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SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
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WELCOME TO ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

BIENVENIDOS A LA PARROQUIA DE SAN FRANCISCO DE ASÍS

New to the parish?

Welcome Home!

God called you here for a reason.

If you would like to register, you can go online and register. If you have any trouble registering online, please call or come to the Parish Office. We are happy to help you.

Eres nuevo en la parroquia?

Bienvenido a Casa!

Dios te ha llamado por una razón.

Te gustaría registrarte?

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LITURGICAL

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion-Marilynn Scott

Sacristans-Marilynn Scott

Lectors-Michele Pritchard

Altar Servers-Maria Bowman

Music-Roberto Vallin

Hospitality-Saul de Casas

FORMATION

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)-

Sr. Madeline Fitzgerald

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Interim Director of Religious Education- Norman Saucedo

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Marriage Preparation-Dn. Jose & Magy Maldonado

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Queen of Peace Devotions-John Haddock

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Jail Ministry-Sr. Madeline Fitzgerald

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Creation Care-Teresa Reichle

Streaming-Roberto Vallin

Boy Scouts-Aaron Insko

Festival Organization Committee-Edgardo Avila

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Sacristanes-Vanessa Mendoza

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Lectores-Yolanda Guerrero

Hospitalidad-Elizabeth Quiroz

Música-Roberto Vallin

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Grupo de Jóvenes Adultos-Claudia Cabrera

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Video-Roberto Vallin

Comite de Organizacion del Festival-Edgardo Avila

LET US PRAY OREMOS

PLEASE PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS, FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE RECENTLY PASSED AWAY.
Oremos por los difuntos de nuestra Parroquia y sus familiares.

Alfonso Escutia†

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH.
Oremos por los enfermos de la Parroquia.

Dennis Easterling, Cristol Hernandez,
Jacen Castillo, Louie Perez, Benicio Rodriguez.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ALL THE PRIESTS,
FOR THE PRIESTS IN OUR DIOCESE AND FOR
THE VOCATIONS.

Oremos por todos los Sacerdotes,
por los de nuestra Diócesis y por
las vocaciones.

Daily Prayer for Vocations

Jesus, Lord of the harvest,
Look with love on this
portion of your vineyard.
Bless the Diocese of San
Diego with more priests
to shepherd your people,
Priests with hearts like
your own.
Mary, Mother of the
Church, pray for us.
Amen

Oración Diaria por las Vocaciones

Jesús, Señor de la cosecha,
mira con amor a ésta
porción de tu viña.
Bendice la Diócesis de San
Diego con más sacerdotes
que pastoreen a tu pueblo,
sacerdotes con un corazón
semejante al tuyo.
María, Madre de la Iglesia,
intercede por nosotros.
Amén

JANUARY ENERO	SAT 1 Pope Francis	SUN 2 Bishop Robert McElroy	MON 3 Bishop John Dolan
TUE 4 Bishop Ramon Bejarano	WED 5 Bishop Robert Brom	THU 6 Rev. Jose Castillo	FRI 7 Rev. Andrew Kunambi

PRAYER OF SAINT MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness and
snares of the devil;

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;

And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and
all evil spirits who wander through the world for
the ruin of souls.

Amen

ORACIÓN A SAN MIGUEL ARCANGEL

San Miguel Arcangel, defiendenos en la lucha;
sé nuestro amparo contra la perversidad
y las asechanzas del demonio.

Que Dios manifieste sobre él su poder,
es nuestra humilde súplica.

Y tú, Príncipe de la milicia celestial, con la fuerza
que Dios te ha conferido, arroja al infierno a
Satanás y a los demás espíritus malignos que
vagan por el mundo para la perdición de las
almas. Amén.



MASS INTENTIONS MISAS OFRECIDAS

SATURDAY/SÁBADO 1/1 SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD			
9:00 AM	English	Fr. Ruben Dn. Ron	People of our Parish
11:00 AM	Spanish	Fr. Andrew Dn. Pedro	Por la Comunidad Parroquial
4:00 PM	English	Fr. Andrew Dn. Jose L.	People of our Parish
6:00 PM	Spanish	Fr. Marco Dn. Juan	Belen Silva (Sp. Int)
SUNDAY/DOMINGO 1/2 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD			
7:00 AM	English	Fr. Andrew PD Victor	Alice Kovach †
9:00 AM	English	Fr. Andrew Dn. Ron	Franca Marrone †, Carla de Angelis †, Gilda Mazzella † Peter Hai Nguyen †
11:00 AM	Spanish	Fr. Andrew Dn. Pedro	Kimberly & Hilary Santana Manzano & familia (Sp. Int), Jose Asuncion Tapia Limon †, Consuelo Coronado
1:00 PM	Spanish	Fr. Ruben Dn. Juan	Gustavo Fernando Urdaneta Perez †
5:00 PM	English	Fr. Andrew PD Wayne	People of our Parish
7:00 PM	Spanish	Fr. Marco Dn. Jose L.	Gustavo Fernando Urdaneta Perez †, Cristobal Hernandez (Sp. Int)
MONDAY/LUNES 1/3			
8:00 AM	English	Fr. Ruben PD Wayne	Henry Armenta (Sp. Int)
7:00 PM	Spanish	Fr. Ruben Dn. Juan	Ana Cristinita Hernandez (Sp. Int), Cristobal Hernandez (Sp. Int)
TUESDAY/MARTES 1/4			
8:00 AM	English	Fr. Andrew PD Victo	People of our Parish
7:00 PM	Spanish	Fr. Marco Dn. Jose L.	Francisca Baltazar †
WEDNESDAY/MIÉRCOLES 1/5			
8:00 AM	English	Fr. Andrew PD Wayne	Jacen Castillo (Sp. Int)
7:00 PM	Spanish	Fr. Marco Dn. Juan	
THURSDAY/JUEVES 1/6			
8:00 AM	English	Fr. Andrew PD Victo	People of our Parish
7:00 PM	Spanish	Fr. Marco Dn. Juan	Sandra Villavicencio †, Vidal Colin †, Jose Villavicencio †, Maria Gastelum (Sp. Int)
FRIDAY/VIERNES 1/7			
4:00 PM	English	Fr. Andrew Dn. Wayne	Vita Barrera Rosas (Sp. Int)
6:00 PM	Spanish	Fr. Marco Dn. Juan	People of our Parish
Celebrants Subject to Change Celebrantes Sujetos a Cambios			



TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING - 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.

PSALM - PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

SECOND READING - 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 co-heirs, 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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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WEEKLY READINGS-READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

DAY	1ST READING	PSALM	2ND READING	GOSPEL
Sunday	Is 60:1-6	Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13	Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6	Mt 2:1-12
Monday	1 Jn 3:22—4:6	Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a		Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday	1 Jn 4:7-10	Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8		Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday	1 Jn 4:11-18	Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13		Mk 6:45-52
Thursday	1 Jn 4:19—5:4	Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17		Lk 4:14-22a
Friday	1 Jn 5:5-13	Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20		Lk 5:12-16
Saturday	1 Jn 5:14-21	Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b		Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday	Is 42:1-4, 6-7	Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10	Acts 10:34-38	Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

THE LIGHT OF THE MOON

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

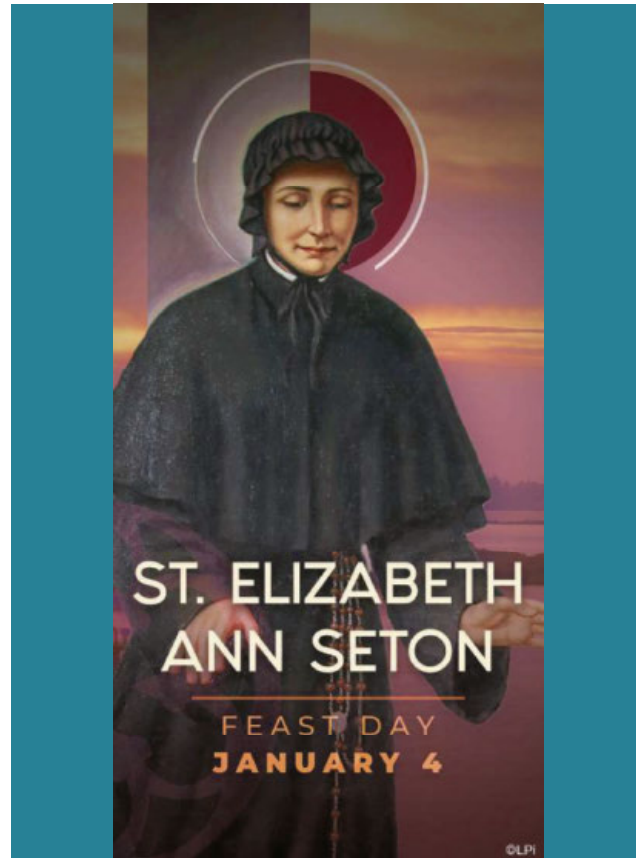
What happens to a consecrated host if it accidentally falls to the ground?

Answer:

This is a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled? If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).

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The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

SATURDAY 1 JANUARY	Feast of Mary, Mother of God English 9am and 4pm Spanish 11am and 6pm
SUNDAY 2 JANUARY	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Attention: ALL LEADERSHIP

All Ministers who are involved in Church Ministry or who wish to be involved are invited to Ministry Day.

MINISTRY DAY REVIVED

Welcome Back!

January 22nd, 2022 in Saint Clare Hall

After Mass until 11:00am

Speaker: Liz Sumner RN, BSN, MA

Liz Sumner is a member of the Diocesan Advisory Council and former director of the state initiative 2017 – 2018 – “Caring for the Whole Person” and is willing to share her expertise with us. She has a distinguished career in hospice, bereavement support and palliative care for all ages. Liz has a long history with the catholic church, educating religious leaders and parishioners on, end of life issues, directives and grief across the lifespan.

Topics:

- Reconnecting with your Church Family.
- Helping our community to feel loved, worthy, and wanted.
- Bringing peace and support for the sick and dying and their caregivers.
- How Caring for the Whole Person applies to your ministry?

Any Questions call 760-945-8040 after January 10th.

THANKS TO THE WHOLE PARISH

Congratulations to the Rosales family, the winner of a 43in LG Color TV. Our raffle was held on Saturday, December 18, 2021. The grand total was \$ 6, 311.00 Thanks to everyone who took part and helped the Youth Ministry, Confirmation Program to make this contest a success.



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER
SHAWN CARNEY
Author & CEO, President and Co-Founder of 40 Days for Life

RETROUVAILLE

A LIFE LINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

JANUARY 14-16, 2022

Not willing to let go of your marriage? Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope.

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together.

For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, call 951-259-9474 or visit our website: <https://www.helpourmarriage-sandiego.org>

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Hope



THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE

If you or someone you know is suffering from a past abortion, please call us for more information. (858) 581-3022.

TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

Contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator
Mary Acosta at 858.490.8353 or
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KID'S CORNER-RINCÓN INFANTIL



PUZZLE

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

wise men king Mary
 child star gifts
 born worship dream

wsie mne W i s e m e n
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 wrsohpi _ _ _ _ _
 Mrya _ _ _ _ _
 gfsti _ _ _ _ _
 srta _ _ _ _ _

MISSION

Visit a planetarium to learn more about the star of Bethlehem.



MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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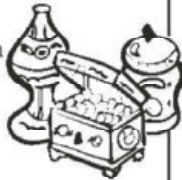
Rev. Ruben Arceo, Pastor

Who needs Jesus?

One Minute Meditations

Laying our gifts at the feet of the King

The three Wise Men gave Jesus gifts worthy of a king. We can also present Him with our own royal gifts. While ours may not be actual gold, frankincense, and myrrh, we can still give to Him the best we have. Give God the first and the best of what you have and He will give you more than you can imagine in return.



Fall in love with God

From the moment God created you, he has been deeply in love with you. He made you deliberately so he could love you. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you" (Jeremiah 1:5). He waits for you like a parent anticipates the return of a beloved child. Don't let Him wait long.

"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ" (Ephesians 2:4-5).



Many today say that they don't have a need for Jesus. They go to work, have homes, put food on their tables, raise families without His help. In fact, daily activities go on but the world can't really make sense without Him.

Truth. The truth is in Christ, "*in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge*" (Colossians 2:3). We cannot understand the truth without Him. To make sense of the world, we need Jesus to lead us.

Life. The life we have will eventually end. To keep living, we need Jesus. "*I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father,*

but by me" (John 14:6). Eternal life comes through Him.

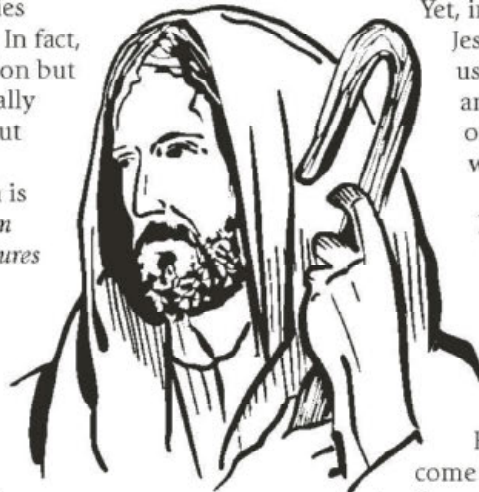
Death. None of us escapes death.

Yet, in the Resurrection, Jesus defeated death for us. It didn't hold Him and He offers the gift of life to each of us if we live in Him.

Sin. Even the holiest of us sins. Without Jesus, what becomes of us? He "*gave himself as a ransom for all*" (1 Timothy 2:6). If we don't accept

His price, our sins come back to us for eternity.

Suffering. Modern science can alleviate but not eliminate some of the world's suffering. Jesus provides comfort and healing to those who trust Him and surrender to Him.



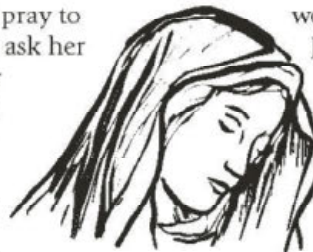
Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics pray to Mary?

Catholics don't pray to Mary, but instead ask her to pray for us. For example, the Hail Mary prayer asks the Mother of God to stay close to us in prayer.

While we don't

worship Mary, we honor her as Jesus' mother. On the Cross, Jesus gave her to us as our own mother (John 19:27). We can approach her with our needs and concerns and ask her to present them to Her Son. Mary always leads us to Him.



Three tips to boost your prayer

Prayer fuels our spiritual life, but praying effectively can be challenging. Even the saints had dry spells. Among these was the mystic and Carmelite reformer, St. Teresa of Avila. Try these suggestions from her to enliven your prayer:

Become aware of God's presence. It may feel as if God is distant, but He is so close. St. Teresa began by enjoying God's nearness. Know that He is with you and wants your company.

Bring a good book. St. Teresa, who struggled with dryness in prayer, kept a book with her. Scripture,



Lives of the Saints, or a book about the Faith can help us focus and spark conversation with Him.

Be honest. It is said that St. Teresa once fell into the mud and told God bluntly, "If this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few of them!" God wants to you to share all your experiences with Him – good and bad. Entrust your cares to Him and "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5).

from Scripture

Luke 4:21-30, God's will is unexpected

In this Gospel, Jesus returns to Nazareth after launching His public ministry. He announced He is the Messiah of Isaiah's prophecy. But then comes a twist: Jesus recounts a time when great prophets were sent to call Israel to repentance and were ignored and persecuted.

The response of faith God was looking for in His Chosen People was found elsewhere, in the Gentiles. Jesus' listeners doubted that He was really the Messiah and were deeply insulted at being reminded that "foreigners" had received God's favor instead of them. In anger, they threw Jesus out of the synagogue and tried to



cast Him off a cliff. He passed unharmed through their midst.

God's will can surprise us. For example, He willed that the Messiah-King be a local carpenter. God's favor extended beyond the Chosen People to include Gentiles, who were considered outsiders. Sometimes, we assume we know how God works, and lose faith when He does something that seems illogical. We can pray for the faith to see Jesus as He really is and trust Him, even if He does the unexpected.

Q & A Can you suggest a New Year's resolution to grow in Holiness?

All Christians are called to holiness. "Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). There are three tools on which every Catholic can rely to attain greater holiness.



Daily prayer. God meets us in a very real and present way when we come to him in prayer. Start in the morning and pray throughout the day.

Weekly Mass. The Mass is a sacrifice and a meal. We receive Jesus' body and blood as real food for our souls. He said, "For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him" (John 6:55-56). That's why we call it, "Communion."

Monthly Confession. Jesus created the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession) because he knew we would stray. He also knew we would want to come back. Frequent participation in this Sacrament sharpens our sense of sin, holds us accountable for our errors, and gives us the grace to keep trying for holiness.

Feasts & Celebrations

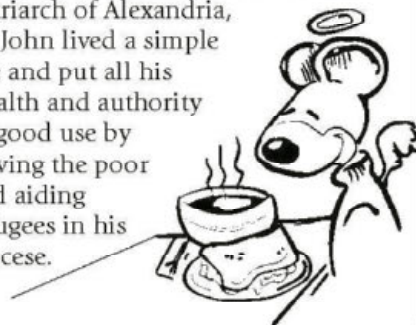
Jan. 1 – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. When we celebrate this feast, we honor Mary, and also Jesus, as true God and true Man.

Jan. 9 – Baptism of the Lord. Jesus began his public ministry by getting baptized by St. John the Baptist. The Heavens opened up and God the Father spoke, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

Jan. 14 – St. Macrina the Elder (340). St. Macrina was related to St. Basil the Elder and St. Macrina the

Younger. She and her husband were forced to flee during the Diocletian persecutions and endured many hardships. After her return, she helped raise her grandchildren Saints Gregory of Nyssa and Basil the Great.

Jan. 23 – St. John the Almsgiver (616). Despite being a noble and the Patriarch of Alexandria, St. John lived a simple life and put all his wealth and authority to good use by serving the poor and aiding refugees in his diocese.



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LECTURAS DE HOY

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 Efá. Vendrán todos los de Sabá trayendo incienso y oro y proclamando las alabanzas del Señor.

SALMO - SALMO 71, 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13

Se postrarán ante Ti, Señor, todos los pueblos de la tierra.

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 herencia, 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 Jerusalén 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 pueblo, 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 encuentren, avisenme 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 guiarlos, 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.

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO - ALENTAR ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

La Epifanía del Señor

Aun en estos tiempos, la humanidad continúa buscando la estrella, esa estrella que muchas veces se pierde entre la injusticia, el odio y la discriminación. Sin embargo, hay que seguir el camino y alzar los ojos al cielo para encontrar el centro de su luz.

“Levántate y brilla, que ha llegado tu luz y la Gloria de Yavé amaneció sobre ti (Isaías 60,1). La Gloria de la Manifestación de Jesús en su Evangelio y en la Eucaristía se hace presente entre nosotros en la Liturgia de hoy. El Papa Francisco nos explica acerca de la belleza de esta celebración. “La manifestación de Jesús, simbolizada por la luz: Levántate y resplandece, Jerusalén, porque llega tu luz; la Gloria del Señor amanece sobre ti”. Él nos exhorta al movimiento, a no quedarnos ahí fijos como estatuas sin hacer nada.

También, nos explica sobre la participación de los magos del Oriente y lo que ellos representan. “Los Magos, venidos de Oriente, representan a todos los pueblos lejanos de la fe judía tradicional: se dejan guiar por la estrella y se enfrentan a un largo y arriesgado viaje; se postran ante Jesús y le ofrecen regalos simbólicos: oro, incienso y mirra; la búsqueda del Señor implica también la generosidad del corazón” (1/6/2019). ¿Qué le estoy ofreciendo a Jesús en esta etapa de mi vida? ¿Qué tipo de manifestaciones he tenido de Dios a lo largo de mi vida? Pidamos, en esta Eucaristía, que la luz de Cristo se manifieste en estos tiempos turbulentos y oscuros que experimentamos en el mundo entero. Sigamos vigilantes, caminemos por sendas nuevas, sigamos el ejemplo de los Magos. Ellos, regresaron a su país por otro camino.

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LA LUZ DE LA LUNA

Si tienes un televisor que se ha encendido en algún momento durante el último mes, es probable que hayas captado al menos una escena o dos de la película clásica de 1946 "¡Que Bello es Vivir!"

Si no estás familiarizado con la película, esta sigue la vida de George Bailey desde la infancia hasta la edad adulta. Un soñador por naturaleza, George tiene grandes planes para sí mismo que involucran la exploración del mundo y la aventura, pero las obligaciones familiares y comunitarias lo mantienen atado al mismo lugar en el mapa, llevando una vida completamente ordinaria.

Una de las escenas más memorables de esa película es la de George bailando con su amada Mary mientras cantan "Buffalo Gals - ¿No saldrás esta noche / y bailarás a la luz de la luna?"

Esa letra siempre me llama la atención. Por supuesto, la luna no tiene luz propia. Todo lo que tiene la luna es la capacidad de reflejar la luz que la ilumina.

Lo mismo vale para nosotros; ¿no? Nuestra corresponsabilidad es puramente un reflejo de la gracia que nos ha otorgado otro. "Sobre ti resplandece el SENOR," escribe Isaías, "y sobre ti aparece su gloria." Toda buena acción que vayamos a tomar comienza en la mente de Dios. El hecho de que tengamos el honor de llevarlo a cabo en su nombre es un hermoso regalo. Es Dios quien hace que nuestras vidas ordinarias sean extraordinarias.

Al final de la película, George Bailey se da cuenta de que tuvo una vida mucho mejor porque, en lugar de ser el héroe de su propia historia, se permitió reflejar la bondad en los demás.

Recuerda: los magos no trazaron su propio curso. Simplemente siguieron la estrella.

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Los tres Reyes Magos entregaron a Jesús regalos dignos de un rey. Nosotros también podemos ofrecerle nuestros propios regalos reales. Aunque los nuestros no sean oro, incienso y mirra, podemos darle lo mejor que tengamos. Denle a Dios lo primero y lo mejor que tengan y él les dará a cambio más de lo que puedan imaginar.



Enamórense de Dios

Desde el momento que Dios los creó, ha estado profundamente enamorado de ustedes. Los creó expresamente para poder amarlos. "Antes de formarte en el seno de tu madre, ya te conocía" (Jeremías 1:5). Dios los espera como un padre aguarda el regreso de un hijo amado. No lo hagan esperar.

"Pero Dios, que es rico en misericordia, por el gran amor con que nos amó, precisamente cuando estábamos muertos a causa de nuestros pecados, nos hizo revivir con Cristo" (Efesios 2:4-5).



¿Quién necesita a Jesús?

Hoy día mucha gente dice que no necesita a Jesús. Van a trabajar, tienen hogares, ponen comida sobre la mesa, crían familias sin su ayuda. Lo cierto es que las actividades cotidianas siguen su marcha pero el mundo no tiene sentido sin Jesús.

Verdad. La verdad está en Cristo "en quien están ocultos todos los tesoros de la sabiduría y del conocimiento" (Colosenses 2:3). No podemos entender la verdad sin él. Para que el mundo tenga sentido necesitamos que Jesús nos guíe.

Vida. La vida que tenemos a la larga terminará. Para seguir viviendo necesitamos a Jesús. "Yo soy el Camino, la Verdad y la Vida. Nadie va

al Padre, sino por mí" (Juan 14:6). La vida eterna llega mediante Jesús.

Muerte. Nadie escapa a la muerte.

Pero en la Resurrección Jesús derrotó a la muerte por nosotros. No lo retuvo y él nos ofrece el don de vida a cada uno de nosotros si vivimos en él.

Pecado. Hasta el más santo entre nosotros peca. Sin Jesús, ¿en qué nos convertimos? Él "se entregó a sí mismo para rescatar a todos" (1 Timoteo 2:6). Si no aceptamos su precio, pagaremos caros nuestros pecados por toda la eternidad.

Sufrimiento. La ciencia moderna puede aliviar pero no eliminar algo del sufrimiento del mundo. Jesús proporciona consuelo y curación a los que confían en él y se entregan a él.



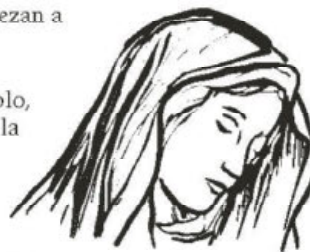
¿Por qué hacen eso los católicos?

¿Por qué rezan los católicos a María?

Los católicos no rezan a María sino que le piden que rece por nosotros. Por ejemplo, el Ave María pide a la Madre de Dios que esté cerca de nosotros en oración.

Aunque no adoramos

a María, la honramos por ser la madre de Jesús. Jesús nos la dio como madre nuestra en la cruz (Juan 19:27). Podemos acudir a ella con nuestras necesidades y preocupaciones y pedirle que se las presente a su hijo. María siempre nos conduce a él.



Tres ideas para estimular la oración

La oración aviva nuestra vida espiritual, pero rezar con eficacia puede resultarnos desafiante. Hasta los santos pasaban por períodos de sequía. Entre éstos se encontraba la mística y reformadora carmelita **santa Teresa de Ávila**. Pongan a prueba estas sugerencias suyas para vivificar su oración:

Sean conscientes de la presencia de Dios. Quizá parezca que Dios está distante, pero está cerca de nosotros. Santa Teresa comenzaba sintiendo la cercanía de Dios. Sepan que él está con ustedes y quiere su compañía.

Recurran a un buen libro. Santa Teresa, que pasaba



por momentos de sequía en la oración, llevaba siempre un libro con ella. La Sagrada Escritura, las Vidas de los Santos o un libro sobre la fe pueden ayudarnos a concentrarnos y a iniciar una conversación con Dios.

Sean sinceros. Se cuenta que santa Teresa se cayó un día en el lodo y le dijo sin rodeos a Dios: "Si tratas así a tus amigos, ¡no me sorprende que tengas tan pocos!" Dios quiere que compartamos con él nuestras experiencias, las buenas y las malas. Confíenle sus preocupaciones y "Hagan todo lo que él les diga"

(Juan 2:5).

de las **E**scrituras

Lucas 4:21-30, La voluntad de Dios es imprevista

En este pasaje evangélico, Jesús vuelve a Nazaret después de empezar su vida pública. Anuncia que él es el Mesías de la profecía de Isaías. Pero a continuación la transforma: Jesús habla de un tiempo en los que los grandes profetas eran enviados para llamar a Israel al arrepentimiento y eran ignorados y perseguidos.

La respuesta de fe que Dios buscaba en su pueblo elegido se encontró en otra parte, en los gentiles. Los que escuchaban a Jesús dudaban de que él fuera en realidad el Mesías y se sentían insultados cuando se les recordaba que los "extranjeros", y no ellos, habían recibido el favor de Dios. Enfurecidos, expulsaron a

Jesús de la sinagoga y trataron de lanzarlo por un precipicio. Él pasó entre ellos sin sufrir daño alguno.



La voluntad de Dios puede sorprendernos. Por ejemplo, él quiso que el Mesías-Rey fuera un carpintero del pueblo. El favor de Dios se extendió más allá del pueblo

elegido para incluir a los gentiles, que eran considerados extraños. A veces asumimos que sabemos cómo opera Dios y perdemos fe cuando hace algo que parece ilógico. Podemos rezar para tener la fe de ver a Jesús tal como es en realidad y confiar en él, aunque haga algo imprevisto.

P & R ¿Pueden sugerir un propósito de Año Nuevo para crecer en santidad?

Todos los cristianos son llamados a la santidad. "Sean ustedes perfectos como es perfecto el Padre de ustedes que está en el Cielo". (Mateo 5:48). Contamos con tres herramientas en las que todos los católicos pueden confiar para alcanzar la santidad.



Oración diaria. Dios se reúne con nosotros de una forma real y presente cuando acudimos a él en oración. Empiecen por la mañana y continúen

durante todo el día.

Misa semanal. La misa es un sacrificio y un festín. Recibimos el cuerpo y la sangre de Jesús como alimento real para nuestras almas. Él nos dijo: "Porque mi carne es la verdadera comida y mi sangre, la verdadera bebida. El que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre permanece en mí y yo en él" (Juan 6:55-56). Por eso lo llamamos "Comunión".

Confesión mensual. Jesús creó el Sacramento de la Penitencia y de la Reconciliación (Confesión) porque sabía que nos extraviaríamos. También sabía que querríamos volver al redil. La participación frecuente en este sacramento agudiza nuestra percepción del pecado, nos responsabiliza de nuestros errores y nos da la gracia para seguir aspirando a la santidad.

Fiestas y celebraciones

1 de enero – Solemnidad de María, la Santísima Madre de Dios. Al celebrar esta festividad honramos a María, pero también a Jesús, como verdadero Dios y verdadero Hombre.

9 de enero – Bautismo del Señor. Jesús empezó su vida pública siendo bautizado por san Juan Bautista. El cielo se abrió y Dios Padre habló: "Éste es mi Hijo, el Amado; en él me complazco" (Mateo 3:17).

14 de enero – Santa Macrina la Mayor (340). Santa Macrina la Mayor fue madre de san Basilio el Anciano y abuela de santa Macrina la Joven. Ella y su esposo se vieron forzados a huir durante las

persecuciones de Diocleciano y padecieron muchas adversidades. A su regreso, ayudó en la educación de sus nietos san Gregorio de Nisa y san Basilio Magno.

23 de enero – San Juan el Limosnero (616). A pesar de ser noble y patriarca de Alejandría, san Juan vivió una vida sencilla y usó sabiamente su riqueza y su autoridad sirviendo a los pobres y ayudando a los refugiados de su diócesis.



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Mass Schedule Horario de Misas

Monday – Friday
Lunes – Viernes
ENGLISH 8:00 am (In the church)
ESPAÑOL 7:00 pm (Dentro de la iglesia)

Saturday/Sábado
ENGLISH 8:00 am (In the church)
ENGLISH 4:00 pm (In the church)
ESPAÑOL 6:00 pm (Dentro de la iglesia)

Sunday/Domingo
ENGLISH 7:00 am (In the church)
ENGLISH 9:00 am
(Outdoor Sanctuary)
ESPAÑOL 11:00 am
(En el santuario al aire libre)
ESPAÑOL 1:00 pm
(En el santuario al aire libre)
ENGLISH 5:00 pm (In the church)
ESPAÑOL 7:00 pm
(Dentro de la iglesia)

Confessions and
Anointing of the Sick
Confesiones e Unción
de los Enfermos

At the Parish Office
En la Oficina Parroquial

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