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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

-- Isaiah 60:1



Daily Mass

Week of January 7th – 12th

- Monday: 8:00 Carl York+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Frank & Eva Diamantine+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Nancy Hollerbach+
- Thursday: 8:00 Nancy Lee+
- Friday: 8:00 Intentions: Owen Burns
- Saturday: 8:00 Nicky Elsenius+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Michael Echaniz, Tina Chaix, Fr. Dan, Samantha Winterer, Carol Cullinane, Thomas Lee, Michael Kluziski, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Owen Burns, Bernice De Vries, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombrink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Henry Souza, Alexis Walker, Michael Bozman and Dori McGee-Lundy.

Weekly Collection	December 23, 2018
Plate	\$10,104.67



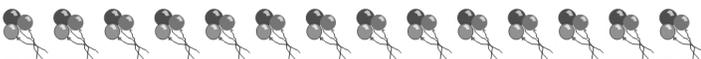
The Parish Family of Corpus Christi has been increased and enriched through the recent baptisms of:

Cameron Joaquin Campbell Chin-Perez, son of Adrienne Chin-Perez and Richard Campbell.

Christopher Lee Parise, son of Michelle DiGiacomo and Jon Parise.

Elizabeth Lily Stevens, daughter of Melissa McKay and Aaron Stevens.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!



Fr. Leo's Birthday Celebration!

Please join us as we celebrate Fr. Leo's 70th Birthday on Sunday, January 13th, from Noon until 2:00 p.m. The festivities will take place in the School Auditorium. For more information, please contact Pam Krawiec at 339-9451 or Debra Kalmon at 529-1014. Hope to see everyone there!



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



2019 Annual Seminary Collection!

The Diocese of Oakland's Annual Seminary Collection will be next weekend, January 12th and 13th. 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. Please keep them in your prayers. Thank You!



The Holy Star!

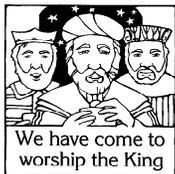
O Father, may that holy star
Grow every year more bright
And send its glorious beams afar
To fill the world with light.

-- William Cullen Bryant



Prayer Adventure!

Deepen your spiritual life, grow in your relationship with God and Jesus, and learn new prayer methods in a small group setting. St. Theresa Parish, 30 Mandalay Road in Oakland will be hosting a ten-week "retreat in daily life" experience from Tuesday, February 5th to Tuesday, April 16th. Material will be based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Gatherings will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The cost of the exercises is \$150.00 per person which includes all materials and four one-on-one meetings with a spiritual director. (Financial support is available.) Space is limited. Sign up now! If you are interested, please call Bob Hernandez at (415) 516-0440 or email to: bhernandez@carmelpartners.com; Sharon Chipman at (510) 207-3713 or email to: sharonchipman@gmail.com.



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).

Finding God!



The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today.

Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.



Upcoming Potluck!

The next Community Potluck will take place on Saturday, January 19th, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass.



Treasures From Our Tradition!

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C., Julius Ceasar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6th. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11th; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22nd. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

Discernment Day!

Are you seeking for truth? Are you yearning for the infinite and for happiness? Christ is the answer! Come and See! The Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery are hosting a "Come and See Day" for single Catholic women, ages 18 to 38. The date is Saturday, January 19th, at their Monastery, 215 Oak Grove Avenue in Menlo Park. The day begins with Mass at 8:00 a.m., followed by Divine Office, Rosary, Conferences on Discernment and more. The event is free and all meals will be provided. For more information, visit: www.opnunsmenlo.org/upcoming-events or contact Sister Joseph Marie at: vocations@opnunsmenlo.org.

Rootedness!

The flower does not bear the root. The root bears the flower. The rose is merely evidence of the vitality of the root.

-- Woodrow Wilson