justin Logullo</li> <li>• Van Eman Family</li> <li>• Jesse &amp; Carol Cowart</li> <li>• Paul Normand</li> <li>• Anne Fiedler</li> <li>• Phil Howard</li> <li>• Alicia Blanco</li> <li>• Aubre Davis</li> <li>• Nancy Keck</li> <li>• Webster Veade</li> <li>• Mike Schneider</li> <li>• Kay Schneider</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan Broxterman</li> <li>• Estela Lopez †</li> <li>• Dee Graff</li> <li>• Alice Michalec</li> <li>• Stephen Coffey Jr.</li> <li>• Doug Degroot</li> <li>• Flor Lopez †</li> <li>• Carol Christ †</li> <li>• Matthew Novelli</li> <li>• Josephine Driver</li> <li>• Connor Parkinson</li> <li>• Shelly and Ryan Dennison</li> </ul> |
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## Birthdays

- January 1** Marah Alatorre-Francis, Miguel Rocha, Caryl Yannitell
- January 2** Matthew Bailey, Manfred Burkman
- January 3** Wyatt Herring, Patrick Schillhab
- January 4** Onesimo Banda, Michael Rocha, John Vasquez
- January 5** Mario Barrios, Jaime Castaneda, Ernie Francois, Layla Preece
- January 6** Krisna Martinez, Dorothy Runge, Joseph Whitehead
- January 7** Araceli Castaneda, Laura Dennis, Celena Roberts
- January 8** Aleah Culver, Aviana Heine

### Announcing our First International Epiphany Pot Luck hosted by the Women's Guild.



### This Sunday!

The Epiphany Pot Luck will be after the 11a.m. Mass on January 2nd in the PAC. All families are cordially invited to attend our First International Epiphany Pot Luck. Please bring a dish or dessert that represents your family heritage for everyone to share. There should be a great variety of foods for all to enjoy. Along with the food there will be coffee, tea, and lemonade furnished by the Women's Guild. You will find a sign-up sheet in the PAC to let us know what you will be bringing and how many will be attending. Hope to see you all there as we Celebrate Epiphany!



If you are interested in donating the flowers for the altar in honor or in memory of someone, please call the parish office. The donation is \$35.

## STEWARDSHIP

*God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Cor 9:7*

290 People in Attendance on December 18-19, 2021

	Dec. 18-19	Goal	To-Date	Difference
Weekly Offertory.....	\$6,399.00	\$6,100.00	-	\$299.00
Annual Goal.....	-	\$152,500.00	\$157,987.00	\$5,487.00
Building Maintenance.....	\$147.00	-	\$15,898.00	
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$3,237.00	-	\$24,011.00	
Home Missions.....	\$25.00			
Immaculate Conception....	\$80.00			

Please continue to support our parish financially in the coming months. An easy option for giving is on-line stewardship. Go to [www.stmaryourlady.org](http://www.stmaryourlady.org), then click on the icon. Online giving has an option for targeted donations. Please add a gift note to designate your beneficiary.

*Thank you for your generosity of heart.*

*The Epiphany of the Lord - January 2, 2022*

*"I really only love God as much as I love the person I love the least." - Dorothy Day*

*Matthew 6:33*

Dear Parish Family,



For most everywhere else, the trees have been taken down, the decorations have been put away, and radio stations have stopped playing the carols that started to air around Thanksgiving time, if not right after Halloween. If you look out there, it seems that Christmas has been over for some time now. You can even find Valentine's Day candy on the store shelves, and the Easter items won't be too far behind! But we still are very much in the Christmas Season! With today's feast of the Epiphany, we continue to celebrate the great mystery of the Incarnation – the fact that the Word of God, the Christ, became human – one of us. Today the

Christmas season reaches its apex whereby we commemorate the manifestation of God to all the nations. God's great gift of salvation, through Christ, is for everyone.

A little bit of history: The earliest known celebration of Christ's birth dates from the third century in Egypt, with it being celebrated on January 6. This date also became associated with Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River since that event was considered to be his birth into this world as the Christ. Because of this, it also became important to celebrate the Baptism of Christians on this date as well. January 6 also became a day to remember Christ's glory being shown for the first time in his changing the water into wine at the wedding feast of Cana. So with all of this in mind, the manifestation of Christ shown to the world – through his birth, his baptism, and his first miracle – was celebrated from very early on.

The western Church in Rome, however, chose December 25 as the day to celebrate Christmas, at least since the fourth century. Frankly, we're not quite sure why this date was chosen. One theory is that Christians placed a celebration of Christ on the same day as the pagan winter solstice celebration of the "unconquered sun." By asserting the Christian symbolism of Christ as the light of the world, this feast successfully competed with, and eventually replaced the pagan celebration.

In any event, by the second half of the fourth century, East and West adopted each other's dates (December 25 and January 6), but parceled out differently the events commemorated. So, in the East, on December 25, the birth of Jesus and the visit of the Magi were remembered, and on January 6, Jesus' baptism and the wedding at Cana were recalled, with Christian Baptism also being celebrated then. In the West, the birth was remembered on December 25, and the Magi's visit celebrated on January 6. This is the tradition that has continued to our own times now, except for those countries where the Epiphany is not a holy day of obligation, as is here in the United States. For us, the feast has been transferred to the Sunday nearest to January 6.

Essentially, what we are celebrating today is the manifestation of Christ to the entire world – the universality of the Christian message as represented by the Magi: the *beyond or distant lands and peoples* for whom Christ has come. But the Magi also represent the former ways of thinking,

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## Pastor's Letter continued

wondering, and philosophizing before the coming of Christ. These “Wise Men” are presented as those who surrender to the new display of the One God who is for all. Likewise, *God is now known* as the One who actually does the seeking and the finding. The Magi are the figures of the *world* that sought God, but *it is the Light of God coming into the world that is initiated by God* – the Light meant for the whole world.

What this story is about, then, is the revelation that human wisdom searches for more than it can understand. What is revealed is *not an idea or principle*, but a *Person* – *Jesus*. In prostrating themselves, as the gospel says, the Magi admit the overconfidence of their former human ways of thinking and *surrender* to the truth of the only One who can satisfy all human wondering. It is the same for us as well. We are invited to prostrate ourselves before him and lay down our *thoughts* and intellects – our *gold* – and surrender to the gift of Christ among us. So, as we continue the celebration of Christmas, let us reflect on how each of us can be an *Epiphany* for others, showing the light of Christ to all whom we meet.

May God's richest blessings always be manifest in your lives.

**Father Ed**

## PARISH NEWS

### ST. MARY, OUR LADY OF THE LAKE WOMEN'S GUILD 2021 MAGI TREE GIFT PROGRAM

Through the generous donations from parish families, the Magi Tree made Christmas special for some children and families. Again, this year, over 100 gifts were presented to 47 children, and food and gift cards to the 16 families of these children.



We are grateful to everyone who purchased gifts and so creatively wrapped them for the children, baked cookies for the family bags, and to our cash and gift card donors. We are also grateful for all the volunteers who helped in so many ways. Paty LeBlanc was persistent

in helping families complete request forms. On our first workday, Jesus' elves including Zorina Adashefski, Vi Peek, Mary Dolch, Rose Scott, Sylvia Valls helped sort gifts, wrap knitted stocking hats and prepare candy & cookie bags. On gift distribution day, Jesus' elves included Lisa Bulot & Skylar, Mary Dolch, Rose Scott and Mike & Sylvia Valls.

The receiving families were deeply grateful for the children's gifts and the family food boxes. Some were moved to tears! One little girl had her gift wish granted – and she had been wishing for three years!

St. Mary, Our Lady of the Lake can be proud our generosity and kindness shown through the Magi Tree Gift Program.



On Saturday, December 18, Fr. Ed and Fr. Raj concelebrated the Tamil Mass. Above, Fr. Raj speaks with the children about what Christmas is really all about.

## DIOCESAN NEWS



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### Parent Information Session:

**January 21, 2022, 8:30 – 10:30 am**

This will be our final Prospective Parent Information Session for this school year. Interested families are invited to attend the session. These sessions expose parents to the school community, with a tour of the beautiful campus, presentations from administration and students, and a review of the admission process.

### A Taste of Savio:

**Saturday, March 26, 2022, 10am – 1pm**

Current 5th through 7th grade students are invited to experience Savio in a most unique way. Join us on campus for “A Taste of Savio”. A fun filled event led by Savio students, faculty, staff, and coaches, where prospective students will engage in a variety of academic, athletic, and fine arts activities of their choice.

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## Looking for a great place to Volunteer?

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### Are you new to the parish?

If you are new to the parish, please fill out a registration card and take it to the parish office at your earliest convenience so we can properly welcome you into the parish. The registration cards are on the table on the right as you enter the narthex. You may also put it in the collection basket.

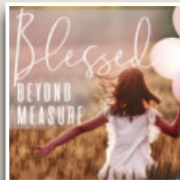
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### Child Protection and Safety Notice



Young children should never be allowed to roam unsupervised whether in a parish building or on parish grounds. It is recommended that all children under the age of 10 be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times within the church and PAC such as to restrooms, cry room, etc. This is for the safety and well-being of all our children.

### Join the Saint Vincent de Paul Ministry

A Christian serves his fellow men, he can do this alone, but often more positively by being a member of a society which provides a wide range of opportunities.

#### *The SVdP Ministry is easy to join*

An applicant must complete the **Diocese Application** and complete the **Ethics in Ministry Workshop**. No other special qualifications are required.

If the Society of St. Vincent de Paul appeals to you and you want to learn more, please call 512-267-0091, leave your name and phone number stating your interest in our SVdP Ministry. A Vincentian from St. Mary's Society of SVdP will return your call.

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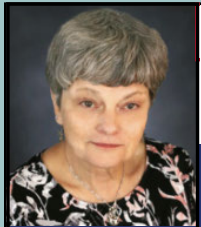
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