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JANUARY 2, 2022

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

## MASS

### DAILY SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday | 8:30am  
Saturday | 5pm  
Saturday | 7pm (*Spanish*)  
Sunday | 8am, 10am  
Sunday | 12pm (*Spanish*)

### CONFESSIONS

Friday | 7:30am - 8:15am  
Saturday | 3:00pm - 4:45pm  
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Rev. John Taosan

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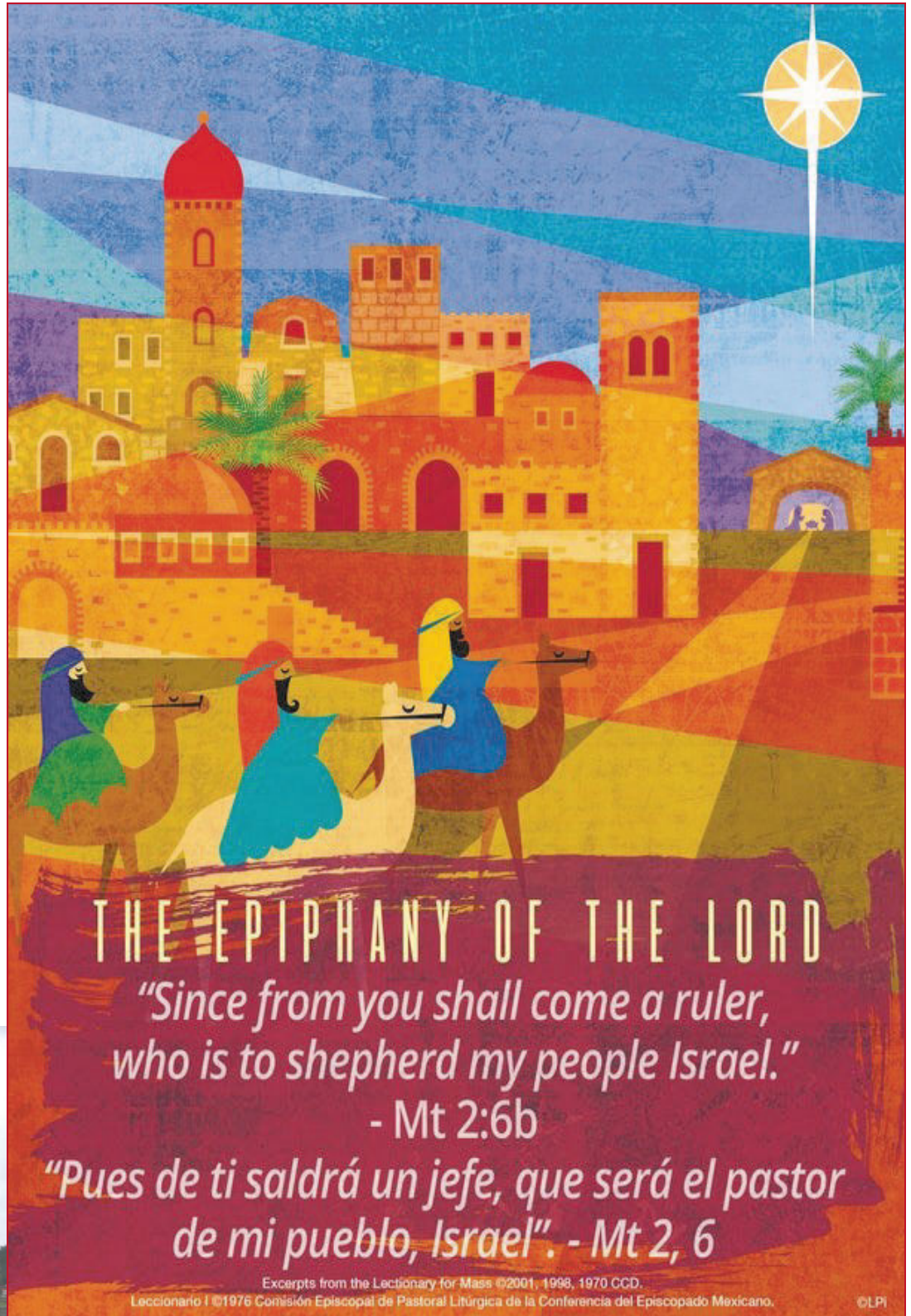
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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."*

- Mt 2:6b

*"Pues de ti saldrá un jefe, que será el pastor  
de mi pueblo, Israel". - Mt 2, 6*

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Brothers & Sisters:

Meghan and Joey are getting married at the end of this year. So, they bought a home and asked me to bless it last week. During the visit, they told me a cute story about Sulley, their 2-year-old dog who was curious about an item they had brought home placed in a lovely pouch. Sulley was full of anticipation hoping it was a delicious treat, only to find out that it was a little statue of baby Jesus. Was he disappointed? His mom and dad thought it had been a perfect opportuni-



ty to talk to him about Jesus. It dawned on me, Sulley may very well remind us about the true meaning of Christmas. Michael Patrick Barber in his book, *"The True Meaning of Christmas"* writes, "According to early Christian writers, the fact that the child Jesus is placed where food belongs is significant. For them, the manger is a symbol of the Church's eucharistic celebration. In this, the nativity story is inseparably connected to a concept at the heart of Christmas itself, Christ's Mass."

Like Sulley we all want to be fed. Jesus comes to us as a Living Bread from above. It is no surprise that he was born in Bethlehem known as the House of Bread. Merry Christmas brothers and sisters. I hope and pray, we have a renewed desire and love to attend mass to receive the Lord who gives us life. Happy New Year 2022.

**Father John Taosan**

Hermanos y Hermanas:

Meghan y Joey se casarán a finales de este año. Compraron una casa y me pidieron que la bendijera la semana pasada. Durante la visita, me contaron una linda historia sobre Sulley, su perro de 2 años que sentía curiosidad por un artículo que habían traído a casa en una hermosa bolsa. Sulley estaba lleno de anticipación esperando que fuera un regalo delicioso, solo para descubrir que era una pequeña estatua del niño Jesús. ¿Estaba decepcionado? Su mamá y papá pensaron que había sido una oportunidad perfecta para hablar con él sobre Jesús. Me di cuenta de que Sulley bien podría recordarnos el verdadero significado de la Navidad. Michael Patrick Barber, en su libro *"El Verdadero Significado de la Navidad"* escribe, "Según los primeros escritores cristianos, el hecho de que el niño Jesús sea colocado donde pertenece la comida es importante. Para ellos, el pesebre es un símbolo de la celebración eucarística de la Iglesia. En esto, la historia de la natividad está inseparablemente conectada a un concepto en el corazón de la Navidad misma, la Misa de Cristo.

Como Sulley, todos queremos que nos alimenten. Jesús viene a nosotros como un pan vivo de arriba. No es de extrañar que haya nacido en Belén conocido como la Casa del Pan. Feliz Navidad hermanos y hermanas. Espero y rezo, tengamos un renovado deseo y amor de asistir a misa para recibir al Señor que nos da la vida. Feliz Año Nuevo 2022.

**Father John Taosan**





### Altar Flowers From the Parishioners



## DEVOCIONES 1/1/22



### La Sagrada Familia

Fam. De la Paz

Niña: Maria



### Crucifijo de Vocaciones

Esmerald Olvera Perez



### Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia

Fam.



### Rosario a la Virgen de Guadalupe

Fam. Castelan

*"Levántate, Jerusalem, envuelta en esplendor, porque ha llegado tu luz y la gloria del Señor brilla sobre ti. (Isaías 60:1)"*

## SATURDAY, SABADO JANUARY 1

9:00am †Richard Peltier

5:00pm For the People

7:00pm †Fam. Trejo-Leon

## SUNDAY, DOMINGO JANUARY 2

8:00am †Ofelia Vasquez

10:00am †Ruben Gutierrez

12:00pm †Ruben Hernandez

## MONDAY, LUNES JANUARY 3

8:30am †Paul Balderaz

## TUESDAY, MARTES JANUARY 4

8:30am †James Termini

## WED, MIERCOLES JANUARY 5

8:30am †Orlando Camacho

## THURSDAY, JUEVES JANUARY 6

8:30am †Millie Gurka

## FRIDAY, VIERNES JANUARY 7

8:30am †Margaret Mary Coon

7:00pm †Agustina Martínez

## SUNDAY READING

### First Reading:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

### Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

### Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

### Gospel:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?"

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

## Stewardship for December 18 & 19, 2021

Offering **\$11,830.00**

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## SECOND COLLECTION / SEGUNDA COLECTA

- Saturday's is for the Solemnity of Mary
- Sunday's collection is for Caring Hearts/Black bag
- Colecta del Sabado para Solemnidad de Maria
- Colecta del Domingo para Corazones Bondadosos/ Bolsa Negra

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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

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

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

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

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



## Holy Hour / Hora Santa

English Holy Hour Every Wednesday 6:30pm

Hora Santa en Español Primer Viernes después de la Misa de 7:00pm

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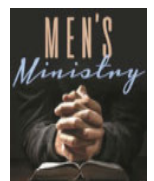
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## THE GUADALUPANAS THANK YOU!

When you're needed you're always there... you lend a hand and show that you care. You don't have to be persuaded because it's how you live, you love, help and you give. Many thanks to all the ministries, we worked hand in hand as One with God to make this celebration of Virgen de Guadalupe a blessed event.

*"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts20:35.*

## ¡LAS GUADALUPANAS LE AGRADECEN!

Quando te necesitan, siempre estás ahí... das una mano y demuestras tu interés. No tienes que ser persuadido porque es la forma en que vives, amas, ayudas y das. Muchas gracias a todos los ministerios, trabajamos de la mano como Uno con Dios para hacer de esta celebración de la Virgen de Guadalupe un bendito evento.

*"En todas las cosas os he mostrado que trabajando duro de esta manera debemos ayudar a los débiles y recordar las palabras del Señor Jesús, cómo Él mismo dijo: 'Es más bendito dar que recibir.'" Hechos20:35.*

## NEWS & EVENTS

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### **Baptism English Classes**

Will be held this Tuesday January 11, 7pm—9pm in the small hall.

Please register at the church office if attending. Children must be under 7 years of age.

Baptisms will be held on Jan. 22 at 9:15am for only those that have completed requirements and turned in a birth certificate.

### **Clases de Bautismo Español**

Serán el día Jueves 13 de Enero, 7pm—9pm en el Salón Grande.

Favor de registrarse en la oficina de la Iglesia si está interesado. Niños deben de ser menores de 7 años.

El bautismo grupal se llevará a cabo el 22 de Enero a las 9:15 a.m. solo para aquellos que hayan completado los requisitos y entregado el certificado de nacimiento del bebé.



## **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS CDA 2022 National Education Contest 4<sup>th</sup> through 12 Graders**

### **Contest Themes**

*"With God All Things Are Possible" Mt. 19:26  
or Where is God in my life when I am struggling*

### **Divisions & Categories:**

Division 1	Grades 4-5	Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art
Division 2	Grades 6-7-8	Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Music, Photography
Division 3	Grades 9-10-11-12	Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Music, Photography
Division 4	CDA members	Poetry, Art, Photography

**Students may be Catholic or Non-Catholic  
and enter more than one category**

**All entries must be contestant's own original work and creation and reflect one of the two themes**

**MUST USE THE OFFICAL FORM following the Rules**

**Get the Contest Rules, Details and Form**

**Electronic version in the next e-mail, a hard copy from the office**

**or request electronic version from Frances Schneider: [schnei309@aol.com](mailto:schnei309@aol.com)**

**Deadline: January 31, 2022**

**(postmarked or received by)**

**\$ Win Local, State and National Cash Prizes \$**

**Awards:** The one first place winning entry for each Category in each Division (either theme, not both) will be forwarded to the Texas Court Contest Chairperson. The winning entries at the State level will be forwarded to the National Education Contest Chairperson.

**Court St. John the Baptist each Division/Category prizes are: First - \$15 (goes on to State Contest) Second - \$10 Third - \$5**

**TEXAS** Winning entry awards at the state level will be determined by the Texas State Court with First place winners going to National

**National Prizes for each Division/Category are: First \$100.00 Second \$50.00 Third \$25**




Juan M. Morales Soto  
Mark Lund

Jackie Hernandez Ana Maria Medina Elysia Collins  
Santa Bendides Billy & Anne Wynn



**Pray for Vocations Crucifix Schedule**

5:00pm	Jan 8	Margie Ortiz	
8:00am	Jan 9	Nancy Cuello	
10:00am	Jan 9	Lori & Greg Bingham	

To Participate please contact Mary Cortinas 409-789-9931

**January 2, 2022**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

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."

**2 de enero de 2022**

**Epifanía del Señor**

En su Exhortación Apostólica, La alegría del Evangelio, el Papa Francisco hace referencia a un pensamiento del Papa Benedicto XVI: "Ser cristiano no es el resultado de una elección ética o una idea elevada, sino el encuentro con un evento, una persona, que da a la vida un nuevo horizonte y una dirección decisiva". ¡Hoy celebramos un encuentro con la Persona de Jesucristo! Éste simple pero sagrado evento en el tiempo cambia drásticamente la vida humana, apuntándola hacia un nuevo horizonte y dándole una dirección decisiva. Este es un mensaje y una verdad que no debe compartirse sólo con unos pocos elegidos que califican, sino con el mundo entero. El Papa Francisco continúa diciendo: "Gracias únicamente a este encuentro o encuentro renovado con el amor de Dios, que florece en una amistad enriquecedora, nos liberamos de nuestra estrechez y ensimismamiento. Nos volvemos completamente humanos cuando nos volvemos más que humanos, cuando dejamos que Dios nos lleve más allá de nosotros mismos para alcanzar la verdad más completa de nuestro ser".



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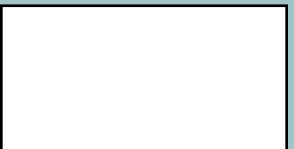


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