



# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR | CALENDARIO SEMANAL

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>

Regular Sunday Mass times

### MONDAY, JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>

6:30 pm Mass with live stream

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>

7:00 pm Mass with live stream

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>

8:30 am Mass with live stream followed by  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Noon

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>

Confessions 3:00 pm

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY:

4:30 pm (English)

### SUNDAY:

8:45 am & 11:00 am (English)

1:15 pm (Spanish)

### WEEKDAY

Wednesday 6:30 pm

Thursday 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Friday 8:30 am

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

4:30 pm..... Dolores Vega

### Sunday, January 2<sup>th</sup>

8:45 am..... +Frances Barba

11:00 am..... +Michael & Rita Bovell

1:15 pm..... Missa Pro Populo

### Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm..... +Josefa Hernandez

### Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm..... +Felipa Guerrero

### Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm..... +Sol Lacson

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DIocese of FORT WORTH



## DAILY PRAYER LIST FORT WORTH SEMINARIANS 2020-2021

### A Prayer for a Seminarian

God our Father,  
Thank you for calling [name] to prepare for the priesthood. Grant him the grace to grow closer to You through daily prayer. Help him form his personality as a credible witness to others. Bless him while he studies Your word and the teachings of the Church, and give him a generous heart to serve Your people. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our great High Priest. Amen.

Day of the Month	Thank you for your support and generosity. Please pray for the following seminarians:
1	Deacon Joseph Moreno, Deacon Thomas Jones
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3	Deacon Jason Allan, Deacon Linh Nguyen
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5	Ed Hopkins
6	Brandon LeClair
7	Austin Hoodenpyle
8	Eric Flores
9	Benjamin Grothouse
10	Jacob Daniell
11	Austin Evans
12	Isaac McCracken
13	Diego Soto Deniz
14	Joseph Hoffschwelle
15	Kyle Lange
16	Blake Thompson
17	Trent Barton
18	Bryar Ferguson
19	Miguel De La Torre
20	Paul Trinh
21	Brandon Woolums
22	Quang Nguyen
23	Michael Marincel
24	Javier Escutia
25	Isaac Acuña
26	Jesus Segura
27	Jacob Zimmerer
28	Leo Kaiser
29	Brogan Lane
30	Peter Nguyen
31	For an increase in vocations to the priesthood

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

“...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” (MATTHEW 2:11)

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ’s wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

## REFLEXIONES DE CORRESPONSABILIDAD

“...Se postraron ante Él y lo adoraron. Entonces abrieron sus cofres y le ofrecieron sus regalos de oro, incienso y mirra” (Mateo 2:11)  
¿Qué regalos le da usted al Señor? El papa San Gregorio dijo que estos tres dones representan lo que deberíamos dar al Señor cada día. El oro - debemos reflejar la sabiduría de Cristo en todas nuestras relaciones. Incienso - representa nuestras oraciones diarias y la adoración a Dios. Mirra - es un símbolo de nuestros sacrificios diarios que nos unen con Jesús por el bien de los demás.

## CALLED TO BE COMMUNITY

A guide to living a spirituality of communion

How can we live our calling as Christians in the twenty-first century?

### Be alert and pray

“Be alert and pray” (...). these few words hold the key to facing the most dramatic events in life, but also the inevitable trials of every day. However, we are immersed in the frenetic and all-consuming pace of modern life, so how can we possibly avoid being lulled to sleep by many “siren songs”? And yet these words of the Gospel are meant for us too...

Even in times like these, Jesus cannot ask us to do something that is beyond our capabilities. Along with this exhortation, he must necessarily show us how to live in accordance with his word. So then, how can we stay awake and be on our guard? How can we always have a prayerful attitude? We might have made every effort to shut out everything and everyone as a means of self-defense. But that is not right, and it is not long before we realize that, sooner or later, we have to give in.

The path to take can be found in the Gospel and in human experience itself. When you love someone, your heart is watchful, always waiting for that person. Every minute that passes is spent for that person’s sake, watching and waiting. A person who loves is watchful. Being watchful is characteristic of love. ...

This is the attitude of those who love Jesus. They do everything for his sake. They find him every moment in the simple expressions of his will, and they will meet him solemnly on the day he comes. ...

The smile we give, the task we carry out, the car we drive, the meal we prepare, the activity we are organizing, the tears we shed for one of our brothers or sisters who is suffering; the instrument we play, the article or letter we write, the happy event we share cheerfully, the dress to be cleaned... If we do all these things out of love, they can all become a prayer.

To be alert and pray always, we need to be anchored in love, to love God’s will and every neighbor he puts beside us.

Today, I really want to love. So, I will be alert and pray at all times.  
Chiara Lubich (1920–2008), founder of the Focolare

Excerpt from (Chiara Lubich, in Parole di Vita, [Words of Life] edited by Fabio Ciardi, Opere di Chiara Lubich, Città Nuova, 2017, pp. 634-636) on the Focolare website <https://www.focolare.org/en/>

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### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Today we remember the visit of the magi to the infant Jesus. Who were these three men, why did they come to visit Jesus? Magi is usually translated as “magician” or “sorcerer”—not our usual understanding of this term. We hear the old Christmas carol “We Three Kings” and we imagine that they were kings from the East, or we think about three “wise men.” To say the least, there is not a clear understanding of who and what these three men were. Perhaps the exact meaning of the word does not matter.

In the Gospel the visit of “the three” serves a theological purpose—for the first time Jesus, as Savior and God, is revealed to the gentiles. By their visit Jesus is announced to the whole world as the Son of God. It is important to note that they come to worship Jesus. They present him with gifts fit for a King and a god. Their visit and their worship of the infant Jesus shows that the whole world is subject to him. These men were from a different culture and certainly did not share the Jewish faith—yet they recognized the deity of the Lord.

Often people dwell on the meaning of the gifts brought by the magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These gifts do have symbolic meaning. Gold signifies the kingship of Jesus—as the Son of God he is Lord of all things. Frankincense was burned to honor the gods in many non-Judeo-Christian religions—this gift recognizes the divinity of Christ—Jesus as the second person of the Holy Trinity. Myrrh was a significant gift for the infant Jesus. Myrrh was used as an analgesic drug and an embalming agent. Myrrh was more valuable than gold. Myrrh is a foreshadowing of things to come—Jesus would end up suffering and dying for the sake of others.

The Epiphany gives us the chance to reflect on the meaning of Jesus’ birth. The meaning of Jesus’ birth, the Incarnation, is not a mere personal understanding of what Jesus means to me—rather, what is the meaning of Jesus’ birth for all humanity. Today we are challenged to see the message of Christ as a transforming and saving gift for all God’s people.

### LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR

Hoy recordamos la visita de los magos al niño Jesús. ¿Quiénes eran estos tres hombres? ¿Porque vinieron a visitar a Jesús? Cuando se escucha la palabra “magos” se traduce a “magia” o a “brujería”—no nuestro entendimiento usual de esta palabra. Escuchamos canciones de navidad como “Los Tres Reyes” y nos imaginamos que eran tres reyes del este, o pensamos en tres “reyes sabios”. Por decir lo menos, no tenemos un entendimiento claro de quien o que eran estos tres hombres. Pero probablemente el significado exacto de la palabra no importa.

En el Evangelio, la visita de “los tres” sirve con propósito teológico- por primera vez Jesús, como salvador y Dios, es revelado a los gentiles. Atraves de su visita, Jesús es anunciado a todo el mundo como el Hijo de Dios. Es importante notar que vinieron a alabar a Jesús. Le presentaron regalos aptos para un rey y un dios. Su visita y sus alabanzas al niño Jesús nos demuestra que todo el mundo es sujeto a Él. Estos hombres eran de una cultura diferente, y sin duda no compartían la fe judía- y aun reconocieron que el Señor es Dios.

A veces la gente se fija mucho en el significado de los regalos que trajeron los magos- oro, incienso y mirra. Estos regalos tienen significado simbólico. El oro significa que Jesús es rey- como Hijo de Dios es Señor sobre todas las cosas. Incienso fue quemado para honrar a los dioses en muchas religiones no judías o cristianas- este regalo reconoce la divinidad de Cristo- Jesús como la segunda persona de la Santísima Trinidad. Mirra fue un regalo significativo para el niño Jesús. Mirra era usada como una droga analgésica y agente para embalsamar. Mirra era más valiosa que oro. Mirra era el presentimiento de lo que venía- Jesús terminaría sufriendo y muriendo por el bien de los demás.

La Epifanía nos da la oportunidad de reflejar en el significado del nacimiento de Jesús. El significado del nacimiento de Jesús, la Encarnación, no es simplemente un entendimiento personal de lo que Jesús significa para mí- si no que, lo que significa el nacimiento de Jesús para toda la humanidad. Ahora tenemos el desafío de ver el mensaje de Cristo como un regalo salvador y transformador para toda la gente de Dios.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> The Epiphany of the Lord**  
 Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6;  
 Mt 2:1-12

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**  
 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mt 6:34-44

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop**  
 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>**  
 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14 & 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup>**  
 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday January 8<sup>th</sup>**  
 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Jn 3:22-30



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