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## The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2018

All kings shall pay him homage,  
all nations shall serve him.

-- Psalm 72:11



Daily Mass

Week of January 8<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>

Monday: 8:00 Intentions: Owen Burns  
 Tuesday: 8:00 Vicky Cotter+  
 Wednesday: 8:00 Ricardo Madrigal+  
 Thursday: 8:00 Ray Wilson Van Deusen+  
 Friday: 8:00 Kathy Luo+  
 Saturday: 8:00 Scott MacPherson Stapleton+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Hether Ludwick, Carlotta Tormey, Samantha Winterer, Carol Cullinane, Doris Brusasco, Donald Mulvey, John Miller, Thomas Lee, Michael Kluziski, Dennis Reeve, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Bonnie Danielson, Owen Burns, Bernice De Vries, Michael Vasquez, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombrink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Henry Souza, Rosa Santos and Juanita Estrelles.

Weekly Collection	December 31 <sup>st</sup>
Plate	\$9,398.00
Plate -- December 24 <sup>th</sup>	\$10,383.67
Christmas	\$66,297.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$3,100.00



### Special Thanks!

We would like to thank the following parishioners who gave toward the Christmas decorations for our Church: Edward & Lorraine Heinemann in honor of the Heinemann family; and Bill, Andrew & Karen Keil in memory of Rev. & Mrs. William Keil, Sr. and Rev. Albano Oliveira.

### Special Donations!

**Please Note:** Any donations that require special attention, i.e., matching funds, etc. should be sent to Judy at her email address: [judyhilgert@yahoo.com](mailto:judyhilgert@yahoo.com). Thank You for your help.

### 2017 Contributions!

The 2017 contribution records will be available this month. They are scheduled to be mailed to parishioners who contributed \$250.00 or more during 2017. If you did not contribute \$250.00 and would like to receive a statement, please call the Parish Office and request a copy. Thank You!



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are all familiar with Matthew's account of the arrival of the Magi in Jerusalem in search of the king of the Jews.

Because this story is so well known, it is easy to overlook the profound implications of its message.

Various translations refer to the Magi as kings or wise men from the East. The fact that these important men were willing to travel a great distance to pay homage to someone who had no authority over them points to the significance of his birth.

Following the star to Bethlehem, they found the poor child and with reverence offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

When this story was proclaimed to Matthew's audience, it had to be disturbing to them because most of them thought that the Messiah was only going to save the children of Israel. The actions of the three kings dramatically demonstrated the universal dimension of Jesus' mission.

The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the fulfillment of God's promise of long, long ago that He would bring the light of salvation to all the world by the coming of the Messiah.

Love, Fr. Leo

### Partners in the Promise!

As a society, during these days we can be in something of a "postpartum" depression. Our celebration of Christmas and the New Year are over, and after today, many of us will put away the decorations of the past weeks. The apostle Paul today uses the expression "partners in the promise." This is an uplifting phrase for us to reflect upon and to think of as our own calling in these days following the birth of the Lord. What is this promise? We can find it in the gifts the magi bring: it is a promise of being a royal priesthood (gold), a holy nation (frankincense), a people set apart for self-giving (myrrh). We find more of the promise in Isaiah -- a light shines upon us! In the psalm, we know a promise of a world of flowering justice, profound peace, the poor rescued, pity for the lowly and the poor. This is the promise; and one of the best ways for us to lift ourselves out of any possible low spirits we may be suffering is to live out our partnership in this promise each and every day.

***Walking the Camino!***

Are you interested in learning about, and possibly walking, the Camino de Santiago in Spain? If so, please join parishioner Laurie Ferris on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Gibson Center for a brief overview of its history, routes and pilgrim traditions. She will also share some highlights of two short Camino routes, the *Portugués and Inglés*. You will learn how you can walk a Camino in as little as one week and still earn a *Compostela* (certificate of completion). There will be time for questions and answers. Laurie is an active member of the Bay Area chapter of American Pilgrims on the Camino and maintains a blog at: [thecaminoprovides.com](http://thecaminoprovides.com).

***Attention Parents!***

Are you concerned about how much screen time your children are already exposed to at a young age? Do you wonder about how to set boundaries around their electronic media use? Are you concerned that screen time might affect their social, physical and emotional well-being? If so, please join us for a documentary showing about the biggest parenting issue of our time. This will be thought-provoking for parents of children of any age, not just teenagers. Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age will be shown in the School Auditorium on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. Appropriate for adults as well as children in grades 5 and above. Tickets are free, but you are encouraged to reserve a space by registering at: [tinyurl.com/corpus-screen](http://tinyurl.com/corpus-screen).

***2018 Annual Seminary Collection!***

**T**he Diocese of Oakland's Annual Seminary Collection will be next weekend, January 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Your contributions support the formation and education of these men who are giving their lives in the service of God's people as priests in the Diocese of Oakland. Your support for our Seminarians is deeply appreciated. Keep them in your prayers. Please make checks payable to **Corpus Christi Church**. Thank You!

***Wings (Women in God's Spirit)!***

Wings resumes on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Wings is a faith enhancement group that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, Scripture study, catechesis, life sharing and community. Meetings take place on Wednesdays from October through May at St. Theresa's Event Center, 4850 Clarewood Drive, Oakland, Meeting Room 1 at 9:15 a.m. Hospitality follows the guest speaker and the program until 11:15 a.m. The guest speaker presentations will uplift you and keep you informed. Lindsay Nivens-Frosini will be speaking on, *The Magi and the Epiphany*. You will experience a welcoming community as they support each other in spiritual growth. Bring a friend. Women from local parishes and other denominations are welcome. For further information, contact Gaby Miller at: [gabymiller275@gmail.com](mailto:gabymiller275@gmail.com).

***Upcoming Potluck!***

Hospitality's next Potluck is Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. The theme for January is hot chili and cornbread! You will be able to sample a variety of chilies: Cincinnati chili, white chicken chili, vegan black chili to 5-alarm chili. Bring your favorite side, beverage or dessert to share. For additional information, contact Carol at: [heardwhat@gmail.com](mailto:heardwhat@gmail.com).

***Corpus Christi's 2018 Crab Feed & Auction!***

Planning for the Annual Crab Feed & Auction is well underway. We appreciate all that you do to support the Auction. As this is the biggest fundraiser of the year, we need everyone's participation to make it a success! ***What to do next***. Buy your tickets for the event on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at: [www.ccfed.org](http://www.ccfed.org). By now, you should have submitted your donations. But if you haven't, it's not too late. Go to: [www.ccfed.org/donations](http://www.ccfed.org/donations) to complete your registration ASAP. Once you have submitted your donations, please deliver the items to the School Office. Happy Holidays from the Crab Feed & Auction Team!

***Today's Readings!***

**First Reading** -- Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm** -- Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** -- The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** -- Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

***Did You Know?***

Did you know that if you miss a Mass you can go to our website and listen to that Sunday's homily. Go to: [www.corpuschristipiedmont.org](http://www.corpuschristipiedmont.org).

***The Holy Star***

*O Father, may that holy star  
Grow every year more bright  
And send its glorious beams afar  
To fill the world with light.*

-- William Cullen Bryant

