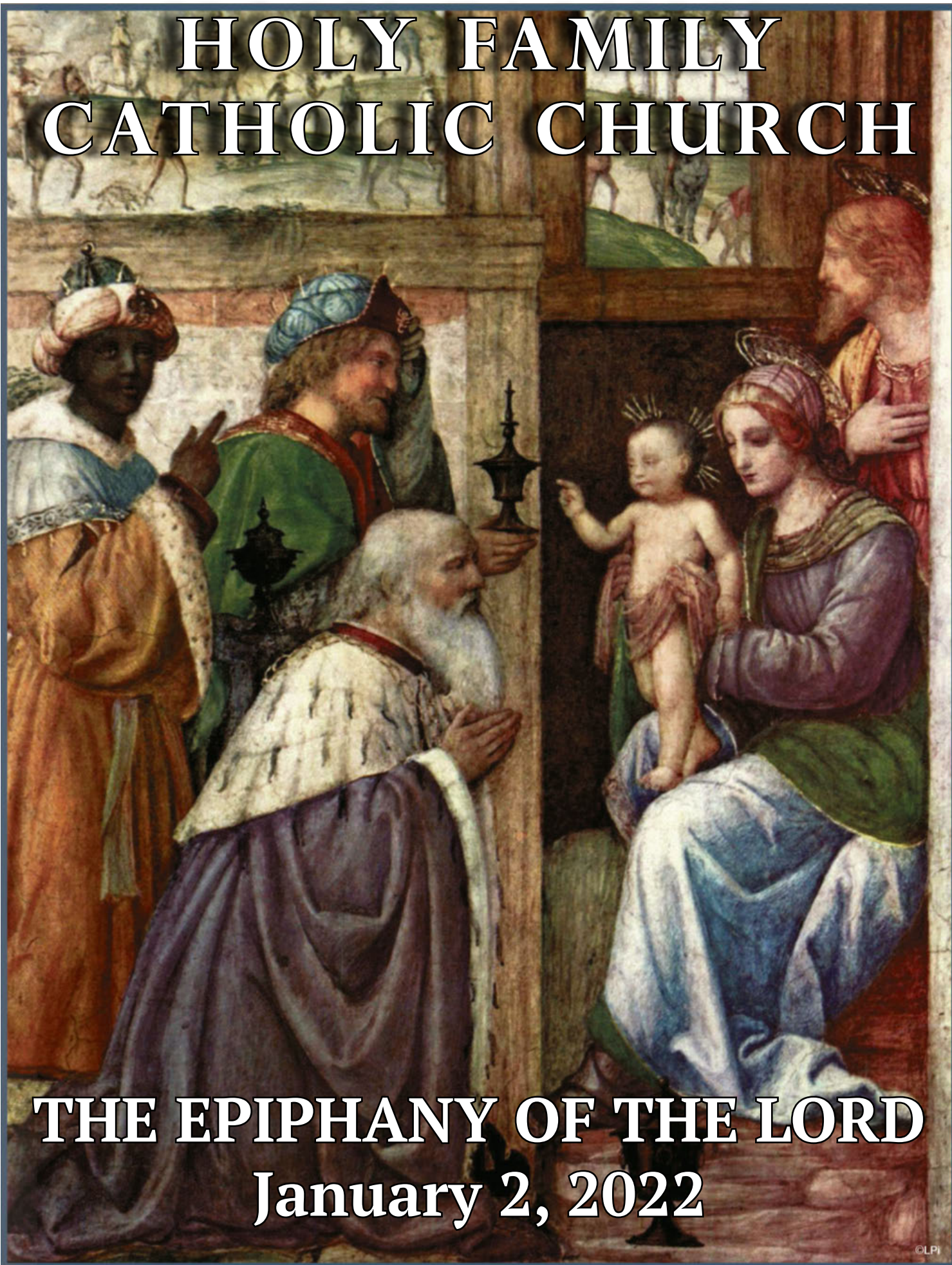



# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
January 2, 2022



*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.*

MATTHEW 2:9

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## Your Light has Come!

**M**any traditional religions have in some way ascribed divinity to light—either they claim that light emanates from a god or that light itself is divine. This is probably because light is a primal necessity, essential for life. We find such thinking in today’s readings.

“Your light has come” (Isaiah 60:1) says today’s Old Testament reading. This is Isaiah’s glorious message for the people of Jerusalem. The city had been destroyed; the people scattered; the future looked bleak. This message must have filled the people with hope. Not only does light bring them hope, but the light actually streams from their God. It is the Lord who shines, bestowing his radiance upon them. This light is filled with promise.

The story of the Magi is not meant primarily for children who delight in moving figurines of the three kings a bit closer to the stable every day. This is an adult story about inner darkness and enlightenment. The strangers, ignorant of ancient Israel’s traditions, were able to read the signs of the times. Because of their openness, they found the Light of the World. The learned men of Jerusalem were well-schooled in the ancient promises, for they knew where to send the strangers. However, they felt threatened by these signs. They closed their minds and hearts to any omens that might imperil their positions of privilege. They had a chance to benefit from this new light, but they turned their backs on it.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- \* *What is your attitude toward new ways of understanding your faith?*
- \* *Pray that all people will be open to read the signs of the times.*

# Dear Padre,

## How is Twelfth Night related to Christmas?

**T**welfth Night is another name for the Epiphany, which traditionally occurred on January 6, the twelfth day after Christmas. Since the 1980s, United States Catholics have celebrated the Epiphany on the first Sunday after January 1, which is why we're celebrating it today instead of Thursday.

Liturgical celebrations are distinguished as solemnities, feasts, and memorials according to their importance. The two greatest solemnities, Easter and Christmas, continue for an octave (eight days). Since the octave of Christmas runs from December 25 through January 1 (the solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God), it's not affected by the transfer of the Epiphany celebration.

Christmas is the great gift-giving day in the United States. In other cultures—for example, the Latino community—the anticipation and excitement of gift-giving is saved for Epiphany, the day the Magi brought their gifts to Jesus.

We often complain about how frenzied Christmas is—how much shopping, wrapping, and baking there is to do. But Christmas should be a time of worship and acknowledging the gift God gave us by sending his Son.

Epiphany, on the other hand, is made for celebration, gift-giving, going all out. Perhaps someday we can return to the traditions of Epiphany and restore Christmas as a day of rejoicing and worship.

*The Redeptorists*  
[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)



*A woman holds a figurine of the Christ Child during Mass on the feast of the Epiphany.*

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## Calendar

### Monday

JANUARY 3

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 3:22—4:6

Mt 4:12–17, 23–25

### Tuesday

JANUARY 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,

Religious

1 Jn 4:7–10

Mk 6:34–44

### Wednesday

JANUARY 5

St. John Neumann,

Bishop

1 Jn 4:11–18

Mk 6:45–52

### Thursday

JANUARY 6

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:19—5:4

Lk 4:14–22a

### Friday

JANUARY 7

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5–13

Lk 5:12–16

### Saturday

JANUARY 8

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14–21

Jn 3:22–30

### Sunday

JANUARY 9

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1–4, 6–7

or Is 40:1–5, 9–11

Acts 10:34–38

or Ti 2:11–14; 3:4–7

Lk 3:15–16, 21–22



## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*[The Lord] is our light: a light that does not dazzle but accompanies and bestows a unique joy. This light is for everyone, and it calls each one of us....At the beginning of each day we can welcome this invitation: arise, shine, and follow today—among the many shooting stars in the world—the bright star of Jesus!*

ANGELUS ON EPIPHANY SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2017

## 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.

*"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."*

- Mt 2:6

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# MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO ALENTAR UN 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.

## Announcements

### Parish Retreat on the "Eucharist."

January 8, 2022, from 8 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Retreat will be both in English and Spanish.  
Retreat presenters are Fr. Gerardo for Spanish  
and Fr. Darryl for English including  
a video from Bishop Mulvey.

*All are welcome to attend.*

### **SILVER & GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS CELEBRATION**

Those blessed by celebrating 25 or 50 years of  
Sacramental Marriage are invited to attend  
a special Silver & Golden Wedding Anniversary  
Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael Mulvey  
Sunday, February 13, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

Corpus Christi Cathedral

505 N. Upper Broadway

A light reception will follow in  
St. Joseph's Hall at the Cathedral

Register at:

<http://www.diocesecc.org/anniversarymass> or call  
the Family Life Office at 361-882-6191  
registration deadline: February 1, 2022

### Mass Book

Mass Book is open for Mass Intentions for the  
months of January, February, March, and April.  
Mass Intentions are \$5 each. Please come by the  
Parish office during office hours.

### New Year's Day Mass Schedule:

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of  
God, Saturday, January 1, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. –  
Bilingual. This is not a Holy Day of  
Obligation this year.

### **Sanctuary Light in the Church**

January 2 – January 15, 2022

**For the People of the Parish**

### **Sanctuary Light in the Chapel**

January 2 – January 15, 2022

**For the People of the Parish**



## Anuncios

### Retiro Parroquial sobre la Eucaristía

será el 8 de enero del 2022, de 8 a.m. a 12:00 p.m.  
El retiro será en inglés y en español. Los  
Presentadores del retiro serán el Padre Gerardo  
en español y el Padre Darryl en inglés, se incluirá  
un video del Obispo Mulvey.

*¡Todos son bienvenidos!*

### **MISA DE CELEBRACIÓN PARA EL ANIVERSARIO DE BODAS DE ORO Y PLATA**

Los bendecidos por la celebración de 25 o 50 años  
de matrimonio sacramental están invitados a  
asistir a una misa especial de aniversario de bodas  
de oro y plata celebrada por el  
obispo Michael Mulvey.

Domingo 13 de febrero de 2022, a las 9:30 a.m.

Catedral de Corpus Christi

505 N. Upper Broadway

Seguirá una recepción luminosa en el salón de San  
José (St. Joseph's Hall) de la Catedral.

Regístrate en:

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Fecha límite de inscripción: 1 de febrero de 2022  
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marzo y abril está abierto. Las misas son \$5 por  
intención. Por favor de pasar por la oficina durante  
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### Horario de Misa

el día del Año Nuevo: La Solemnidad de Santa  
María, Madre de Dios será el sábado, Primero  
de Enero a las 9:30 a.m. en bilingüe. No es día  
de obligación este año.

# PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

## Sunday, January 2, 2022

8:00 a.m. "Para los fieles de la Parroquia"  
 10:30 a.m. †Ramon Arispe Sr. by Wife & Children  
 Special Intention for the Families of Ovalle,  
 Arispe, Hunt, & Deleon by Family

12:30 p.m. "Para los fieles de la Parroquia"

## Monday, January 3, 2022

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

## Tuesday, January 4, 2022

8:00 a.m. "People of the Parish"

## Wednesday, January 5, 2022

8:00 a.m. "People of the Parish"

## Thursday, January 6, 2022

8:00 a.m. †Josephine Alvarado  
 by Deacon Lee and Family

## Friday, January 7, 2022

8:00 a.m. "People of the Parish"

## Saturday, January 8, 2022

6:00 p.m. †Concepcion Luna & †Norma Luna Muniz  
 by Luna Family

## Sunday, January 9, 2022

8:00 a.m. †Daniel Guartache Sr. "In Memory of his  
 Birthday" by Wife and Family

10:30 a.m. "People of the Parish"

12:30 p.m. †David Garza by Family

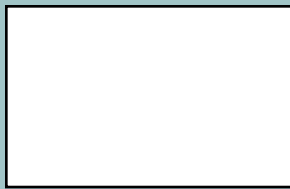
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MSG, Mark A. Benavidez, US Air Force	Seth Nunez, US Marine Corps
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Lance Fuentes, US Marine Corps	Michael Patrick Rodriguez, US Air Force
Arron G. Garcia US Navy	LCpl, Alex K. Saenz, US Marine Corps
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Joe Martinez, US Army	Christian J. Sanchez, US Air Force
Joshua Martinez, US Army	Reynaldo Sarmiento, US Navy
Victoria Martinez, US Army	SFC. Richard Titler, Jr., US Army
CPO, Andrew Moreno, US Navy	Michael Vallejo, US Navy
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# REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SICK

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