

JANUARY 2, 2022

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STAR



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

MATTHEW 2:10

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THE SACRED HEART

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DONATE button. You can set up a recurring payment and select which funds to support, including the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the Building Fund, which helps us to reduce our building loan debt.

We are able to serve because of your generous prayers and financial support. If you haven't already, consider giving through our online portal!

Dear sisters and brothers of Holy Family,

The Feast of the Epiphany is the celebration of the Lord's manifestation to all peoples, represented by the Magi, who came from the East to adore the King of the Jews. The word 'epiphany' comes from the Greek, meaning a 'showing' or 'manifestation'. Saint Matthew, who recounts the event (Matthew 2:1-12), tells us how the Magi arrived in Jerusalem following a star, seen at its rising and interpreted as a sign of the birth of a new king. They followed the star and found Jesus in the manger and worshipped Him.

In our faith journey also, we love to have a star guidance. God guides us by different and surprising ways. Through the Holy Spirit, the Church, the Commandments, Scriptures, by the model and goodness of the holiness of the people around us, by our conscience, through prayer, and in many other ways. Are we ready to follow the star? Like the Magi, we have to surrender ourselves to God's guidance and God's surprise.

As we start this New Year 2022, let us thank God for all His blessings showered on us, even during the pandemic. He is always with us and giving us a 'Star guidance' in all our programs and ministries, especially as we started our new "One Family, One Mission" Parish Pastoral Plan. We restarted our in-person CCE program; formed a new Building & Grounds Committee to take care of aging facilities; and a new young adult ministry, Gratia Plena; we held a fun Welcome Back Celebration; had a great Stewardship Weekend; and successful virtual Fall Festival and Christmas Raffle, among other things.

Our Pandemic Response Team did a top-notch job of keeping us safe during these challenging times. We became God's loving hands for so many through our St. Vincent De Paul ministry. We replaced our much-needed gas pipe line through our Lenten Project. Above all, we raised \$137,790 through our Matching Grant Program to bring our outstanding mortgage debt under one million. The Holy Spirit is truly and powerfully active in our Parish. Let us praise and thank God for His amazing guidance and protection. Thank you to each one of you for your great stewardship and wholehearted support to continue our Parish Mission!

As you know, we are bringing back our 12-hour Eucharistic Adoration this month. Please make sure to sign up and offer at least one hour per week to spend with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Saint John Paul II tells us, "Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet him in Adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease."

Wishing you a very Happy New Year and all the blessings of the Feast of Epiphany,

Fr. Sunny Joseph, O.S.H., *Pastor*

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

The Gospel of Luke

Questions can be found online at HolyFamilyChurch.us

2021 Contribution Statements will be mailed in early January to all contributors who gave via envelopes or checks. Donors who gave through Pushpay will be emailed their 2021 Contribution Statement to the email address on file with Pushpay. For any questions or concerns, please email information@holyfamilychurch.us



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Our church and campus look so beautiful for Christmas because of the dedicated and creative efforts of Marietta Cruse, Alex Granados, and our Art & Environment members and volunteers. THANK YOU all for your hard work!

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Nicole Cruz
Joseph Chaisson

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Jesse Arredondo,
Jesse Realme, Bertha Silva



PUZZLE

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

wise men	king	Mary
child	star	gifts
born	worship	dream

wsie mne W i s e m e n

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MISSION

Visit a planetarium to learn more about the star of Bethlehem.



January 2, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6 | Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Mt 2:1-12

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

My husband is a bird watcher by day and a stargazer by night. I confess it drives me a little bonkers on our evening dog walks. I tend to want to keep moving; between him and our dog (who seems to want to sniff every mailbox), it's the pedestrian equivalent of stop-and-go traffic. Hearing about the journey of the Magi, however, reminds me to pause and look, too. Just as they saw the star rising and followed it to Jesus, we, too, can seek God in our surroundings, our relationships, and the beauty of creation - the next step is to follow where God leads us. As Pope Benedict XVI wrote, the Magi represent "the journeying of humanity toward Christ." (*Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives*) We may falter from the path from time to time, but Isaiah's prophesy reminds us of our destination: "You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The Epiphany is early this year, falling right on the heels of New Year's Day. If we haven't made our New Year's resolutions yet, now is a good time to do so. In addition to typical resolutions such as reducing clutter or getting fit, we can set some spiritual goals as well. The definition of epiphany (lower case) is "a moment in which you suddenly see or understand something in a new or very clear way." As we reflect on today's readings, let us ask the Holy Spirit to provide us an epiphany - into how we can grow closer to Jesus during this year ahead. Just as their encounter with the infant Jesus caused the Magi to be transformed from outsiders to faithful believers, and to take a different route home, our encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist is meant to transform all of us, and set us on a new path to light and life.

RESOLVE New Year's resolutions are great! Why not add a couple of spiritual resolutions to the list - perhaps to pray the rosary more often, spend time in eucharistic adoration, or go on that retreat you have been meaning to attend. Ask the Holy Spirit for inspiration and see where it leads.



FEAST OF JESUS THE BLACK NAZARENE

Saturday, January 8, 2022

9:45 am Rosary and Novena Prayers

10:30 am Procession of the Sacred Statue

11:00 am Holy Mass

12:30 pm Fellowship

Celebrant: Monsignor Rolando Diokno

Concelebrants:

Fr. Joy James, O.S.H.

Fr. Ian Chris Balisnomo

Fr. Michael Barrosa

Deacon: Danny Naranjo

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Jesus the Black

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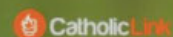
The Archdiocesan Office of Aging Ministry offers a variety of practical and pastoral planning resources on their website. The resources address:


- Caregiving • Aging in place • End-of-life planning

For more information, contact the Office of Aging at 713-741-8712; visit their webpage at www.ArchGH.org/aging

“Whenever you begin any good work you should first of all make a most pressing appeal to Christ our Lord to bring it to perfection.”

- St. Benedict




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VOCATIONS TOWN HALL

A virtual meeting for volunteers promoting vocations.

January 15, 2022
10am - 12pm

This is a virtual event; please register at our website:
houstonvocations.com

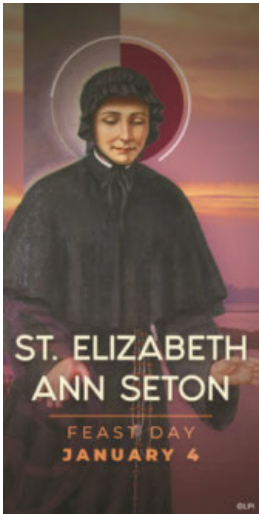


Photo: Our very own Fr. Sunny singing with the Gospel Choir

As we return to 12-hour Eucharistic Adoration in 2022, we continue to seek Adorers. Would you be willing to spend one hour with the Lord? Let us know by calling (281) 499-9688.



THANK YOU to Music Director Dr. Andre LaCour and the incredibly talented choirs and individuals who made our annual **CHRISTMAS CONCERT** a powerful musical night! We had a great turnout. Thank you also to the many volunteers who prepared goodies for the reception. We love our parishioners!



The Archdiocese has job openings in several departments and in parishes and schools across the Archdiocese. See the latest job postings online at www.archgh.org/employment.

A retreat for parents following miscarriage & infant loss

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February 5, 2022
8:30am - 5pm

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Suggested donation: \$35/person or \$60/couple



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All donations received by **January 7, 2022** will be counted towards our Parish's **2021 DSF Goal of \$122,000**. We currently have a **\$19,000+ shortfall** which must be met. You have been truly amazing in your generosity throughout this year. Please prayerfully consider making a last-minute tax-deductible contribution for DSF. You can easily donate at www.ArchGH.org/DSF

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