

# The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2024

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

-- Psalm 72:11



### Week of January 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

Monday: 8:00 Dennis Collins+ Tuesday: 8:00 Anthony "Tony" Dion+ Wednesday: 8:00 Fil Da Cunha+

Thursday: 8:00 Eileen & George Mollen+ Friday: 8:00 Erin Sabrina Breckenridge+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Marian Flandrick, Mike Abell, Sunny Ray, Tara Singh, Kerrie Roye, Mark Lutz, Michael Carter, Rufus Smith, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini, Pamela M., Rita Jurin, Julia and Cecilia Uyeda.

Weekly Collection	
Plate December 24 <sup>th</sup>	\$9,310.00
Plate December 31st	\$9,541.00
Christmas	\$74,355.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,230.00



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

**Lana Anaëlle Baier**, daughter of Alyssa Mompoint and Fabian Baier.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

#### 2024 Annual Seminary Collection!

The 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. Please keep them in your prayers. Thank You!

## 2023 Contributions

The 2023 contribution records will be available at the end of this month. They are scheduled to be mailed to parishioners who contributed \$250.00 or more during 2023. 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

#### 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).

**P**salm -- 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).

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

#### Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to help with removing the Christmas decorations after the 10:30 a.m. Mass today. If you have 45 minutes, an hour or even one-half hour, this should be done fairly quickly. Thank You for helping!

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# 2024-2025 Corpus Christi School Applications!

Are you thinking about joining our School community of Corpus Christi? Do you know someone who is looking for a new school? Tell your friends and neighbors that our application for the 2024-2025 School Year is now available on our School website! The application deadline for submission is Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, so encourage them to apply now. Thanks for helping us spread the word!

#### 2024 Annual Crab Feed & Auction!

Mark your calendars and register quickly for the event of the year, the Corpus Christi Men's Club 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Crab Feed & Auction. This amazing event takes place on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, and includes a Tiki theme. The event opens at 5:30 p.m. with silent auction items and appetizers available, followed by the Crab Feed Dinner, live auction and dancing. This year, you have several dining options to select from: the *Sit-Down Dinner* in the School Auditorium, filled with entertainment, an unforgettable live auction and endless crab! As an alternative, you can opt for the take home option, the "*Crab & Go*," which is a fun alternative to dining onsite and will be available for pick-up the day of the event on the School Blacktop, between 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Or for those who prefer to dine in a quieter environment, you can have your meal by *Candlelight in the Gibson Center*.

The event costs are \$95.00 per person for the **Sit-Down Dinner**; \$65.00 and \$125.00 for the varying "**Crab & Go**" packages; and \$85.00 for the **Candlelight Dinner**.

New this year is the Golden Ticket Raffle. Purchase your ticket today at \$100.00, with a chance to win \$10,000 toward next year's School Tuition. The winner will be announced at the Live Auction. Please Note: A limited number of tickets will be sold. For more information and to order your Crab Feed & Golden Tickets, visit: <a href="https://www.ccfeed.org/home">https://www.ccfeed.org/home</a>. The Corpus Christi Men's Club look forward to seeing everyone at the 61st Annual Crab Feed & Auction!

### Thank You Sponsors!

Corpus Christi School and Parish gives special thanks to the following 2024 Crab Feed & Auction Sponsors: Economy Lumber, Piedmont Grocery, Hillside View Orthodontics, Discovery Investments, Marzano Restaurant, Old Republic Title, First American Title, LaSalle Financial: Team Thomas, Lin Jia Asian Kitchen, TRBenefits, Cross Country Mortgage and Cooper & McCloskey, Inc. (CMI)

### Christmas Caroling Pictures!

Pictures from Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> Christmas Caroling are available for viewing and free downloads at: <a href="http://www.dennismpics.com/Parish/Christmas/2023-Christmas-Carol-Sing-Along">http://www.dennismpics.com/Parish/Christmas/2023-Christmas-Carol-Sing-Along</a>. The password is: frleo. Both are case sensitive and without spaces. For free download, click on the down arrow in the lower right corner of the photo.



#### Readings For The Week January 8th -- 13th

Monday: First Reading Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7;

Psalm 29;

Gospel Mark 1:7-11

Tuesday: First Reading 1 Samuel 1:9-20;

Responsorial Psalm 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7;

Gospel Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday: First Reading 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20;

Psalm 40;

Gospel Mark 1:29-39

Thursday: First Reading 1 Samuel 4:1-11;

Psalm 44;

Gospel Mark 1:40-45

Friday: First Reading 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a;

Psalm 89;

Gospel Mark 2:1-12

Saturday: First Reading 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a;

Psalm 21;

Gospel Mark 2:13-17

#### **Treasures From Our Tradition!**

Epiphany celebrates the wake-up calls of life, the showings of God's majesty and power in the person of Jesus. The feast alerts us to look for signs of the Lord's grace and action in our lives today. In this context, the call of the Second Vatican Council to reform the sacramental life of the Church, including our pattern of care for the sick, is indeed a holy awakening.

Prior to the 1960s, our care for the sick had collapsed in the popular imagination into something everyone called "last rites." An immensely complicated ritual, with anointing accompanied by quickly muttered Latin prayers, was enacted for a marginally conscious person at "death's door." By the time a priest was called, the sick person might not be able to receive viaticum, or derive much personal benefit from the ritual. The healing effects of the sacrament, investing suffering with the dignity of a link to Christ's cross, and the immense assurance of forgiveness for a person reviewing the life journey, were hidden. Suddenly, an epiphany swept through the Church, and the way we care for the sick was utterly transformed. It took several centuries, however, for the Church to reach that moment of renewal.

### Microwave Anvone!

A free, gently-used Toshiba microwave, measuring approximately 20-1/2" wide, 13" high and 17" deep, needs a new home. There are no sensors, just an everyday microwave. If you are interested, please email Paul at: pwight2002@yahoo.com.