

PARISH CALENDAR

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2016

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| Saturday, January 2 | 5:00 p. m. | Mass |
| Sunday, January 3 | 7:00 a.m. | Mass |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Mass |
| |5:00 p. m. | Mass |
| Monday, January 4 | 7:45 a.m. | Morning Prayer |
| | 8:00 a. m. | Mass |
| |9:00-11:00 a.m. | PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY Food Pantry Closed |
| Tuesday, January 5 | 7:45 a.m. | Morning Prayer |
| | 8:00 a.m. | Mass |
| Wednesday, January 6 | 7:45 a.m. | Morning Prayer |
| | 8:00 a. m. | Mass |
| |9:00-11:00 a.m. | Food Pantry Closed |
| Thursday, January 7 | 7:45 a.m. | Morning Prayer |
| | 8:00 a. m. | Mass |
| Friday, January 8 | 8:00 a. m. | Mass |
| |9:00-11:00 a.m. | Food Pantry Closed |
| Saturday, January 9 | 4:00-4:45 p.m. | Confessions |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Mass |

Shed Your light upon our hearts, Lord!



NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Isa:42:1-4, 6-7: The servant will bring forth justice.

Acts:10:34-38: The word of God is fulfilled in Jesus.

Luke:3:15-16, 21-22: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Living Catholic in the 808: Exercises in Evangelization

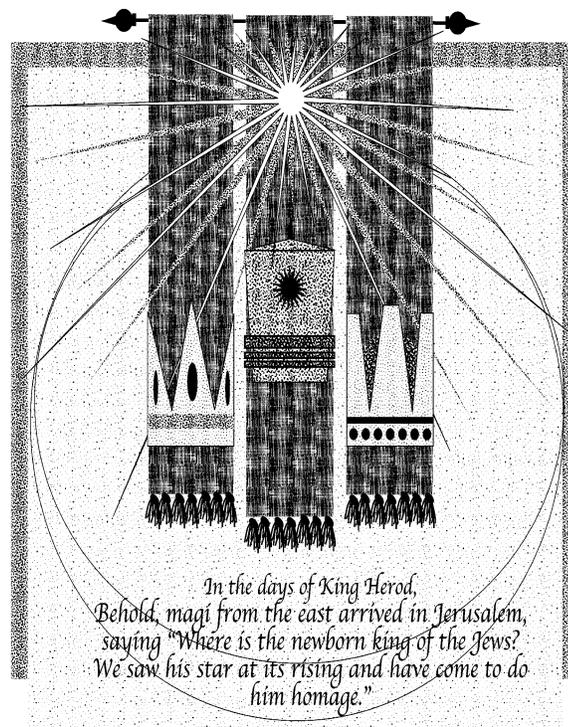
Let's face it: Catholic Christians tend to have an aversion to the term "evangelization." It evokes images of knocking on doors, of being asked uncomfortable questions. Even those of us who do acts of evangelization tend not to use the term, as Matthew Kelly found in his research on what makes for a Dynamic Catholic.

Yet, there is no denying that the Gospel emphatically demands that we must share the Good News with others. There is no denying that we cannot simply read our Bible at home or go to Mass on Sunday and call ourselves followers of Jesus. We are called to serve others, to engage in works of mercy, to show a preferential option for the poor, to work for justice, and, yes, to use words to tell others about Jesus Christ.

Deep down, we Catholics KNOW we are supposed to share our faith with others. And, deep down, we WANT to do better about sharing our faith. But how?

This weekly column, "Living Catholic in the 808" will provide one, small answer to this question. Week by week, join us for practical tips on what evangelization can look like for "typical" Catholics. C'mon! We can do this!!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

ST. CATHERINE'S SCHOOL - KAPAA, KAUAI: Will celebrate it's **70th Anniversary** of Founding and **ALL CLASSES Reunion, October 12-15, 2016, on KAUAI!** For further details or to attend, please contact: **Dorothy Agbincola Witte @ doritawit@gmail.com** or **P. O. Box 13177, Torrance, CA 90503-0177 or call (424)-216-0430.**

"WHY CATHOLICS MARRY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?" A Special Presentation featuring Very Reverend Mark J. Gantley, JCL, Judicial Vicar, Director of Canonical Affairs Diocese of Honolulu, **Thursday, January 14, 2016, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm; St. Joseph Church, Waipahu.** All are welcome. For more information contact StJosephChurchAFF@gmail.com or (888)584-8446. Coordinated by the St. Joseph Adult Faith Formation Ministry.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: The Worldwide Marriage Encounter community in Hawaii wishes all marriages the blessings and joy that Christmas promises. For more information, contact Fred & Donna Ventura at 298-4241 or email: donnnav3@hawaiiintel.net. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. 2016 dates are: **April 29-May1 - Oahu / September 23-25 - Oahu.** Elizabeth Alvior @ (808) 391-2045 on Oahu; or visit our website at www.hawaiiwwme.org. There's no need to wait until next year, sign up today! **Early registration is highly recommended.**

WORD OF LIFE: "Each of us has his or her own personal identity and is capable of entering into dialogue with others and with God himself." – Pope Francis, *Laudatio Si*, no 81 © 2015 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission www.goo.gl/UBwd3B

WEEKLY READINGS

Jan 3 Sun: The Epiphany of the Lord

Isa:60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph:3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt: 2:1-12

Jan 4 Mon: Memorial Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious

1 Jn: 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt: 4:12-17, 23-25

Jan 5 Tue: Memorial of John Neumann, bishop

1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72: 1-2 3-4, 7-8; Mk: 6:34-44

Jan 6 Wed: Christmas Weekday

1 Jn: 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk: 6:45-52

Jan 7 Christmas Weekdays

1 Jn: 4:19-5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14 & 15bc, 17; Lk: 4:14-22

Jan 8 Fri: Christmas Weekday

1 Jn: 5:5-13; Ps:147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk: 5:12-16

Jan 9 Sat: Christmas Weekday

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

GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH

The gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh portend the manner in which Jesus' light is to spread to the whole world. Myrrh, a perfume used for burial, foreshadows his death. Gold is a gift for royalty, and frankincense signifies holiness. Together they indicate that, through his suffering and death, Jesus will become both the afflicted King, in whose service we are to offer our gifts to the afflicted, and the eternal Priest, whose sacrifice we are to make known as the source of light uniting Christians and all humanity.

By our unity, our lives, and our witness, we are to reveal that Jesus Christ is indeed the Light of the World.

Today we hear Saint Paul proclaim that he exercises stewardship of "God's grace" for the benefit of the Christian community. Earlier in this letter to the Ephesians, he prayed they would come to realize the actual value of "these riches" of God's grace they inherited. This letter was written to remind, encourage, and spiritually motivate this Eucharistic community to appreciate just how immeasurably wealthy they had become to inherit a life in Christ. What value do we place on our life in Christ? If someone asked us to put a price on this life in today's currency, how would we respond? \$100 million? 100 billion? Priceless. Do we live as though our life in Christ is priceless?" (**International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin**)

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

We believe that Jesus is the Light of the World. To say this about Jesus is to say something about ourselves. Christ's light is meant to illuminate every corner of the earth and gather all people together. Today's scriptures reveal what that means.

In the Gospel story of the magi from the East we see Jesus, even as an infant, gathering people of different religions and races to his light. The magi bring the child their finest gifts and tell others of the light that they have seen. The reading from Ephesians reminds us that all Christians are "members of the same body, and copartners" in divine life. There ought not to be divisions among us: all should gather together under the light of Christ. Finally, Isaiah paints a picture of what the people of God, the church, should look like. We are to reflect the Light of the World so that all nations can walk by Christ's light and rulers by his shining radiance. When we do, all people will be gathered to Christ, bearing their finest gifts and "proclaiming the praises of the LORD."



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