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JANUARY 2, 2022



THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b*

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MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

6:30AM (except Saturday)

8:30AM

VIGIL FOR SUNDAY

5:30PM (Saturday)

SUNDAY MASS

7:30AM, 9:00AM

11:00AM, 12:30PM (Spanish)

5:30PM

Livestream Mass

See Page 5 for details

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In my heart of hearts, I know that the Feast of the Epiphany falls on January 6th, the twelfth day of Christmas. Perhaps it's because of the song (The Twelve Days of Christmas) or perhaps it's because the Christmas break from work and school as I was growing up, always respected the time between December 25th and January 6th, and the extended holiday for families that it entailed, but I struggle with moving this Feast to a nearby Sunday. Nonetheless, that is our practice in this part of the world.

The Feast of the Epiphany, irrespective of the day upon which we celebrate it, is a reminder to us to "make haste slowly" into the coming year. It's as though despite the world moving on, our gospel invites us to a completely different change of pace. It reminds us of truths that are deeper and more enduring than the simple movement of dates might suggest.

The primary narrative to mark this Feast is that of Matthew's telling of the Magi arriving in Jerusalem from the East, as they search for the "newborn king of the Jews." I confess, I love the idea that so quickly after our celebration of the birth of Jesus, God-Come-to-Us, we now have a story that reminds us of the importance of our coming in search of God. It's as though the Church's tradition, passed down through the ages, holds a profound wisdom for us that we surely need as we enter into a New Year.

If Christmas is understood by many as a celebration that focuses on children, this feast of the Epiphany in the Christian year is one that moves the focus to deliberately embrace adults. Where do we look for the epiphany of God in our lives? Where do we look to see the "manifestation" of God in our lives? While Christmas is all about proclaiming that God is present in the world, this Feast is about our seeking out, recognizing, and responding to that presence. While Christmas is about God coming to meet us, Epiphany is more about our going to meet God.

The very image of the Magi traveling "from the East" conjures up the idea of a journey that takes time. In other words, our seeking out and finding, or recognizing, the Divine Presence in our lives doesn't happen at the flip of a "life-switch." Neither does it often happen very quickly. We have to be ready for a

journey. This search, or quest, calls us to be properly equipped and ready to encounter all manner of distraction. It's important for us to keep our eyes to the heavens and to the "star" that guides us on our life's journey. If we lose our bearings, if we keep our head directed only toward the immediacy of our days, then we will slowly, but surely, forget the very fulfillment we tell ourselves we seek.



Every year, in its own way of marking time, the Church endeavors to support us in our journey. It does so by marking time in its own ways (liturgical calendar,) while also respecting the passing of time as it is marked by the world. There is a tradition in the Church of announcing the major "Movable Feasts" of the Church year on the Feast of the Epiphany, a reminder to disciples everywhere that our pilgrim journey is woven through with different understandings of mystery and time. With that in mind...

**Here follows the
Announcement of Easter and Movable Feasts
for 2022:**

Know, dear brothers and sisters that as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

*On the 2nd day of March will fall **Ash Wednesday**, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten Season.*

*On the 17th day of April you will celebrate with joy **Easter Day**, the Paschal Feast of our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

*On the 29th day of May will be the **Ascension** of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*On the 5th day of June, the feast of **Pentecost**.*

*On the 19th day of June, the feat of the **Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**.*

*On the 27th day of November, the First Sunday of the **Advent** of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

Fr. David

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

- Sunday:** 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
- 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 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

- Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
- Monday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- Tuesday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
- Wednesday:** St. John Neumann, Bishop
- Thursday:** St. André Bessette, Religious
- Friday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
- Next Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION CLASS FOR BEGINNERS

Meditation has many neurological and physical benefits to the human body. Learn more about the form of meditation found in Christianity and practice it with us. **Saturdays**

January 8 - February 12, 2022, 9:45AM - 10:30AM

Sessions taught by Fr. Francis Kim at St. Mel's Parish Center in Woodland Hills. Please email Genevieve to register at: vievelane@gmail.com \$30 or 2 for \$50. Includes Meditation Guide book.

FOREVER YOUNG BINGO

Want to play Bingo?

Meet us Tuesday, January 11 after 8:30AM Mass in the Moran Center.

Please bring wrapped gifts to use as prizes. The only way to win is to play. B-I-N-G-O! Call Sr. Sharon if you have any questions at 818-349-2836.



GENESIS TO JESUS BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays 10:00AM - 12:00PM

in the Moran Center

January 13 through March 10, 2022

Workbooks for the study can be found on the following link: stpaulcenter.com or through Amazon.com for \$24.99.

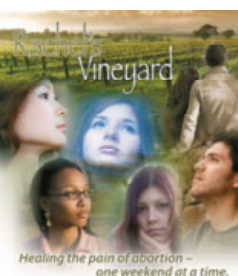
Spend your Lent learning more about God's immense love for you. For information and/or registration, please contact Carmen Schroeder at 818-368-2393 or email biblestudy@ollnr.org. Register early since space is limited.

ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION SESSIONS

Please invite any family members or friends who may be in need of this sacrament.

Meetings will begin Tuesday, January 25, 2022 from 7:00PM - 9:00PM. Please call Sr. Sharon to register at 818-349-2836.

Please provide a copy of your Baptism and First Communion Certificates.



RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKEND

Healing after abortion this retreat is designed to help participants work through repressed grief and anger in a safe, nonjudgmental setting and come to acceptance, healing, and hope for the future. Developed in the Roman Catholic Tradition, it

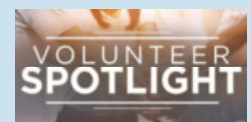
utilizes spiritual exercises and rituals to help grieve the loss of unborn children and to accept God's forgiveness. All inquiries and registrations are confidential.

January 28 - 30, 2022 at Poverello of Assisi Retreat Center, San Fernando. Cost is \$250.00 per person.

For confidential registration or more information please call or email: Roseanne Becker at 661-510-8258, rachelsvineyardscv@gmail.com

ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE?

Is your gift research or organization? Consider finding and organizing service opportunities for our Confirmation candidates. Is your gift listening? Small group discussion facilitators in Confirmation 1 and 2 may be for you. Is your gift a desire to share your faith? Consider coming to a session. Contact Sr. Frances Kennedy, SDSH at 818-349-1285 or email youthministry@ollnr.org



Parish Family

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 9:00AM - 5:00PM, closure for lunch from 12:00PM - 1:00PM

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SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

DID YOU KNOW?

Revisit Screen Time Recommendations

Parents everywhere are struggling to be parents, teachers, and friends for their children in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, many are likely and understandably relying on screens to help them through these seemingly endless days. Many children are also online for school, which only increases their screen exposure. The American Pediatric Association warns parents that too much screen time can lead to sleep problems, lower grades, mood and weight problems, and can keep children from learning how to relax and have fun without a screen present. Try to make time for reading, playing games, and other screen-free activities that will help break the cycle of screen addiction and talk to your children's teachers about how screen time for school can be managed. For more information, visit https://www.aacap.org/AACAP/Families_and_Youth/Facts_for_Families/FFF-Guide/Children-And-Watching-TV-054.aspx

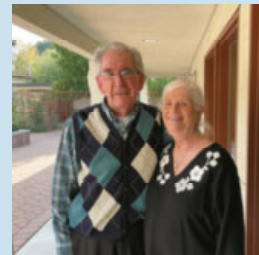


Revise las Recomendaciones de Tiempo de Pantalla

Los padres de familia en todas partes están luchando por ser padres, maestros y amigos de sus hijos en medio de la pandemia de COVID-19, y es probable y comprensible que muchos confíen en las pantallas para ayudarlos en estos días aparentemente interminables. Muchos niños también están en línea por la escuela, lo que solo aumenta su exposición a la pantalla. La Asociación Estadounidense de Pediatría advierte a los padres de familia que pasar demasiado tiempo frente a una pantalla puede provocar problemas para dormir, calificaciones más bajas, problemas de estado de ánimo y de peso, y puede impedir que los niños aprendan a relajarse y divertirse sin una pantalla presente. Trate de hacer tiempo para leer, jugar y otras actividades lejos de la pantalla que ayudarán a romper el ciclo de adicción a la pantalla y hable con los maestros de sus hijos sobre cómo se puede administrar el tiempo de pantalla en la escuela. Para obtener más información, visite https://www.aacap.org/AACAP/Families_and_Youth/Facts_for_Families/FFF-Guide/Children-And-Watching-TV-054.aspx.

For more information call Safeguard at 213-637-7508 or email bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org

If you need to complete "Protecting God's Children" or take re-certification, "Keeping God's Promise" VIRTUS® training contact Dianne at parishcenter@ollnr.org. Zoom sessions are available.



HAPPY RETIREMENT CHARLENE ALLEN!

Hired by Msgr. Peter Moran in September of 1991, Charlene started working in the Religious Education office assisting families, students and the Sisters. After 30 years of faithful service in the Religious Education ministry Charlene has decided to retire. Thank you for your many years of commitment, Charlene. You have been a wonderful role model of kindness, dedication and service to the children and



all of us here at Our Lady of Lourdes. God bless you!

THE FIRESIDE FELLOWSHIP Finding a Better, More Meaningful Life



**January 5, 7:00PM - 8:00PM
via Zoom**

These discussion meetings uncover the everyday applicability of a simple perspective that can provide enormous benefits to each of us in our respective journeys through life and faith. Call us at 818-366-7263 or go to: Robert-hanley.com/thefiresidefellowship.php for more information.



THE GOD MINUTE

Soft music, sacred scripture, and a thoughtful reflection are weaved into a ten minute prayer called The God Minute. Go to our [website](#) scroll down under Resources and click on the link to "The

God Minute."

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 6:30AM
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Vigil for Sunday 5:30PM (Saturday)
Sundays: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM, 12:30PM (Spanish) and 5:30PM

LIVESTREAM MASS

Monday - Saturday: 8:30AM
Sundays: 9:00AM and 12:30PM (Spanish)

To watch our masses live, just visit our [website](#).

The liturgies may also be viewed by pointing your browser to <https://vimeo.com/ollnr> where our liturgies will be available for 48 hours.

Our parish priests are praying for all of our parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes and all those listed on our Mass Intentions.



Clyde Jamerson Olarte Litonjua



Cheryl Ann Debuque
 Stephen Walter Iwasko Sr.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

January 1	8:30AM	Herminia Gonzales, Richard Ragon
	5:30PM	Chuck Weghorst (D), Aaron Shifrin (D)
January 2	7:30AM	Anthony & Mary McAndrew (D)
	9:00AM	Ann Sabelen (D), Carlos Elorza (D)
January 3	11:00AM	Cecelia Richards (D), Linawati Gunawan (D)
	12:30PM	Tom Christopher Jeronimo (D)
		Edwin Josafat Jeronimo (D)
	5:30PM	William Anderson, Tess Martinez Morales
January 4	6:30AM	Cravotta Family (D)
	8:30AM	Arlene Brulhardt (D), Grace Joson (D)
January 5	6:30PM	Estolan D'Sa (D), Rosa Ho (D)
	8:30AM	OLL Benefactors
January 6	6:30AM	Leo Young Kim, Rowena Asuncion
	8:30AM	Kenneth Sklar (D), RosaBelle B. Goodman (D)
January 7	6:30AM	Antonio Park, Helen Bachike
	8:30AM	Dorothy Riordan (D), Mauricio Garanchon (D)
January 8	6:30AM	Edward Kim, Casimiro Lim
	8:30AM	Ronnie Dajay (D), Vicenta Jara (D)
January 9	8:30AM	Thomas Ho (D), Johnny Magalang (D)
	5:30PM	Cynthia McMurray (D), Tita Factora (D)
January 9	7:30AM	Agraviador Family
	9:00AM	Edgardo & Corazon Caparros
	11:00AM	Cecelia Richards (D), Jeremiah Xavier Jaravata (D)
	12:30PM	Don Castillo (D)
	5:30PM	Russell Clayton (D), Ben Guibilo (D)



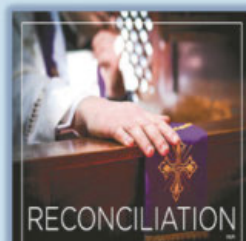
PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confession in the Church Confessional Chapels
4:00 - 5:00PM and 7:30 - 8:00PM Saturdays

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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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THE CHURCH OF GOD IS CONVOKED IN SYNOD



The theme of the synod is

"For a synodal

Church: communion, participation and mission." With this convocation, Pope Francis invites the whole Church to question itself on synodality: a decisive theme for the life and mission of the Church." What the pope is calling "the synodal path" is a journey of prayer and reflection. In this coming year, he is asking each of us to think about our relationship with Jesus Christ, our communion with him in his Church, and how we participate in his mission. This site will accompany the two-year journey (2021-2023) of reflection and sharing of the whole Church. <https://www.synod.va/en.html>.

As we are called to embrace this synodal path of the Synod 2021 - 2023, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to operate within us so that we may be community and a people of grace.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down
the wrong path nor partiality
influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to
eternal life and not stray from the
way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
Who are at work in every place
and time, in the communion of the
Father and the Son, forever
and ever. Amen