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January
3,
2021

Epiphany of the Lord



MASS SCHEDULES

Reconciliation

Saturday 3-4 PM, Wednesday 6-7 PM

Reconciliación

Miércoles 6-7 PM, Sábado 3-4PM

Masses Currently we have outdoor masses in English on Sunday at 9:00 AM and in Spanish on Sunday at 2:00 PM

Mass Schedule

We have livestream Masses Monday—Saturday at 10 AM and Sunday at 10:30 in English and Sunday in Spanish at 12:30 PM Follow mass on Facebook or our webpage live. You can receive communion after the Sunday livestream masses by coming to the placita immediately after mass.

United in faith and guided by the Holy Spirit



From the Pastor's Desk:

Little Amy was looking through the family album and found a picture of a man sitting behind a cow. All that was visible was the man's legs and feet.

When her photographer uncle who owned a photo studio came to visit her mother Amy told him, "This is the only picture of my grandfather that we have. So please remove the cow so that I may see what he looked like." It is the same curiosity which led the Magi to follow the star of Bethlehem. A survey was made among school children asking the question why they enjoyed reading Harry Potter novels and watching Harry Potter movies. The most common answer was, "Because you never know what's going to happen next." The same element of suspense marked the journey of the Magi, who never knew what road the Spirit was going to take them down next. Today's readings invite us to have the curiosity of Amy and the school students so that we may discover the "epiphany" of our God in everyone and every event, everywhere.

The Buddha told a story. A young widower who loved his five-year-old son very much was away on business, and bandits came, burned down his whole village, and took his son away. When the man returned, he saw the ruins, and panicked. He took the charred corpse of an infant to be his own child, and he began to pull his hair and beat his chest, crying uncontrollably. He organized a cremation ceremony, collected the ashes and put them in a very beautiful velvet bag. Working, sleeping, eating, he always carried the bag of ashes with him. One day his real son escaped from the robbers and found his way home. He arrived at his father's new cottage at midnight, and knocked at the door. You can imagine at that time, the young father was still carrying the bag of ashes, and crying. He asked, "Who is there?" And the child answered, "It's me Papa. Open the door, it's your son." In his agitated state of mind the father thought that some mischievous boy was making fun of him, and he shouted at the child to go away, and he continued to cry. The boy knocked again and again, but the father refused to let him in. Some time passed, and finally the child left. From that time on, father and son never saw one another... After telling this story, the Buddha said, "Sometimes, somewhere you take something to be the truth. If you cling to it so much, when the truth comes in person and knocks at your door, you will not open it." (Thich Nhat Hanh, the Vietnamese Buddhist Monk in his book *Being Peace*). We celebrate the feast of Epiphany. God breaks through. God is revealed. Truth happens.

While they were talking about the story of the three wise men, a woman asked her parish priest this question, "Do you know why God gave the star to the wise men?" When he professed his ignorance, she told him: "God knows men are too proud to ask directions. If there had been three wise women instead of three wise men, they would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and given some practical gifts!"

Nota de nuestro pastor: La pequeña Amy estaba mirando el álbum familiar y encontró una foto de un hombre sentado detrás de una vaca. Todo lo que era visible eran las piernas y los pies del hombre. Cuando su tío fotógrafo, dueño de un estudio fotográfico, vino a visitar a su madre, Amy le dijo: "Ésta es la única foto que tenemos de mi abuelo. Así que, por favor, retire la vaca para que pueda ver cómo era ". Es la misma curiosidad que llevó a los magos a seguir a la estrella de Belén. Se realizó una encuesta entre los niños de la escuela preguntando por qué disfrutaban leyendo novelas de Harry Potter y viendo películas de Harry Potter. La respuesta más común era: "Porque nunca se sabe lo que va a pasar a continuación". El mismo elemento de suspenso marcó el viaje de los Magos, que nunca supieron qué camino les iba a llevar el Espíritu a continuación. Las lecturas de hoy nos invitan a tener la curiosidad de Amy y los estudiantes para descubrir la "epifanía". de nuestro Dios en todos y en cada evento, en todas partes.

El Buda contó una historia. Un joven viudo que amaba mucho a su hijo de cinco años estaba de viaje de negocios, y vinieron unos bandidos, quemaron todo su pueblo y se llevaron a su hijo. Cuando el hombre regresó, vio las ruinas y entró en pánico. Tomó el cadáver carbonizado de un bebé como su propio hijo, y comenzó a tirar de su cabello y golpearse el pecho, llorando incontrolablemente. Organizó una ceremonia de cremación, recogió las cenizas y las puso en una bolsa de terciopelo muy hermosa. Trabajando, durmiendo, comiendo, siempre llevaba consigo el saco de cenizas. Un día, su verdadero hijo escapó de los ladrones y encontró el camino a casa. Llegó a la nueva casa de campo de su padre a medianoche y llamó a la puerta. Puedes imaginar que en ese momento, el joven padre todavía estaba cargando la bolsa de cenizas y llorando. Él preguntó: "¿Quién está ahí?" Y el niño respondió: "Soy yo papá. Abre la puerta, soy tu hijo ". En su estado de agitación, el padre pensó que un niño travieso se estaba burlando de él, le gritó al niño que se fuera y él siguió llorando. El niño golpeó una y otra vez, pero el padre se negó a dejarlo entrar. Pasó un tiempo y finalmente el niño se fue. A partir de ese momento, padre e hijo nunca se vieron ... Después de contar esta historia, el Buda dijo: "A veces, en algún lugar tomas algo como la verdad. Si te aferras tanto a ella, cuando la verdad llegue en persona y llame a tu puerta, no la abrirás ". (Thich Nhat Hanh, el monje budista vietnamita en su libro *Being Peace*). Celebramos la fiesta de la Epifanía. Dios se abre paso. Dios se revela. La verdad sucede.

Mientras hablaban de la historia de los tres reyes magos, una mujer le preguntó a su párroco esto: "¿Sabes por qué Dios le dio la estrella a los reyes magos?" Cuando él profesó su ignorancia, ella le dijo: "Dios sabe que los hombres son demasiado orgullosos para pedir direcciones. Si hubiera habido tres mujeres sabias en lugar de tres hombres sabios, habrían pedido direcciones, llegar a tiempo, ayudar a dar a luz al bebé". limpiar el establo, preparar una cazuela de comida y darle algunos obsequios prácticos".

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week
of January 3, 2021

Sun/Dom:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
[cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Mon/Lunes:

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

Tues/Martes:

1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/
Mk 6:34-44

Wed/Mier:

1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/
Mk 6:45-52

Thurs/Juev:

1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc,
17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Fri/Vier:

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
[12a]/Lk 5:12-16

Sat/Sab:

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

Next Sun./Dom:

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/
Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is
12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3])/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-1

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mass Schedule Our current
schedule for masses is:

Sunday

9:00 English Mass

~~~~ in the parking lot

10:30 English Mass

~~~~ live streamed on Facebook

12:30 Spanish Mass

~~~~ live streamed on Facebook

2:00 Spanish Mass

~~~~ in the parking lot

OFFICE INFORMATION

Parish Office

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office@saintjoachim.net

Parish Office Hours

Mon- day-Friday 10 AM-7:30

PM

Bi-

ble

7:30 PM

Saturday 10 AM-

4 PM

Bilingual available 10 AM-4 PM

Sunday 12 PM -4 PM

Bilingual available 12 PM-4 PM

Rev. Joseph Antony Sebastian, SVD

Pastor

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday

10 AM to 12 PM

5 PM to 8 PM (with appointment)

lunes, martes, miércoles, y viernes

10 AM a 12 PM

5 PM a 8 PM (con cita)

Rev. Ricardo Gonzalez, SVD

Parochial Vicar

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

5 PM a 8 PM (with appointment)

lunes, miércoles, jueves y viernes

10:00 AM a 12:00 PM

5 PM a 8 PM (con cita)

Ariel Mayormita

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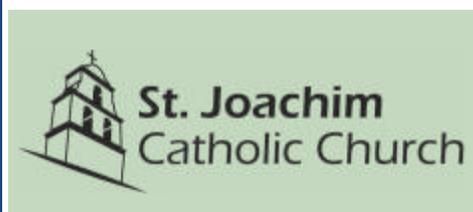
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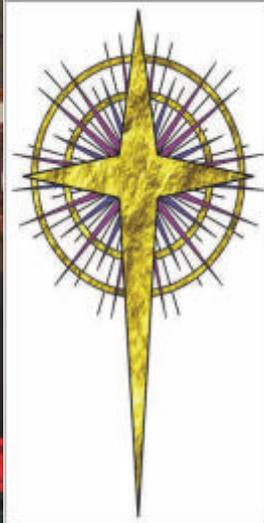
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Marisa Melgarejo

Director



Since you can only see our Christmas Nativity
on line during mass this year ~~~~~
we thought you might like a close—up



PRAY FOR

- Ruben & Altagracia Perez Jerome Aguias
- Jennie Harling Ivan Benin
- Melanie Fabio
- Jennifer Bliss
- Angie Bubon
- Nelie Esguerra
- Herminigilda Manuel Rodelio Manuel
- Florencio Rodriguez
- Albert Gonzales Jr.
- Albert Gonzales III
- Brenda Gonzales,
- Gabby & Giselle Gonzales
- Kristina & Angelita Gonzales
- Edgar Delos Angeles

DONATIONS

St Vincent de Paul
offering for next week:

Canned Spaghetti O's
or Beef a Roni

*spaghetti o's enlatados o
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Donations are very much appreciated—but please no expired food. ~ Thank You

**CONTRIBUTIONS
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COLLECTION FOR WEEK

December 14-20, 2020

The Plate Collection

\$ 3,380.00

EFT Collection

\$ 495.00

On Line Giving

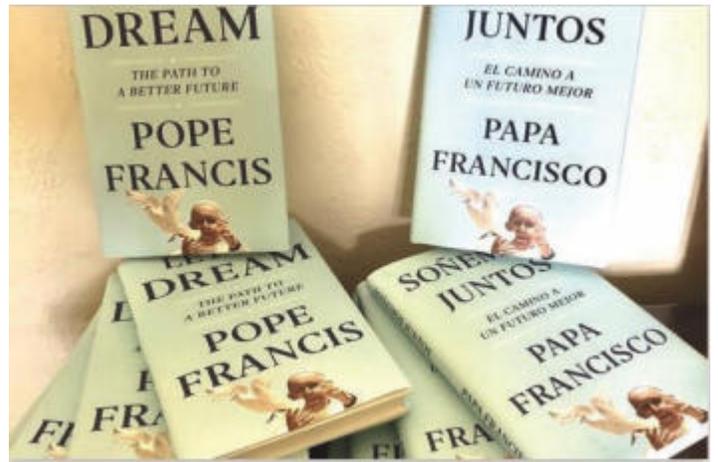
\$ 825.00

TOTAL \$ 4,700.00

TOTAL for the past WEEK
were not available at press time but
will be reported at a later bulletin

VATICAN CORNER

In a new book entitled “Let Us Dream: The Path to A Better Future,” Pope Francis avoids complex discussions of church doctrine and theology and instead tells stories from his own life, and gives his views on the crises facing the world, from the coronavirus, the environment, poverty, hunger, arms trade, political polarization, and the condition of the Catholic church. The book is based on conversations by phone, voice recordings and e-mail with Austen Ivereigh, the British biographer. Pope Francis answers questions on many subjects including the death of George Floyd; clerical sexual abuse; the toppling of statues to reshape history; protests against government, coronavirus restrictions, persecuted minorities, and abortion. Regarding the virus, Francis criticizes those that blame it on foreigners, and those that protest church closing and mask mandates to control its spread. Regarding the significant opposition and enemies he has made within the Church. He challenges those who demand change in the leadership of the Church, “as if it were a corporation whose shareholders can demand a change of management.” He says that every individual has or will experience traumatic interruptions in their lives. The coronavirus lockdowns and restrictions have interrupted many people’s lives and brought suffering all over the globe. “Illness, the failure of a marriage or of a business, some great disappointment or betrayal,” are moments that “generate a tension, a crisis that reveals what is in our hearts.” The new book tells of three traumatic moments in the life of Pope Francis. They are: the lung problems that threatened his life when he was 21; his “displacement” from Argentina to Germany in 1986 for graduate school studies, and his being exiled to Cordoba, Argentina for almost two years in the early 1990s. His own religious order had sent him there to reflect on his flawed and overbearing leadership style. He tells that “it was kind of self-isolating”, as so many of us have done lately, and it did me good.” “Sometimes an uprooting can be a healing or radical makeover.” In those major moments of challenge and pain, Francis said “what I learned was that you suffer a lot, but if you allow it to change you, you come out better. But if you dig in, you come out worse.” In the book, Francis uses the coronavirus as a metaphor, saying people all experience their own “Covids,” in the sense of a forced stoppage in their lives that reveals “what needs to change: our lack of internal freedom, the idols we have been serving, the ideologies we have tried to live by, the relationships we have neglected.” The book is said to be a book of prophecy and hope. *References: catholicnews.com, npr.com, theguardian.com, nytimes.com, cruxnow.com*



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MASS INTENTIONS

January 3-9, 2021

Sunday Masses English

Irene Rogers Di Grazia (90th birthday)

Sunday Masses Spanish

Martin Napoles Zargoza †
Juana Hernandez Barajas †

Monday 10:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Tuesday 10:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Wednesday 10:00 AM

Titas Marquez (thanksgiving)

Thursday 10:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Friday 10:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Saturday 10:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Mass Intentions for 2021

~~You can now request Mass intentions for the entire year—2021

~~You may leave Mass intentions in our mailbox or do them online

~~Please include your name and phone number for all masses that you request

~~If you are requesting weekend masses please put the “original Mass times”, as we hope that sometime in 2021 we will be back to an indoor mass schedule, we will make the adjustments until then.

~~Reminder — Mass intentions are \$10 each name/family at a mass

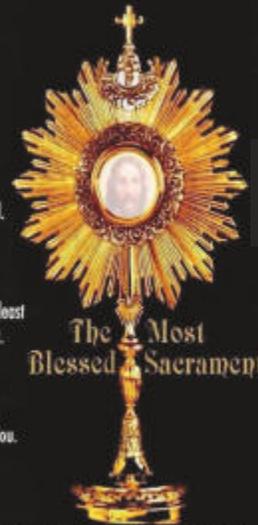
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My Jesus,
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are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all
things, and I desire to
receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this
moment receive You
sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You
were already there and
unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be
separated from You.



Did you know that our Priests both say a private mass (just by themselves) everyday while our shelter in place is on and limited Public Masses may be said.

Our Priest mention the names of all of those with Mass intentions on that day at their Mass, so if you have a mass intention on a day that there are no public masses your intention is mentioned at each of their masses.



If you would like to do a mass intention while the office is closed the easiest way is to do it online on our parish website saintjoachim.net / Select the Donate/Pay in the upper right hand corner and then select mass intentions , put all your payment information in and in the comment section please put a date and time of the mass you would like your intention read at. Even though right now those mass times do not exist we would like to know which mass would be your preference. Intentions must be in by noon the day before except for the weekend masses - those must be submitted by noon on Friday. You can still drop mass intentions in the Rectory mail slot or in the mail but these must be a minimum of one week in advance since we are not in the office on a regular basis now. If you have questions about this process, please call the Rectory Office and someone will return your call.



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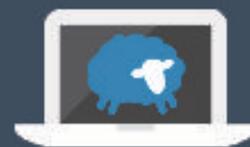
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