

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 4

4:30pm Pasquale Castelli

Requested by Prout Class of 2012

Sunday, January 5

8:00am Joseph and Mary Costanza

Requested by family

10:00am Margaret Roch

Requested by Eileen Beaudreau

12:00NN Judith Shuman

Requested by Castro family

Monday, January 6

7:00am Special Intention for

Marissa Blumenbaum

Requested by Rose

Tuesday, January 7

7:00am Patricia Smith

Requested by family

Wednesday, January 8

7:00am Joseph and Mary Costanza

Requested by family

Thursday, January 9

7:00am Theresa Olivero

Requested by McElkenny family

Friday, January 10

7:00am Kerri Bessette

Requested by Mom, Dad and Scott

Saturday, January 11

4:30pm Joseph Boragine

Requested by family

Sunday, January 12

8:00am Peter Yang

Requested by Sr. Martha Yang, C.D.P.

10:00am Mary Budreck

Requested by the Gardners

12:00NN Robert Haas

Requested by Deacon Paul &

Jackie Iacono



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 5

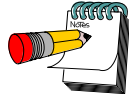
10:00am Dorothy A. Tiernan

Requested by Bob Tiernan

Sunday, January 12

10:00am Ethel Dellasandro

Requested by John and Paula Simone



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Rose Silva and John T. McNulty.

ST. FRANCIS BIBLE STUDY resumes for 2014 on Tuesday, January 7 at 7-8:30 pm in FGC with the **Gospel of John** commentary by Ignatius Press. **Please register your name at the rectory (783-4411)** if interested and a study book will be ordered, the cost is \$10. If questions, please contact Mary Vitiello at maryalri@yahoo.com.

THANKS, THANKS AND MORE THANKS

Monsignor Theroux, Father Upton, Deacon Iacono and the entire staff wish to thank all who sent cards and gifts during the Christmas Season.

These and many other expressions of good will were deeply appreciated. We thank also those who helped make the Holy Season so memorably beautiful - the choirs at both church and chapel, the cantors and musicians, and all those wonderful people who gave of their busy time to make both places of worship so fitting for the great feast.

BE HAPPY!

Here's one New Year's resolution to consider making. No matter what your state of health or wealth, do yourself a favor:

Decide to be inwardly happy.

It can be done. You may have to work at it, but once you begin to think positively, your life will take on a new luster. Believe in the wisdom of Sacred Scripture: "A cheerful heart is the best medicine" (Proverbs 17:22).

Happiness is not something to be grasped directly, the way you would take an apple from a tree. Happiness is the by-product of a meaningful life.

You can transform an unhappy disposition into a happy one. **The choices you make and the thoughts you allow yourself to think are key factors** in the process. Clearing the mind and heart of anxiety and resentment is the first step.

The words of Jesus teach us the way: **"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Do not judge. Forgive 70 times seven."** If we could only do what Jesus asks, we'd be happier, freer, and more joyful human beings.

...be happy because of the knowledge of God's love, and no one will take that happiness from you.

Make a New Year's resolution that will help you achieve a more positive spirituality. Claim happiness as your birthright, and have a Happy New Year.

Fr. John Catoir, Director of The Christophers

JANUARY 5, 2014

FROM THE PASTOR..

This weekend we celebrate the **Feast of the Epiphany** -- Jesus is shown forth to the world through the three Kings who traveled from the east following a star. The star was a sign to them of the Savior's birth – a moment significant enough for them to be willing to make a long, hard journey to pay Him homage and to honor Him with gifts. If we truly recognize the significance of the Lord's birth for each one of us, we too should be willing to actively seek him, even when it requires effort and sacrifice, to give him the gift of our reverence and service. While our Christmas season officially ends next Sunday with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the meaning of Christmas and its value in our lives continues throughout the year. Let us continue to seek him and to follow him faithfully every day.

As we begin the New Year, I would again like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the beauty of our Christmas celebration. I am also very grateful for your generosity. The Giving Tree was a great success, providing gifts for over 150 children in the local community. Your generosity was also reflected in the outstanding Christmas Collection. Your ongoing support is important to our parish and truly appreciated!

Msgr. Theroux

PARISH SUPPORT— December 22

Weekly Support		December 22
Budget envelopes used (370)	-	\$ 9,772.00
Loose Donations	-	\$ 1,508.00
Online Giving (# of donors 37)	-	\$ 988.00
Total Budget	-	\$ 12,268.00

Typhoon Relief—Philippines

Offertory	-	\$ 1,760.00
Other Donations	-	\$ 107.50
Total Typhoon Relief	-	\$ 1,867.50



CHRISTMAS— December 25

\$23,354.00

The offertory for December 29th, January 1st and January 5th will be reported in next weekend's bulletin due the holiday printing schedule. The collections had not taken place at transmittal time.

This weekend's second offering is the Monthly Offering for January. Next weekend's second offering will be the Ongoing Maintenance Fund offering.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.



Religious Education

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, January 5th

8:50-9:50am GRADES 1 & 2 (FGC)
GRADE 7 (FGC)

9:50-10:50am GRADE K (HBH)

10:50-11:50am GRADES 3-6 (FGC)

Attend Christmas Pageant at 11am
GRADE 8 (HBH)

Monday, January 6th

7-8:30PM Confirmation I (FGC)

Wednesday, January 8th

4-5pm GRADES 3-6 (FGC)

7-8:15 CLASSES GRADES 7 & 8 (FGC)



This Week

Sunday, January 5

(See Religious Ed. Class schedule above)

11:00am Christmas Pageant (FGC)

5:30-7:00pm PRAISE! Rehearsal (FGC)

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, January 6

7:00pm Confirmation I Class (FGC)

Tuesday, January 7

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, January 8

4-5pm GRADES 3-6 (FGC)

7-8:15pm CLASSES GRADES 7 & 8

Thursday, January 9

2:00pm Mass at Scallop Shell N&R

Friday, January 10

7:00pm Parenting Group Meeting (UR)

O CHRIST JESUS,
WHEN ALL IS DARKNESS
AND WE FEEL OUR WEAKNESS AND
HELPLESSNESS, GIVE US THE SENSE OF
YOUR PRESENCE, YOUR LOVE AND
YOUR STRENGTH.

HELP US TO HAVE PERFECT TRUST
IN YOUR PROTECTING LOVE
AND STRENGTHENING POWER,
SO THAT NOTHING MAY FRIGHTEN OR
WORRY US.

FOR LIVING CLOSE TO YOU,
WE SHALL SEE YOUR HAND,
YOUR PURPOSE, YOUR WILL
THROUGH ALL THINGS. AMEN.

~ St. Ignatius of Loyola

Ten New Year's Resolutions for Catholics

- 1) **A Catholic smartphone?** ... Surprisingly, you'll find plenty of smartphone apps to help you become a better Catholic. Simply type "Catholic" in your phone's app store search box, and you'll find a long list of apps including prayers, Catholic radio stations, Confession guides, Bibles, etc. Instead of texting or checking email during idle time, make use of those apps to learn more about your faith.
- 2) **Find a Patron Saint** ... If you don't have a patron saint, it's time to find one! Saints are our heroes in faith and are powerful intercessors for us in heaven. You might want to learn more about the saint you were named after, your Confirmation saint, the patron saint of your profession or hobby or any saint who interests you.
- 3) **Attend daily Mass** ... our parish along with most others offer daily mass during the week in the morning, evening or during lunch. Most daily masses will only take about 30 minutes. In return for your time, you'll receive extra graces and blessings to carry with you throughout your day.
- 4) **Go to Confession every month** ... Yes, it's difficult to face your sins and say them out loud, but frequent reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation gives you the grace to fight those sins and perhaps finally defeat them.
- 5) **Read the Bible** ... If you don't own a Catholic Bible, invest in one and keep it out where you will see it every day. Perhaps you'll consider attending our parish Bible study. It begins this Tuesday evening at 7pm in Father Greenan Center. You'll also find helpful guides online or in a Catholic bookstore.
- 6) **Get involved with your parish** ... Volunteering as a Reader at Mass, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, choir member or usher requires a very small time commitment but will pay off by helping you to feel like an important part of your parish. Call Monsignor Theroux or Father Upton to see how you could help.
- 7) **Pray the Rosary** ... The Rosary has been hailed by saints and popes alike as a powerful weapon to defeat evil and a beautiful way to meditate on the gospels. There are many powerful blessings and promises granted to those devoted to the Rosary. For a guide on how to pray it, call the parish office or go online.
- 8) **Check out Catholic radio** ... Catholic radio stations like Relevant Radio are popping up all over America and you need not live near one to listen in. Most stations broadcast online or offer smartphone apps. Try a few different stations and programs to find one that interests you.
- 9) **Read about your faith** ... If all you do is go to Mass every Sunday, you're missing out on many wonderful resources for your faith. This year, resolve to read at least five books on Catholic topics. Pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance.
- 10) **Spend some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament** ... Like us, many parishes offer Eucharistic Adoration, but you can stop by a Catholic church any time the doors are open and spend a little quality time in front of the tabernacle with Christ. Even just 10-15 minutes on a regular basis will deeply improve your spiritual life. Consider joining us on Mondays, 7:30am to 12noon for Adoration at Saint Francis Church.

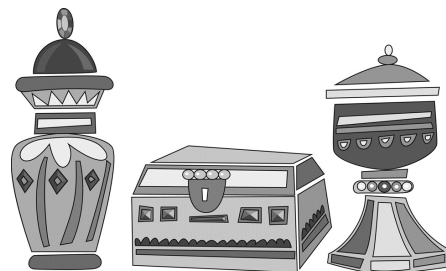


GOD CHOSE TO BE KNOWN BY US

In choosing to be born for us, God chose to be known by us. He therefore reveals himself in this way, in order that this great sacrament of his love may not be an occasion for us of great misunderstanding.

Today the Magi find, crying in a manger, the one they have followed as he shone in the sky. Today the Magi see clearly, in swaddling clothes, the one they have long awaited as he lay hidden among the stars.

Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die. ...



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