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## They prostrated themselves and did him homage

### January 6, 2019 • The Epiphany of the Lord

Tradition, poetry, and literature have long reflected upon the story of the magi. The journey of the magi indeed resonates with journeys in our own lives. The journey is a search for a "king," for what or who is of primary importance in life. The seekers lose direction and encounter obstacles and dangers. Searching for a king, the magi first come upon a false king, Herod. The reappearance of the star shows them the true path and leads to the true king.

For Matthew, the journey culminates in the magi's worship of Jesus. They discover a king not clothed in grandeur, but wrapped in humility and simplicity. They begin to re-imagine what true royal power really is. Transformed by the journey, they embrace the humble king, Jesus.

### INSIDERS AND OUTSIDERS

An epiphany is a manifestation, a revelation of what was hidden, and often a challenge to change. For Matthew's community, the story of the magi challenged these new Christians, from both Jewish and Gentile origin. The insiders, those rooted in the Jewish scriptures and traditions, might be

uncomfortable with the magi, and with God working within Gentile culture to draw them toward God. The outsiders, the Gentiles, would rejoice that God calls them from within their own roots. But they knew that they too were called to their own journey of transformation.

Who are insiders and outsiders today? Some might see strangers as threats to accustomed ways of honoring and serving God. Others might believe that they themselves are too distant, concluding that they cannot be accepted in Christian community, and perhaps tune out God's activity in their lives. Still others might think that belief in Christ serves as another dividing line between people, preventing them from seeing all persons as God's children. The story of the Epiphany reminds us that classifying insiders and outsiders is an illusion, a falsehood arising from a separation from God. When we are united with God, we can only see others as sisters and brothers.

Today's Readings: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday -Thursday 8:45 a.m. -12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Friday 8:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

### Parish Staff

**Rev. Albert Yankey, Parochial Administrator**  
Sr. Valerie Janecka, IWBS - Parish Secretary  
Janet Weaver, Bookkeeper  
Martha Nichols, PCL/Safe Environment Coordinator  
Tammy Fikac, PCL  
Sr. Miriam Perez, MCSH - RCIA  
Elaine Mayer, Music Ministry

### MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
Daily (Mon-Sat): 8:00 a.m.  
Holy Day Masses: 5:30 p.m. Vigil;  
8:00 a.m. Morning of Holy Day  
(except Christmas)

### CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.  
Before daily Mass

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

First Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS:

First Sunday of every month

### CHOIR PRACTICE:

Every Wednesday @ 6:15 p.m.

The Faith Formation Program of Our Lady of Lourdes is for the purpose of bringing the Person, the Message, and the Hope of Jesus to every individual and family in our faith community and beyond. We are committed to helping everyone know, love, and experience the great love God has for us.

**SUNDAY - January 6 - Epiphany of the Lord**  
 7:30 am - Clifton Lau †  
 10:00 am - Wallace & Kathy Bianchi †  
 11:30 am - Vietnamese Community Mass - Fr. Phi Nguyen/  
 Celebrant

**MONDAY - January 7**  
 8:00 am - Franklin J. Sedlar

**TUESDAY - January 8**  
 8:00 am - Fr. Frank Lomica

**WEDNESDAY - January 9**  
 8:00 am - Margaret Rogers †

**THURSDAY - January 10**  
 8:00 am - Clifton Lau †

**FRIDAY - January 11**  
 8:00 am - Edward & Anita Amador †

**SATURDAY - January 12**  
 8:00 am - Edward Krenek †  
 10:00 am - Mass & Healing Service - Fr. Phi Nguyen/Celebrant  
 4:00 pm - Jimmy & David Hobbs & Carolyn Goldman †

**SUNDAY - January 13 - The Baptism of the Lord**  
 7:30 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family  
 10:00 am - Frank & Julia Kalinowski †

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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 72:1-4, 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, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a  
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30  
 Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Jacob Alvarado, Cody Arnold, Cheryl Barker, Michael Berger, Monsignor Gerard Cernoch, Cecilia Edwards, Frances Espino, Tom Goslin, Carson Halterman, Bill Hough, Monsignor Joseph Hybner, Monsignor Casey Jarzombek, Darren Mikulik, Steve Motal, Tina Moya, Cole Ohrt, Patty Pantel, Ramona Perez, James Rung, Wade Shumbera, Carly Walker, Jimmy Whitaker, MaeJean Willemine, Gerald Yankey, Piper Eloisa Lara, Winston Wilson, Teresa Berger Dodson, Steve & Veronica Serrill, Mae Jean Willemine, Johnnie Bomersbach, Dayle Lemke, David Dierlam, Kevin Mozisek

**WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH**

Please come to the parish office & let us know you've arrived.  
*We are glad you are here.*  
 You may also print **REGISTRATION FORMS** from our web-site: [www.lourdesvictoria.org](http://www.lourdesvictoria.org)

**THIS WEEK**



**SUNDAY - Epiphany of the Lord**  
*Collection/Envelope: Weekly Stewardship & Initial Offering*  
*2nd Collection: Building Repairs & Maintenance*  
**Annual Holy Family Parish Breakfast** (after 7:30 am Mass)

**TUESDAY - Sewing Circle - after 8:00 am Mass**

**SATURDAY - 10:00 am - Mass & Healing Service**  
*Fr. Phi Nguyen/Celebrant*  
**Confessions: 3:15 pm - 3:45 pm**

**SUNDAY - The Baptism of the Lord**  
*Collection/Envelope: Weekly Stewardship*  
*2nd Collection: Diocesan Services Appeal*

**NEXT WEEKEND - January 12/13, 2019**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**  
**of HOLY COMMUNION**

**LECTORS**

**Sat. 4:00 pm** - Lillian Berger, Harvin Suggs  
 Liz Lemke, Joe Ryan  
**Sun. 7:30 am** - Sherry Kainer, Dennis Boehm  
 Joy Loest, Standby x1  
**Sun. 10:00 am** - April Nunley, Jeff Nunley  
 Patsy Whitaker, Standby x1

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

**Sat. 4:00 pm** - Suzie Ryan, Standby x2  
**Sun. 7:30 am** - Clayton E., Karley J., Joshua Z.  
**Sun. 10:00 am** - Allison & Ross N., Jace S.

**USHERS:**

**Sat. 4:00 pm** - Julius Cano, John Novak, Norman Schoener  
**Sun. 7:30 am** - Gary Pribyl, Patrick Pribyl, Standby x1  
**Sun. 10:00 am** - Howard Bludau, Pat Krenek, Standby x1

**THE WAY TO HEAVEN**

Love of heaven is the only way to heaven.

—John Henry Newman

**WEEKEND of December 22/23, 2018**



**Count - 534**  
**Total Operating Income \$11,759.00**  
**2nd Collection: St. Vincent de Paul \$ 1,572.00**

**CHRISTMAS**

**Count - 714**  
**Christmas Offering \$ 4,211.00**

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### Questions of the Week

To whom do I pay homage?  
Are they worthy of my respect?

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Caesar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

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### ROOTEDNESS

The flower does not bear the root. The root bears the flower.  
The rose is merely evidence of the vitality of the root.

—Woodrow Wilson



**Nazareth Academy** will hold its annual **Open House** for prospective students in PK3 - 8th grade on **Tuesday, Jan. 22, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.** Information about the school's history and curriculum will be shared and tours will be given. Teachers, parents & students will be available to answer your questions. Registration information for the 2019-2020 school year will be provided, as well. We look forward to visiting with you and showing you what is special about Nazareth Academy. If you have questions, please email [dmichalski@nazarethacademy.org](mailto:dmichalski@nazarethacademy.org), or call 361.573.6651.

**January 26, 2019 -The Gift You Give Yourself** (with Deacon Leo Shannon, Terry Robinson, Sister Emilie Eilers, IWBS) "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest." Matt 11:28 Caregiving doesn't start with getting busy or taking on tasks. Caregiving starts from a place of rest deep within yourself. Before you can give care that will bring comfort, rest and peace to others, you must know God's rest and peace in your heart. We do our best work when it comes from a place of stillness and inner quiet. Join other caregivers in experiencing a personal invitation of Jesus: "Come to me and rest." \$25.00 Suggested Donation or Love offering. A box lunch is available to purchase. Incarnate Word Convent 1101 N. E. Water Street Victoria, TX 361-575-7111. We invite those attending to join the Sisters for their 8:30 am Mass in the Convent Chapel.

### - EVENTS ALL AROUND -



**Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #369** will meet on **Monday, January 7, 2019** at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Prayer will start the evening at 6:10 pm, followed by the annual shower for the Gabriel Project. The business meeting will start at 6:30 pm. Start the new year by becoming a new member in one of the leading organizations for Catholic women!

### HOLY FAMILY ALTAR SOCIETY QUARTERLY BUNCO

The **Quarterly Bunco Party** hosted by the Altar Society of Holy Family Catholic Church will be Wednesday, **January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019**, from 9:30am til noon. It will be held at **St Peter's Parish Hall**. A free lunch will be served, and game prizes & door prizes will be awarded. Please invite a friend and enjoy visiting with the ladies from our five local Catholic Churches.

For information and reservations contact Ginger Wagner at (361) 550-6444.

### Come Out, Have Fun, Meet Friends



Knights of Columbus Council #1329 Bingo Night on January 9. Hall opens 6:00 pm. Bingo games from 7:30 pm until 10:00 pm. \$10.00 per Bingo sheet pack for 10 games. Food and drinks available. Location is Airline at Ben Wilson. Proceeds benefit various council charity projects. For info, call the hall Wednesday evening at 575-9214.

### January 19, 2019—God Works with our Hands: Knitters, Crafters, Quilters; etc. Sister Roselle Haas, rc.

Reflectively working with your hands helps you discover the stillness within. Listen to God as you explore the spirituality of crafting. A box lunch is available. \$25.00 Suggested Donation or Love offering. Incarnate Word Convent 1101 N. E. Water Street Victoria, TX 361-575-7111. We invite those attending to join the Sisters for their 8:30 am Mass in the Convent Chapel.

### Come and See!



Single Catholic women 18 to 40 years of age are invited to come meet religious Sisters and examine their call to make Jesus, the Incarnate Word, known and loved. Explore your own call to follow Jesus through marriage, single state, or religious life on January 19-20, 2019 at Incarnate Word Convent in Victoria, Texas. Call (361) 575-7111 or email [iwbsvoc@yahoo.com](mailto:iwbsvoc@yahoo.com). See [www.iwbsvictoria.org](http://www.iwbsvictoria.org) for more information.



**Knights of Columbus Council #1329** Chicken BBQ will be held January 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am until sold out. Prices are \$8 per chicken or 3 for \$22. Spanish rice and beans are available for \$1.50 per pint. Proceeds benefit various council charity projects. Location is Airline at Ben Wilson. For info, call the hall Sunday morning at 575-9214. NOTE: There will also be a bake sale in conjunction with the BBQ. Lots of delectable items!

### The Season of Giving

The blessing of the Christmas season is upon us! Our Lady of Lourdes is grateful for your continued generosity. The season of giving is the perfect time to set up a one-time or recurring gift to benefit our mission. Donate online by visiting <https://lourdesvictoria.org/online-giving>. It is quick, easy, and secure!

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