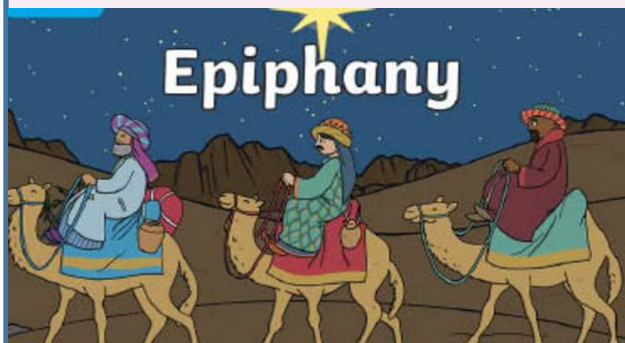


HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024

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.

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

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



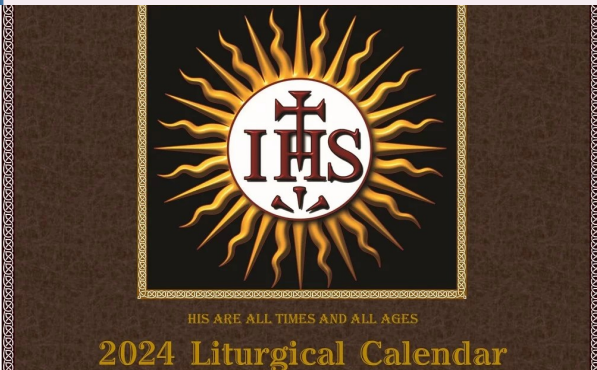
The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, or *Theophany*—as the Eastern Church refers to it—is the feast day commemorating the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan by John the Baptist. Originally, the Lord's Baptism was celebrated on Epiphany and combines three major events in the life of the Lord, namely, the coming of the Magi, the Lord's baptism, and the wedding at Cana. This year, the feast will be celebrated on Monday, January 8th with a Mass at 8:00am.

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 of the diocese. The parish has purchased copies of this pictorial history for every family, which we will distribute at every Mass this weekend 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.



SOME IMPORTANT LITURGICAL DATES IN 2024



Some important and notable dates in 2024.

Baptism of the Lord — January 8

Ash Wednesday — February 14

Palm Sunday — March 24

Easter Sunday — March 31

Annunciation of the Lord — April 8 (transferred from March 25)

Immaculate Conception — December 9 (transferred from December 8)

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 tomorrow Saturday 6th January 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 FO 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 this coming 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.