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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2025

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 6th – 10th

- Monday: 8:00 Jack Nelson+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Helene Plotken+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Special Intentions
- Thursday: 8:00 Jack Nelson+
- Friday: 8:00 Peter Ray Van Deusen+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Marian Flandick, James Breen, Janet Laurent, Sharon Rinehart, Mike Abell, Michael Carter, Rufus Smith, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini and Cecilia Uyeda.

Recent Collections	
Plate --December 22 nd	\$10,207.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,340.00
Christmas	\$80,392.00



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

Brooke Kara Bolduc, daughter of Elizabeth Diamantine and Kirk Bolduc.

Emerson Maye Fabris, daughter of Kelsey Dunne and Garrett Fabris.

Liv Ikuta McNutt, daughter of Kathleen Ikuta and Benjamin McNutt.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

2025 Annual Seminary Collection!

The Diocese of Oakland's Annual Seminary Collection will be next weekend, January 11th and 12th. 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!



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

2024 Contributions

The 2024 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 2024. 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!

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

Parish Concert Photos!

Photos from the Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 22nd, and the Choir Concert on December 15th are available for viewing and free download. The site is: www.dennism-pics.com. Click on the "Parish" folder. The password is: frleo (no spaces, all lower case). Then, click on the "Christmas" folder. Next, click on the gallery that you wish to view. Any photo can be downloaded by clicking on the down arrow in the lower right corner of the selected photo.



**Readings For The Week
January 6th -- 11th**

- Monday: First Reading 1 John 3:22-4:6;
Psalm 2;
Gospel Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: First Reading 1 John 4:7-10;
Psalm 72;
Gospel Mark 6:34-44
- Wednesday: First Reading 1 John 4:11-18;
Psalm 72;
Gospel Mark 6:45-52
- Thursday: First Reading 1 John 4:19-5:4;
Psalm 72;
Gospel Luke 4:14-22a
- Friday: First Reading 1 John 5:5-13;
Psalm 147;
Gospel Luke 5:12-16
- Saturday: First Reading 1 John 5:14-21;
Psalm 149;
Gospel John 3:22-30

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 Caesar 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!

Finding God!

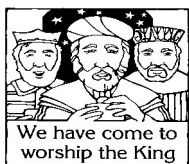


The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king 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.

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, co-partners 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).

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