

**THOUGHTS FOR THE FEAST OF THE
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

In the Gospel today we find the Magi from the East dressed in exotic clothes, following a bright star in the desert. They did not know that the journey would change their lives profoundly. Perhaps you have a "star" in your life right now that is God's way of prompting you to take an unexpected journey. Your "star" may be something wonderful like a new relationship, a new child, or a new job. On the other hand, it may be something hurtful such as a broken relationship, a financial setback or an illness. Whatever it is, let God guide you, as the star guided the Magi. You may not journey over land, your journey may be an inner adventure, that of your soul trying to find God. The gifts you bear may be humility, suffering, praise, or joy, all equally acceptable to God. Accept your journey with great expectations. Then, like the magi who ended their journey standing before Christ, you will find yourself in the presence of our loving God, the perfect light. As you journey toward your star, what gifts do you bring to Jesus?

EPIPHANY

Feast of Light - January 5, 2020

On this day, dear Savior, Your light shines brightly in our midst. You are the Light of the World, the Light in our darkness ever with us, ever showing us the way.

On this great Feast of Light, when the Magi came guided by a star, may we, like them, offer Your gifts that symbolize our love to You. May we offer You the gold of our faith, the myrrh of our repentance and the frankincense of our devotion. May we bow before you, Holy Savior, as the three Wise Men did with great and abiding joy. On this day, may we, too, stand in Your light and so give glory to our God.

AMEN

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES – 2020

- Day of Prayer and Penance (USA): Wed., Jan.22
- National Catholic Schools Week: Sun., Jan. 26 - Feb. 1
- World Day for Consecrated Life: Sun., Feb.2
- World Day of the Sick: Tues., Feb. 11
- World Day of Prayer for Vocations: Sun., May 3
- World Day for Social Communications: Sun., May 24
- Respect Life Sunday: Sun., Oct. 4
- World Mission Sunday: Sun., Oct. 18
- National Vocations Awareness Week: Nov. 1 - 7

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

*Lord, make the New Year a happy one.....
Not by shielding us from sorrow and pain, but by strengthening us to bear it if it comes. Not by taking hardship from us, but by taking all cowardice and fear from our hearts as we meet hardships. Not by making our paths easy, but by making us sturdy enough to treat any pain, Not by granting unbroken sunshine, but by keeping our faces bright even in the shadow. Not by making our lives always pleasant, but by showing us where Your cause needs us most and by making us zealous to be there and to help.
God Make Our Year A Happy One!*

Reminder: **January 11 & 12** will be the monthly **Major Repair Fund** Second Collection. Your generosity is greatly needed. Thank you!

LOOKING AHEAD

- January 11** - Milagroso Señor De Esquipulas
- January 12** - Baptism of the Lord
- February 26** - Ash Wednesday
- March 7** - Annual Parish Dinner Dance

A sincere Thank You to our parish group "**Our Lady of Guadalupe**" for the beautiful Mass and enjoyable celebration held on Saturday, December 14th. The donation of \$500.00 to our Church is greatly appreciated!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - *"Realize that you may gain more in an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament than in all other spiritual practices of the day."* (St. Alphonsus Liguori). All are invited to join us for Eucharistic Adoration every **Tuesday from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm**, concluding with Novena Devotion and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Hospital & Nursing Home Visits - Hospitals and nursing homes do not notify parishes of sick parishioners to protect patient privacy. A family member should notify the parish of a parishioner at a hospital, nursing home, or homebound person.

**MASSES FOR
JANUARY 6 - 12, 2020**

*Every Mass is offered for the faithful, living or dead.
However the following are specifically remembered this week.*

Monday, January 6 - Christmas Weekday

7:30 am - Intentions of Christmas Flower Donors
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

Tuesday, January 7 - Christmas Weekday

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners
6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm - Novena Devotion & Benediction

Wednesday, January 8 - Christmas Weekday

7:30 am - Intentions of Priest Celebrant
5:15 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

Thursday, January 9 - Christmas Weekday

7:30 am - Carmino Caparco

Friday, January 10 - Christmas Weekday

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners
3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

Saturday, January 11 - Christmas Weekday

8:00 am - Intentions of Christmas Flower Donors

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday, January 11

5:00 pm Bilingual Mass

In Honor of Milagroso Señor De Esquipulas

No 6:30 pm Mass in Spanish this evening

**Sunday, January 12
Baptism of the Lord**

8:00 am

Frank & Marion Cuiccio by daughters
Deceased of Pio A. Romano, Sr. Family

9:30 am - Mass in Spanish

11:30 am

Antonio & Maria Annina Marinucci by Peter & Lillian
Michele & Ines Capuano by daughters
Maria Melida Gomez Aguirre by son & family

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, January 6

7:00 pm - Ladies Guild Meeting

Tuesday, January 7

6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm - Novena Devotion & Benediction

Wednesday, January 8

5:00 pm - Older First Communion Class - SD Center
6:30 - RCIA Class - SD Center
7:00 pm - Holy Name Society Meeting

Thursday, January 9

5:00 pm - Confirmation Class - Rectory

Friday, January 10

3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet - Chapel

Saturday, January 11

10:00 am - CCD Classes - 1st & 2nd Years - Rectory
6:00 pm - Feast of Milagroso Señor De Esquipulas - CH

Sunday, January 12

Second Collection: Major Repair Fund

+ WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT +

What Our Lord Asks Is Not Equal Gifts - But Equal Sacrifice.
(Increased Giving Campaign)

Weekend of December 28 & 29, 2019

Envelopes & Loose Collection: \$4,098.00
No 2nd Collection
December 24 & 25 - Christmas: \$3,360.00

Sanctuary Candle:

Intentions of Christmas Flower Donors

Altar Bread & Wine:

Intentions of Christmas Flower Donors

SPONSORS FOR OUR BULLETIN

Because our weekly parish bulletin can no longer be paid by ads on the back page, we are hoping to help defray this expense by asking parishioners to come forward each week with a donation of **\$70.00**. Sponsoring the bulletin can be written in three ways: (1) This week's bulletin is sponsored by (name of sponsor) or (2) This week's bulletin is sponsored in memory of (a deceased loved one) or (3) This week's bulletin is sponsored in memory of (a deceased loved one) by (name of sponsor or sponsors). Call the parish office if you wish to help.