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# Our Parish Mission

To all who need comfort... To all who are lonely & need companionship... To all who seek sheltering love... To all who sin and need a Redeemer... To all who offer praise to the Lord... To all who long for peace... To those who would serve a living God... To all who come, from near or afar this church opens wide its doors and in the name of Jesus says:

Welcome.

# Readings and Mass Intentions

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 2**

**8:00 a.m. Mass...** *The Drury Family* **10:30 a.m. Mass...** *The Averbeck Family* 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, JANUARY 3**

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

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 4**

1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/ Mk 6:34-44

#### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5**

#### No 9:00 a.m. Mass

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

#### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 6**

#### No 9:00 a.m. Mass

1 Jn 4:19–5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/ Lk 4:14-22

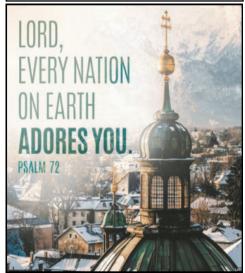
#### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 7**

#### No 9:00 a.m. Mass

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

#### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 8**

**5:30 p.m. Mass...** *The Reyes Family* 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30



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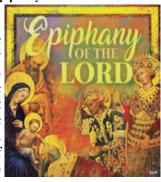
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### Gifts for the King

On this day we encounter the Magi coming from the East to worship the baby Jesus. Magi were originally part of the Median or Persian priestly class, and later this term came to be used more broadly to refer to people who had some sort of mystic abilities. From a distant land in the East, the Magi in today's Gospel reading see a great star in the sky, which in ancient times signified the birth of a great ruler. They follow the star in search of this new king in Israel, and their journey takes them to the town of Bethlehem.



Matthew tells us that they prostrate themselves before the child Jesus. This is a significant detail in the story because these Magi were important men, probably serving in royal courts back in the East. And yet these foreigners bow down to worship a baby in Israel. The Church Fathers recognized that this scene shows how the child who came to be the king of Israel was also the king of the whole world.

Another interesting detail from today's reading is that the Magi bring the new king Jesus three gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gold is a fitting gift for a king, and points to Jesus as the true king. Frankincense was a perfume used as incense in worship, and so it points to Christ's divinity. Since myrrh was an expensive spice used in burial, this gift points to Christ's mortality and tells us that this king one day will die.

What can this mean for our lives? As we approach Jesus on this day of Epiphany—and on every day—we want to approach him in great reverence as our Lord and our King. Like the Magi we bow down before him as our king, we recognize his divinity and worship him, and we bring the gift of self-sacrifice, just as the Magi offered him myrrh.



#### Christmas Flowers

Thank you to those who donated Christmas poinsettias in memory of, or in honor of a loved one.



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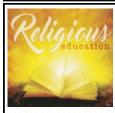
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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Jan. 4: Men's Group
- Jan. 5: RCIA 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 11: Knights of Columbus 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 12: Youth Group 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 12: Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 12: RCIA 6:30 p.m.

### Protocols for Attending Mass in person

- If sick or exhibiting symptoms of any illness, stay home.
- Masks are optional.
- Sanitize hands before entering the church.
- Respect social distancing of 3 feet.



# Religious Education News

No Classes Jan. 2nd - Classes resume on January 9th

@9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Remind Code: To receive updates and announcements: Text @kc7dae4 to 81010

**Contact Adrian at** *DRE@holyredeemeraledo.org.* 



HRYOUTH

Middle School Youth & High School Youth We invite all 6th graders - 12th graders Our next meeting is on Wednesday, January 12th 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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**Contact Adrian at** Youth@holyredeemeraledo.org.

A big thank you to all those who helped make Christmas special, Ushers, Choir, Lectors, Soundmen, those who cleaned the church and

**January 2, 2022** 

thank you

Thank you to the Men's Group "Life is Messy" book by Matthew Kelly

decorated the church!

If a child lives with criticism, He learns to condemn. If a child lives with hostility, He learns to fight. If a child lives with ridicule, He learns to be shy. If a child lives with shame, He learns to feel guilty. If a child lives with tolerance, He learns to be patient. If a child lives with encouragement, He learns confidence. If a child lives with praise, He learns to appreciate. If a child lives with fairness, He learns justice. If a child lives with security, He learns to have faith. If a child lives with approval, He learns to like himself. If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, He learns to find love in the world.

# "Children Learn What They Live" by Dorothy Law Nolte

# **Men of Holy Redeemer**

The next meeting is on

# **Tuesday, January 4th** at 6:30 p.m.

Striving to become the men God wants them to be in fellowship and to grow in their faith, service and social community!

## menofholyredeemer@gmail.com

New Year, new goals! Hope you can attend!



Remember us, O God; From age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, Blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.

Bless your children a the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with bright hope that is our in the coming of Christ.

You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever. Amen.

Catholic Household Blessing & Prayers.

#### Save the Date:

North Texas March for Life will be in Dallas on January 15, 2022.

Northtexasmarchforlife.org

12:00 p.m. from the Cathedral Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe to the Earle Cabell Federal Courthouse 12:45 p.m. Pro-Life Rally 2:00 p.m. March returns to the Cathedral Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

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