



St. Joseph Parish

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JANUARY 2, 2022 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

ST. JOSEPH DIRECTORY

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ST. JOSEPH MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 PM

7:00 PM (Spanish)

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM

and 12:00 PM (Spanish)

Weekdays : 12:00 PM

Holy Days: see calendar

We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage



Hemos visto su estrella en el oriente
y hemos venido a adorar al Señor.

Sacraments / Sacramentos

The Sacraments express and realize an effective and profound communion among us, for in them we encounter Christ the Savior and, through him, our brothers and sisters in faith.

Pope Francis
(11/6/2013)

Los Sacramentos expresan y realizan una comunión efectiva y profunda entre nosotros, puesto que en ellos encontramos a Cristo Salvador y, a través de Él, a nuestros hermanos en la fe.

Papa Francisco
(11/6/2013)

Baptism/Bautizo



The Church encourages the baptism of newborn children within a reasonable time after birth. All parents must attend one of the monthly Baptismal Preparation classes prior to scheduling a baptism in the Parish.

La Iglesia alienta a los padres de niños recién nacidos a ser bautizados dentro de un plazo razonable después del nacimiento. Los padres deben asistir a una charla de preparación antes de programar el sacramentobautizo con la parroquia

Weddings / Matrimonios



If you are planning to marry at St. Joseph, you should be a practicing Catholic and participating in Sunday Eucharist regularly. Also, participation in a Marriage Preparation Program is required. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

La parejas que deseen contraer matrimonio en la parroquia, deben inscribirse 6 meses antes en el programa de preparación de matrimonio. Por favor llame a la oficina hispana para mayor información.

Formación de Monaguillos



Unete al grupo de monaguillos.

Comunicate con la coordinadora
Sra. Roselyn Martínez al
(304) 707-8404
para obtener más información.

No dejes pasar la oportunidad.
Llámanos para más información.

Office of Safe Environment



To report an incident of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In

addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

Oficina de Entorno Seguro



Para denunciar un incidente de presunto abuso sexual de menores, comuníquese con la agencia local del orden público o comuníquese confidencialmente con el Servicio de Protección de Menores de West Virginia

llamando al 800-352-6513. Para denunciar presuntos casos de abuso sexual por parte del personal de la Diócesis de Wheeling-Charleston ante la Diócesis, además de ante las autoridades civiles, comuníquese con uno de los delegados del Obispo al 888.434.6237 o al 304.233.0880: Sr. Bryan Minor, int. 263; Sr. Tim Bishop, int. 353; P. Dennis Schuelkens, int. 270. O bien, comuníquese con la Oficina de Entorno Seguro al 304.230.1504. Porfavor visite nuestra pagina web www.dwc.org y consulte la sección "Accountability" (Responsabilidad) para obtener más información y ver los métodos disponibles para la presentación de denuncias.

From the Desk of Our Pastor

Dear friends and fellow pilgrims!

Merry Christmas! And a Happy Epiphany! It is amazing that this year Epiphany falls on the Second of January! I must say that I am sad about that because that means we have a short Christmas Season. That being said, let's enjoy it whilst we can! Merry Christmas!



As this is my first article in a little while, I would just like to say that it is so good to be back with you all! The time away was necessary and good, yet you all were not far from my heart and my prayers. Truly it has been a great Christmas gift to be back with you all! I am grateful to Fr. Praveen and our great staff who have kept ministering to you!

Just as a reminder for those interested that the Christmas season a great time to have one's house blessed. It is a tradition, even, to have the house blessed on Epiphany. What's that you might say, you've already had your home blessed? Each year we can have our home blessed. And what better way to start the new year than to intentionally invite Christ into our home! If you desire thus, please contact the office to schedule a blessing with Fr. Praveen or myself.

Again, it is so good to be with you all, and thank you for the warm welcome back! May God bless you this day and every day! May Our Lady, Mother of the Redeemer, wrap her mantle of love and protection around you always! And may St. Joseph, Head of the Holy Family, watch over you and keep you safe in all your ways!

Desde el Escritorio de nuestro Pastor

¡Queridos amigos y compañeros peregrinos!

¡Feliz Navidad! ¡Y feliz Epifanía! ¡Es asombroso que este año Epifanía caiga el 2 de enero! Debo decir que al mismo tiempo me entristece porque eso significa que tenemos una corta época navideña. Dicho esto, ¡disfrutémolos mientras podamos! ¡Feliz Navidad!

Como este es mi primer artículo después de un tiempo, me gustaría decirles que ¡es muy bueno estar de regreso con todos ustedes! El tiempo que me he ausentado a sido necesario y bueno, sin embargo, todos ustedes no estaban lejos de mi corazón y mis oraciones.

¡Verdaderamente ha sido un gran regalo de Navidad estar de regreso con todos ustedes! ¡Estoy agradecido con el P. Praveen y nuestro excelente personal que se ha mantenido sirviéndoles!

Solo como un recordatorio para los interesados de que la temporada navideña es un buen momento para bendecir la casa. Es una tradición, incluso, bendecir la casa en la Epifanía. ¿Qué es lo que podría decir?, que ya ha bendecido su hogar. Cada año podemos hacer bendecir nuestro hogar. ¡Y qué mejor manera de comenzar el nuevo año que invitar intencionalmente a Cristo a nuestra casa! Si lo desea, comuníquese con la oficina para programar una bendición con el P. Praveen o yo mismo.

Una vez más, es muy bueno estar con todos ustedes, y ¡gracias por la cálida bienvenida de regreso! ¡Que Dios les bendiga hoy y todos los días! Que Nuestra Señora, Madre del Redentor, ¡les envuelva siempre con su manto de amor y protección! y que San José, Cabeza de la Sagrada Familia, ¡les cuide y les mantenga a salvo en todo sentido!

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

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

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and
6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
[11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16,
21-22
or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4,
24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14;
3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Observances for the week of January 02, 2022

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

Thursday: St. André Bessette, Religious

Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Saturday:

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

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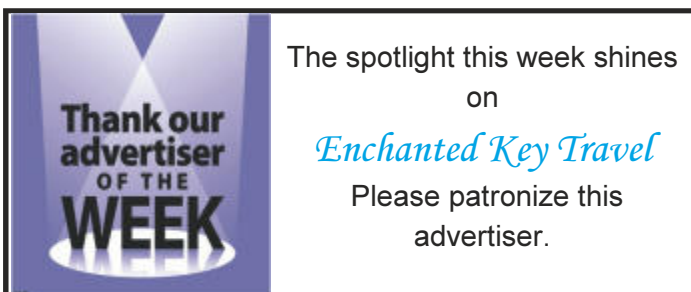
The Epiphany of the Lord

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.”

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.

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St. Joseph Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY—JANUARY 2 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

- 8:00 AM Mass/intention for People of the Parish
 10:30 AM Mass/intention in memory of Tommy Noll
 12:00 PM Misa

MONDAY –JANUARY 3

- 12:00 PM Daily Mass/intention in honor of Father Praveen Mallela

TUESDAY-JANUARY 4

- 12:00 PM Daily Mass/intention in honor of Father Timothy Grassi
 7:00 PM Small Faith—Lackey Hall

WEDNESDAY-JANUARY 5

- 12:00 PM Daily Mass/intention for Father Alban Baker

THURSDAY-JANUARY 6

- 12:00 PM Daily Mass/intention for Father John Dietrich
 7:00 PM RCIA—Lowe Building

FRIDAY-JANUARY 7

FIRST FRIDAY

- 12:00 PM Daily Mass/intention in memory of Martin A. Roche, Jr.
 12:30 PM Adoration until 8:00 PM
 7:00 PM Catholic Man Night
 8:00 PM Benediction

SATURDAY-JANUARY 8

- 5:00 PM Mass/intention in memory of Virginia Shipley
 7:00 PM MISA

SUNDAY-JANUARY 9

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

- 8:00 AM Mass/intention in memory of Alice Poirier and Ruth Keefauver
 9:00 AM CFF—School
 9:15 AM RCIA—Lowe Building
 10:30 AM Mass/intention for People of the Parish
 12:00 PM Misa

St. Joseph Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary Offering for December 11 & 12, 2021

Reg. Envelopes.....	\$	11,599.28
Budgetary Needs.....	\$	14,288.00
Shortage.....	\$	- 2,688.72
Christmas Decorations.....	\$	580.00
Retirement Fund for Religious..	\$	2,477.75

**THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP
TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP**

St. Joseph Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary Offering for December 18 & 19, 2021

Reg. Envelopes.....	\$	10,203.51
Budgetary Needs.....	\$	14,288.00
Shortage	\$	-4,084.49
Christmas Decorations.....	\$	230.00
School Support.....	\$	30.00
Diocesan Collections.....	\$	260.00

**THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP
TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP**

Prayers Requested

George Mark Knipe	Rick Monroe
Tyler Whitehead	Gail Fowler
Ric Dale	Julian Varela Payan
Linda Spiker	Chelsea Tarr
Peggy Hernandez	Chad Lord
Howard Knipe	Jack McElhinney
Maggie Keating	Brenda Mason

Please keep the sick and homebound
in your thoughts and prayers.

Masses

The 10:30 am Mass and 12:00 pm Mass on Sunday will be live streamed and also recorded so that you can watch them later under our Facebook page at St. Joseph Catholic Church or You Tube.

Saint Joseph School

Weis 4 School

This year, SJS is participating in the Weis 4 School Program to raise funds for educational technology and other academic needs.

All you have to do when you shop at Weis is scan a barcode that was assigned to the school to register your Weis card for the program. To have the code sent to you, please email mpartington@sjswv.org.

Give the gift of a Catholic education

Saint Joseph School educates the young in the spirit of the Gospel, stressing Catholic values, inspiring academic excellence, global awareness, and service to those in need. Students experience a challenging curriculum, a faith-based community, fine arts and physical education, ideal class sizes and community outreach opportunities. Generously committed benefactors, who help families demonstrating financial needs, send their children to Saint Joseph School, to ensure that students of all economic backgrounds have access to a faith-based education.

Funding for the Adopt-a-Student Fund is totally applied to the student's tuition. No administrative overhead or additional expenses are incurred. Options to help sponsor a child include: One year's tuition: \$6,100; One month's tuition: \$610; One-time donation of any amount.

All contributions to Saint Joseph School are tax-deductible. If you would like more information, call the school at 304-267-6447 or email Principal Patrick Blanc: pblanc@sjswv.org.

Saint Joseph School Enrollment Dates

Change in enrollment dates

As the result of a directive from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, the re-enrollment and enrollment dates for Saint Joseph School have changed for the 2022-23 academic year:

Friday, Feb. 4, 2022: Re-enrollment opens for current families

Friday, Feb. 11, 2022: Applications/enrollment open for parishioners of area Catholic churches who are new to the school

Friday, Feb. 18, 2022: Applications/enrollment open for the general public

Please note that the families of current students only have from Feb. 4 to 10 to re-enroll their children before enrollment opens to new families.

If you have any questions, please email Principal Patrick Blanc at pblanc@sjswv.org.

Box Tops for Education

Saint Joseph School is once again participating in the Box Tops for Education Program. Clipped box tops, which are rare these days, are still being collected, so you can drop them off at the school.

Now, they primarily are collected through the app, with which you scan receipts from stores. The school is listed as St Joseph School [TA/PTO]; you can search for it by that name or by location (Martinsburg, WV).

Some basics:

The app is available for android or iPhone. If you do curbside pickup for your groceries, make sure the email you use to set up your account for the app is the same as the email address that you use for curbside. The app allows friends and family who would normally have to mail you their box tops to just scan their receipts. Get family, friends, and co-workers involved!

- If you don't have a smartphone or do not want to scan your receipts, you can drop your grocery receipts off at the school and the school coordinator will scan them. Receipts are good for 14 days. You can scan up to 50 in a day.
- If you do curbside pickup or online orders, when you get the email with your order, forward it to receipts@boxtops4education using the same email that is associated with the app. It takes up to 10 business days for it to be credited to your account. It will show up in the MY EARNINGS section of the app.

For more information, go to <https://www.boxtops4education.com/A>.

Gift Card Program

LET'S GO, ST. JOE'S SHOP WITH SCRIP

Getting cash back for
St. Joseph's Church

Totals for December 9, 2021
\$ 5,950.00 Sales
\$ 106.95 Rebate
11 Participating Families



In light of recent events, SCRIP will be available for sale only in the parish office Monday-Friday. Please call the parish office at 304-267-4893, before coming to make sure the office is open. This is also a good opportunity to drop off your weekly collection envelopes.

Special Collection

Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has approved a special collection to be held the weekend of January 1st and 2nd, 2022, in all parishes and missions throughout the diocese to support recovery efforts related to the recent natural disasters that have occurred in Kentucky, leaving severe damage and loss of life. Donations can also be made on the diocesan website at www.dwc.org/disasterrelief.

Proceeds from this collection will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities agencies on the ground, working in the communities affected by the tornadoes.

As we hold the victims and first responders in our prayers during these critical days, let us also spend time in prayer and discernment as we prepare for this upcoming collection. Let us come together now to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering this horrible loss.

Please remember in prayer all those who have lost their lives in the wake of these disasters, as well as all those who have been injured and lost their homes, cars, employment, and access to food and water, especially as we prepare for the Christmas Season.

Sympathy

Sympathy and prayers are extended to Robert and Jo-Carol Prokop, their family and friends, on the recent loss of his mother Mary Prokop.

Sympathy and prayers are extended to Norma Manor, Charles Robert Manor (Carolyn Copper) Daniel Scott Manor (Blenda Sylvester) Richard Lee and Kelly Manor, Nancy and Kevin Jenkins, their family and friends, on the recent loss of Norma's husband and their father, Charles L. Manor.

May God's Love Comfort Them During
Their Time of Sorrow

Christmas Greetings

Father Gallagher, Father Praveen, Father Manny, Deacon Luis and the staff of St. Joseph Parish wish you all a Blessed and Peaceful Christmas Season.



MERRY
Christmas



Columbian Club Hall

Do you need a place for a party, luncheon or family gathering?

The Columbian Club Hall, 108 West Stephen St. in Martinsburg, is the place. Reasonable pricing and seating for 165 people. K of C membership discount also.

Please call 304-263-5671 for information.

Women's Retreat

EMBRACED WITH COMPASSION...EMBRACING THE WORLD. Please join us for our annual Women's Retreat, co-Sponsored with the DWC Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, February 25-27, 2022, at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston. Presented by Sr. Mary Dean Pfahler. The weekend will consist of presentations, quiet reflection, small group break-out sessions, media resources, and communal prayer. For more information contact Gerri Wright at 304-552-3662 or gerwright1@aol.com. You can register online at www.dwc.org/2022-Womens-retreat. \$150/pp single occupancy, \$125/per person double occupancy.

Spiritual Adoption

"I can look around!"



You are in the home stretch with your spiritually adopted baby. Beginning this month the baby uses all four senses. He can see, hear, taste, touch, cough, yawn, and hiccup. He now recognizes his mother's voice, and ultrasound reveals that he likes to open his eyes and look around. During this time he will also receive antibodies from his mother protecting him from a wide variety of diseases.



Confraternity of St. Nicholas

The Confraternity of Saint Nicholas is a public association of the faithful who, through prayer, fasting, and good works, are dedicated to the protection of all children from scandalization, abuse, and trafficking. Obligations are to attend daily Mass on December 6 and May 9, to say the Litany of St. Nicholas weekly, a brief daily prayer, and skip one meal every Wednesday. See the link to the statutes and required prayers of the Confraternity as well as the link to register online. Thank you.

Statutes and Prayers

<https://dwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Statutes-of-the-Confraternity-of-Saint-Nicholas.pdf>

Online Registration

<https://dwc.org/evangelization-and-catechesis/confraternity-of-st-nicholas/>

Widows of a Knight of Columbus

"If you are a widow of a Knight of Columbus and are in need of any type of assistance (yard work, transportation, etc.) please contact Marty Coode at 304-886-3227 and the Knights will make every effort to help or refer you to someone who can."

Adopción Espiritual

"¡Puedo ver alrededor!"



Estás en la recta final con tu bebé adoptado espiritualmente. A partir de este mes, el bebé usa los cuatro sentidos. Puede ver, oír, saborear, tocar, toser, bostezar y tiene hipo. Ahora reconoce la voz de su madre, y el ultrasonido revela que le gusta abrir los ojos y mirar a su alrededor. Durante este tiempo también recibirá anticuerpos de su madre para protegerlo de una amplia variedad de enfermedades.



Catholics United for the Faith

Catholics United for the Faith is an international lay apostolate founded in 1968 whose purpose is “to unite the faithful from all walks of life in order to support, defend, and advance the efforts of the Teaching Church in accord with the teachings of the Second Vatican Council.” In the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston the St John Henry Newman Chapter promotes doctrinal and spiritual formation in the Catholic faith, personal renewal, and engagement in evangelization and catechesis. Now more than ever we need to be able to articulate and defend our faith so that we can grow in holiness. For more information or to get involved, email us at cuf.dwc@gmail.com or visit www.wvlaity.org.



Registration is now open for the 1st TOGETHER IN HOLINESS MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE Saturday, February 12, 2022 from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm, at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston, WV
Early Bird Couple: \$27.00/ Early Bird Individual: \$18.00 Early Bird discount available though January 10, 2022
Lunch included/ on-site childcare (ages 2-12)
Full and partial scholarships available
For more information, email the Conference Coordinator Michelle McDonald at michelle@forlifeandfamily.org.

Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation

Three five-week courses are being offered through the University of Dayton’s Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF). These courses are hybrid models. They are composed of both weekly live two-hour zoom lectures as well as a rich variety of online course materials and discussion experiences through the University of Dayton’s Virtual Learning Community For Faith Formation (VLCFF). The courses are being underwritten by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston’s Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, who pays 100% of the tuition and the cost of the books associated with the courses. The course instructor is Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu. For further information or to register, please contact Jeanne McKeets at jmckeets@dwc.org with your name, address, and phone number.

The New Testament Cycle 1 Jan 17-Feb 20 (registration open from Oct 13)

This course explores the stories in and behind the writings we call the New Testament. The course is a general overview introducing the student to the cultural context, composition, themes, and pastoral application of the New Testament accounts for growing in Biblical knowledge. We will study the texts from the threefold perspective of the World within the Text: Literature, The World behind the Text: History, and the World in Front of the Text: Our Culture. Through the study of Biblical maps, articles, and religious art present on authoritative websites, our text and class discussions students can grow in New Testament knowledge, understanding, and application to their life and ministry.

Introduction to Prayer Cycle 2 Mar 7-Apr 9 (registration opens Jan 19)

"Prayer is our means of taking a sighting, of re-orienting ourselves – by re-establishing contact with our goal. In the presence of God many components of our life fall into perspective and our journey makes more sense. Prayer is inseparable from living." (Casey, p.5). This course explores prayer as essential to our lives as Christian people, as individuals, and within our community of faith. Through this course, students will explore the qualities, forms, and expressions of prayer that help to form and sustain our lives as Catholic Christians.

Survey of Catholic Doctrine Cycle 3 Apr 25-May 15 (registration opens Mar 9)

This course will look at some of the major doctrines of the Catholic Church. Participants will come to a better understanding of the Trinity, original sin, church, salvation history, and the communion of saints. Participants will be asked to identify the meaning of magisterium, ecumenism, eschatology, and other Catholic terms.

SOLEMNIDAD DE LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR

LEVÁNTATE Y RESPLANDECE, JERUSALÉN, PORQUE HA LLEGADO TU LUZ
Y LA GLORIA DEL SEÑOR ALBorea SOBRE TI



Para la Iglesia creyente y orante, los Magos de Oriente que, bajo la guía de la estrella, encontraron el camino hacia el pesebre de Belén, son el comienzo de una gran procesión que recorre la historia. Por eso, la liturgia lee el evangelio que habla del camino de los Magos junto con las espléndidas visiones proféticas de Isaías 60 y del Salmo 72, que ilustran con imágenes audaces la peregrinación de los pueblos hacia Jerusalén. Al igual que los pastores que, como primeros huéspedes del Niño recién nacido que yace en el pesebre, son la personificación de los pobres de Israel y, en general, de las almas humildes que viven interiormente muy cerca de Jesús, así también los hombres que vienen de Oriente personifican al mundo de los pueblos, la Iglesia de los gentiles -los hombres que a través de los siglos se dirigen al Niño de Belén, honran en él al Hijo de Dios y se postran ante él. La Iglesia llama a esta fiesta «Epifanía», la aparición del Divino. Si nos fijamos en el hecho de que, desde aquel comienzo, hombres de toda proveniencia, de todos los continentes, de todas las culturas y modos de pensar y de vivir, se han puesto y se ponen en camino hacia Cristo, podemos decir verdaderamente que esta peregrinación y este encuentro con Dios en la figura del Niño es una Epifanía de la bondad de Dios y de su amor por los hombres (cf. Tt 3,4).

Papa Francisco, Homilía en la Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor

Sociedad San Vicente de Paul

La Conferencia San Diego de San Vicente de Paul está para ayudarles en sus necesidades materiales y espirituales.

Contáctenos a los siguientes números:



Patty: (304) 279-6507, Luisa: (571) 492-1027,
Rosalyn: (304) 707-8404, Myra: (939) 579-8130,
Felipe: (571) 409-8101, Miguel: (304) 283-2294,
Oficina Hispana: (304)267-7307

Si desea formar parte de nuestra conferencia, llámenos.

Celebración de LOS REYES MAGOS



Todos están cordialmente invitados a celebrar la Fiesta de Los Reyes Magos el día 9 de Enero después de la Misa del medio día.

La celebración se realizara en el Lucky Hall.

Todos los niños menores de 15 años recibirán un regalo.

TE ESPERAMOS. ¡NO FALTES!

Sopa de Letras

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