



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

Al ver de nuevo la estrella, se llenaron de inmensa alegría. Entraron en la casa y vieron al niño con María, su madre, y postrándose, lo adoraron. Después, abriendo sus cofres, le ofrecieron regalos: oro, incienso y mirra. - Mt 2, 10-11

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MASS INTENTIONS/ INTENCIONES DE LA MISA

- January / enero 1**
 8:30am St. John's.....
 10:30am ABVM.....
 5:00pm ABVM.....Benedicta & Roberto Luna†
 7:00pm St. John's.....
- January / enero 2**
 8:30am St. John's.....January Birthdays
 10:30am ABVM.....Linda Ross†
 1:00pm ABVM.....
 5:00pm St. Mary's.....
- January / enero 3**
 8:30am St. John's.....Special Intentions
 6:30pm ABVM.....
- January / enero 5**
 6:00pm ABVM.....Pat Thompson & Family
- January / enero 6**
 8:30am ABVM.....LeRoy Wilde†
 (Requested by: Ethel Pennartz)
 6:30pm St. John's.....
- January / enero 7**
 8:30am St. John's.....Holy Souls in Purgatory
 6:30pm ABVM.....

Please use the mass intention envelopes located at the entrance of the church to request a mass intention. Or call the church office.

Por favor use los sobres que se encuentran en la entrada de la Iglesia para pedir una intencion de misa. O llame a la oficina de la Iglesia.

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In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

LA EPIFANIA DEL SEÑOR

Aun en estos tiempos, la humanidad continúa buscando la estrella, esa estrella que muchas veces se pierde entre la injusticia, el odio y la discriminación. Sin embargo, hay que seguir el camino y alzar los ojos al cielo para encontrar el centro de su luz. "Levántate y brilla, que ha llegado tu luz y la Gloria de Yavé amaneció sobre ti (Isaías 60,1). La Gloria de la Manifestación de Jesús en su Evangelio y en la Eucaristía se hace presente entre nosotros en la Liturgia de hoy. El Papa Francisco nos explica acerca de la belleza de esta celebración. "La manifestación de Jesús, simbolizada por la luz: Levántate y resplandece, Jerusalén, porque llega tu luz; la Gloria del Señor amanece sobre ti". Él nos exhorta al movimiento, a no quedarnos ahí fijos como estatuas sin hacer nada.

También, nos explica sobre la participación de los magos del Oriente y lo que ellos representan. "Los Magos, venidos de Oriente, representan a todos los pueblos lejanos de la fe judía tradicional: se dejan guiar por la estrella y se enfrentan a un largo y arriesgado viaje; se postran ante Jesús y le ofrecen regalos simbólicos: oro, incienso y mirra; la búsqueda del Señor implica también la generosidad del corazón" (1/6/2019). ¿Qué le estoy ofreciendo a Jesús en esta etapa de mi vida? ¿Qué tipo de manifestaciones he tenido de Dios a lo largo de mi vida? Pidamos, en esta Eucaristía, que la luz de Cristo se manifieste en estos tiempos turbulentos y oscuros que experimentamos en el mundo entero. Sigamos vigilantes, caminemos por sendas nuevas, sigamos el ejemplo de los Magos. Ellos, regresaron a su país por otro camino.

COLLECTION FOR 12-19-21

	Collection	online giving
ABVM	\$14,408.00.....	\$855.00
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ST. MARY	\$401.00.....	

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COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR'S AND JANUARY 2ND WILL BE POSTED ON THE NEXT BULLETIN

New year new beginning.....

- Can we as a community do this?.....
- Making our homes a place where God dwells...
- Choosing matters of God over the worldly things...
- Giving than receiving...
- Healing than wounding.....
- Build up communities than breaking...
- Committed Catholics than comforted Catholics..
- HAPPY NEW YEAR- 2022

Nuevo año nuevo comenzar.....

- ¿Podemos como comunidad hacer esto?... ..
- Hacer de nuestros hogares un lugar donde Dios habita ...
- Escoger los asuntos de Dios sobre las cosas del mundo ...
- Dar en vez de recibir ...
- Curar en vez de herir
- Construir comunidades en vez de destruirlas....
- Ser Católicos comprometidos en vez de Catolicos comodios.
- FELIZ AÑO NUEVO— 2022

	Assumption	St. John's	St. Mary's
Goal	\$16,900	\$15,750	\$1,450
% of goal met % de meta cumplida	127%	105%	58%
% of committed families / % de familias comprometidas	18%	21%	11%

Priest Care Fund Collection

Next week, we will take up a collection for the Priest Care Fund. Your support of this collection pays for our priests' medical and long-term care expenses that are not covered by insurance. "A Lifetime of Service Asks for a Moment of Support." Please give generously to the Priest Care Fund on January 8-9 at Mass, through our parish online giving, or at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>

Colecta para el Fondo de Cuidado al Sacerdote

La próxima semana, tomaremos una colecta para el Fondo de Cuidado al Sacerdote. Su apoyo a esta colecta para nuestros sacerdotes paga por los gastos médicos y de largo plazo que no están cubiertos por el seguro. "Una Vida de Servicio Require un Momento de Apoyo." Por favor, aporte generosamente al Fondo de Cuidado al Sacerdote durante las misas del 8 y 9 de enero, a través de las donaciones en línea de nuestra parroquia o en <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>

**First Friday Adoration / Adoracion
January 7th / 7 de enero**

**St. John's / San Juan
7:30am-8:30am**

**Assumption / Asuncion
5:30pm-6:30pm**

**St. Mary's / Santa Maria
6pm-7pm (solo Adoración, no misa)**

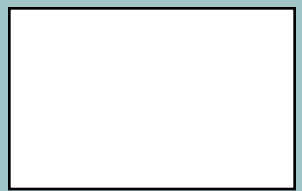




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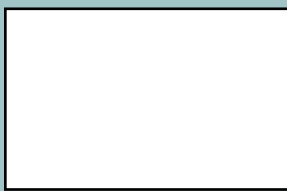
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