



SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Liturgies:

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 AM

Wednesday: 6:00 PM (Spanish)

Saturday: 4:30PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 12:00 PM (Español)

First Friday: 6:00 PM (followed by Confessions and Adoration until midnight)

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: : 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

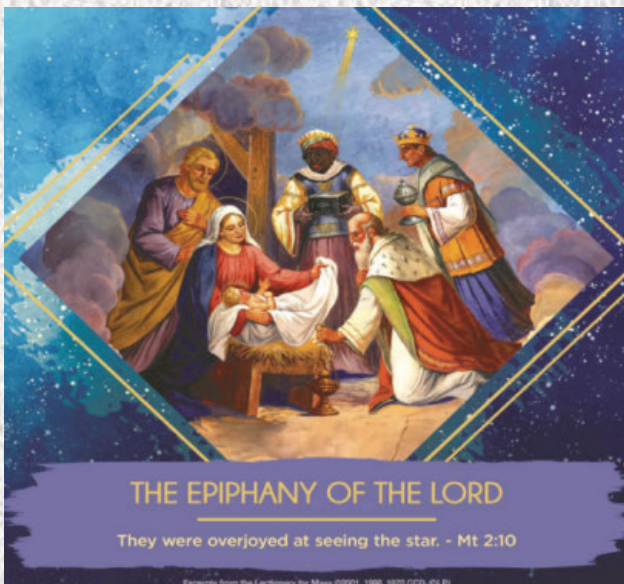
Wednesday: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (Spanish)

Friday- Office Closed

Adoration: Tuesday - Friday 9:30AM - 5:00PM

JANUARY 05, 2025

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Msgr. Raphael Peprah	Pastor
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Sacrament of Baptism - Parents must be members of the parish and attend a required preparation class prior to the Sacrament of Baptism. Call the office to register for Classes. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics. Baptisms are held on the 3rd Saturday of the month in English, and the 4th Saturday of the month in Spanish, except during Advent and Lent.

Sponsor Letters - A letter to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation can be issued only to registered members of St. Luke Parish who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, attend Mass and receive Holy Communion regularly. If they have children, their children must attend Religious Education classes or a Catholic School. If Married, the marriage must be in conformity with the regulations of the Catholic Church.

Sacrament of Marriage - Couples planning to be married in the Catholic Church are asked to notify the Pastor at least six months prior to the anticipated celebration and before setting a date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - by appointment by calling the office, and Wednesday evenings at 4-5:30PM.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick - If you or a family member are ill or facing surgery and would like to be anointed, please contact the Parish Office prior to the day of the procedure or surgery or when they are in the hospital for an Illness.

Pastoral Care Ministers visit community members who are unable to attend Liturgy due to illness or advanced age. Taking the Eucharist to those hospitalized or homebound is a key part of this ministry. Contact the Parish Office to arrange a visit.

Rosary - The rosary is prayed Tuesday thru Friday at 8:40AM, prior to the 9:00AM Mass.

Masses for the Week

Saturday, Jan 4	4:30 PM	Melissa James Sajonija, Miles Ballesteros
Sunday, Jan 5	9:00 AM	+Steve Perez, +Adora Fontimayor, +Ernest Ocampo
	12:00 PM	St. Luke Parishioners +Filberto Bernabe Ascencio, +Maria Isabel Castaneda
Tuesday, Jan 7	11:30 PM	+Jocelyn Espinosa Sun
Wednesday Jan 8	9:00 AM	+Charles O'Donnell, Malbas Family
	6:00 PM	Fr. Edwin's Intentions
Thursday Jan 9	9:00 AM	Msgr Raphael's Intentions
Friday, Jan 10	9:00 AM	Msgr Raphael's Intentions
Saturday, Jan 11	4:30 PM	Dulce Reyes Manalo
Sunday, Jan 12	9:00 AM	Conversion, Santificación & Salvación de las Almas

Please be sure to turn in Mass intentions to the office

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

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)

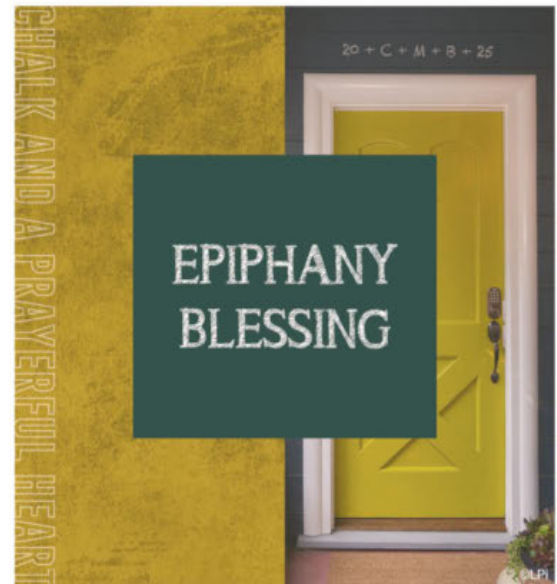
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The news of the Messiah unsettled Herod.
We see his anxiety clearly in today's
Gospel. This is what Christ has come to
do, after all. He has come to shake things
up. Are we ready to be unsettled?

Observances for the week of January 5, 2025

- Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday: St. André Bessette, Religious
Tuesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Wednesday:
Thursday:
Friday:
Saturday:
Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord



Devotions, *Explained!*

The Epiphany household blessing is an ancient practice in the Church. This tradition is a beautiful way to observe the coming of the magi while invoking God's blessing on your home and all who enter it. All that is needed is chalk and a prayerful heart!

Prayer of Rejoicing

Fill our hearts, Lord, with
rejoicing as we seek and
discover You. Your ways are
full of wonder, glory, surprise,
and joy.

Amen.



Please pray for: Manisha Audi, Richard Peretti, Peter

Petrulis, Bert Salumbides, Anne Fontanilla, Rolinda Gelacio, Lydell Manning, Joyce Ambrocio, Stephanie Larry, Ethan Clark, Reid Miller, Isa Duenas, Denise Diver, Providencia Acevedo, Paul Ziaga, Ignacio Alcalá, Rumelda Bejar, Rick Diver, Adriana Ayala, Gigi Orlina, Steve Perez, Elias Ascencio, John Miller, Lily Murray, Mike Scheier, Jacob Izra Kim, Katherine L. Mederos, Jordan

Pfohl, Jude Luke, Wanda Corley, George Daria, Chris Kohan, Fr. Brian Rafferty, Rodolfo Sevilla, Daisy Richardson, Nancy Hugland, Filomenia Geremia, Gary Gabor, Patricia Martin, Paula Krug, Jack Rolo, Jess Dabu, Angie Haddock, Paul Hipolito, Maria Torres, Jessica Raymond, Marcelina Callanta, Tito Torres, Rosario Rogando, GT Trentini, Jeanne Morris, Ann Miller, Christina Loftis, Cora Magbanua, Vivian Rodriguez, Anthony Martinez, Lucas Thorpe, Wilfredo, Rodriguez Segovia, Cathy Molton, Erwin Arellano, Joel Rivera, Rick Carmazino, Karen Schachtner, Mary Ann Lee, Kellyn Schachtner, Angelito Valencia, Sharon Costa, Devon Calwell, David Rose, Teresita L. Sevilla, Owen Nolasco, Nelly Rivera, Horacio & Fe Laxa, Ariadna Dheming-Vasquez, Esther Alcantra, Mon Amistad, Alfredo Cunanan, Victorina Cunanan

If you would like to have someone remembered in prayer, please call the office



St. Luke Sanctuary Lamp
December 29 -January 5
For the Repose of the Soul
of
Patricia Paddi



Upcoming Second Collections

Jan 5, 2025	Building Fund
Jan 19, 2025	Respect Life
Feb 2, 2024	Building Fund
Mar 2, 2024	Building Fund

Monthly Collections - November 2024

Regular Offertory

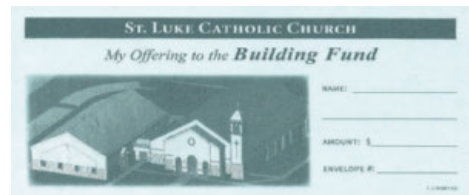
Regular	\$	28,419	
E-Giving	\$	9,821	
Total			\$ 38,241
Retired Religious			\$ 599

Building Fund

Regular	\$	2,080	
E-Giving	\$	1,188	
Total			\$ 3,268

Building Fundraising

MFIF Pledge	\$	7,716
Italian Dinner	\$	2,392
LOM	\$	50
Hispanic Retreat	\$	1,250



BUILDING FUND SECOND COLLECTION

We will be having a monthly second collection
for the Building Fund
on the **first weekend** of each month

Saturday Morning Church Cleaning

Join us 8-10 AM

Saturday Morning
as we

join together and
Clean the Church
& Grounds for the

Weekend Liturgies



"What was the favorite dessert of the
king who brought gold?"



"Karat cake!"



The Magi brought gifts of gold,
frankincense, and myrrh to Baby Jesus.
We remember them on Epiphany!

Pray the Rosary
Tuesday - Friday
@ 8:40AM

Wednesday @
5PM (Spanish)



Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 5, 2025

Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
(see 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:

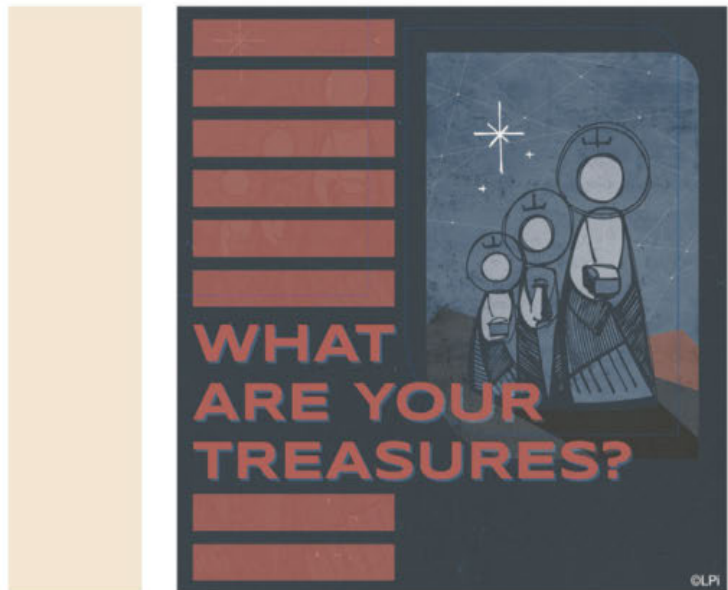
1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a
and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday:

Is 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



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Have you ever wondered why the magi had gold, frankincense, and myrrh? Matthew's Gospel tells us, **"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matt. 2:11)**. Why are these things their "treasures"? One possible answer is they were magicians and astrologers, and these three items were the tools of their questionable trade. In offering them to Christ, they demonstrate that they will cease using such items to predict or control life. They place this baby-king, the God of Israel, at the center of their lives, and not their own devices of control, manipulation and prediction.

Isn't that what we need to do, too? Consider, for example, the magical power of money, symbolized by the magi's gold. Seemingly whatever we ask of money, it does. It wields a god-like power over the world. It can predict the future by guaranteeing better outcomes for us — which is why it is such a tempting alternative to trusting in God. The problem is such absolute trust in money enslaves us to the economic forces that make money so powerful. In paying homage to Jesus with "gold" (i.e., tithing), we participate in his authority over (and therefore freedom from) the magical sway of money.

What things in your life do you use to predict or control your future? What in your life seems to give you power over the world? Those are your treasures. Are you tired of feeling enslaved to them? Find a way to open them and give them to Christ, and you will be freer.

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: The journey of the magi would have been treacherous and uncomfortable. Imagine the peace in their hearts as they approached the young Messiah and fell to their knees. The new, vibrant awareness of what their own purpose was. It was an epiphany for them. It can be the same for us.

The Answer

Have you ever had an epiphany?

I'll confess that I've never spent much time reflecting on the term "epiphany." In my head, there has always been a strict separation of church and state when it comes to this word. I think of the religious feast of the Epiphany, when we celebrate the magi's encounter with the Christ Child, as totally distinct from our modern understanding of the ancient Greek word *epipháneia*, which means "manifestation" or "appearance."

"I've had an epiphany," I have said many times before, and what I mean is that I have come to a long-awaited realization. I have received the answer to a question which has perplexed me, perhaps troubled me. I now know what course of action I must take.

"Today is the Epiphany," I say to my children when we make a king cake and bring the little magi figures to our Nativity beneath the Christmas tree (which will, after today, be put back into storage, for the Christmas season has come to its fulfillment).

And I've always thought I meant I was saying two very different things.

But today, I ponder the journey of the magi, one that must have often been treacherous and uncomfortable. I think about their meeting with Herod, a situation that certainly was fraught with tension and fear. And I imagine the feeling in their hearts as they approached the young Messiah and fell to their knees. I think of the peace they must have felt. The new, vibrant awareness of what their own purpose was.

It was an epiphany for them — a discovery of truth. An answer.

It should be the same for us.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

Answer:

Epiphany means "manifestation," or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew's infancy narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact?

"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."

- Mt 2:6

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Isaiah foresees a time when the people of Jerusalem will be overwhelmed with happiness and prosperity. What gift could you receive that would bring you great joy?

Second Reading:

Paul informs the Ephesians that he received a revelation of God's plan to save all people through Christ Jesus. What do you think makes your friends or relatives open to this idea?

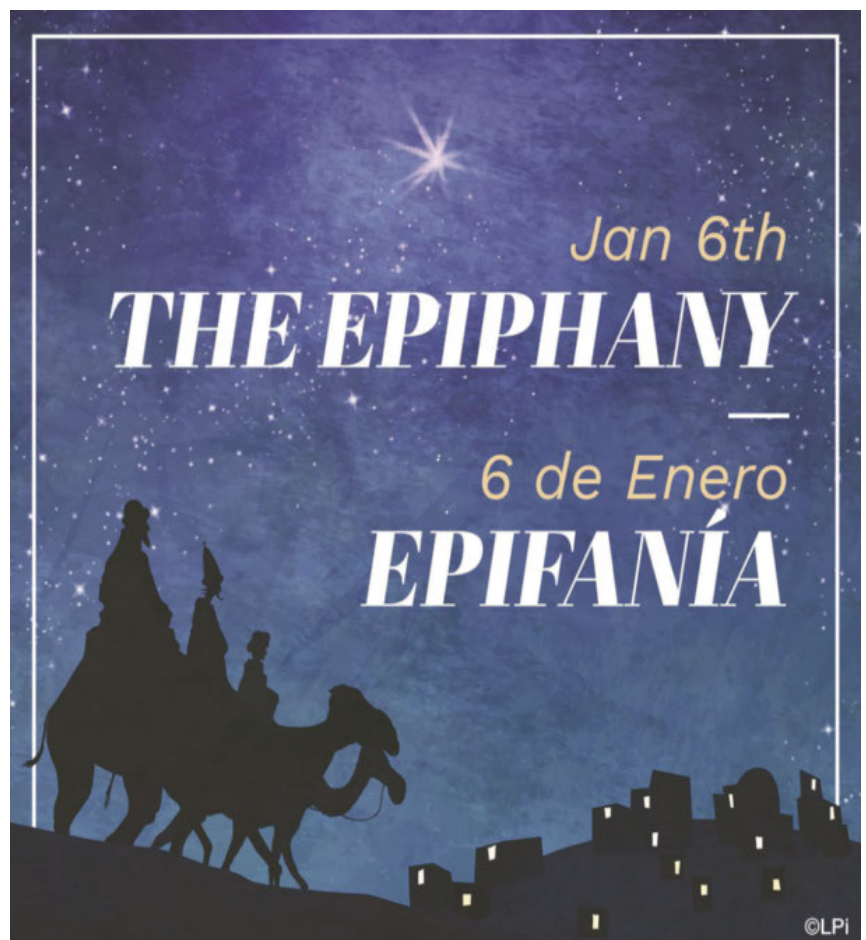
Gospel:

The visit of the magi teaches us about God's desire for the whole world know about his Son, Jesus. When do you first recall hearing about Jesus?

EPIPHANY



EPIPHANY





UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 5 2025 Feast of the Epiphany
Jan 5, 2025 Religious Education Classes Resume
Jan 18, 2025 First Reconciliation Retreat
Jan 20, 2025 Confirmation Retreat
Feb 2, 2025 Feast of the Presentation
Feb 3, 2025 Feast of St. Blaise
Feb 14, 2025 Valentines Day
Mar 4, 2025 Shrove Tues Pancake Supper
Mar 5, 2025 Ash Wednesday

Parish Pastoral Council Corner

If you would like to contact the members of
the Parish Pastoral Council
please email @

parishpastoralcouncil@stlukevabeach.org

The next meeting will be

January 16, 2024 @6:45PM

(Meetings are the 3rd Thursday of the month)

Minutes will be posted on the website

And on the bulletin board in the Commons

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATES

JANUARY 2025

SUN 05	ALL CLASSES RESUME
SAT 18	FIRST RECONCILIATION RETREAT
MON 20	CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for making the planets and stars so the wise men could find Jesus.

Mission for the Week

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

Sharing the Gospel

Isn't God amazing? He made all the stars and planets to move, so every night the sky looks a little different. When God created the world, he planned exactly when the wise men would see the star. He wanted them to find Jesus.

Now color
the picture! →

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

~~wise men~~

child

born

king

star

worship

Mary

gifts

dream

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w i s e m e n

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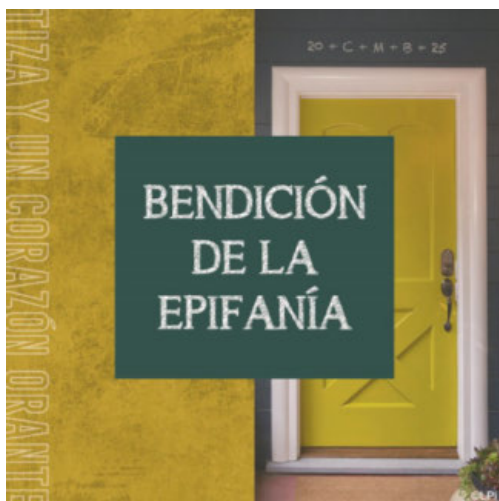
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Bendición de la Epifanía

La bendición del hogar de la Epifanía es una práctica antigua en la Iglesia. Esta tradición es una hermosa manera de observar la venida de los reyes magos mientras invocas la bendición de Dios sobre tu hogar y todos los que entran en él. ¡Todo lo que se necesita es tiza y un corazón lleno de oración!

Oración de Regocijo

Llena nuestros corazones, Señor, de regocijo mientras te buscamos y descubrimos. Tus caminos están llenos de asombro, gloria, sorpresa y gozo. Amén.

Consejo pastoral de la parroquia

Si desea ponerse en contacto con los miembros del Consejo Pastoral Parroquial, por favor mande un correo electrónico a parishpastoralcouncil@stlukevabeach.org
La próxima reunión será el jueves 16 de Enero @ 6:45 PM
(Las reuniones son el 3er jueves del mes)
Las minutas se publicarán en el sitio web.

PRACTICANDO LA FE CATÓLICA: RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

05 de Enero 2025

Mini Reflexión: El viaje de los reyes magos habría sido traicionero e incómodo. Imagínese la paz en sus corazones cuando se acercaron al joven Mesías y cayeron de rodillas. La nueva y vibrante conciencia de cuál era su propio propósito. Fue epifanía para ellos. Puede ser lo mismo para nosotros.

La Respuesta

¿Alguna vez has tenido una epifanía?

Confieso que nunca he dedicado mucho tiempo a reflexionar sobre el término "epifanía." En mi cabeza, siempre ha habido una estricta separación de la iglesia y el estado cuando se trata de esta palabra. Pienso en la fiesta religiosa de la Epifanía, cuando celebramos el encuentro de los Reyes Magos con el Niño Jesús, como algo totalmente distinto de nuestra comprensión moderna de la antigua palabra griega *epipháneia*, que significa "manifestación" o "aparición."

"He tenido una epifanía," lo he dicho muchas veces antes, y lo que quiero decir es que he llegado a una realización largamente esperada. He recibido la respuesta a una pregunta que me ha dejado perpleja, tal vez me ha inquietado. Ahora sé qué curso de acción debo tomar.

"Hoy es la Epifanía," les digo a mis hijos cuando hacemos una rosca de reyes y llevamos las figuritas de los Reyes Magos a nuestro Nacimiento debajo del árbol de Navidad (que, después de hoy, se volverá a guardar, porque el tiempo de Navidad ha llegado a su cumplimiento).

Y siempre he pensado que quería decir dos cosas muy diferentes.

Pero hoy, reflexiono sobre el viaje de los magos, uno que a menudo debe haber sido traicionero e incómodo. Pienso en su encuentro con Herodes, una situación que ciertamente estaba llena de tensión y miedo. Y me imagino el sentimiento en sus corazones cuando se acercaron al joven Mesías y cayeron de rodillas. Pienso en la paz que debieron sentir. La nueva y vibrante conciencia de cuál era su propio propósito. Fue una epifanía para ellos, un descubrimiento de la verdad. Una respuesta.

Debería ser lo mismo para nosotros.



Si necesita que oremos, hagamos un rosario en su casa, o por cualquier necesidad o ayuda que necesiten, por favor no duden en contactarnos.

Contactos: Julia Alcazar (954) 703-0638 & Rosa y Elias Asencio (757) 748-3184

Contactos del Ministerio Hispano

Pastor:	Msgr. Raphael Peprah
Capellán:	Rev. Edwin Montañez
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Vice-Coordinador:	Ángel Rivera
Lectores:	Ángel Rivera
Ministros de Eucaristía:	Mike Rivera
Visita a los Enfermos:	Ángel y Marta Rivera
Coro:	Marta Rivera
Iniciación Cristiana:	Regina Gómez
Ujieres:	
Bautizos:	Cecelia Peñate
Ministerio de Arte y medioambiente:	Julia Alcázar
Servidores del Altar	Salvador Guardado
Ministerio de Familias :	Juiliiana Meza
Grupos de Oración:	Julia Alcazar
Ministerio Social:	Alicia Guardado, Mirna Arevalo e Irene Gonzalez

Bautizos para infantes: Los requisitos para bautizar niños menores de 7 años son: que los padres estén inscritos en la Iglesia, asistan a la misa dominical, completen la solicitud de bautismo y que asistan a la clase requerida, 1 mes antes del bautizo. También es necesario que los padrinos sean católicos. Para más información comunicarse con la oficina ó vea el formulario.

Unción de los enfermos: Si usted o un miembro de su familia está enfermo o va a tener una operación quirúrgica y desea ser ungido, por favor contactarse con la oficina. Si no es una emergencia, por favor hágalo antes de ir al hospital. El sacerdote hará la unción en la capilla, después de la misa.

Matrimonios: Se requiere que las parejas que planean contraer matrimonio notifiquen al párroco por lo menos 6 meses antes de la celebración del sacramento y antes de haber decidido la fecha de la celebración.

Confesiones: Se puede confesar el primer viernes de cada mes después de la misa de la 7:00 p.m. ó por cita. Los miércoles de 3:30pm 5n:00pm con Pd. Edwin.

Inscribase en nuestra parroquia: Si asiste a misa en San Lucas es muy importante que se haga miembro oficial de nuestra iglesia Los formularios están disponibles a la entrada de la Iglesia.

Grupo de Oración

Si necesita que oremos por un enfermo, hagamos un rosario en su casa por cualquier necesidad o ayuda que necesiten, por favor llamen: Julia Alcazar (954) 703-0638 o Elias y Rosa Asencio (757) 748-3184

BAUTIZOS en Español son los cuartos (4) sábados del

mes a las 11:30am. Por favor llegue a mas tardar a las 11:15am.

Las clases serán anunciadas. Necesita completar la aplicación de bautismo. Inscribirse para las clases por lo menos (4) semanas antes del bautizo. **EL PROXIMO BAUTIZO** será 25 de Enero
Para mas información llame a la oficina ó Cecelia Peñate

Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo: Is 60, 1-6/Sal 71, 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13 /Ef 3, 2-3. 5-6/Mt 2, 1-12
Lunes: 1 Jn 3, 22—4, 6/Sal 2, 7-8. 10-12/Mt 4, 12-17. 23-25
Martes: 1 Jn 4, 7-10/Sal 71, 1-2. 3-4. 7-8/Mc 6, 34-44
Miércoles: 1 Jn 4, 11-18/Sal 71, 1-2. 10. 12-13/Mc 6, 45-52
Jueves: 1 Jn 4, 19—5, 4/Sal 71, 1-2. 14 y 15. 17/Lc 4, 14-22
Viernes: 1 Jn 5, 5-13/Sal 147, 12-13. 14-15. 19-20/Lc 5, 12-16
Sábado: 1 Jn 5, 14-21/Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5 y 6 y 9/Jn 3, 22-30
Domingo: Is 40, 1-5. 9-11/Sal 103, 1-2. 3-4.24-25.27-28.29-30/Tit 2,11-14;3,4-7/Lc 3, 15-16. 21-22



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05 de Enero 2025 / Epifanía Del Señor

Estamos aún en un ambiente navideño, la alegría perdura todavía en nuestro corazón y en el ambiente. El Evangelio nos narra que los Magos, obedeciendo la voz de su conciencia y guiados por una estrella, se ponen en marcha. Deseaban reconocer a Dios para ofrecerle sus regalos de oro, incienso y mirra. Después de investigar y preguntar, se aseguran de continuar el camino. Su esfuerzo no fue en vano, ellos fueron capaces de encontrarlo: *“Al entrar a la casa vieron al niño con María, su madre; se arrodillaron y le adoraron”* (Mateo 2:11). ¿Cuáles han sido mis esfuerzos en esta Navidad para encontrar a Dios? ¿A quien he preguntado para ser guiado y llegar a Él? Para ver el misterio de Dios, debemos prepararnos. Esto implica movimiento, bondad, y sencillez. Solo así, experimentaremos la grandeza de Dios y lograremos ver nuestra pequeñez. Callar y percibir el ambiente del Evangelio de esta Liturgia es esencial para una limpieza del corazón. Es tiempo de abandonar la terquedad de nuestra vida, la desconfianza e hipocresía que a veces tenemos guardada como Herodes. *“Se dejaron guiar por el impulso de la luz celeste y mientras acompañaban con atenta contemplación la luz que los precedía, eran guiados al conocimiento de la verdad por el esplendor de la gracia”* (San León Magno, Primer sermón de la Epifanía). Todos estamos invitados y tenemos derecho de mirar al cielo como los Magos y buscar la estrella que nos guía en el camino: ¡Jesús!

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Las noticias del Mesías inquietaron a Herodes. Vemos claramente su ansiedad en el Evangelio de hoy. Después de todo, esto es lo que Cristo ha venido a hacer. Ha venido a sacudir las cosas. ¿Estamos preparados para ser inquietados?



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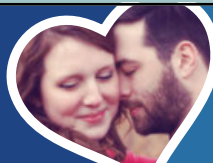
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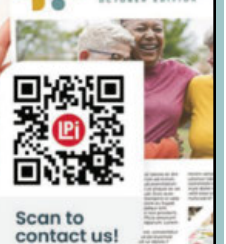


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