

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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Office Hours: The parish office is currently open by appointment only.
Horarios de la Oficina: En este momento la oficina parroquial está abierta solo con cita previa.



Leonel, Lenyn and Aaron helped our parish family celebrate the Epiphany last year, by playing the roles of the magi to hand out candy to the kids.

Leonel, Lenyn y Aaron ayudaron a nuestra familia parroquial a celebrar la Epifanía el año pasado, haciendo los papeles de los magos para repartir dulces a los niños.

Mass Times

In Person (We request that you RSVP so that we have a list of attendees):

Saturdays at 4pm (English)
Sundays at 8am and 10:30am (English)
Sundays at 12:30pm (Spanish)

Online (via Facebook and parish website):

Saturdays at 6pm (English)
Sundays at 10:30am (English)
Sundays at 3pm (Spanish)

Horarios de Misa

En persona (Le pedimos que confirme su asistencia para que tengamos una lista de asistentes):

Sábados a las 4pm (inglés)
Domingos a las 8am y 10:30am (inglés)
Domingos a las 12:30pm (español)

En línea (a través de Facebook y el sitio web de la parroquia):

Sábados a las 6pm (inglés)
Domingos a las 10:30am (inglés)
Domingos a las 3pm (español)

Epiphany of the Lord—Epifanía del Señor

January 3, 2021

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Mass Intentions for the Week Peticiones de la Semana

Intentions for January 5—8, 2021

Tues.	11am	†Guadalupe Trejo
Wed.	8am	Open
Thur.	8am	Open
Fri.	8am	Open

Saturday, January 9, 2021

4:00pm Open

Sunday, January 10, 2021

8:00am	Intentions of Our Parish Family
	†Marv Henrich
10:30am	In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
12:30pm Spanish	†Otilio Benitez Jaimes
	†Elba Benitez Jaimes

We also remember the special intentions requested in our virtual prayer book on Facebook and our family and friends on the sick list.

Recordamos tambien, las intenciones especiales en nuestro libro virtual de peticiones por Facebook, y nuestros amigos y familiares de nuestra lista de enfermos.

From Death to New Life De la Muerte a la Nueva Vida

†Rodney Meyer, father of Beverly Renfro

†Margarito Nepomuceno Moran, padre de Amalia Rosas

†Tomas Rocha Velazquez, padre de Faustino y Gerardo Rocha

†Audelia Borrego Castro, madre de Gerardo Gutierrez

†Donnie Winter, cousin of Dick Danjou

†Andrew Erpelding, grandson of Jerry and Marie Wilburn

†Virginia Pierce, aunt of Nancy Meiron

†Jesus Carrasco, uncle of Monica Lopez, Edgar and Ivan Keesoon



Parish Information—Información Parroquial

Sunday, January 3 - Domingo, 3 de Enero

10:30am RICA
11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
1:00pm Girl Scouts

Monday, January 4 - Lunes, 4 de Enero

7:00pm Boy Scouts
7:00pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, January 5 - Martes, 5 de Enero

No Scheduled Events

Wednesday, January 6 - Miércoles, 6 de Enero

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (4:00 and 10:30 groups)
7:00pm Junior High Youth Group
7:00pm Knights Business Meeting

Thursday, January 7 - Jueves, 7 de Enero

7:00pm RCIA (Zoom)

Friday, January 8 - Viernes, 8 de Enero

9:00am Altar Society Church Cleaning

Saturday, January 9 - Sábado, 9 de Enero

No Scheduled Events

Sunday, January 10 - Domingo, 10 de Enero

9:00am PSR
10:30am RICA
11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
7:00pm Confirmation and High School Youth Group

happy birthday

Esiquel Alvarado	Rob Lang
Alexander Arreola	Marina Lopez
Michael Biondo	Graciela Lopez
Nick Biondo	Hailey Lueckenotto
Elizabeth Breier	Drake Mackall
Roberto Bretado	Angelika Mackey
Jeremy Brewer	Nancy Meiron
Kylie Brewer	Alan Menjivar
Maria Candia	Jose Menjivar
Candido Cano	Argentina Meza-Dubón
Margie Castonguay	Joel Munoz
Melissa Coleman	Brian Niemeyer
Jose Contreras	Lenyn Ortiz Galvez
Chevy Rose Dierk	Lori Overhaug
Elly Dillon	Michele Pinkowski
Enrique Esparza	Liliana Pinon
Rose Falco	Josafat Placencia
Mia Fiallos	Lily Pointer
Beyonce Flores Noriega	Marcela Ramirez Galvez
Ilana Galvez	Reina Razo
Debra Glagola	Eliceo Rocha
Abigail Grantham	Greys Rodriguez
Marie Graves	America Rodriguez
Kevin Guzman	Darlene Rojas
Aubree Hendrix	Kevin Rosas
Caroline Henkhaus	Marie Ryherd
Hector Hernandez	Xerxes Santana
Citlaly Hernandez	Mercy Segovia
Garrett Huntsman	John Shields
Cristin Ibarra	Larry Spencer
Tom Iseman	Bethany Stoverink
Claude Jewell	Rosa Torres
Kathy Kratofil	Michelle Triano
Jim Krezek	Leopolda Vasquez Jimenez

Happy Anniversary

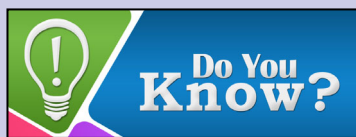
Jim and Patty Krezek	56 Years!	1/8/1965
William and Bonnie Becker	55 Years!	1/8/1966
Tom and Mary Ann Stout	43 Years!	1/7/1978
Jesus and Rosa Torres	30 Years!	1/5/1991
Ruben Oropeza and Hortensia Vazquez	18 Years!	1/6/2003
Malcolm Goswell and Mama Jones	17 Years!	1/10/2004
Derek and Sarah Noble	7 Years!	1/4/2014
Benjamin and Danyaile Bray	6 Years!	1/10/2015
Juan Alas and Maria Delgado	4 Years!	1/7/2017



This Week's Do You Know Video:

Over the centuries, Christians have celebrated January 1 in various ways and with different themes.

On this day, the Romans celebrated a festival to the god Janus, the god of the old and the new. Janus was pictured with two faces, one looking back at the old and the other looking forward at the new. January takes its name from this god and its festival. As usual, Christians baptized this feast by making it the octave of Christmas, celebrating Christmas for 8 days, along with marking it as the birthday of Jesus' mother, Mary. When Mary's birth was moved to Sept 8, Jan 1, jumping off Luke 2:21, was celebrated both as the Circumcision of Jesus and the Holy Name of Jesus. Soon Jan 1 celebrated the merging of three themes: Jesus' circumcision, the Holy Name of Jesus and the Octave of Christmas. This was true in the Christian calendar till the revision initiated by Vatican II who returned Jan 1 to a focus on Mary, the Mother of God, known in the Orthodox tradition as Theotokos, the God-bearer. Today, we celebrate Jan 1 as the feast that celebrates not only the Octave of Christmas, but most importantly, one that honors Mary as the Mother of God. Make time to view this week's DYK video and explore the various ways that Christians have celebrated Jan 1 over the centuries.



Green Team Tip of the Week

Know when food is really expired https://stopfoodwaste.ie/resource/known-your-dates?fbclid=IwAR3igziH-qILYncFiTHtGqO4xjbudH1pw_3yrHE5G-Z8gK48CYPWGu_sFoU.

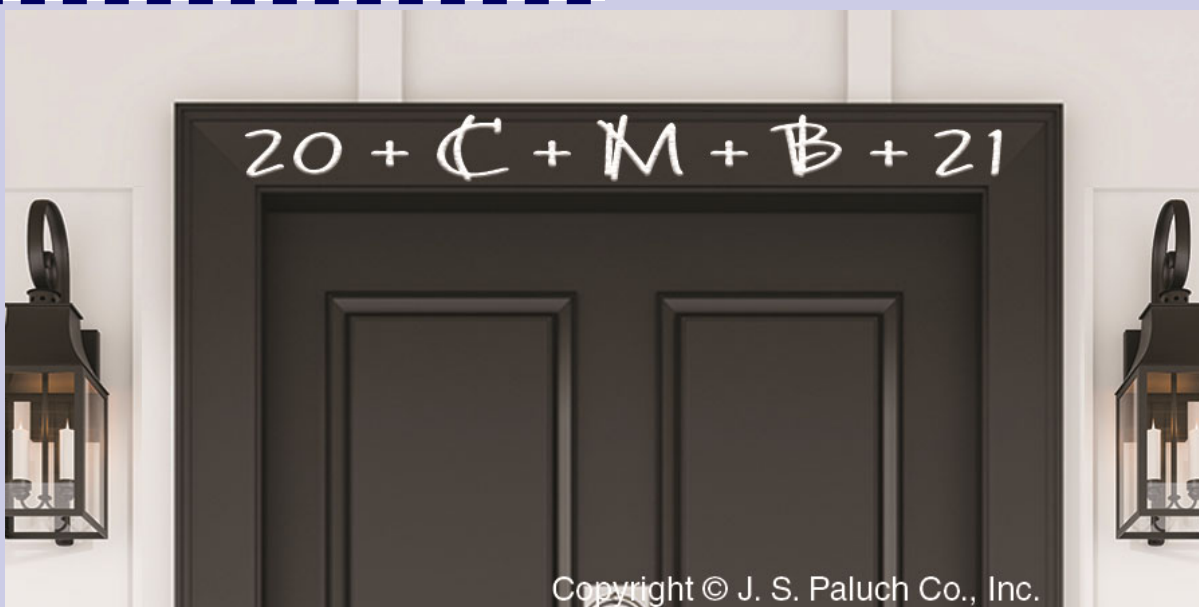
En Nuestro Video ¿Sabes...? de Esta Semana:

A lo largo de los siglos, los cristianos han celebrado el 1 de enero de diversas formas y con diferentes temas. En este día, los romanos celebraron una fiesta al dios Jano, el dios de lo viejo y lo nuevo. Jano fue imaginado con dos caras, una mirando hacia atrás a lo viejo y la otra mirando hacia adelante a lo nuevo. Enero toma su nombre de este dios y su fiesta. Como de costumbre, los cristianos bautizaron esta fiesta, convirtiéndola en la octava de la Navidad, celebrando la Navidad durante 8 días, además de marcarla como el cumpleaños de la madre de Jesús, María. Cuando el nacimiento de María se trasladó al 8 de septiembre, el 1 de enero, saltando de Lucas 2:21, se celebró tanto como la Circuncisión de Jesús como el Santo Nombre de Jesús. Pronto el 1 de enero celebró la fusión de tres temas: la circuncisión de Jesús, el Santo Nombre de Jesús y la Octava de Navidad. Esto fue así en el calendario cristiano hasta la revisión iniciada por el Vaticano II, que volvió el 1 de enero a centrarse en María, la Madre de Dios, conocida en la tradición ortodoxa como Theotokos, la portadora de Dios. Hoy, celebramos el 1 de enero como la fiesta que celebra no solo la octava de Navidad, sino, lo más importante, una que honra a María como la Madre de Dios. Tómese un momento para ver el video ¿Sabes? de esta semana y explore las diversas formas en que los cristianos han celebrado el 1 de enero a lo largo de los siglos.

Platicas Pre-Bautismales - 9 de Enero

Normalmente cada segundo Sábado del mes de las 10 am a las 11am. (Sólo para niños de 0-6 años.) Salón Parroquial. Para niños mayores de 7 años requerirán una formación especial. **No se ofrece cuidado de niños.**

PRÓXIMOS BAUTISMOS: llamar a Kris al 816-979-3151. Favor de llenar su aplicación para asistir a las platicas con anterioridad.



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Faith Formation Offering

“TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME” (MK 8:34) MARK’S GOSPEL AND THE CHALLENGE OF DISCIPLESHIP

**Wednesday Evenings – January 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2021 ~ 7-9 PM
repeated on Thursday Mornings – January 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2021 ~ 10 AM to Noon**

Lectionary Year B focuses on the Gospel of Mark, the first gospel to be written somewhere between 67-73 CE. Mark is the first evangelist to give Jesus a human face along with a mission to proclaim the realm of God. Suffering, misunderstanding, rejection and persecution are an inherent part of that mission for Mark’s Jesus, for his followers, and for the community that forms itself once Jesus is no longer with them.

Beginning with an overview of the Christian approach to Scripture and the biblical tools used to unpack a gospel, these four two-hour sessions examine the mind and heart of Mark and the community that produced the gospel. We will carefully examine the gospel, focusing on its key themes and message for the community that produced it. The situation, needs and concerns of Mark’s community will be highlighted through an examination of specific gospel passages.

Mark’s image of Jesus as God’s suffering servant continually challenges those who claim to be disciples. Each generation of disciples has to discern how to carry out Jesus’ mission and ministry in light of Mark’s community focus on Jesus as God’s suffering servant and on disciples’ need to take up their cross and follow him.

Come with a bible and invite a friend along to explore Mark’s gospel together and to be better prepared to enter more deeply into this lectionary year. All Christian churches and other faith traditions are most welcomed. The sessions will be conducted via Zoom and facilitated by Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate at St. Sabina Catholic Church in Belton, MO. For more information, or to register please e-mail Biagio at biagio46@gmail.com. Once registered, you will be sent a Zoom link to the sessions.

Scripture Study is the soul of theology and a solid foundation for immersion into the Sunday Eucharist.



Sessions will be facilitated
by **Biagio Mazza**,
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Quarantined from School?

If your child is quarantined from school, please contact Kirstie to be added to the Zoom email each week for PSR and youth meetings.

¿En cuarentena de la escuela?

Si su hijo está en cuarentena de la escuela, comuníquese con Kirstie para que lo agreguen al correo electrónico de zoom cada semana para reuniones de jóvenes y Escuela de Religión.

Child Safety

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse:

1. **Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738** (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. **Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and**
3. **After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.**

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

All volunteers with youth and children must attend one Protecting God's Children workshop, submit to a background check and sign the policy on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry, (EIM). More info at <https://kcsjatholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>.



Wellness Center



Did You Know—January is always the busiest time of the year for gyms—you might even call it the fitness version of Black Friday. After a holiday season of eating, drinking, and being merry (often in excess), many gyms see memberships double each January. Regardless of all that enthusiasm, gym attendance is usually back to its normal, pre-New Year level by mid-February.

But you don't need superpowers or an iron will to commit to being healthier this year. Whether your goal is to do 10 push-ups, run a marathon, or simply take the stairs more often—you can get there!

The Wellness Center is here to support you in your journey to be the best **YOU**, you can be!

Here are some tips to staying on track once you begin a workout regime.

1. **Write it and measure it**—Writing down your goals is not only a great way to accomplish them, but your list can also help you figure out the exact steps needed to get there.
2. **Break Up the Goal**—Resolving to do 10,000 push-ups in a year is intimidating but breaking down your goal to manageable, achievable steps will get you there.
3. **Keep a Schedule and Keep it Interesting**—Time management is important for accomplishing any goal, and fitness is no exception. Early morning exercise is a great way to fit a workout into a busy day, and it may encourage healthier eating and more movement throughout the day.
4. **Be Forgiving**—Even the best-laid resolutions can lose steam by spring. If taking time off means slightly tweaking your resolution, then so be it—but don't give up.

Many people can get easily discouraged and give up when there's too much emphasis on weight loss. Focus on the joys of exercise and movement instead. Take pride in your body getting stronger. Think about the boost in energy you get after a workout. Do set goals, but make them about making fitness fun!



Pastoral Care

SELF-CARE: Take Care of Your Mental Health during COVID 19

- ⇒ Look for opportunities to **Laugh**.
- ⇒ Get enough **Sleep**.
- ⇒ **Exercise** as appropriate.
- ⇒ Set healthy **Boundaries**.
- ⇒ Be **Kind** to yourself.
- ⇒ Stay **Connected** to loved ones.

Hospitalized?

If you are hospitalized and would like us to know, please call or have a family member call Marta in the parish office at 979-3154 or 331-4713. Due to privacy laws hospitals cannot contact us.

Bulletin Prayer Request List

Parishioners who are ill, or who have a loved one who is ill, may request to have the person remembered on the Prayer Request list published in our bulletin. Names will remain on the list for two months, but may be resubmitted upon request. Please remember permission must be given by the individual before the name can be published. To add or remove a name from the list, contact Marta Roper in the parish office 816-979-3154 or marta@stsabinaparish.org.

Cuidado Pastoral

CUIDADO PERSONAL: Cuide Su Salud Mental Durante COVID 19

- ⇒ Busque oportunidades para **reír**.
- ⇒ **Duerma** lo suficiente.
- ⇒ **Haga ejercicio** según corresponda.
- ⇒ Establezca **límites** saludables.
- ⇒ Sea **amable** con usted mismo.
- ⇒ Manténgase **conectado** con sus seres queridos.

Hospitalizado?

Si está hospitalizado y desea que lo sepamos, llame o pídale a un familiar que llame a Marta en la oficina parroquial al 979-3154 o 331-4713. Debido a las leyes de privacidad, los hospitales no pueden comunicarse con nosotros.

Lista de Peticiones de Oración para el Boletín

Los feligreses que están enfermos, o que tienen un ser querido que está enfermo, pueden solicitar que se recuerde a la persona en la lista de Peticiones de Oración publicada en nuestro boletín. Los nombres permanecerán en la lista durante dos meses, pero se pueden volver a agregar su nombre. Recuerde que la persona debe dar permiso antes de que se pueda publicar el nombre. Para agregar o eliminar un nombre de la lista, comuníquese con Marta Roper, en la oficina parroquial 816-979-3154 o marta@stsabinaparish.org.

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Christina Albarez	Larry Foster	Michael Kempster	Ron Schock
Chris Armstrong	Jean Frank	John Key	Mary Schwartz
Joy Banks	Jim Frezza	Jack King	Peter Shea
Dennis Berg	Gary Gallup	Todd Kudron	Jaxton Shipley
John Bidondo	Miguel Angel Salinas Gonzalez	Don Kueck	Shellie Smoot
Mary Pat Biondo	Karen Grantham	Susan Lager	Rachael Smith
Betty Bremenkamp	Ginny Hainey	Dale Lammer	Lois Stogsdill
Maxine Bremer	Jackie Hamilton	Ellen Lilek	Rita Stout
Ruth Brown	Rita Ann Hand	Emmy Long	Jessica Svoda
Veronica Burks	Judy Hansel	Alyson Lopez	Jean Tate
Joyce Callahan	Bob Harman	Angelika Mackey	Joel Taylor
Patty Carr	Karen Harman	John Mackey	Priscilla Tristani
John Cikan	Jeanette Hart	Wendy Mora Cedillo	Donnie Vonderhoe
Steve Circo	Bonnie Haskins	Leonard Meiron	Debbie Wagner
Harrison Cummings	Cherie Hatfield	Manuel Miramontes Gonzalez	Denise Vargo Wallace
Harold Dawes	Martha Healy	Joan Muench	Bob Watts
Mark DeLuca	Ted Henry	Joan Nowak	Donna West
Mark Deterding	Rhonda Henke	Jerry Nowak	Ron West
Marcia DiGeorge	Bob Henningsen	Laura Oresteen	Mary Westfall
Lois Dull	Marilyn Henningsen	Zenaida Ortiz	Sarah Wheeler
Paula Dull	Ann Heinzler	Rita Pruitt	Mary Wickstrum
Denise English	Jeff Hemmen	Diane Quinn	Veryl Dean Wickstrum
Terry Eppert	Jennifer Huffman	Larry Rhodes	Marie Wilburn
Rosa Escobedo	Richard Huffman	Alfonso Rivera	Carmitia Yust
Joe Evans	Rick Johnson	Agustin Rivera	
Lili Flores	Kenneth Jones	Michelle Rose	
Maria Luisa Flores	John Jongenelen	Anna Ryan	



Reflection on the Readings



Today is the feast of the Epiphany. **The Epiphany celebrates the public manifestation of God among us in the person of Jesus. In Italy, when I was young, children received toys from “La Befana” on Epiphany. Her origins go back to the magi story. She was an old woman who welcomed the magi into her home as they followed the star to Bethlehem. They told her the reason for their journey, and of the baby they knew to be a newborn king concerned for all humanity. They invited her to come with them to bring gifts to this newborn king. But she was too busy with cooking, housework and such that she really did not have the luxury to join them.**

The next day they continued their journey. For several days she found herself thinking about this newborn king, wishing to bring him gifts. She decided to set out with a bag full of gifts to find the magi. Unable to find them she soon lost her way. Yet she was determined to find this newborn king to offer homage and gifts. **Since she did not know where he was and what he looked like, she decided to greet every child she met with gifts, homage and respect. Her encounter with others soon became the symbol of what Epiphany and gift giving is all about. The newborn king could be any child or any one. Therefore it is important to treat all as if you were encountering the newborn king.**

Each Epiphany, La Befana becomes a rich symbol for me of what our Christian journey entails. **We are to treat all as if they were Jesus. We are to gift others the way we would gift Jesus. What a different world it would be if we practiced the example of La Befana every day of the year.**

Our first reading from Isaiah offers the Jewish exiles hope and comfort proclaiming to them that the Lord's light will shine upon them and through them all will come to know the Lord. **By means of their fidelity to the Lord's covenant, Israel will become “La Befana” to all the nations, allowing them to come to know and praise the Lord.** As a result, the nations will come on camels bringing gifts to praise and offer thanks to the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 72 also speaks of the kings of various nations coming to pay tribute and serve the king of Israel. **The psalm captures well our Epiphany mission, if we choose to accept it.** We pay homage to Jesus because justice and peace “shall flower in his days....For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out and the afflicted when he has no one to help him; he shall have pity for the lowly and the poor.” Like “La Befana,” **if we truly want to find him, then we are to treat all as if they were Christ.**

Matthew's magi account concerning Gentiles from unknown lands acknowledging Jesus as king, offering him gifts and homage, powerfully communicates an essential truth about Jesus and his followers. **It affirms that any true follower of Jesus must be “catholic.” This does not mean membership in the Catholic Church. Rather to be “catholic” is to be universal, with a welcoming, hospitable and open stance toward all, most especially toward the stranger, the immigrant, and the oppressed.**

Jesus came for all people. **By accepting Jesus, we too become people open to all, welcoming all, breaking down boundaries, and reconciling enemies.** Like Jesus, we welcome all, the social outcast and the stranger, the immigrant and the powerful, the rich and the poor, to be part of our table. **We make sure there is room at the table for all, treating all with human dignity and respect.**

Commit yourself this New Year to treat everyone you encounter as if you were meeting and welcoming Christ. A most blessed Epiphany to us all.

Biagio Mazza
Pastoral Associate

Readings



Sunday, January 3

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday, January 10

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11

Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6

2nd Reading: 1 John 5:1-9

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas



Hoy es la fiesta de la Epifanía. **La Epifanía celebra la manifestación pública de Dios entre nosotros en la persona de Jesús. En Italia, cuando yo era joven, los niños recibieron juguetes de "La Befana" en la Epifanía. Sus orígenes se remontan a la historia de los magos.** Ella era una anciana que dio la bienvenida a los magos en su casa mientras seguían la estrella hacia Belén. Le contaron el motivo de su viaje y del bebé que sabían que era un rey recién nacido preocupado por toda la humanidad. **La invitaron a ir con ellos para traer regalos a este rey recién nacido. Pero ella estaba demasiado ocupada con la cocina, las tareas domésticas y cosas así que realmente no tenía el lujo de acompañarlos.**

Al día siguiente continuaron su viaje. Durante varios días se encontró pensando en este rey recién nacido, deseando llevarle regalos. Decidió salir con una bolsa llena de regalos para encontrar a los magos. Incapaz de encontrarlos, pronto perdió el rumbo. Sin embargo, estaba decidida a encontrar a este rey recién nacido para ofrecer homenaje y regalos. **Como ella no sabía dónde estaba ni cómo se veía, decidió saludar a cada niño que encontraba con regalos, homenaje y respeto. Su encuentro con otros pronto se convirtió en el símbolo de lo que se trata la Epifanía y el regalar. El rey recién nacido podría ser cualquier niño o cualquier persona. Por lo tanto, es importante tratar a todos como si estuvieras encontrando al rey recién nacido.**

Cada Epifanía, La Befana se convierte para mí en un rico símbolo de lo que implica nuestro viaje cristiano. **Debemos tratar a todos como si fueran Jesús. Debemos regalar a otros de la manera en que regalaríamos a Jesús. Qué mundo tan diferente sería si practicáramos el ejemplo de La Befana todos los días del año.**

Nuestra primera lectura de Isaías les ofrece a los exiliados judíos esperanza y consuelo al proclamarles que la luz del Señor brillará sobre ellos y que a través de ellos todos llegarán a conocer al Señor. **Por medio de su fidelidad al pacto del Señor, Israel se convertirá en "La Befana" para todas las naciones, permitiéndoles llegar a conocer y alabar al Señor.** Como resultado, las naciones vendrán en camellos trayendo regalos para alabar y ofrecer gracias al Señor.

El Salmo responsorial 71 también habla de los reyes de varias naciones que vienen a pagar tributo y servir al rey de Israel. **El salmo captura bien nuestra misión de Epifanía, si elegimos aceptarla.** Le rendimos homenaje a Jesús porque la justicia y la paz florecerán en sus días ... "él librará al pobre que clamaba, al afligido que no tenía protector; él se apiadará del pobre y del indigente" **Al igual que "La Befana", si realmente queremos encontrarlo, entonces debemos tratar a todos como si fueran Cristo.**

El relato de los magos según Mateo sobre los gentiles de tierras desconocidas que reconocen a Jesús como rey, ofreciéndole regalos y homenajes, comunica poderosamente una verdad esencial acerca de Jesús y sus seguidores. **Afirma que cualquier verdadero seguidor de Jesús debe ser "católico". Esto no significa ser miembro de la Iglesia Católica. Más bien ser "católico" es ser universal, con una actitud acogedora, hospitalaria y abierta hacia todos, especialmente el desconocido, el inmigrante y los oprimidos.**

Jesús vino para todas las personas. **Al aceptar a Jesús, también nosotros nos convertimos en personas abiertas a todos, dando la bienvenida a todos, rompiendo fronteras y reconciliando enemigos.** Como Jesús, damos la bienvenida a todos, los marginados sociales y los desconocidos, los inmigrantes y los poderosos, los ricos y los pobres, para ser parte de nuestra mesa. **Nos aseguramos de que haya lugar en la mesa para todos, tratando a todos con dignidad y respeto humano.**

Comprométase este Año Nuevo para tratar a todos los que encuentre como si estuviera reuniéndose y dando la bienvenida a Cristo. Una Epifanía muy bendita para todos nosotros.

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 3 de Enero

Primera Lectura: Isaías 60:1-6
Salmo: Salmo 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Segunda Lectura: Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6
Evangelio: Mateo 2:1-12

Lecturas del Domingo, 10 de Enero

Primera Lectura: Isaías 55:1-11
Salmo: Isaías 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
Segunda Lectura: 1 Juan 5:1-9
Evangelio: Marcos 1:7-11

Stewardship

"They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

Matthew 10:10-11

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, has much to teach us about stewardship, through the actions of the magi. As good stewards, the magi were watching for manifestations of God's presence in their lives. "We have seen the star at its rising," they say. Good stewards are keenly aware of the "star" of God's presence and His gifts in their lives. It is this awareness that fills them with gratitude and the desire to both worship God and share His gifts with others. The magi, upon seeing the manifestation of God's presence in their lives, "were overjoyed." Good stewards, who live with the awareness of God's presence and gifts to them, simply can't help but be filled with joy. Not necessarily the fleeting and superficial kind of joy the world promises through wealth or power, but rather the deep, unalterable joy only God can give. Finally, the magi were so filled with awe upon encountering the newborn Jesus, they prostrated themselves before him and "opened their treasures and offered him gifts." This is precisely why good stewards generously share their material gifts — as a loving act of worship to an extravagantly loving God. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/.

Corresponsabilidad

"Al ver de nuevo la estrella, se llenaron de inmensa alegría. Entraron en la casa y vieron al niño con María, su madre, y postrándose, lo adoraron. Después, abriendo sus cofres, le ofrecieron regalos: oro, incienso y mirra."

Mateo 10:10-11

Nuestro pasaje del Evangelio, de Mateo, tiene mucho que enseñarnos sobre la corresponsabilidad, a través de las acciones de los magos. Como buenos administradores, los magos estaban atentos a las manifestaciones de la presencia de Dios en sus vidas. "vimos surgir su estrella", dicen. Los buenos administradores están muy conscientes de la "estrella" de la presencia de Dios y Sus dones en sus vidas. Es esta conciencia la que los llena de gratitud y el deseo de adorar a Dios y compartir sus dones con los demás. Los magos, al ver la manifestación de la presencia de Dios en sus vidas, "se llenaron de inmensa alegría". Los buenos administradores, que viven con la conciencia de la presencia de Dios y los dones para ellos, simplemente no pueden evitar sentirse llenos de gozo. No necesariamente el tipo de gozo fugaz y superficial que el mundo promete a través de la riqueza o el poder, sino el gozo profundo e inalterable que solo Dios puede dar. Finalmente, los magos quedaron tan asombrados al encontrar al Jesús recién nacido, que se postraron ante él y "abrieron sus cofres y le ofrecieron regalos". Esta es precisamente la razón por la que los buenos administradores comparten generosamente sus dones materiales, como un acto amoroso de adoración a un Dios de amor extravagante.—Vea mas en www.catholicsteward.com/blog/.

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Contributions for the Week of December 13

Due to early bulletin deadlines, the December 13 contributions will be listed in the January 10 bulletin.

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Save Our Seminarians Virtual Event

The annual Save Our Seminarians fundraiser will be held on January 29, 2021. It will be an entirely virtual event featuring online giving, exciting raffle items, video expressions of thanks, and live-stream announcements of raffle winners, as well as the final fundraising tally. For more information, please visit their website: supportourseminarians.com.

From Catholic Charities

As we begin the new year, we are especially blessed to come together and take a moment to honor our Blessed Mother, Mary, who in her "yes" to God brought our Savior into the world to redeem us. Though New Year's Day may often seem to focus more on the holiday celebrations instead of the holy feast day, there is a beautiful spiritual significance in celebrating Mary during the octave of the Christmas season. Pope Paul VI called the Solemnity of Mary "a fitting occasion for renewing adoration of the newborn Prince of Peace, for listening once more to the glad tidings of the angels, and for imploring from God, through the Queen of Peace, the supreme gift of peace. Catholic Charities KCSJ would like to wish the peace of Christ to all of you in this new year. For information about our programs and services please contact Nancy Butters, Parish Outreach Manager at 816-659-8266 or nbutters@ccharities.com.

Thanksgiving Drive Thanks

The Parents Lounge would like to send a heartfelt thank you to our church family for their generosity this Thanksgiving season. We were able to help several families this year with our annual turkey basket drive. Many families donated canned goods, turkeys, and volunteered their time collecting donations—thank you to our daisy troop as well—for the cause. This time of year, and especially this year unlike any other, we can spread giving in so many ways. A happy Christmas season to all of our wonderful church families for all the wonderful ways you help spread joy.

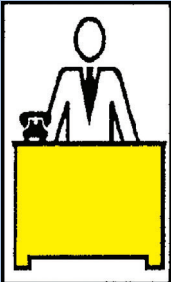
Indulgencias especiales

El regalo de indulgencias especiales se otorga a los fieles que padecen la enfermedad COVID-19, comúnmente conocida como Coronavirus, así como a los trabajadores de la salud, los miembros de la familia y todos aquellos que, en cualquier capacidad, incluso a través de la oración, los cuidan.

- Confiando en Cristo, se otorga una indulgencia plenaria a los fieles que padecen de Coronavirus, que están sujetos a cuarentena por orden de la autoridad de salud en hospitales o en sus propios hogares si, con un espíritu separado de cualquier pecado, se unen espiritualmente a través de los medios para la celebración de la Santa Misa, la recitación del Santo Rosario, la práctica piadosa del Viacrucis u otras formas de devoción, o si al menos recitarán el Credo, la Oración del Señor y una invocación piadosa a la Bendita Virgen María, ofreciendo esta prueba en un espíritu de fe en Dios y caridad hacia sus hermanos y hermanas, con la voluntad de cumplir las condiciones habituales (confesión sacramental, comunión eucarística y oración según las intenciones del Santo Padre), lo antes posible."
- "Los trabajadores de la salud, los miembros de la familia y todos aquellos que, siguiendo el ejemplo del Buen Samaritano, exponiéndose al riesgo de contagio, cuidan a los enfermos de Coronavirus de acuerdo con las palabras del divino Redentor: 'Nadie tiene mayor amor que esto: dar la vida por los amigos (Jn 15:13), obtendrá el mismo don de la Indulgencia Plenaria en las mismas condiciones'."
- Una indulgencia es "la expresión de la plena confianza de la Iglesia de ser escuchada por el Padre cuando, en vista de los méritos de Cristo y, por su don, los de Nuestra Señora y los santos, ella le pide que mitigue o cancele el aspecto doloroso del castigo fomentando su aspecto medicinal a través de otros canales de gracia "(Juan Pablo II, Audiencia general, 29 de septiembre de 1999).
- Una indulgencia plenaria elimina todo el castigo temporal debido al pecado (CIC, 1471).

El Parents Lounge desea agradecer a nuestra familia parroquial por su generosidad en esta temporada de Acción de Gracias. Este año pudimos ayudar a varias familias con nuestra colecta anual. Muchas familias donaron productos enlatados, pavos y se ofrecieron como voluntarios para recolectar donaciones, gracias también a nuestro grupo de girl scouts.





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