

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 8, 2023

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Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00AM - 1:00 PM

Masses

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm (English)
7:00 pm (Spanish)

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12 noon (English)
4:00 pm (Vietnamese)

Weekdays: Mon-Fri. 7:30AM, Sat. 8:00AM
First Friday: 7:30 am

Devotions

Adoration & Benediction: Fridays 6:00PM- 7:30PM
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:
Wednesdays after morning mass
Chaplet of the Divine Mercy: Mondays &
Fridays after morning mass

Confessions

Saturday 3:30PM to 4:30PM or by appointment

Baptisms

Pre-Baptism classes for parents and godparents held every second Tuesday of the month. Contact the parish office.

* **Spanish Classes**, contact Gladys Giron 925-334-9873.

* **Vietnamese** baptisms, contact Fr. Thomas Khue at the parish office.

Marriage

Contact the parish office at least six months in advance.

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• Religious Education

RCIA Adults seeking Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, or membership in the Catholic Church.

• St. Vincent de Paul

Food pantry opens Mondays 9:30AM -11AM in the Parish hall

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, January 9

7:30 am Carmelo Cecilio[†]

Tuesday, January 10

7:30 am Michael J. Bologna[†]

Wednesday, January 11

7:30 am Parents & Benefactors of Holy Cross Sisters

Thursday, January 12

7:30 am Edward Diokno

Friday, January 13

7:30 am Amor de Guzman[†]

Saturday, January 14

8:00 am Joseph Nguyen & Huynh Khang[†]

5:00 pm Christian Quintela[†]

7:00 pm (SP) Denny Hagber[†]

Sunday, January 15

8:00 am Constantino Villanueva[†]

10:00 am Joy Bautista

12:00 noon Betsy Samson Thanksgiving

4:00 pm (VN)



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<https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/austria/epiphany>

GOSPEL READING

MT 2: 1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage."

After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Patrick Kenney, Logan Kenney, Claire F. Luna, Bertha Baldauf, Nadine Jerez, Carolyn Hoppenhauer, Mario & Emma Dolor, Paul Lapid, Daniel Muly, Joe Quizon, Dave Lantz, Jasmin B. Toledo, Nancy Lopez, Thomas Solis, Anecito Montecillo, Fr. Tom, Katt Embody, Herald Nilo, Rosie Lapointe, Raul Gonzalez, Narciso Fontecha, Victoria Lapid, Danilo Henson, Eduardo Sahulga, Eva Panugaling, Edgar Villacorta, Lisa Jott, Betty Tecson, Eleccion Elevazo, victims of the Coronavirus, all those in the Parish who are sick and all those listed in the Book of Intention.

If you would like a name added to the prayer list, please call the rectory 458-4718.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE

Sunday Plate December 18: \$ 6,333.00

Maintenance Fund: \$ 2,055.00

2022 Insurance: Total: \$ 19,319.00 Paid: \$ 14,494.00

2022 Assessment: Total: \$ 44,795.70 Paid: \$ 44,795.70

Thank you for your contribution support to sustain the ministries & ongoing needs of our parish.

Please make all checks payable to either "OLQW" or Our Lady Queen of the World for both first and second collections. Also please put your envelope number on the Memo line.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

01/08/2023

Here are some more of Fr. Tom's scattered thoughts...

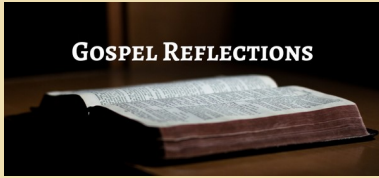
- 1) I hope you all are experiencing the Peace and Joy of the Incarnation throughout this Christmas Season and a great start of the New Year 2023! I wish to express my gratitude for your continued generous support to OLQW. Like family, OLQW is always in need of your stewardship—time, talent, and treasure. Please consider to increase your donations/contributions to OLQW for this New Year! I would also like to express my gratitude to you and your prayers, loving support and gifts during the Holidays. I prayed for you and your loved ones as I celebrated Christmas Masses.
- 2) Today we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ. Epiphany means—the Church celebrates the manifestation of the Lord to the whole world, after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem. He is revealed to the Magi, who had come from the East to adore Him. The Epiphany is also understood as an affirmation of Salvation.
- 3) Isn't it amazing in this sophisticated and scientific age that we are also interested in stars, horoscopes and astrological signs? There is something beautiful about the story of the Magi...the wise men from the East. Their journey across the mountains, deserts, following the stars, echoes in our hearts. We are yearning deep down within our being for meaning, truth and happiness.
- 4) After encountering Baby Jesus, their lives changed forever—no longer following star, they were guided by the light of this child. The Magi represents all of us...We are to be Magi of our days, making Jesus visible to the world as Savior and Redeemer. We need to make Jesus known along the pathways of life by being open and receptive to his Words. God needs our commitment in furthering Christ's Saving Mission here on earth. The Magi did not come to Jesus empty handed, but with special gifts...We don't have special gifts like theirs, but we have the gift of ourselves. The gift of self is more precious and never gets old.
- 5) Just imagine yourselves in the presence of Baby Jesus, and Mary, and Joseph. You are surprised to see the Magi...men from the East have come to see Baby Jesus and present Him with their gifts...The Church wants us to rejoice and to help proclaim to all the world that Jesus Christ came as The Light for all people, He came to save us all...

All of us need to be Epiphany (revelation and manifestation) to all people. Pray for one another.

Happy New Year 2023!

With a grateful heart,

Father Tom



The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

Student Profiles

Dayhanara Jordeth Lizarde Gallardo

Why do I want to do my confirmation? Well, it is quite simple. I want to complete the requirements to meet God. In other words, I want to complete my Sacraments of Initiation. I am in the RCIA program because my parents decided that it would be best for me to complete my Sacraments through the program through the church of Our Lady Queen of the World. They wanted me to be integrated into the church as my family before me had. All my cousins and older family members in Mexico have completed their requirements and we believed that my finalization of the requirements would bring me closer to them, even with the physical distance, through God and Faith. As a fully pledged Catholic member I would be allowed to participate in the Church. The Spanish speaking portion of the church in Our Lady Queen of the World is lacking in both church members and community. Being able to finally help them out could lead to the growth of the Spanish Catholic Community in Bay Point. Growing the community and helping spread the Faith to others. I would be able to help younger members complete their own Sacraments of Initiation. As a very intuitive and curious person, I tend to have a lot of questions and thankfully a lot of them have been answered by not only my faith but by individuals in the Faith. I hope to do the same, helping those who have questions and navigating them to the answers they seek. As I have stated before, being integrated into the Church, and completing my Sacraments of Initiation would lead me to help out the Church. I would hope to be able to read the passages in Spanish to help out the aging community members.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

“The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs", and acquires Israelitica dignitas (is made "worthy of the heritage of Israel")” (CCC 528)

The Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated on January 2 in the United States. There are some countries which celebrate the feast as a Holy Day of Obligation and, therefore, celebrate it on January 6. The United States does not have it as a Day of Obligation and transferred the day to the first Sunday after January 1. The feast day brings us back to the life of Christ and the promises contained in the child born in a cave. Christians worldwide recognize the manifestation of God in Jesus Christ. The word “epiphany” is derived from the Greek word “epiphainen”, which means “to shine upon”, “to manifest”, or “to make known.”

“Jesus spoke to them again, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.’ (John 8:12)

The Epiphany reminds us that Jesus is shown to be the promised Messiah for which the Jews had been waiting. As the Catechism tells us, the Epiphany honors and recognizes the magi making the trip from the East to find Jesus and worship him. Additionally, we see Jesus made manifest to others through his baptism as well as the wedding at Cana. It’s through the baptism of Jesus we see God confirm to those around Him that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah and Son of God. The wedding at Cana shows us, among other things, Jesus manifest himself by turning water into wine. The miracle shows Jesus has power over earthly things and, therefore, is God incarnate.

However, we focus our attention today primarily on the magi. The wise men who make the long journey to come adore and worship Jesus. The wise men were likely from Persia and made the 1,000-1,200 mile trip to Jerusalem by camel to bring gifts to the Lord and adore Him. Contrary to popular belief, the Bible does not tell us there were three wise men. In fact, it does not give us the number of magi who made the trip. The number three is taken from the number of gifts they brought to the Lord, but we are not told exactly how many there were on the journey. Throughout the centuries and different cultures, there have been a variety of beliefs in how many magi there actually were that night. In the Eastern tradition you will find an adherence to 12 magi. Some of the early fathers, as well as in the West, hold to three magi. Early fathers such as St. Leo the Great and St. Maximus of Turin accepted and held to three magi. There are four magi depicted at the cemetery of St. Domitilla and earlier paintings, even those at the tomb of St. Peter, depicts two. The names of the magi we have today are Caspar (Gaspar), Melchoir, and Balthasar and are taken from the writings of St. Bede. The number of magi is not as important as the meanings of the gifts they brought and the fact that they made journey at all.

Since the magi would have been traveling in a desert climate on camel, it is presumed they only traveled about 15-20 miles per day due to the limitations of the camel’s ability to travel long distances in that climate. As a result, it would have taken an estimated 60 days for the magi to make it to Jesus. Many times, we complain and refuse to travel 30 minutes by vehicle to spend some time in adoration before the Lord.

The coming of the magi also shows that pagans can indeed come to Jesus and those outside the Jewish religion can come to God the Father through Jesus Christ. It reminds us that Jesus did not come just for the Jews, but He came for the entire world. He came to be a light in the darkness of sin. He came to show the world the way to God and eternal life. He came to live so that we might live.

The Epiphany directs our focus to the times Jesus manifested to the world who He was and therefore calls us to follow Him. It reminds us that the light of Christ draws all men to repentance and salvation through Jesus.

PARISH EVENTS

POINSETTIA DONATIONS

The following poinsettia were donated for our "Christmas Altar"

In Memory of :
Inocencio & Luisa Servigon
Warren G. Qunkle III
Paul Francis
Louis Swami
Giron-Zelaya-Butler Family Members
Abdon Hari

Thanksgiving Donations By:
Malbog Family
Mr. & Mrs. Floro Cordero
Betsy Samson
Ellen & Steve Carstensen
Alicia Belza

To those whose names are not listed here and bought poinsettia plants that were placed at the altar.

We are truly grateful to all of you for making our "Christmas Altar" beautiful.



WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, January 9

11:15 am P#2: Legion of Mary
7:00 pm Hall & Portables: CCD

Tuesday, January 10

7:00 pm SM: Pre-Baptismal Class

Wednesday, January 11

Thursday, January 12

7:00 pm P#2: Divine Mercy Prayer (SP)

Friday, January 13

7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

Saturday, January 14

9:00 am Hall & Portables: CCD

Sunday, January 15

1:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese School
1:00 pm P#3: St. Joseph Group
2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir

BAPTISM CLASS

Our next Baptism class for parents and godparents is Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00 pm. Please register at the rectory.

TAX DOCUMENTS

Tax documents will be available after February 5th. Please indicate on your contribution envelope or call the office if you need a tax statement.

Welcome New Parishioners

If you are not registered, please take a moment to fill this out and return it to the parish office or you may drop it in the collection basket so we may contact you.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

Address _____

(Street)

(City)

(Zip).

Email: _____

SANTO NINO CELEBRATION

Our Lady Queen of the World invites you to attend the Nine Day Novena to the Santo Nino beginning January 6 to January 13, 2023, after the morning mass. On Sunday, January 8th the

Novena will be after the 12:00 noon mass.

Join us and celebrate Santo Nino Festival on January 14 2023 5:00 pm Mass followed by a potluck reception at Palis hall.



Father in heaven, may we recognize your Son as God even in the lowliness of His human nature and adore Him as our mighty Lord even in the frailty of His childhood. May we follow Him with sincere hearts. Help us to welcome His kingdom among us with the eagerness of a child and to received the reward promised to the humble.