

HEADING TOWARD 2024



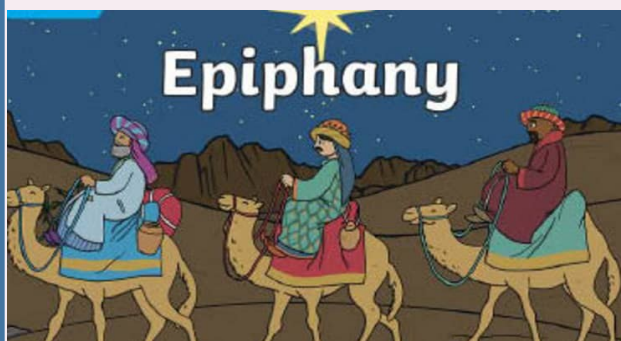
We wish all parishioners a Happy New Year in a few days. We thank God for his mercy and benevolence upon us this year that is coming to an end and pray that his love may be upon us for the rest of the year and all through 2024. We thank you for your generous support all last year. May God be a provider for you as we journey through 2024. May He shower His blessings on our parish family and help us increase in knowledge and love of Him and one another. Amen.

CELEBRATION MARY MOTHER OF GOD



While January 1 is New Year Day in the temporal calendar, the Church observes it as the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**. The Council of Ephesus in the year 431 declared Mary as the “Theotokos” or “God-bearer”— a name which expresses the love which God poured into Mary to enable her to love so fully in her turn. We will have a 9:00 am Mass on New Year day to celebrate this feast.

EPIPHANY BLESSINGS



The Church celebrates the **Epiphany of the Lord** on the 6th and 7th of January, 2024. As usual, we will have the opportunity to receive Epiphany Blessings for the new year. You may bring your own container of water for blessing. We will provide the blessed chalk. Be sure to take a blessed chalk to bless your home for 2024. The inscription on your doorpost this coming year will read as follows: 20+C+M+B+24

PICTORIAL HISTORY OF TULSA DIOCESE



To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the creation of the Diocese of Tulsa, the diocese has produced a pictorial history, detailing the processes of growth and maturation of the diocese up to our time. The parish has purchased copies of the pictorial history for every family, which we will distribute on the solemn feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. Each family will get a copy as a form of gratitude for the support you have given to the parish and the diocese.

NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE



New Year, like Christmas falls on a Monday. Here's the schedule:

9am Monday, January 1 — Mother of God (Solemnity)
5:30pm Tuesday, January 2 — Mass for the Sick
12pm Wednesday, January 3 — Christmas Weekday
8am Thursday, January 4 — Christmas Weekday
5:30pm Friday, January 5 — Christmas Weekday
5pm Saturday, January 6 — Vigil of Epiphany
10am Sunday, January 7 — Epiphany Mass (bilingual)

REGIONAL YOUTH MINISTRY



This year, our parish will focus greater effort in revamping the Youth Ministry in our locality. Secular culture is corroding the life of the young, indoctrinating them with ideologies that are both ungodly and anti-human. We need to reclaim them lest they fall completely to the enemy. If you have interest in youth affairs, please join us for a meeting of youth directors from our vicariate on Saturday 6th January, 2024 at St. John's parish hall. The meeting begins at 6:30pm. Your input will be appreciated.

ORDER YOUR PARISH SHIRT



We have parish sweatshirts remaining, which individuals or families can order for themselves or for family members elsewhere. You may order some for your children living out of town or for a friend or acquaintance. The shirt comes in two colors, gray and burgundy. The cost is \$25 for kids and youth, and \$30 for the adult sizes. Call the parish office to place your order. Those who haven't picked up their orders yet are encouraged to visit the office—Tuesday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm to request them.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH



As we enter a new calendar year 2024, we wish to thank all parishioners who have supported the parish financially and otherwise all through 2023. It was quite a tough year financially with inflationary rise in the cost of running the parish as well as the projects we completed, or are underway. Yet, through your support we made it alright. We continue to request your support this year to continue the work of evangelization. The finance council will publish a summary of 2023 finances at the end of January 2024.



THURSDAY FAITH ENRICHMENT MEETINGS

Our Thursday Faith Enrichment meetings will resume for 2024 on Thursday, January 11th. Our discussions will center on the new document by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of Faith (DDF) on the pastoral meaning of blessings – **Fiducia Supplicans**. Bring your questions and concerns. We meet at the parish hall between 6:30 and 8:30pm. Please join us.



NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS, 2024

The National Eucharistic Congress taking place in Indianapolis, from July 17–21, 2024 will be a transformative moment for the Church in the USA. It will be the high point of the Eucharistic Revival. You can be part of this historic event, as Catholics from around the country gather for this weeklong grace-filled event. If you're interested in attending, call the office or talk to our parish point person, Kelly Drusen, for details.