

**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?

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Blessed Prayer Shawls are available to all those who are homebound or suffering from a chronic illness. A shawl and prayers offer special comfort. For a Prayer Shawl and/or information about participating in the Prayer Shawl Ministry, please call Rosalie at 401-274-7806.

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES – 2019

Day of Prayer and Penance (USA): Tues., Jan.22

National Catholic Schools Week: Sun., Jan. 27 - Feb. 2

World Day for Consecrated Life: Sat., Feb.2

World Day of the Sick: Mon., Feb. 11

World Day of Prayer for Vocations: Sun., May 12

World Day for Social Communications: Sun., June 2

Respect Life Sunday: Sun., Oct. 6

World Mission Sunday: Sun., Oct. 20

National Vocations Awareness Week: Nov. 3 - 9

EPIPHANY

Feast of Light - January 6, 2019

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

Looking Ahead

January 12 – Fiesta Cristo Moreno de Esquipulas

January 13 – Baptism of the Lord

January 19 – Fiesta de Altigracia

March 6 – Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins

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 7 - 13, 2019

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

Monday, January 7th

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

Tuesday, January 8th

7:30 am - Intentions of Priest Celebrant
6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm - Novena Devotions & Benediction

Wednesday, January 9th

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners
5:30 pm - Eucharistic Adoration – Spanish
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

Thursday, January 10th

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners

Friday, January 11th

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

Saturday, January 12th

8:00 am - Intentions of Christmas Flower Donors

+ WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT +

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

Weekend of December 22 & 23

First Collection: \$4,337.00
No second collection this weekend

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, January 7th

7:00 pm - Ladies Guild Meeting - RH

Tuesday, January 8th

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

Wednesday, January 9th

7:00 pm - Holy Name Society Meeting - RH

Friday, January 11th

3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet – Chapel

Saturday, January 12th

10:00 am - CCD Classes 1st & 2nd years

Sunday, January 13th

10:30 am - Confirmation Class
Second Collection: Major Repair Fund

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday, January 12th

5:00 pm

Giuseppe Amato
Rafael DiCaprio
Robert Conte
Silvestro & Mariangela Conte
James Feeley
by Salvatore & Angela Conte

6:30 pm - Mass in Spanish

**Sunday, January 13th
Baptism of the Lord**

8:00 am

Intentions of Parishioners

9:30 am - Mass in Spanish

11:30 am

Antonio & Maria Annina Marinucci by Peter & Lillian

Sanctuary Candle:

Maria & John Pitocco
by family

Altar Bread & Wine:

Maria & John Pitocco
by family

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