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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD — JANUARY 8, 2023



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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a

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Youth Group meets today, Jan. 8th, 12:30.

Jan. 22, 7:PM Plan to attend the Concert by MJM7 Band

Feb 4—8, Parish Revitalization Mission,

Come be Nourished in the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil Sat 4:00 pm.

Sun: 7:30, 10:00, 11:30.

(Vietnamese), 8:30.

Daily Mass: 8:30 a.m.

**Confession Thurs. 3:00-4:00 pm
and 7:00-7:30 pm.**

**The church is open 7:30 am to
9:00 pm to visit the Lord for
quiet prayer.**

Morning Prayer: 8:05 a.m.

**Exposition: 9:00 a.m. with the
Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet.**

Benediction: 11:55 a.m.

**Call the parish for any need,
anointing of the sick or home
visits for communion. Office
hours 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**We welcome the return of all
who winter with us. Please stop
by the office if you would like
to volunteer to help us in any
way. We love to see you.**

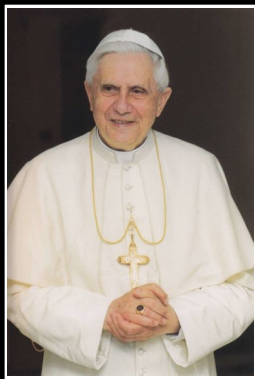
Welcome
We're Glad You Joined Us!



Make 2023 a year for your family to remember. We're talking about your faith family at St. Vincent de Paul. We're looking toward a family reunion that will bring back those from the past for a Sunday night music bash with friends and family to fill the Parish Hall. Plan to arrive early on Sunday, January 22 before 7 PM for time to socialize before the high energy concert featuring MJM7.

The event is a rock concert and a parish revival with vibrant lights, powerful music, faith proclamation, and prayer. The music is uplifting, creating an environment that is engaging and communal. The concert empowers all ages to pray more fully and worship more freely.

MJM7 is a Catholic family band comprised of Michael James Mette and his children: Charity (15), and Cecilia (14) and MJ (12). The Mette's gifts of music, joy, & family life offer the boldness and innocence of youth with the wisdom and depth of lived experiences. Bring a friend! You won't want to miss this this unique event. The concert is free, donations are accepted. Come have a great time. You will help us by sending a voice message or call to let us know how many you are able to bring. We hope to fill the hall for this concert.



Pope Benedict XVI was aware that death was near. His final words before passing on January 31, 2022 he wrote: *Quite soon, I shall find myself before the final judge of my life. Even though, as I look back on my long life, I can have great reason for fear and trembling, I am nonetheless of good cheer, for I trust firmly that the Lord is not only the just judge, but also the friend and brother who himself has already suffered for my shortcomings, and is thus also my advocate, my "Paraclete."* In light of the hour of judgement, the grace of being a Christian becomes all the more clear to me. It grants me knowledge, and indeed friendship, with the judge of my life, and thus allows me to pass confidently through the dark door of death.

We believe it is God who brings us together. We are happy to have time with your. The best help you can receive is to spend some quiet time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Be still and know your God. Take some alone time for yourself. Stop into the church and spend time with the Lord. You will enjoy peace in his company. Confession Times are Thurs: 3:00-4:00, and 7:00-7:30 pm. *Call for an appointment at anytime you need. Please call the office if you would like a home visit from the parish. We share with you the blessings of the New Year.*

**Parish Staff—Pastor, Fr. William Fickel, SSS; Parochial Vicar, Fr. Dominic Long, SSS
Parish Administrator, Christine DeLieto; Stewardship, Laura Worhacz;
Faith Formation Director, Charlene Vassalli; Choir Director, Tierra Carson Booth;
Secretary, Annabella Batista; Maintenance, Rocky Hieu Nguyen; Chef/Hall Rental, Mark Brose**

PARISH GIVING DECEMBER 25, 2022

Sunday Offering \$10,863.00

Candle Money \$ 343.50

Total (Thank You!) \$11,206.50

Visit www.svdpfl.com for online giving.

Mass Attendance 992

4:00 p.m. 148 \$2,088.00

8:00 p.m. 992 \$1,063.00

7:30 a.m. 93 \$ 713.00

8:30 a.m. 158 \$ 360.00

10:00 a.m. 164 \$ 887.00

11:30 a.m. 115 \$ 1,037.00

Mail In \$ 340.00

Additional \$ 160.00

Christmas Offering \$4,215.00

Thank you for sharing your time with us.

God bless your sacrifices.

The Mass is live streamed on Sat. at 4:00 p.m.



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Order Forms due in the Office by January 9, 2023



Thank you for worshipping with us!

Sanctuary Candle Intention for the week,

Peace in the Family

Sunday

January 8

7:30am

Ana Maria Siebold & Herbert Siebold+
(Van Der Henst Family)

8:30AM

Fr. Michael Suszynski, Intentions (Paul Daddeo)

10:00am

Tonia Hutchens, birthday (Marilyn Tiglao)

11:30am

Jerry Tamburillo+ (Tamburillo Family)

Monday

January 9

8:30am

Carol Bergen+ (Ladies Auxiliary) and
Dominic Chang Nguyen+ (Sue & Dick Combetta)

Tuesday

January 10

8:30am

John Kenny+ (Mary Brady, sister) and
Robert McMahon+ (Anita McMahon)

Wednesday

January 11

8:30am

Ann Oko+ (George Oko, husband) and
The Holy Souls in Purgatory (M. Zunino)

Thursday

January 12

8:30am

Victor & Alan Rosamilia+ (Joan Rosamilia) and
Joel Morales+ (Friend)

Friday

January 13

8:30am

Joseph Nucci+ (Margaret & Ray Flanders) and
The Holy Souls in Purgatory (M. Zunino)

Saturday

January 14

8:30am

Deceased Members of Grimes & Gorman
Families and

Sylvia Gigliotti+ (O'Brien Family)

4:00pm

Special Intentions (Serge Laplace)



Readings for the week of January 8, 2023

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Arts & Crafts

We are beginning our preparations for our Spring Arts and Crafts show. We are in need of old lamp bases made of ceramic or metal, flower pots and clay pots empty and clean, baskets any size and pastel ribbons. We meet every Tuesday from 9:30—11:30. We will also be doing wreath decorations. **Come join the fun!**



The Magi were scientist-astronomers, they employed disciplined methods of discovering dependable patterns in the world. Their rigorous commitment to the truth led them to the joy of discovering Jesus. Their love for knowledge leads them to worship the Source of all knowledge. Luke says of them, **“They were overjoyed at seeing the star.”**

We may see the universe as cold and empty and feel sad, why? The Magi show us there is another way to experience the world. We use our intelligence to discover the beautiful patterns in the world — in mathematics, physics, astronomy, biology, neuroscience and allow this to lead us to greater love for God. So, my fellow Magi: the world needs us to be overjoyed at finding God in science and, finally and fully, in Jesus, the Word of God who created all that is. — *Father John Muir.* ©LPi

Finance Corner

Where does the money go?

A WORD OF APPRECIATION

Thank you for your support in paying these bills: Payroll \$8,143.15, Payroll Taxes \$875.76, Electric \$3,463.54, Telephone and Internet Office \$487.68, Liturgical Supplies \$142.70, Trash Removal 347.33, Office Supplies \$61.64, Wine Expense \$800, Property Taxes \$6,137.19, Solid Waste Disposal Annual Fee \$3,602.33.

We are open seven days a week and serve many people in the area with our prayers and outreach. To those who are homebound, keep us informed of your needs. Thank you and God Bless you!

Eucharistic Revival



Daily Consecration Prayer

From St. Peter Julian Eymard

O my God, in a spirit of adoration, thanksgiving, reparation and petition

I offer you the actions and sufferings of this day in union with the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, in order to render to that adorable Heart dwelling among us,

the debt of justice and love due to his august Presence and moreover to offer to your Divine Majesty through him, with him and in him

the glory that he himself renders you here on earth.

Lastly, I make this offering to obtain by means of that Almighty Mediator,

peace for the Church, salvation for our country and all the other graces for which we call on you. Amen!



Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

God's love is witnessed by the charity given through our care for others in need. Every gift is given to express the love God has shown to us in Jesus his Son. Jesus was incarnated of the virgin Mary and born in a manger. He came as food to nourish a hungry human family of his brothers and sisters. All of us.

Thank you for your support, the SVdP Society is made possible by your participation in serving

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Faith and Fear

You can often tell what a person believes by what they fear. Here's the thing: belief isn't always enough. It's obvious that Herod believed in Christ's power because of how terrified he was by it and by the room he made in his life for the possible impact of the Messiah. In fact, if belief was the only measure of orthodoxy, you could stand most modern Christians next to Herod and he would tower above them.

Remember, there's something just as bad as disobeying God: discounting Him. I know I am guilty of that in a thousand small ways each day. In the person I ignore or the opinion I sneer at. In the unkind words I let roll from my tongue. In the prayers of thanksgiving that I don't say because I am "too busy."

I believe in God, but I do not fear Him. We understand fear in a more traditional sense — awe, reverence, and wonder? "All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him." — Psalm 72:11

When Herod heard the news of the coming of the Messiah, it compelled him to do something. Not the right thing, mind you, but something. It moved him into action.

So, then, it should move us all into action to come and adore the living God. We saw his star at its rising, and have come to do him homage. — Matthew 2:2. Jesus is in the tabernacle and in your heart. Take time to adore.

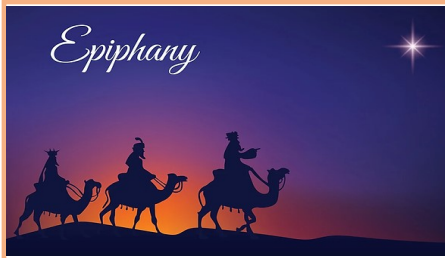


The story of the Wise Men bringing gifts to Jesus, the newborn King, is a great one, isn't it? They had a great big star in the sky to lead the way. I am not sure how well I would do following a star like that. The important point here is that God led them to the most unlikely place to find the newborn King, a manger. The manger was a place that unless God specifically showed you this was where the Christ Child was born you wouldn't have believed it. You would have passed on by.

In our lives, there are no big stars in the sky leading us where we need to go. It isn't so easy sometimes discerning where God is leading us. We may seek to use our gifts wisely, but in what manner and to what end is not always clear. Something happened when they encountered that little child is such poverty. They wanted to give to him everything they had to offer. How can that be the same in our lives?

This is where prayer can make a huge difference. If we seek to cultivate a prayer life where we are mindful of the presence of God throughout our day, then the call is easier to discern. We can help the process by intentionally offering to God in the morning the entirety of the day to come: all our actions, all our time, and all our decisions. In the evening, we can examine the past hours of the day and reflect on when we responded well to Christ's call and when we fell short. Then we resolve to begin again tomorrow, inviting Christ to be with us every step of the way.

God may not offer a star in the sky to lead us, but if we invite His love to be with us on our journey each day, the path will be much clearer. When was the last time you stopped by the church for some quiet time with the Lord?



Not a word we use everyday. "When was your last 'Epiphany?'" Yet, by faith we believe that every day God is making his loving presence known in our

lives. It's simply that most days we fail to experience these manifestations of God's love for us. "Epiphany of the Lord" help us recall that the manifestation to these three Magi from the East continues to take place as a symbolic but real manifestation of the Christ to the whole world. These Magi, travelling from a foreign nation, reveal that Jesus came for all people and all unite in adoration before the loving presence of God in the Eucharist.

God guided them through darkness with a star to adore the Christ Child. They understood the stars and when they saw this new and unique star over Bethlehem they realized that something special was happening. So the first lesson we take from this for our own lives is that God will use what is familiar to us to call us to Himself. Look for the "star" that God is using to speak to you. It's closer than you may think.

Also, note is that the Magi fell prostrate before the hidden presence in the newborn child. They laid their lives down in homage, in complete surrender and adoration. If these astrologers from a foreign land could come and adore Christ in such a profound way, we can do the same. Perhaps you could try literally lying down prostrate in prayer this day, in imitation of the Magi, or at least do so in your heart through prayer. Adore God with a complete surrender of your life.

The Magi bring gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These three gifts show this Child as the Divine King who would die to save people from sin. Their adoration is grounded in the truths of God's love for the world. Reflect, today, upon these Magi and see them as a symbol of what you are called to do. Realize how you also are called from the (foreign place) darkness of this world to seek out the Messiah. Do not hesitate to acknowledge the full truth of who God is while lying prostrate before Him in complete and humble submission.

Prayer: Jesus, I love You and adore You. I lay my life before You and surrender all. You are my Savior. My life is Yours. Prostrate yourself before the Lord Jesus, I trust in You. **Amen.**

The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church. The Gift. The Real Presence of Christ.



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

From the very beginning, the Church has believed and celebrated according to the teaching of Jesus himself: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him (Jn 6:54-56). It is not "ordinary bread and ordinary drink" that we receive in the Eucharist, but the flesh and blood of Christ, who came to nourish and transform us, to restore our relationship to God and to one another.

In the Eucharist, with the eyes of faith we see before us Jesus Christ, who, in the Incarnation became flesh (Jn 1:14) and who in the Paschal Mystery gave himself for us (Ti 2:14), accepting even death on a cross (Phil 2:8). St. John Chrysostom preached that when you see the Body of Christ "set before you [on the altar], say to yourself: Because of this Body I am no longer earth and ashes, no longer a prisoner, but free: because of this I hope for heaven, and to receive the good things therein, immortal life, the portion of angels, [and closeness] with Christ." 24 20.

How can Jesus Christ be truly present in what still appears to be bread and wine? In the liturgical act known as the epiclesis, the bishop or priest, speaking in the person of Jesus Christ, calls upon the Father to send down his Holy Spirit to change the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, and this change occurs through the institution narrative, by the power of the words of Christ pronounced by the celebrant. 25 23 See St. Justin Martyr, First Apology, LXVI. 24 St. John Chrysostom, Homilies on First Corinthians, 24.7, in Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers, First series (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1995), 142. 25 Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1353.



KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS Friday

Nite Dinners will resume on Friday

January 13. Come see us on Friday to enjoy an "ALL YOU CAN EAT" dinner for

\$12.95. Spread the word and help us to put a flyer in your club house. Richard will give you one when you come to dinner. Join the Knights of Columbus. We thank all the Knights for showing up for our monthly meeting on the **Third Monday** of each month.

Catholic Ministry Appeal Prayer

More numerous than the stars in the sky are your blessings, O Good and Gracious God.

You have called us to spread the Good News of your Son, Jesus Christ, through our words and actions. Strengthen our faith and open our hearts to care for all of our brothers and sisters, especially those who need us the most.

Help us to understand the difference we can make, the love we can share and the lives we can bring to Christ through the Catholic Ministry Appeal.

We pray that your grace, O Lord, will lead us to be your loving heart and hands today. *Amen.*

The Communion of Saints—My friends in Heaven

Pope Francis said that our relationship with the saints is basically a friendship.

The relationship of friendship that I can build with a brother or sister beside me, I can also establish with a brother or sister in heaven. The saints are friends with whom we very often establish friendly relations. What we call *devotion* to a saint — “I am very devoted to this or that saint” — what we call devotion is actually a way of expressing love from this very bond that unites us. Also, in everyday life one can say, “But this person has such devotion for his elderly parents”: no, it is a manner of love, an expression of love.

And we all know that we can always turn to a friend, especially when we are in difficulty and need help. And we have friends in heaven. We all need friends; we all need meaningful relationships to help us get through life.

Jesus, too, had his friends, and he turned to them at the most decisive moments of his human experience.

Special love for Mary and Joseph

The Holy Father noted that in the history of the Church, there is a special affection for and bond with Mary, the “Mother of God and our Mother.” There has also been “special honor and affection” for St Joseph. “After all, God entrusts to him the most precious things he has: his Son Jesus and the Virgin Mary.”