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M — F, 7am & 12:05pm (Live Stream)
SAT, 8am

CONFESSION:

WEDNESDAYS
5-7pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

MONDAY — FRIDAY
8am—12pm & 1pm—5pm

VIGIL MASS:

SATURDAY
5pm

SUNDAY MASS: 12:30pm (Español, Live Stream)

7AM
9am (Live Stream) 5pm Young Adult
10:45am,

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Monday - Friday, 9AM - 12 & 1 - 5PM

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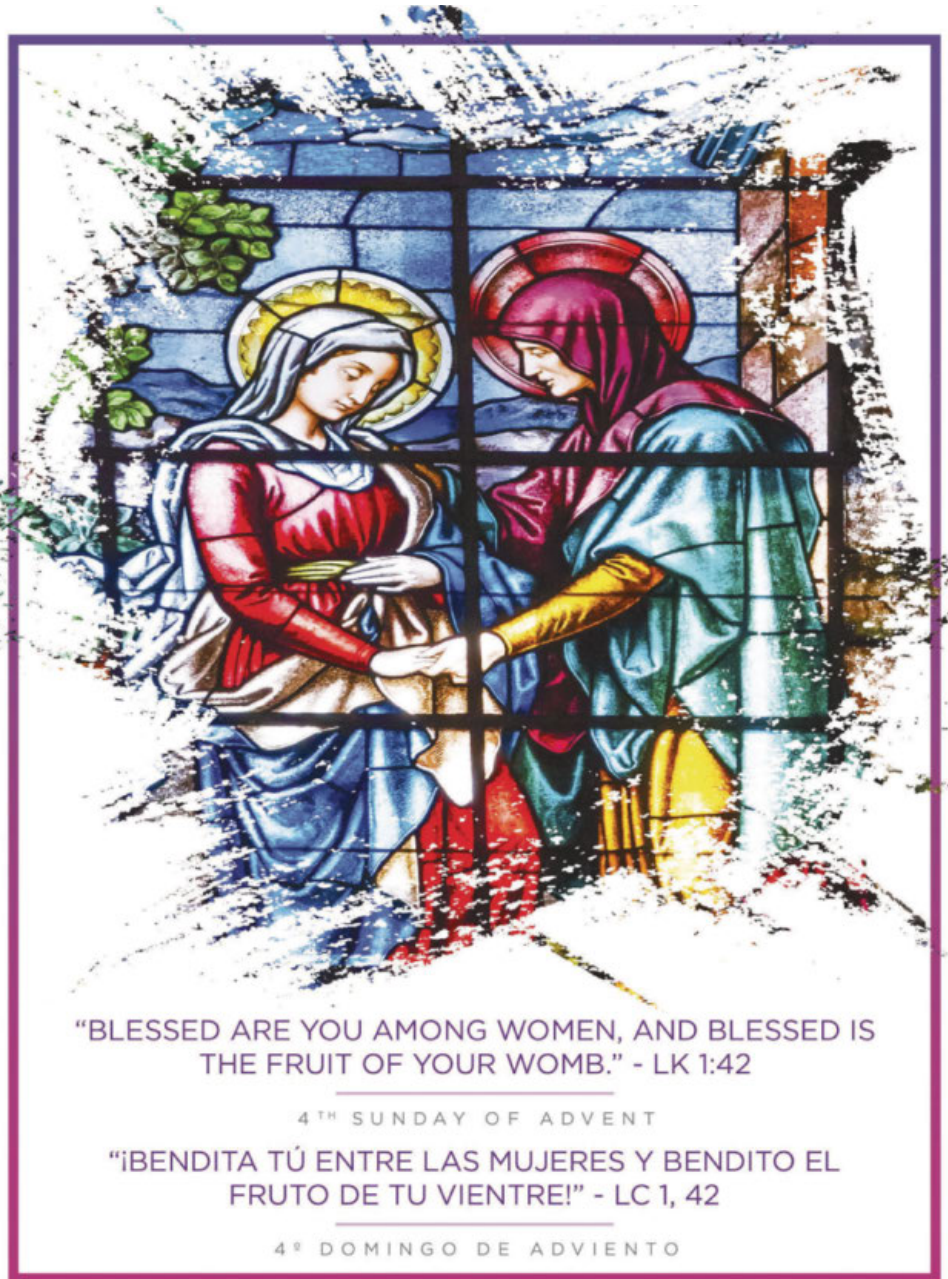
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“BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG WOMEN, AND BLESSED IS THE FRUIT OF YOUR WOMB.” - LK 1:42

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“IBENDITA TÚ ENTRE LAS MUJERES Y BENDITO EL FRUTO DE TU VIENTRE!” - LC 1, 42

4^º DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

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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)

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Observances for the week of December 19, 2021

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



Saturday Dec 18	5:00 PM	Virginia Tan Adrian Rios (Birthday) John Frederick Werner (RIP)
Sunday Dec 19	7:00 AM	Emmanuel Abellera (Bday) Abellera Family
	9:00 AM	Jack & Celeste Justice (RIP) Angela (RIP) Napoleon Cosio Jr. (RIP)
	10:45 AM	Arnold Janssen Yu (Health) Ann Elizabeth Pendo (RIP)
	12:30 PM	Mentor E. Hidalgo (RIP) Evangelina Valiente (RIP) Felipe Diaz (RIP)
	5:00 PM	Brenda Lynch (RIP)
Monday Dec 20	7:00 AM	Dr. Thomas Allen (RIP) Henry Bosma (Health)
	12:05 PM	Don Schimmoller (RIP, 90 th Bday) Juanita Cabrera
Tuesday Dec 21	7:00 AM	Macy Grobe (RIP) Frankie Talamantes (RIP)
	12:05 PM	Boy Agustin (RIP) Patrick Saint-Victor (RIP)
Wednesday Dec 22	7:00 AM	Bernardina M. De Ocampo (RIP) Flor Cosio (Birthday)
	12:05 PM	Michiko Ishii (RIP) Hank Doupe (RIP) Suzette Agustin
Thursday Dec 23	7:00 AM	Jason Stevens (RIP) James Stevens
	12:05 PM	Carmen Lopez (RIP) Jesus Cabrera (RIP)
Friday Dec 24		CHRISTMAS EVE
Saturday Dec 25		MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Please remember in your prayers all the sick of our parish, especially:

Tommy Ethridge, Teresa Grobe, Lily Piega, Gene Powell, Paige & Peggy Parrish, Yvette De Souza, Seamus O'Conner, Ruth Wendell, Julia Martin, Marlene Arce, Larry Holdridge, Jack Knoebber, Callie Hatcher, Steven Dietrich, Lynn Yanez, James Fazekas, Maria Juarez, Elhyza Nibnibungco, Enrique Portillo, Erica Whitehead, Christine Papin, Ken Whaley, Barbara Ower, Chris Halajian, Michelle Winschel, Sarah Hinojosa, Sydney Young, Christine Drucker, Sergio Camacho, Theresa Soh, Elizabeth Soh, Michael Gates, David Pickney, Donald Swanson, Andres Arellano, Maria Fuentes, Robert Morgan, Esther Woo Jan, Isabella Diecks, Mia Salgado, Veronica Jimenez, Jim Joyce, Renato Martinez, Rosa de la Rosa, Maria Curtis, Elvira Jimenez, Derek Medina, & Al Chavez.

Remember, also, all those who care for the sick and elderly, that they may receive the strength of Christ as they bring His healing hand to those in need.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

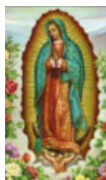
DECEMBER

- 19 Boy scout 131—Food Drive
 24 Christmas Eve—Parish center is closed
 25 Christmas Day—Parish center is closed
 26 Feast of the Holy Family
 1 New Year's Day

EL GRUPO GUADALUPANO

PROXIMO EVENTO

19 de Diciembre : Posada parroquial a las 6:00 pm en el Salón Del Santo Ángel.



ROSARY GROUPS

DAILY ROSARY DEVOTION

At 8:30am (after 7am daily mass), 11.30am (before 12:05pm daily mass) & at 5 pm with Relevant Radio (tune in to 930 AM).

THURSDAY MORNING ROSARY GROUP

If you want to share in fellowship with others while praying the Rosary, please join us **Thursday mornings at 8:05am** in the church.

LADIES ROSARY GROUP TUESDAY NIGHTS ON ZOOM, 5 PM

For more information, please contact: **Anne Marie,** ams245245@gmail.com or (626) 487-3305

RCIA (RITES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)

We are eager to welcome you and accompany you on your journey. Are you seeking:

- To be baptized in the Catholic Church
- To make a Catholic profession of faith (if baptized in another religion)
- To complete the Catholic Sacraments of Initiation (Communion and Confirmation)



Contact: **Sr. Teresita,** tkeliher@Stphiliptheapostle.org or call (626) 793-0693, x. 109.

JOIN A SMALL GROUP COMMUNITY



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[GOSPEL MEDITATION]

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." - Lk 1:41-42

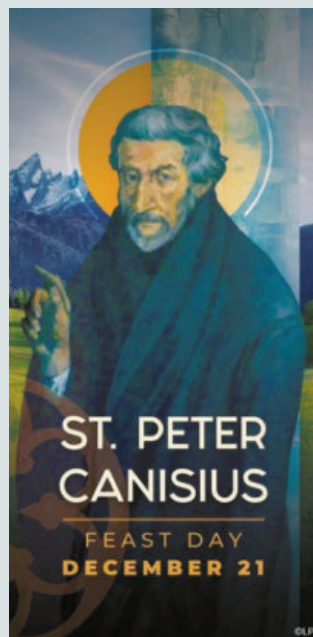
St. Augustine tells us that a "Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps." As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life's necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world's ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.

Why doesn't God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world's ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.



Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God's vessel so that God's greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God's fix for the world's difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God's instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

Saint of the Week



Born in Holland, St. Peter Canisius (May 8, 1521 – December 21, 1597) was a preacher, teacher, and writer throughout his whole life. At the age of 19, he received a master's degree from the university at Cologne. Soon afterwards, St. Peter met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, who influenced him so much that he eventually joined the Society of Jesus.

St. Peter Canisius founded colleges and seminaries, served as a missionary, cared for the sick or imprisoned, and wrote close to eight volumes of letters — many about St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great.

A man blessed with many talents, St. Peter Canisius is a wonderful example of a man who developed his talents to further God's work here on earth.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVE CONCERT

The Vivaldi Gloria at St. Philip's Christmas Eve!

The Traditional Choir will present Antonio Vivaldi's beloved masterpiece, Gloria, at a special concert **Christmas Eve at 9:30 p.m. at St Philip's, immediately prior to the 10 p.m. Mass.** This joyful work is a Christmas favorite, and our performance will feature soprano Carrah Stamatakis, alto Monika Bruckner, and organist Ethan Williams. Nicole Baker will conduct the Traditional Choir.

Come join us, free admission!



SIMBANG GABI

ADVENT NOVENA (9 DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS)
EARLY DAWN MASS, A TRADITION FROM THE PHILIPPINES

12/15 - 12/17 MASS @ 7AM

12/18 @ 5PM
**GRAND CELEBRATION
AT HOLY ANGEL HALL**

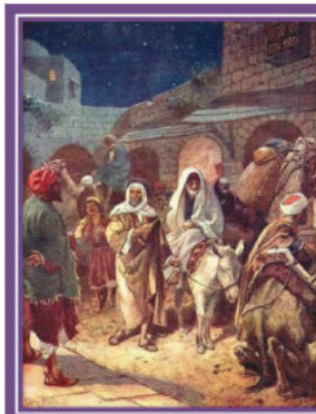
12/19 - 12/23 MASS @ 7AM
(LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS)

Merry Christmas! Maligayang Pasko! Feliz Navidad!

**YOU, YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND**

FOR MORE INFO:
TEXT MIRIAM ABELLERA, 510.415.1577

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Join Mary and Joseph
Seek Lodging (POSADA)
December 19, 2021 @ 3pm

Acompaña a María y José a
buscando posada
19 de Diciembre, 2021 @ 3 pm

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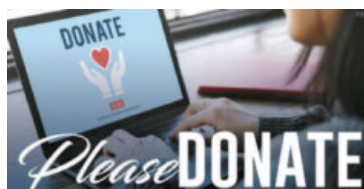
SUPPORT ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE:

Week Ending 12/12/21		
	Current Week	Year-to-date
Sunday Envelopes	\$14,764.64	\$222,485.03
Faith Direct	\$11,117.75	\$244,146.03
Cash Contributions	\$238.94	\$5,792.90
Total Contributions	\$26,121.33	\$472,423.96
Weekly Goal/Total Goal for No Deficit	\$20,192.00	\$484,608.00
+/- Total Contributions vs. Goal	\$5,929.33	\$(12,184.05)

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Christmas 2021

Schedule of Masses and Confessions



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Christmas Eve, Dec 24

Family Mass: 4:00 PM

Midnight Mass: 8 PM, 10 PM (Español)

Christmas Day, Dec 25

7:00 AM; 10:30 AM; 12:30 PM (Español);

No 5:00 PM Mass

Feast of the Holy Family, Dec 26

7:00 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:45 AM;

12:30 PM (Español) and 5:00 PM

New Year's Day, Jan 1

No 8:00 AM Mass, 1:00 PM, 5:00 PM

Epiphany of the Lord, Jan 2

7:00 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:45 AM;

12:30 PM (Español) and 5:00 PM

CONFESSION

Monday—Wednesday

December 20, 21, 22

5pm-7pm

or by appointment

call (626) 793-0693

Priests are Available for Confession
in English and Español





WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

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?



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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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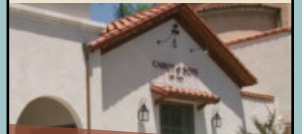
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