

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:2

Sacraments

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:30 am
	6:00 pm

1st Sunday Spanish 1:30 pm

Daily Mass Times

Mon. - Fri. 6:30 am 8:15 am

> Holy Day Mass Times 6:30 am 8:15 am 12:00 pm 7:00 pm

Reconciliation / ConfessionSaturday3 - 4:30 pm& by appointment

All Other Sacraments Please call the office for information.

Clergy

Fr. Renier Siva Pastor Fr. Cleetus Karakkat Parochial Vicar William Goeke Jim McFadden Deacons Fr. Ignatius Haran Pastor Emeritus

Parish Office

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Bulletin

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Welcome to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

We are a community where we welcome all as members of the Body of Christ. We are welcoming, faithful, passionate, joyful, authentic, sacramental, loving and charitable.

Today's Readings

Is 60:1-6 / Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11) / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

"Lord, every nation on earth will adore you." (Ps 72)

Gospel Meditation

By Father John Muir

A friend of mine is a young priest who teaches high school physics at a Catholic boys' prep school. Like many today, the boys often think science and religion are enemies. So, he delights in their raised eyebrows when he reminds them his first full-time job as a priest was to be an astrophysicist. He cataloged the size, shape, and matter of distant stars. He tells them, "Science gave me more love for God, not less."

The Magi were something like scientist-astronomers. Like today's scientists, they employed disciplined methods of discovering dependable patterns in the world. Their rigorous commitment to the truth led them to the joy of discovering Jesus. Their love for knowledge leads them to worship the Source of all knowledge. Luke says of them, "They were overjoyed at seeing the star."

We may see the universe as cold and empty and feel sad. But why should we do that? The Magi, like my priest-friend, show us there is another way to experience the world. We use our intelligence to discover the beautiful patterns in the world — in mathematics, physics, astronomy, biology, neuroscience, and so on — and allow this to lead us to greater love for God. So, my fellow Magi: the world needs us to be overjoyed at finding God in science and, finally and fully, in Jesus.

Scripture Reflections

First Reading

Nearly five hundred years before the birth of Jesus, the prophet Isaiah foresaw a time when all the nations of the world would see the glory of the Lord shining upon the people of Israel. How do you think the birth of Jesus reveals to the world the glory of God?

Second Reading

Paul wrote of the "mystery" that was revealed to him, namely, the Gentiles and the Jews (all believers) were "coheirs" and "copartners," equal members in the body of Christ. How can we celebrate this wonderful message of inclusivity with others?

Gospel:

Matthew includes the story of the visit of the magi to teach us how the birth of Jesus fulfills the prophecies of Isaiah (first reading) and the prophecies of Micah (Mi 5:1), the prophetic text that Matthew quotes. Who are some people today you think need to hear about Jesus?



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The Knights of Columbus Council 6197

2023 Free Throw Championship January 14, 2023, Saturday 9 am – 1 pm* (register @ 9am) *Schedule subject to number of entrants Gallagher Hall Contact: Greg Sinclair glsinclair@sbcglobal.net

The Knights of Columbus, Council 6197 Free Throw Championship is open to the public for all boys and girls, ages 9 - 14. Participants shoot 15 free throws against competitors of the same age and gender.

A copy of participant's birth certificate must accompany each entry form. Age group "cutoff date" is Jan 1. Forms require signature of parent or guardian. Forms available at the event or online: https://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/ programs/free-throw-championship/1598free-throw-entry-form-score-sheet.pdf

Volunteers needed:

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. – Setup for the event 9:00 – 12:00 pm – Keep score, register applicants, and rebound.

This Knights event is "OPEN" to the public, SJND students, local schools, children attending R.E. classes at St. John, St. John's Youth Group, and children and/or grandchildren of Knights of Columbus.

Family Fellowship Ministry

Parents Afternoon Off! January 22, Sunday Contact: Rachel Marsh 916-945-6992 Kaylee Nyman 209-857-0318

Ready for a break, parents? Join us for Mass at 9am as a family, and then meet with your kids by 10:15 in the church courtyard to check your kids in and enjoy a few well deserved hours off! Pick up your children by 1:30pm!

Please RSVP to Rachel Marsh by text or phone call as space is limited. Include name and age of children.

If you are a teenager and interested in helping with Parents Afternoon Off please contact Kaylee Nyman by text or phone call for more information on how you can help.

Epiphany Door Blessing

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. What happened on Epiphany? More to the point, what is an epiphany? An epiphany is an appearance or a manifestation especially of a deity. On Epiphany we celebrate the manifestation of Christ to the Magi (the Wise Men) who were gentiles, or non-Jews. This feast originated from the Eastern Church. The symbols for Epiphany are three crowns, three gifts, Wise Men, and a five-pointed star.

It is traditionally 12 days after Christmas which falls on January 6th. The United States bishops have moved this feast permanently to the first Sunday after January 1st. On this day there is a traditional blessing of homes, including churches and classrooms. Did you know that you can do blessings in your home? This is part of what it means to be the domestic church!

Today we invite you to start a new tradition with your family! The priests will be blessing pieces of chalk at the Masses. We invite you to pick up a piece of chalk along with a bag to hold it and the blessing prayer. The instructions on how to bless your home are on that prayer sheet and can be done over the door of your home to bless it for the new year. This is a beautiful tradition to begin with your family!

Security Ministry

Contact: Allan Starosciak starosciak.allan@gmail.com

The Security Ministry is looking for Security Team Volunteers to join our Security Team, serving at your weekly Mass of choice. No experience is needed...we will orient and train all new volunteers. For more information or to sign-up, please contact Allan.

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration For the Week

The offerings of gold, frankincense and myrrh were carried by the magi over many miles of hard travel to be laid at the feet of Jesus. What gifts do we bear through the journey of life to lay at the feet of the King? Do we protect them as we should?

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 8th 7:30am People of the Parish Ben Diaz+ 9:00am Isidoro Alcordo+ 11:30am Edward Martinez+ Lorenza Mejia+

6:00pm Ron Fossett+

Monday, January 9th 6:30am Angeles Montemayor+ 8:15am Pasterksi Family Billie Folit

Tuesday, January 10th 6:30am Ed Dingman+ 8:15am Thomas Francist

Wednesday, January 11th 6:30am Teresa Watts+ 8:15am Angeles Montemayor+

Thursday, January 12th 6:30am Cynthia & Victor Austria+ 8:15am Gregson Rod Nuez (1st birthday)

Friday, January 13th 6:30am 8:15am

Saturday, January 14th 5:00pm Marelou Montemayor+ Patrick & Linda Walchakt



Observances We Celebrate This Week Monday The Baptism of the Lord Friday St. Hilary

January is Dedicated to: The Holy Name of Jesus

At St. John the Baptist Parish,

time in conversation with our

Lord is at the center of

our lives.

Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for January For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Intercessory Prayers Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick parishioners, family and friends, and those in need of healing of the body and soul.

- Antonio Matos Christina Martinez Danny Martinez David Rvan Debbie Finnegan Denise Scanlan Jim Curry Iim Reed
- Jody Park Kimanh Davis Lance Alameda Mary Ann Heinen Michael Ort Sergio Rico Tess Beltran

Prayers for Our Troops

We pray for our military personnel abroad and at home, and for their families.

Michael Dalupan

Prayers for the Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of all who have recently died, our family members, friends, and parishioners. May they rest in peace.

Angeles Montemayor Oliver Morton Bob Elv Dennis Brosterhous Janice Crawford **Janine Martin** John P. Kurlinski Katherine Springer McLaughlin

Peter Van Derwood **Rita Swingle** Tristan Williams

Prayer Requests

Prayer requests for the sick, military or recently deceased may be made by calling our Parish Office. Names will appear for two months.



A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new. You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our Spirits to be born again. Thank you for this new year for all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise Your glorious name.

- Author Unknown

The Knights of Columbus "Coats For Kids" and "Food for Families" Final Collection Weekend

Saturday, Oct 22 - Sunday, Jan 8, 2023 Contact: SK Hugo Schmidt 916-813-0843, hugoschmidt@gmail.com

We are collecting new or gently used(*washed*) children's winter coats and accessories gloves, scarves, beanies, hats, heavy socks and sleeping bags. We also accept winter items for teens and adults. Most requested food item: canned meats, stews, vegetables, beans, pasta and sauce. rice, cereal, peanut butter, baby food & formula, whole turkey and/or ham with all of the "fixings" for the Fall & Winter Holidays. Please leave items on the Knight's cart in the vestibule after all Masses or drop off at St. Vincent de Paul on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, 9am-Noon.

What is Your New Year's Resolution?

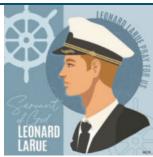
The Work of Christmas Begins

When the carols have been stilled, When the star-topped tree is taken down, When family and friends are gone home, When we are back to our schedules The work of Christmas begins:

- To welcome the refugee,
- To heal a broken planet,
- To feed the hungry,
- To build bridges of trust, not walls of fear,
- To share our gifts,

To seek justice and peace for all people, To bring Christ's light to the world.

by Michael Dougherty, a variation on Howard Thurman's ' When the Song of the Angels is Stilled' Leonard LaRue, or, Benedictine Brother Marinus LaRue O.S.B., had his cause officially opened for sainthood in June 2021.This incredible man



was born in Philadelphia on January 14, 1914, and died on October 14, 2001, at the age of 87. While captaining the 7,600-ton U.S. Merchant Marine ship, the SS Meredith Victory, during the Korean war, Leonard led the largest humanitarian rescue operation by a single vessel in history, whether during war or civilian conditions. Under his leadership, his crew and he evacuated 14,000 Korean refugees, including women and children, to safety. To accomplish this, he swiftly unloaded all cargo from the freighter and allowed as many refugees as could possibly fit into the five empty cargo spaces and onto the deck. Despite the extreme cold, lack of adequate food and water, the fact that the crew didn't know Korean, and the refugees didn't know English, communist submarines hunting for them, and constant shelling and fighting nearby, he managed to transport all 14,000 refugees 490 miles southeast to safety. They arrived at Geoje Island on Christmas day with no injuries along with 5 additional people added to their numbers as 5 women gave birth during the treacherous two-day ordeal.

LaRue's successful deliverance of those under his protection spoke volumes of his bravery and love of those who were victims of war and violence. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration, his mission is remembered as a Christmas miracle and "One of the greatest marine rescues in the history of the world." Captain LaRue remained in command of the Meredith Victory until it was decommissioned in 1952. Inspired by the Benedictine monks, Leonard entered St. Paul Benedictine Abbey in New Jersey as a monk in 1954 shortly after the decommissioning of his ship. There, he lived out the rest of his life as Brother Marinus LaRue in prayer among the brothers of his religious community. He was the Abbey's dishwasher, bell ringer, and gift shop attendant.

At St. John the Baptist Parish, we bring Christ's light to all through service to others.



The Adoration Chapel

Chapel hours are: Mon-Thu 9am - 8pm, Sat 9am - 5pm and Sun 7am -11am Friday Adoration is in the church: 9am to 7pm

The Adoration Ministry has immediate need for dedicated adorers for these hours listed. To sign up please contact Veronica Thomas at thomas_vera@yahoo.com

Monday: 9 - 10 am 10-11 am 11-12pm 12-1pm 4-5pm 5-6pm 6-7pm 7 - 8 pm Tuesday: 10 - 11 am 11 - 12 pm 4 - 5 pm 5 - 6 pm Wednesday: 12 - 1 pm 4 - 5 pm 5-6 pm 6-7 pm 7 - 8 pm Thursday: 10 - 11 am 11 - 12 pm 3 - 4 pm 6 - 7 pm Friday: 6 - 7 pm 10 - 11 am 11 - 12 pm 12 - 1 pm 1 - 2 pm Saturday: 2-3 pm 3-4 pm 4-5 pm

Respect Life Ministry "365" Days for Life Tues, Wed, Thurs, 8am-2pm Planned Parenthood 201 29th St, Sacramento Contact: Joanne Dudgeon 916-607-2228

We praise God for the **540 babies saved**, **6 abortion workers converted**, **and 12 abortion facilities closed**. These are the outcomes that we know of during this past "40 Days for Life" campaign nationwide. There may even be more babies saved because moms don't always share this news with people outside the clinic. Thank you all for your prayers, fasting, and being a witness for life.

Our focus now are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, which are late term surgical abortion days.

Prayer and help continue throughout the year so if you can come out to pray, bring a folding chair and come with us on a Wednesday leaving St. Johns at 10:30am staying from 11:00am-1:00pm. Call Joanne.

Pro-Life Eucharistic Adoration (PLEA) Novena 2023

January 11-19, 2023 Join us! Let us take some time to pray for the unborn, their mothers and fathers, and pray for state and federal laws that harm those most vulnerable. 9 Parishes. 1 Savior. 1 Call for Life. For the full schedule and Diocesan Novena, visit: www.scd.org/plea

Everyday Stewardship Reflections *Pray for God's Direction*

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



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Lay Mission Project Contact: Laura WickIman 916-933-8471

The Lay Mission Project is the only known formation for the Laity. Lay Mission Project is designed to provide knowledge, resources, community, tools and education to cultivate a relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ and to continue his work in this world. St. John the Baptist has had 2 cohorts journey through the Lay Mission project. They have seen their lives change, deepen their relationship with Christ and be transformed. A 3rd cohort will be starting in 2023. Look for future announcements in the bulletin. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Laura and please see the Lay Mission Project website for a brief introduction at: laymission.net.

The Alpha Marriage Course

Time and space to focus on your relationship. January 28 & February 11,two Saturdays: 8am – 4:00pm Holy Trinity Parish Social Center

Contact: Paul.Stephanie.Francois@comcast.net

The Marriage Course is a series of seven video sessions, designed to help couples invest in their relationship and build a strong marriage. There is time for private couple reflection throughout the series. The focus is on those aspects of marriage that couples tend to need help with the most:

- Communicate more effectively
- Understand each other's needs
- Resolve conflict
- Recognize how upbringing affects your relationship
- Develop greater intimacy

Register online:

www.holytrinityparish.org/alpha Each couple will receive two study guides to keep. There is no cost to attend. Breakfast & Lunch are provided. Questions: contact Paul or Stephanie.



(Practicing) Catholic Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Faith and Fear

When I was little, you could tell I believed in the destructive power of the monsters who lived beneath my bed because I would never let my ankles anywhere near the bottom of the mattress. (It's common knowledge that bare ankles are premium monster bait — ask any child you know).

You can often tell what a person believes by what they fear.

But here's the thing: belief isn't always enough. It's obvious that Herod believed in Christ's power because of how terrified he was by it and by the room he made in his life for the possible impact of the Messiah. In fact, if belief was the only measure of orthodoxy, you could stand most modern Christians next to Herod and he would tower above them.

Remember, there's something just as bad as disobeying God: discounting Him. I know I am guilty of that in a thousand small ways each day. In the person I ignore or the opinion I sneer at. In the unkind words I let roll from my tongue. In the prayers of thanksgiving that I don't say because I am "too busy."

I believe in God, but I do not fear Him mostly because my very modern understanding of the concept of "fear" would lump God in with those monsters beneath my bed.

But what if we understood fear in a more traditional sense — awe, reverence, and wonder? "All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him." — Psalm 72:11

When Herod heard the news of the coming of the Messiah, it compelled him to do something. Not the right thing, mind you, but something. It moved him into action.

So, then, it should move us all.

We saw his star at its rising, and have come to do him homage. — Matthew 2:2

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

At St. John the Baptist Parish, we foster a commitment to lifelong spiritual growth.

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"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

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MA Read the Gospel and Color



$\mathbb{T}^{igsirphi}$ Mission for the Week

Ask your family if you can visit a planetarium, or look through a special telescope, so you can see the stars God made.



Dear God, thank you for making the stars move and twinkle in a special way, so that the Magi could find Jesus.



Mt 2:1-12

When Jesus was born, angels sang. I'll bet you never thought stars could sing for Jesus, too. But the stars in the sky sang in their own way, just by moving and twinkling in the sky. The Savior was born. Jesus was the King that God's people had been waiting for. Magi who had been watching the sky saw a star much brighter than the rest. They followed that star until they found Jesus, and they worshipped their new king.

ຊີ_ີ Puzzle

Can you draw the second half of this star?

Our parish is enriched with many ministries, please consider learning about and engaging in one or more of our ministries. Call the contact listed .

Welcoming Ministries

New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry Joyce Starosciak, 916-740-4628 **Greeter Ministry**

Lori Hopper, 916-337-0139 Ushers Stanley Posis, 916-705-9192

Prayer Ministries

Companioned Prayer Dcn. Bill Goeke, 916-673-7996 Divine Mercy Devotion/Cenacle Leilani Badley, 703-855-6241 -Chaplet/Rosary/Morning Prayer -Divine Mercy Chaplet/Mass -Cenacle - Leilani Badley, 703-855-6241 -Cenacle-Spanish - Ana Haid, 916-956-1177 Eucharistic Adoration Veronica Thomas, thomas_vera@yahoo.com 1st Friday of the Month - 9am - 7pm (church), Sign Up for adorers is in the vestibule Marian Cenacle (Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle) -English – 1st Wednesday of the month, 10am

Sally Gomez, 916-693-2411 -Spanish – Every Saturday Ana Haid, 916-956-1177

Our Lady of Fatima Henry Altamirano, 925-899-7769

Spiritual Growth Ministries

Adult Scripture Study Lee & Teresa Weider, 916-983-8065 Couples for Christ Myrah Empleo, 661-993-4721

Laura Wicklman - 916-933-8471

Praise & Worship David Brauer, dabrauer@hotmail.com Religious Education

Rengious Education Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338 Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338

Theology on Tap Aaron Santos, 916-985-2065 WINGS (Women in Growth Spiritually)

Parish Office, 916-985-2065

Youth/Young Adults Ministries Aaron Santos, asantos@folsomcatholic.org Parish Committees/Councils

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Finance Council Joyce Starosciak, 916-740-4628 Liturgy Committee Barbara Bowden, 916-984-9476 Pastoral Council Shannon Frazier, 916-761-2912

Outreach/Charity Ministries Bereavement Hospitality/Receptions Parish Office, 916-985-2065 **Catholics for Life** Kathy Baxter, 916-337-6824 **Gabriel Project** Debbie Sultan, 916-337-5786 **Grace Quilters Ministry** Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681 **Grupo Pastoral Hispano** Rommel Hernández, 530-387-1009 **Knights of Columbus** Hugo Schmidt, 916-817-4541 **Pastoral Care Ministry** Dan Dunne, 916-817-1675; Sunday Candice Ralston, 916-806-8090; Tuesday **Prayer Shawl Ministry** Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681 **Prison/Restorative Justice Ministry** -Folsom Prison - Fr. H. Gomez, 916-985-2561 x 4206 -CSP Sacramento - Greg Mellor, Catholic Chaplain, 916-985-8610 x6425 School Ministry (St. John Notre Dame) Keith Martin, Principal, 916-985-4129 **Senior Visitation** Charlene Agles, 916-984-9602 St. Vincent de Paul (311 Montrose Dr.) Mercy Knight, 916-985-4630 **Liturgical Ministries Altar Servers** Hugo Schmidt, 916-817-4541

Children's Liturgy during Mass Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338 **Extraord. Ministers of Holy Communion** Steve & Maryanne Ashley, 916-479-2214 Lectors Patti Midtlyng, 916-837-8322 Liturgical Environment Arlette Peterson, 916-220-5968 **Music -** *See choir director after Mass.* Additional Ministries **Children's Babysitting at Mass** Parish Office, 916-985-2065 **Family Fellowship** Rachel Marsh, 916-945-6992 Gift Shop Connie Aley, 916-984-9284 Women's Game Day Every Wednesday, Garden Room, 11am - 4:30pm.

Roberta Puzio, 916-933-2561

"Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

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ST. JOHN NOTRE DAME SCHOOL



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