December 19,2021

SAINT EUPHRASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fourth sunday of ADVENT

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

*Saturday: 5:00 PM *Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM *Monday: 8:30 AM *Tuesday: 8:30 AM *Wednesday: 8:30 AM *First Friday of the month: 8:30 AM

*Thursday & Friday: Communion Service 8:30 AM

CONFESSION

*Saturday: 3:00pm-3:45pm INFANT BAPTISMS

Are by appointment. Please call the Rectory office at 818-360-4611 ext. 110 for information and scheduling.

MARRIAGE

Please call the Rectory at least six months before the desired wedding day to begin marriage preparation.

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of December 19, 2021

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45 Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38 Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45 Tuesday: Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66 Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79 Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Saturday:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps Next Sunday: 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

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God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son... (John 3:16)

In the midst of this Season of Joy and Hope, the world is still caught up in the uncertainties of the pandemic. But our Faith is not at all dimmed. In the Christmas carol, O Little Town of Bethlehem, we sing "the hopes and fears of all the years" are met in Christ born in Bethlehem.

With faith, our fears are lessened and our hope is increased. With faith, we know that Christ's Light shines even in the darkness of uncertainty just as He came on that first Christmas night bringing peace to the world.

> Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light.

My Christmas wish for each of you, dear parishioners, is that you experience the power of Christ's Birth. I pray that you allow the Prince of Peace to dwell in your hearts, in your families, in your neighborhood—and in so doing, bring Christ's Peace in the world!

Humbly yours,

Father aldar

Father Alden Sison Pastor

The Christmas Season

SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES

DECEMBER 25, 2021 SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS) Holy Day of Obligation

CHRISTMAS VIGIL - Friday, December 24

(Christmas Season begins) 4:00 p.m. Children's Mass 6:30 p.m. Mass at Night 12:00 a.m. Mass at Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY - Saturday December 25

8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. No evening Mass.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. No evening Mass.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

(Not a holy day of obligation this year) 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022 SOLEMNITY THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Regular Sunday Schedule 5:00 p.m. (Saturday); 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022 SOLEMNITY OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Regular Sunday Schedule 5:00 p.m. (Saturday); 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

The Christmas Season ends at sundown.

WEEKDAY MASSES WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

8:30 a.m.

December 27: Feast of Saint John the Apostle December 28: Feast of the Holy Innocents December 29: Fifth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord December 30: Sixth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord December 31: Seventh Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord.



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 18th 5:00pm Teresa Rodrigues (L)

Sunday, December 19th 8:30am Fanny Azcarate (L) Happy Birthday! 10:30am Winnie Ann Aribunbo (L) 5:00pm Dottie Riordan (D)

> Monday, December 20th 8:30am Eric Rodrigues (L)

Tuesday, December 21st 8:30am Remigio Macaspac (D) Randy & Julie Valencia (L) Happy 19th Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday, December 22nd 8:30am Manalo Robles (D)

Thursday, December 23rd 8:30am John Ruffner (D) Anniversary of Birth

Friday, December 24th 4:00 pm Jean Zeuschner (D) Anniversary of Birth 6:30 pm Rafael Moreno (L) 12:00am Lillian Barona (D) Anniversary of Passing

Saturday, December 25th 8:30am Escolano & Nahil Families (L) 10:30am Salem & Victoria Awdish (D) Harry Awish (D)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Maria Frigillana Anton Holtzman Dora Holtzman Joan Johnson Werner Kessling Carolan Lombardy April Mazzeo Joe Nuccitelli Anthony Nuccitelli Deacon Mike Perez Craig Petrella Carl Stearns Armando Talamantez Beth Tramontina

and all those in our Parish Book of Prayers

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HAPPY REPOSE OF ALL SOULS: Jennie Sorenson and Federico Laquian







Did you know? December 18-19 || Fire safety: Close before you doze

If there is a fire in your home, there is a 900-degree difference between a closed door and an open one. Firefighters recommend that you always close doors before you and your children go to sleep. Remembering the simple phrase "Close before you doze" can help prevent toxic gasses and flames from getting in your room, giving firefighters more time to rescue you. Closing your children's doors before bed is a quick, easy step to keep them safe — and provides an extra layer of security when coupled with working smoke alarms and a family safety plan. For more information, visit https:// momsoncall.com/knowledge-center/close-before-you-

doze/.

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> OFFICE HOURS ARE WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY 10:30AM-4:30PM

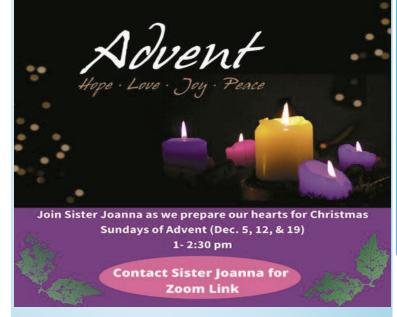




"Confirmation Registrations has begun. Please stop by the Confirmation Office to pick up a Registration Packet, if you have any questions please feel free to contact Alejandro Velasquez, thank you."



FAITH FORMATION



Contact Sister Joanna -- adultfaith@stemail.org 213-256-9753

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Do you know someone who is interested in receiving the Sacraments or learning more about the Catholic Faith? This is for anyone who wants to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, wants to become Catholic, or who has not yet made his/her First Communion.

Adults: Wednesdays 7:00 -8:30 pm on ZOOM (1st Wednesday of the month is in person)

Teens 13- 17 years old: Sundays 4:00-6:00 pm in the meeting room.

Children 7- 12 years old: Second Saturday of the month in the meeting room

Are you interested in helping those who want to become Catholic?

I am looking for new team members for all levels of RCIA and Adult Confirmation preparation. For more information, please contact Sister Joanna

I am preparing a place for Christ to be born anew within me. My soul is a manger for God!

Servant of God Sister Ida Peterfy, SDSH www.sacredheartsisters.com

PRAYER & WORSHIP

4th Sunday of Advent/ December 19, 2021 SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel. (Mi 5:1)

Psalm: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Ps 80)

Second Reading:

"Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God." (Heb 10:7)

Gospel:

"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Lk 1:42-43)

Observances for the week of December 19, 2021

4th Sunday of Advent Sunday: Monday: **Tuesday:** St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church Wednesday: Thursday: St. John of Kanty, Priest Friday: Christmas Eve Saturday: Next Sunday: The Holy Family

The Nativity of the Lord

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED



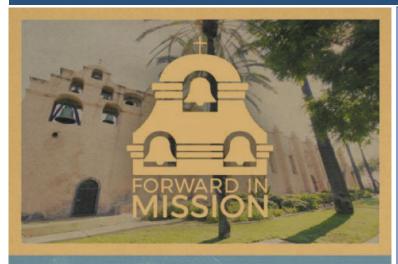
Ouestion: Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

Answer:

Epiphany means "manifestation," or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. This part of Matthew's infancy narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text. Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact?

PRAYER & WORSHIP



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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Micah prophesied a Messiah ("ruler") would come through the line of David ("Bethlehem-Ephrathah") and bring peace and harmony. In what ways does the upcoming birth of Christ bring you comfort?

Second Reading:

As the season of Advent draws to a close, the author of Hebrews reminds us that as disciples of Christ, we must strive to do God's will above all else. How do you stay focused on such an important task?

Gospel:

Luke is the only Evangelist to record the story of Mary visiting Elizabeth and only a portion of their conversation was preserved. What else do you imagine they talked about?



Advent has arrived, and with it, our annual Giving Tree. As we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of our Lord, we reach out with loving support to the mothers and their children at the Good Shepherd Shelter. Our Giving Tree is filled with ornaments or envelopes, each one labeled with one item (gift card, cash, check) to ensure that the residents of the Shelter have a special Christmas and New Years. Please help support this worthy mission by picking up one or more of the ornaments/ envelopes and then returning your gift by the end of December 19, the Fourth Sunday in Advent. If not using the provided envelope, please clearly mark your own as "Giving Tree." Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket during Mass or in the locked mailbox on the rectory's porch. If you have questions, please call Beth Illig (818-363-4062).

God's blessings, Good Shepherd Connection Team

Giving Tree





Our Non-perishable food drive was a great success! Many thanks to our generous St. Euphrasia Parish community. Many local families in need were served.

It's Time to Give the Gift of Warmth to those in need by donating USED Men's-Women's-Children's Used Coats and winter garments!

Feed My Sheep, St. Euphrasia's service ministry to the hungry and needy, is sponsoring our annual Used Men's, Women's and Children's Used Coat Drive now through February 2022. Green collection receptacles are located in the vestibule AND in the porch alcove by the side church door entrance on Shoshone Ave. Please join in giving the Gift of Warmth to those in need!! Contact Nancy Hymes for more info: nancyhymes@hotmail.com



The PCC has some great opportunities for...

Volunteer Nurses

We would love to have you join us in this lifeaffirming ministry To receive your **Volunteer Application Packet** Please contact Norma Cano, Client Service Director for more info. 818/895-2500 or e-mail norma@pregnanthelp4u.org

Beneath His Cross

We are a Lay Apostolate of men and women who love our priests through the Immaculate Heart of Our Blessed Mother. We stand with Our Lady beneath the cross of Jesus in prayer, sacrifice, and reparation for our priests.

Meet 1st and 3rd Thursday of Every Month TIME: 4:00-5:30 P.M. PLACE: Meet inside the Church LOCATION: ST. EUPHRASIA For more info please contact: Director of Beneath His Cross Espe Martin

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Spiritual direction is the practice of walking with someone who wants to deepen their relationship with God and grow in their personal spirituality. The person seeking direction controls the time together. (S)he may share stories of encounters with the divine, or how they are cultivating a life attuned to spiritual things, or how they may be struggling in Faith, especially during this time of pandemic. Sister Angela, Pastoral Assistant and a certified Spiritual Director, is available to meet virtually (ZOOM, SKYPE, or FaceTime) with any parishioner who wishes to strengthen their awareness of God's voice and presence in their lives. If you desire more information or wish to set up an initial appointment, please contact her at afaustina@stemail.org.



St. Euphrasia Gift Shop

SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS EARLY!!

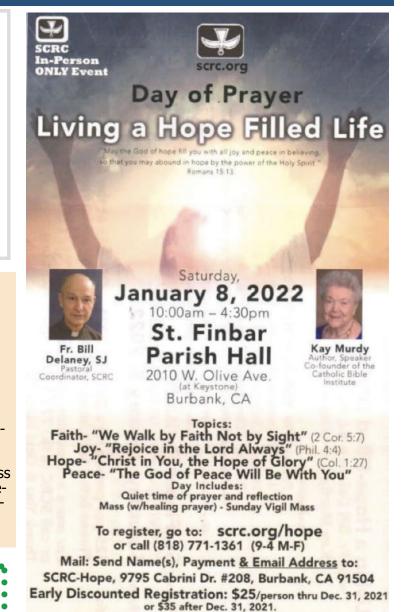
Stop by the St. Euphrasia Gift Shop for all your Christmas gifts.

New Advent Wreaths, Advent candles, statues, Beautiful Nativity Sets.

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11:30AM - 12:30PM

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Please bring sack lunch or drive to nearby restaurants

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