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January
8, 2017

The Epiphany of the Lord



MASS SCHEDULES

Sunday Mass in English

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM & 12:15 PM

Daily Mass

7 & 8:30 AM (Saturday 8:30 AM)

Reconciliation

Saturday 3-4:00 PM

Misas Dominicales en Español

Sábado 6 PM, Domingo 2 & 6 PM

Misas en Español

Miércoles 7 PM

Reconciliación

Miércoles 6-7 PM, Sábado 3-4:00 PM

United in faith and guided by the Holy Spirit



From the Pastor's Desk:

It was a hot day in July 1969 on board an aircraft carrier in the Pacific. Sailors with binoculars were searching the sky above the carrier. Suddenly they let out a yell. There, orange and white parachutes exploded and bloomed in

the blue sky. Dangling from them was a ball-like shape. It was the Apollo II space capsule. Minutes later the capsule plunged into the warm water of the Pacific. The splashdown climaxed a voyage that had put three men on the moon. When the smiling astronauts emerged from the capsule, President Nixon danced a little jig on the carrier deck. He had flown halfway around the world to witness this history-making moment. He said the splashdown climaxed the greatest week in the world since creation. In the exciting months ahead, the three astronauts made a good will tour around the world. They visited 23 countries in 45 days. One of the "most striking moments of the trip," said Astronaut Ed Aldrin, was to visit the Vatican. The astronauts were especially moved by the unusual gifts presented them by Pope Paul VI. Writing in his book *Return to Earth*, Ed Aldrin says: "His Holiness unveiled three magnificent porcelain statues of the Three Wise Men. He said that these three men were directed to the infant Christ by looking at the stars and that we three also reached our destination by looking at the stars." (Mark Link in *Sunday Homilies*).

While they were talking about the story of the three wise men, a woman asked her parish priest this question, "Do you know why God gave the star to the wise men?" When he professed his ignorance, she told him: "God knows men are too proud to ask directions. If there had been three wise women instead of three wise men, they would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and given some practical gifts!"

A helicopter was flying around above Seattle yesterday when an electrical malfunction disabled all the aircraft's electronic navigation and communications equipment. Due to the clouds and haze, the pilot could not determine the helicopter's position and course to steer to the airport. The pilot saw a tall building, flew toward it, circled, drew a handwritten sign, and held it in the helicopter's window. The pilot's sign said "Where am I?" in large letters. People in the tall building quickly responded to the aircraft, drew a large sign, and held it in a building window. Their sign said "You are in a helicopter." The pilot smiled, waved, looked at his map, determined the course to steer to Sea-Tac airport, and landed safely. After they were on the ground, the co-pilot asked the pilot how the "You are in a helicopter" sign helped determine their position. The pilot responded, "I knew that had to be the Microsoft building because, similar to their help-lines, they gave me a technically correct but completely useless answer."

Nota de nuestro pastor:

Era un caluroso día de Julio de 1969 a bordo de un portaaviones en

el Pacífico. Los marineros con prismáticos estaban buscando el portador sobre el cielo. De repente soltó un grito. Allí, paracaídas naranja y blanco estallaron y florecieron en el azul del cielo. Colgando de ellos había una figura de bola. Era la cápsula del espacio de Apolo II. Minutos después la cápsula se hundió en las cálidas aguas del Pacífico. El chapoteo terminó un viaje que había llevado a tres hombres a la luna. Cuando los astronautas sonrientes emergieron de la cápsula, el Presidente Nixon bailó un pequeño son sobre la cubierta del portador. Él había volado hasta la mitad del mundo para presenciar este momento histórico. Dijo que el chapoteo terminó la semana más grande en el mundo desde la creación. En los próximos meses emocionantes, los tres astronautas realizaron una gira alrededor del mundo. Visitaron 23 países en 45 días. Uno de los "momentos más impactantes del viaje," dijo el astronauta Ed Aldrin, fue la visita al Vaticano. Los astronautas quedaron conmovidos sobre todo por los regalos inusuales presentados por el Papa Pablo VI. Escrito en su libro *Retorno a la Tierra*, Ed Aldrin dice: "Su Santidad dio a conocer tres estatuas de porcelana magníficas de los Tres Reyes Magos. Dijo que estos tres hombres se dirigieron al Niño Dios mirando las estrellas y que nosotros tres también alcanzamos nuestro destino mirando las estrellas". (Mark Link en *Homilías Dominicales*).

Mientras conversaban sobre la historia de los tres Reyes Magos, una mujer le preguntó a su Párroco, "¿Sabe usted por qué Dios le dio la estrella a los Reyes Magos?" Cuando profesó su ignorancia, ella le dijo: «Dios sabe que los hombres son demasiado orgullosos para pedir direcciones. Si hubieran sido tres mujeres sabias en vez de tres Reyes Magos, ellas hubieran pedido direcciones, hubieran llegado a tiempo, ayudado con el parto del bebé, limpiado el establo, cocinado una cacerola y dado algunos regalos prácticos!"

Un helicóptero estaba sobrevolando alrededor de Seattle ayer cuando un malfuncionamiento eléctrico desactivó la navegación electrónica del avión y equipo de comunicaciones. Debido a las nubes y la neblina, el piloto no pudo determinar la posición y curso del helicóptero para dirigirse al aeropuerto. El piloto vio un edificio alto, voló hacia él, dio vuelta en círculo, dibujó un cartel escrito a mano y lo mostró en la ventana del helicóptero. La nota del piloto decía "¿Dónde estoy?" en letras grandes. Las personas en el edificio rápidamente respondieron a la aeronave, dibujaron un gran cartel y la mostraron en la ventana del edificio. Su letrero decía "Estás en un helicóptero". El piloto sonrió, saludó, miró su mapa, determinó el curso para dirigirse al aeropuerto Sea-Tac y aterrizó a salvo. Después que aterrizaron, el copiloto le preguntó al piloto cómo el cartel de "Usted está en un helicóptero" le ayudó a determinar su posición. El piloto respondió: "sabía que tenía que ser el edificio de Microsoft, similar a sus líneas de ayuda, me dieron una respuesta técnicamente correcta pero completamente inútil."

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week
of January 8, 2017

Sun/Dom:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Mon/Lunes:

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29/
Mt 3:13-17

Tues/Martes:

Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6
and 2:5-12/Ps 8/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wed/Mier:

Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105/Mk 1:29-39

Thurs/Juev:

Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95/Mk 1:40-45

Fri/Vier:

Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78/Mk 2:1-12

Sat/Sab:

Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sun/Dom:

Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday - January 9th

Liturgy Committee — The Liturgy Committee will meet on Monday January 9th at 7 PM in the Fireside Room. All Members are encouraged to attend.

Friday- Saturday—Sunday — January 13, 14 & 15

Pan de Vida Retreat — Youth Retreat held in the gym All youth 13-21 years are welcome to attend. Please sign up in the Rectory Office prior to attending.

Saturday - January 14th

Altar Server Meeting — The Altar Servers and parents will attend 8:30 AM Mass followed by a meeting in the church.

OFFICE INFORMATION

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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday 10 AM-7:30 PM
Bilingual available T,W,F 4-7:30 PM
Saturday 10 AM-4 PM
Bilingual available 10 AM-4 PM
Sunday 9 AM-4 PM
Bilingual available 12 PM-4 PM

Rev. Joseph Antony Sebastian, SVD

Pastor

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday
10 AM to 12 PM
5 PM to 8 PM (*with appointment*)
lunes, martes, miércoles, y Viernes
10 AM a 12 PM
5 PM a 8 PM (*con cita*)

Rev. Stephen Ayisu, SVD

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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
5 PM to 8 PM (*with appointment*)
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Reflection

The story of the Wise Men bringing gifts to Jesus, the newborn King, is a great one, isn't it? They had a great big star in the sky to lead the way. I am no Boy Scout, so I am not sure how well I would do following a star like that. But the important point here is that God led them to the manger. The manger was a place that unless God specifically showed you this was where the Christ Child was born you wouldn't have believed it. You would have passed on by.

In our lives, there are no big stars in the sky leading us where we need to go. It isn't so easy sometimes discerning where God is leading us. We may seek to use our gifts wisely, but in what manner and to what end is not always clear.

This is where prayer can make a huge difference. If we seek to cultivate a prayer life where we are mindful of the presence of God throughout our day, then the call is easier to discern. We can help the process by intentionally offering to God in the morning the entirety of the day to come: all our actions, all our time, and all our decisions. In the evening, we can examine the past hours of the day and reflect on when we responded well to Christ's call and when we fell short. Then we resolve to begin again tomorrow, inviting Christ to be with us every step of the way. God may not offer a star in the sky to lead us, but if we invite us on our journey each day, the path will be much clearer.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



PRAY FOR

Ellen Rodel Ramil Hilario
Adam Pachkofsky
Robert Burkfield
Diana Cajilog Chua
Teresa Castro
Cesar Gutierrez
Pilar Valenzuela
Isabel Burkfield
Jim Smith
Pelagia Limos
Anita Urbino
Geraldine Fabio-Abdon
Diego Trujillo
Paul Seishas
Felicisima Buendia
Laura Soffiotto
Iluminado Ramirez

DONATIONS

St Vincent de Paul
Food offering for next week:

Canned Vegetables or Pork & Beans

Vegetales, carne
de puerco o frijol
enlatado

CONTRIBUTIONS CONTRIBUCIONES

COLLECTION FOR WEEK

December 25

The Plate Collection

\$ 12,334.00

EFT Collection

\$ 125.00

On Line Giving

\$ 315.00

TOTAL for the WEEK

\$ 12,774.00

Amount from January 1st not
available at press time

MASS INTENTIONS

January 7-14, 2017

Saturday 4:30 PM

The Community of St. Joachim

Saturday 6:00 PM

Mariano Preciado †

Jesus Haro † (11th aniversario)

Ramiro Haro † (1st aniversario)

Pantaleon Perez † (3rd aniversario)

Salvador Haro † (10 meses aniversario)

Maria Soledad Fernandez († cumpleaños)

Rosa Angelina de Leon † (1st aniversario)

Sunday 7:30 AM

Al Helphrey †

Sunday 9:00 AM

Hoang Van Bau †

Sunday 10:30 AM

Jocelyn Alcantara †

Sunday 12:15 PM

The Community of St. Joachim

Sunday 2:00 PM

Kenzy Eleny & Esmeralda Munoz

(accion de gracia)

Carmen Flores †

Paula & David Cruz †

Sunday 6:00 PM

The Community of St. Joachim

Monday 7:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Monday 8:30 AM

Nora H. Briones (thanksgiving)

Tuesday 7:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Tuesday 8:30 AM

Felix Antonio Miranda († birthday)

Wednesday 7:00 AM

Ofelia Castro †

Wednesday 8 :30 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Wednesday 7:00 PM

The Paula & David Cruz †

Thursday 7:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Thursday 8:30 AM

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Friday 7:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Friday 8:30 AM

Remy Landy Watson † (7th anniversary)

Antonio Guevara †

Saturday 8:30 AM

The Community of St. Joachim



ALTAR SERVERS

All altar servers and parents we will be having our next altar server meeting on

Saturday, January 14th.

Please join us by attending 8:30am mass.

Meeting will follow.

Please bring something small to share with our ministry.

Agenda:

Recap of November & December celebrations

Planning of altar server gathering

Training

Lent season



VATICAN CORNER

In 1508 Pope Julius II invited the Italian painter Raphael, a student of Leonardo da Vinci, to Rome and commissioned him to paint religious frescos in the Vatican Palace. He found several artists already at work on different rooms, many painting over recently completed paintings that Pope Julius's predecessor, Alexander VI had commissioned. Pope Julius was determined to remove all signs of the previous pope from the palace. During



that same time Michelangelo had been commissioned to paint the Sistine Chapel ceiling. Finishing the first room, Raphael was given 2 others, and eventually 1 more. Raphael had been secretly let into the Sistine Chapel to observe Michelangelo's work on the ceiling and was clearly influenced. Later after Raphael's death at the age of 37, Michelangelo accused Raphael of plagiarism, and complained in a letter that "everything he knew about art he got from me," although other of Michelangelo's quotations showed he had more generous reactions to Raphael's work. The very large and complex compositions these two men created along with those of Leonardo da Vinci are regarded as among the supreme works of the High Renaissance period.

One of the paintings Raphael created was of a Biblical scene entitled "The Adoration of the Magi". It depicts the "Three Kings" or "Wise Men" who followed the star across the desert to Bethlehem, meeting Baby Jesus. The painting has vibrant colors, balanced composition and subtle perspective. Unlike earlier art, Renaissance art uses linear perspective, weight and color to depict a more natural reality.

This column is being written before the 2017 Feast of the Epiphany, the celebration of the Magi, the three kings: Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar meeting baby Jesus and their offered symbolic gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. A year ago, in January 2016, Pope Francis presided over the Mass of the Epiphany in St. Peter's Basilica before thousands of pilgrims from around the world. He said " we do well to repeat the question asked by the Magi: "Where is the child who has been born the King of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage". We are impelled, especially in an age like our own, to seek the signs which God offers us, realizing that great effort is needed to interpret them and thus to understand his will. We are challenged to go to Bethlehem, to find the Child and his Mother. Let us follow the light which God offers us – that tiny light. The light which streams from the face of Christ, full of mercy and fidelity, and once we have found him, let us worship him with all our heart, and present him with our gifts: our freedom, our understanding and our love. True wisdom lies concealed in the face of this Child. It is here, in the simplicity of Bethlehem, that the life of the Church is summed up. For here is the wellspring of that light which draws to itself every individual in the world and guides the journey of the peoples along the path of peace." Sources: disrecognizedspac.wordpress.com, wikipedia.org, news.va

Seniors Gathering

Attention all seniors :

Our next potluck gathering will be held on Friday, January 20th at noon in the St. Joachim Hall.

We will be planning the 2017 activities.

Please R.S.V.P. to Selena [\(510\) 517-3039](tel:5105173039).

All seniors are welcome



PAN DE VIDA YOUTH RETREAT

"Let Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is He who is the true answer of life that you seek. He stays here with us: He is God-with-us. Seek Jesus without tiring, welcome Him without reserve, love Him without interruption: today, tomorrow, forever!" -*Blessed John Paul II*



The Pan de Vida Retreat leads the young people, through prayer and instruction before the Blessed Sacrament, to a personal encounter and ever-deepening union of heart and mind with the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Christ.

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FRIDAY - SUNDAY
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