

SAN ANDRES

Catholic Church

JANUARY 3, 2020 | The Epiphany of the Lord

PARISH INFORMATION

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday
9:00am-3:00pm

Friday: CLOSED
Phone Calls only

MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00pm English
Vigil: 7:00pm Spanish

Sunday 8:00am Spanish
10:30am English

Daily Mass 9:00am

READINGS

Sunday
First Reading: Is 60:1-6
Second Reading: Ep 3:2-3a 5-6
Gospel: Mt 2: 1-12

Daily Mass
Tuesday: Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: Mt 6:45-52
Thursday: Lk 4:14-22a

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

Wednesdays from 10am-12pm

CONFESSION

Wednesdays from 10am-12pm



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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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



First Reading: These verses turn once again to words of boundless hope for Jerusalem's future, a theme that had been interrupted by chapters 56-59, chapters that revealed the difficulty experienced by the exiles who had returned to Jerusalem from Babylon. Once more, the message of this prophetic book demands that we look toward a "brighter" future, a future that stretches the imagination and challenges the faith of its listeners and readers, year after year. Lost in the NAB translation of the opening verse is the double imperative: "Arise, shine," which, as Walter Brueggemann reminds us, is a summons for Jerusalem "to arise out of despair and lethargy into hope and buoyancy." There is, indeed, reason for Israel to hope. The Lord "shines" upon this people. God is in their midst! A reversal of fortune is taking place. Jerusalem will no longer be insignificant among the nations. Now, other lands will depend upon Jerusalem for light. Another double imperative occurs in verse 4, "raise your eyes, look about." When Jerusalem does this, it will see a variety of people streaming toward it: exiles returning home, as well peoples from other lands, laden with rich gifts. Among these gifts are gold and frankincense, treasures the magi present to the newborn king in Matthew's gospel reading for today. This text, as several commentaries have noted, indicate that God's glory and Jerusalem's restoration are closely connected. Verse 7, which is not included in today's lectionary reading, seems to emphasize this point as it continues to name gifts that will be brought to the holy city, "flocks and rams," animals that will be offered upon the altar. Thus, the restoration of Jerusalem and the praise of God are intimately related. *By: Maribeth Howell, OP, www.liturgy.com.*

Gospel: This is the famous story of the un-named astrologers, magoi, whose number has come down to us as three because three gifts were presented to the Christ-child on the occasion of their visit. The story, unique to St. Matthew, is full of theological meaning. First, Matthew insists that the child is father to the man. As a man, this Jesus will disturb all Jerusalem, and the chief priests and scribes will be summoned, and he will be done to death. The same pattern of response is discernible in this story of the child Jesus. Jesus is Immanuel, "God with us," proclaimed so at the beginning and at the end of his gospel by Matthew [see 1.23 and 28.20]. But, while Jesus as God-with-us is most comforting, his presence demands

response. He presents challenge. The negative response at the end of the gospel is anticipated in the negative response at the beginning. The long shadow of the cross already stands over this child. Second, these astrologers are not Jews, but they have arrived "from the east." They are Gentiles. When these "un-chosen" Gentiles find the child with his mother, "they prostrated themselves and did him homage." They acknowledged God-with-us and worshiped him. When New Testament characters are un-named, their anonymity is purposeful. Its purpose is to invite us into the narrative. They are un-named so that we might find our name in them. We too are non-Jews, Gentiles, and we too are invited to discover where the child is. We too prostrate ourselves and do him homage when he truly becomes for us in our own lives Immanuel, God-with-us. His becoming Immanuel for us takes practice and time, time spent in regular conversation and colloquy, time of prayer. *By: Fr. Damien Daughtry, www.liturgy.com.*

FROM THE DIOCESE

Receiving Holy Communion in the hand only

Catholic bishops can restrict the manner of reception of holy Communion temporarily in extraordinary circumstances. A pandemic certainly qualifies as an extraordinary circumstance. According to the Church's law, the rights of the faithful are not absolute. The Code of Canon Law states in Canon 223 that 'in exercising their rights, Christ's faithful, both individually and in associations, must take account of the common good of the Church, as well as the rights of others and their own duties to others' and that 'ecclesiastical authority is entitled to regulate, in view of the common good, the exercise of rights which are proper to Christ's faithful.' "In addition, the bishop is the moderator of the liturgy in the diocese (see Canon 835, which states that 'the sanctifying office is exercised principally by bishops, who are the high priests, the principal dispensers of the mysteries of God and the moderators, promoters and guardians of the entire liturgical life in the Churches entrusted to their care"). *Diocese of Salt Lake City, UT*

"Life is always a good. ... Why is life a good? This question is found everywhere in the Bible, and from the very first pages it receives a powerful and amazing answer. The life which God gives man is quite different from the life of all other living creatures, inasmuch as man, although formed from the dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7, 3:19; Job 34:15; Ps 103:14; 104:29), is a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory (cf. Gen 1:26-27; Ps 8:6). This is what Saint Irenaeus of Lyons wanted to emphasize in his celebrated definition: 'Man, living man, is the glory of God'. Man has been given a sublime dignity, based on the intimate bond which unites him to his Creator: in man there shines forth a reflection of God himself" (The Gospel of Life, n. 34.Priestforlife.org)

PARISH NEWS

Quinceañera: Classes for Quinceañera: For classes please contact Conteza Bautista (385)423-1127

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Offering Envelopes: If you are interested in receiving envelopes for weekly offerings please fill out the form provided outside of the Parish Office. These envelopes are confidentially used to register your annual offerings.

SACRAMENTS

Pre-marital Classes

Please contact the Parish Office for more information or for details on English classes. 801-465-4782.

Pre-baptismal Classes

Please contact the Parish Office for more information or for details on English Classes. 801-465-4782.

(Baptisms are **the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 10am**, please keep this in mind when scheduling a baptism date. Thank you). Both Parents and God Parents must attend these classes. Please No Children Allowed during Baptismal Classes.

Important Note: Godparents must be Catholic and confirmed, have already received the holy sacrament of the Eucharist; if married, must be through the Catholic Church, have a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be assumed. (Canon Law 874)

SAN ISIDRO

FUNDRAISING GIVEAWAY

To collect funds for our sister Mission San Isidro Religious Education Classrooms. Each ticket will be a donation of \$25.00. If you donate \$100 (4 tickets) we will giveaway one free entry. You can stop by the parish during office hours Monday-Thursday 9a-3pm to obtain a ticket/entry you can also contact the Parish office

Grand Prize: 2016 Black Nissan Sentra



FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE: During the celebrations of December 202 many people gave a lot of themselves, their gifts, their own time, unconditional dedication to the service of the parish and the community. There are so many that I'm afraid to name them and forget someone. But I would like to acknowledge the financial assistance of our benefactors, those families who have supported the economy of the parish of San Andres and the Mission of San Isidro especially during these difficult time during the pandemic. It also emphasizes recognizing the coordinators of the Catechesis: Humberto and Alma Uribe. In voluntary service to the parish and mission: Angelina Ceja, Luis and Brenda Albor, Helen & Clement Kester, Sara Asbridge & Family, Amy Lyman, Elva Alvarado, Dolores García, Gricelda López, Eduardo Parodi, Rocio Ramirez, Fidencio and his choir, Luis y Kenya Rodriguez, Olga, Maria del Carmen, the De La Torre family, and Maria del Carmen and family. The Choir's: Cristian Muñoz, Lorraine Casas, Roberto Solano Sr. & Jr., Melvin Téllez, Fidencio Sánchez, Juan C. Plascencia. The Knights of Columbus, and SAWS. To all Ministers and Servers and Altar Servers. Thank you all who in a direct and indirect way have put your grain of sand at the service of the community. May, in this new year 2021, the Lord fill you and your families with many blessings.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Collection for Our Lady of Guadalupe

Regular:	\$1,256.00
Flower Donation:	\$520.00

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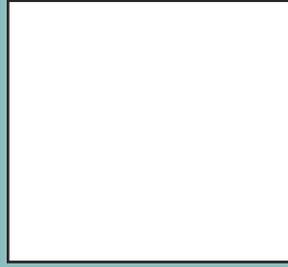
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