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**MAY THE SPIRIT OF GOD
LEAD YOU THROUGH THE NEW YEAR**

Feast of the Epiphany



The message of the **Epiphany** is that God wants to show forth his extravagant love to all peoples without exception. His mercy, forgiveness and compassion are not restricted to an exclusive elite but are offered to everyone. All nations are called to share in Christ's glory. He is here for all and no one is excluded from his offer of peace. The Christian gospel is intended to reach across boundaries and speak to every human heart. Foreigners and outsider are embraced with the same love as everyone else. While most of us travel to God by routes charted out by previous generations of faithful Christians, we should have the greatest respect for those who make the homeward journey in sincerity of heart by a different route. We meet God in each other especially in our frailty and brokenness.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Intentions of Sandra Lee
Tuesday	Soul of Joyce Jones-Turk Souls of Michelle & Chiara Vaira Soul of Fr. Bonifacio Garcia Solis Soul of Dino Morello Soul of Dr. Anthony Ng
Wednesday	Soul of Ernest Joseph Allard
Thursday	Mass of Thanksgiving – Tibor Family
Friday	Soul of Ann Muzzin

Please pray for the sick in our community. May the healing power of God touch their hearts and ease their burdens.

PRAYER REQUEST LINE
905 881-2786 ext. 250

Seeking and Finding God

At times we can feel stuck with others and God, regarding our relationships as static or regressing rather than growing and we are not sure why. During such moments we often plea for some sort of guidance and we feel a wave of relief when whatever it is, is resolved. The clarity that we receive is something being revealed to us – a type of epiphany.

It is common to hear the word “epiphany” thrown around – it can be used to describe anything from someone declaring that they have some great insight about their future to something as simple as discovering a quicker route home. As with anything, the word can lose its meaning when constantly used in such a variety of circumstances. In any instance, we use the word to acknowledge that we have received some sort of newfound clarity.

In the case of The Epiphany, which the Church celebrates this weekend, the three Magi received a sign that they were to go and worship the newborn Jesus. In that moment, God revealed Himself to the Magi in a very real way and they were never the same. This event that transpired some 2000 years ago means one very important thing for us: God is continually revealing Himself to us.

The reality of Epiphany gives us the privilege of seeking God, just as the Magi sought (and found!) Him so many years ago. Although most of us will never receive a bright star in the sky, we all have a Saviour who not only came to us as a baby, but from the beginning of His life chose to reveal Himself to all who choose to seek Him.

Part of the beauty in the story of the Magi is that they were forever changed because they chose to not only follow the path that had been set out for them, but they were willing to let the presence of God change them. The promptings we receive from God are always made clearer when brought to God in prayer.

Everyday epiphanies are meant to remind us that God is working in a real way not only in our lives, but also in our world. And just as the Magi travelled in a pack of three, we will find these everyday epiphanies with the companionship of others. God uses whatever He can to show us His will for our life, and this great feast of the Church is proof that the Christian life is often clearer when walked with other people.

The challenge for us is to go forward as the Magi did – not following a star, but choosing to seek and find God in every part of our lives. By actively searching out these everyday epiphanies, we will receive that clarity we so desire and let God's Light illumine our paths.

John Humphries.

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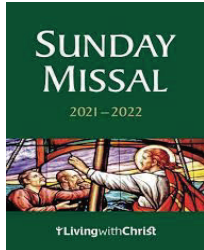
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SUNDAY MISSAL

The 2021-2022 Sunday Missal is now available. Please contact the office during week to purchase a copy.



Update your Information



The office is busy preparing our files for tax receipt time. Have you moved, changed your email address or phone number in the past year? If so, please be sure to provide the parish with your updated information at:

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FIRST FRIDAY – January 7th

Please join us Friday morning for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following the 9:00 am mass.

Come spend an hour with Jesus.

2022
happy new year

Today, New year's Day, we begin the year with the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. We come into this year with a lot of difficult things facing us but we have hope that maybe this year things will get better. It is our faith that gives us hope and Mary is a model of faith. Let us pray to her when we feel doubt and ask her to lead us to her son Jesus our Lord. Padre Pio said "Pray, Hope, Don't Worry, Have Faith".

If we say to the Lord as she did, your will be done, we can face anything with hope for our Lord will be with us and our Mother will protect us each day.


Happy New Year & God Bless


Fr. Mark

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