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**Holy Days:** The schedule will be announced.

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**Tuesdays, 5:00 - 6:00 PM:** Prayer Hour for Peace.

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**First Saturdays, 8:30-9:15 AM:** Devotion to Our Lady of

## Sunday, January 3, 2021 — The Epiphany of the Lord

### But the Lord Shines

"We grow accustomed to the Dark / When light is put away" begins a poem by the introverted, 19th century poet, Emily Dickinson. What does it mean to "grow accustomed?" Usually that means getting used to something unfamiliar, perhaps even uncomfortable. Perhaps, after nine months of pandemic we still are growing accustomed to the uncomfortable masks and the unnatural social distancing when talking to others.

Her poem on darkness, although on the surface is about what our eyes experience in the dark, points to deeper levels of experience. In the next line she writes, "As when the Neighbor holds the Lamp / To witness her Goodbye." There is a particularity about *the* neighbor, and not just a neighbor. The neighbor's presence fades.

Today's feast of the epiphany has quite the opposite: neighbors from the bordering country make themselves present. However, their journey took place also at night, because only at night could they follow the path marked by a star. It was not during the light of day that they could see the way, but only in the darkness of the night did the flickering star appear to guide them. This image speaks of a certain humility: In the travail of traveling at night, they relied on the faint light to show the way. It also speaks of patience: They had to wait for the night to see their next steps.

In another poem, St John of the Cross also writes about darkness and about a guiding light: "In the happy night, In secret, when none saw me / without light or guide / save that which burned in my heart / this light guided me / More surely than the light of noonday / To the place where he (well I knew who!) was awaiting me."

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Although the experience that led to this second poem was the great suffering that John of the Cross experienced when he was imprisoned for nine months, the poem radiates hope. On the last night of his imprisonment, he found his freedom by escaping through a small window. In a deeper sense, the light of faith moved Him to seek God and let go of what previously had brought him comfort. God can use our sense of unfulfillment, dissatisfaction, failures or loss to cleanse us, sharpen our intentions, and give us a new focus.

The motif of light and darkness present at the same time, also appears in Isaiah, whom we hear in our first reading today: "See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory." Intriguing contrast: Darkness covers the earth but the Lord shines.

The Magi in the Gospel are among the very first people to receive the Light of the Lord symbolized by the guiding star. They were moved by one intention as they make their way through each night: to provide homage to the newborn King. Yet only at night could they see the guiding star.

As we begin this new calendar year, perhaps many things are in the darkness of uncertainty, but as Isaiah tells us "the LORD shines!" May the Lord shine on you with the grace you need to provide homage to the King of Kings by your way of life. Like St John of the Cross, may this process bring you much joy this 2021.

God bless,

Fr Carlos, OSA

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### Thank you to Elisa Ambre

For making decorative tiles with Christmas decorations for sale to support the parish.

### Rev. Harry Neely O.S.A.

It is with no small blend of sadness mixed with gratitude and joy that the Augustinian Province of St. Augustine in California announces the death of our brother, Fr. Harry Neely O.S.A. After a year of declining health "Fr. Harry" died in his room at Nazareth House in San Diego on December 16, 2020.

Fr. Harry was born in San Diego, California on May 23, 1928 to Marguerite (Moriarity) and Harry Neely. Fr. Harry is predeceased by his parents and Alice Thayer, his only sister. He attended Our Lady of Angels School in San Diego, and he graduated from St. Augustine High School in 1945. Upon completion from high school, he entered the seminary at Augustinian Academy in Staten Island, New York. He professed vows as a religious in 1947, after completing the Augustinian novitiate year in New Hamburg, New York. He attended college at St. Mary's Hall in Villanova, Pennsylvania, graduating in 1950, and professed solemn vows that same year. Harry studied theology at Augustinian College in Washington, D.C., where he was ordained a deacon. He was ordained a priest at St. Joseph's Cathedral in San Diego on December 21, 1953 by Bishop Charles F. Buddy.

In his lengthy priesthood, Fr. Harry served well in parish ministry (St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Ojai (1976-1987,) formation ministry in Camarillo, California (1971-73,) as a student attaining a Master of Arts in Fundamental Catholic Spirituality from Duquesne University (1973-76), but most notably as a teacher and religious presence at various Catholic high schools: Archbishop Carroll in Washington DC [1954-57,] Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana California [1966-69,] Central Catholic in Modesto [1969-71,] Villanova Prep School in Ojai [2004-2008,] and three separate periods of time at St. Augustine High School, totaling twenty-one years.

Fr. Neely lived in the St. Augustine monastery community for the last twelve years. A few months ago, he became a resident at Nazareth House in San Diego. Fr. Harry was known for his outstanding singing voice, his charm, wit, and delight in engaging in conversation. He was very much a Latin scholar. For a number of years, he celebrated the Latin mass on Sundays at the chapel of Holy Cross Mausoleum in San Diego.

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### Rev. Harry Neely O.S.A.

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When he no longer had personal mobility, he loved reading and delighting frequent visitors with his razor- sharp intelligence. With all his gifts, however, Fr. Harry will be remembered by many as the holiest person they ever encountered. People travelled many miles just to have him hear their confession. His love of life wasn't just buoyed by the presence of others in which he found great joy -- but in the happiness he experienced in knowing and serving the Lord. His last public action, just before he died, was to respond to someone who told him that now he was going to get his reward in heaven. He feebly made the sign of the cross and whispered, "thanks be to God!"

A Mass for Fr. Harry Neely OSA was celebrated at St. Patrick's Church in San Diego (3585 30th St.) on Monday morning, December 21st at 11:00 AM. This day marked the 67th year anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. The Mass was preceded by the recitation of the rosary at 10:30 AM.

### Designated Donations

**January 3 - Hogar Infantil:** Help us care for orphan children in Tijuana.

**January 10 – Building Fund:** Help us to maintain and beautify the Parish buildings.

**January 17 - For the Poor:**

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### January 4 — 9

Mon. 8:00 AM	Stephen Baloga, Jr. † Hector Ramos †
Tues. 8:00 AM	Julius McDaniel † Marie Boggs †
Wed. 8:00 AM	Sister Stan Maria Thu Dao †
Thurs. 8:00 AM	Patricia Granados † Ray & Amy (Page) Baksh †
Fri. 8:00 AM	Paul Sawaya † Alan & John Neff
Sat. 8:00 AM	Ana Seibert <b>HB</b> Rev. Harry Neely, OSA †

† Rest In Peace **HB** Happy Birthday **HA** Happy Anniversar

### Centennial Planning

Last year around this time we began planning for the Centennial which begins in the Fall of this year, and a series of events will hopefully be remembered into 2022. The pandemic halted our planning, but we would like to resume planning again. Please contact the parish office to get in contact with parishioner **Bob Moser** if you would like to be added to the planning committee.

### Congratulations to Francisco and Marisol Loayza

The Loayzas, who are members of the Young Professionals group were married on December 15th, 2020.



### Readings for the Week January 4 – 10

#### Sundays: Year A — Weekdays: Year II

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&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&6a&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; Mk 1:7-11; Is 12:2-3,4bcd,5-6; 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

## La Noche

En un poema, San Juan de la Cruz escribe sobre la oscuridad y sobre una luz que lo guía: "En la noche feliz, en secreto, cuando nadie me vio / sin luz ni guía / salvo lo que ardía en mi corazón / esta luz me guió / más seguro que la luz del mediodía / al lugar donde él (bueno yo sabía quién!) me estaba esperando."

Aunque la experiencia que condujo a este segundo poema fue el gran sufrimiento que experimentó Juan de la Cruz cuando estuvo preso durante nueve meses, el poema brota con esperanza porque termina con Cristo que lo estaba esperando. En la última noche de su encarcelamiento, Juan de la Cruz encontró su libertad escapando por una pequeña ventana. En un sentido más profundo, la luz de la fe lo movió a buscar a Dios en medio del sufrimiento y dejar ir lo que anteriormente le había traído consuelo. Dios puede usar nuestro sentido de insatisfacción, fracasos o pérdidas para limpiarnos, agudizar nuestras intenciones y darnos un nuevo enfoque.

El motivo de la luz y las tinieblas presentes al mismo tiempo, también aparece en Isaías, a quien escuchamos en nuestra primera lectura de hoy: "Mira, tinieblas cubren la tierra, y espesas nubes cubren a los pueblos; pero sobre ti resplandece el SEÑOR, y sobre ti aparecerá su gloria."

Los Reyes Magos del Evangelio se encuentran entre las primeras personas en recibir la Luz del Señor simbolizada por la estrella que los guía. Se sintieron conmovidos por una intención a medida que avanzaban cada noche: rendir homenaje al Rey Jesús recién nacido. Sin embargo, solo por la noche podían ver la estrella guía.

Al comenzar este nuevo año calendario, tal vez muchas cosas estén en la oscuridad de la incertidumbre, pero como Isaías nos dice, "¡el SEÑOR brilla!". Que el Señor brille sobre ti con la gracia que necesitas para rendir homenaje al Rey de Reyes con tu vida. Como San Juan de la Cruz, que este proceso nos de la esperanza basada en Cristo que nos espera.

P. Carlos Medina, OSA

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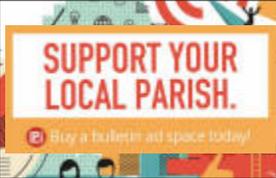


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