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Office Hours

Horario de la Oficina

Monday – Thursday / Lunes a Jueves
9:00am - 2:00pm 401-722-9054

Weekend Masses

Misas de fin de semana

Saturday: 4:30pm English / Inglés

Sábado 6:00pm Español / Spanish

Sunday: 9:30am English / Inglés

Domingo 11:30am Español / Spanish

Daily Masses

Misas durante la semana

Monday & Wednesday 8:00am English / Inglés

Martes y Viernes 7:00pm Español / Spanish

Bilingual Mass Saturday / Sábado at 8:00am

Confessions (Chapel) / Confessions (Capilla)

Saturday / Sábado 3:30pm to 4:20pm

& 5:30pm to 5:50pm

Baptism / Bautismo

Baptisms are celebrated on the second Sunday of every Month after the 11:30am Mass. Please call the rectory at least two months in advance.

Los Bautismos se celebran el segundo Domingo de cada mes después de la Misa de las 11:30am.

Llame a la rectoría con 2 meses de anticipación.

Anointing of the Sick

Uncion de los enfermos

Please call the parish

Por favor llamar a la parroquia.

Legión de María

Lunes a las 6:00pm en la Sacristía

Matrimony / Matrimonio

Call one year in advance to begin preparation.

Llamar con un año de anticipación.

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoración Eucarística

Every Friday / Todos los Viernes

9:00am to 6:45pm in the Church / en la Iglesia

Youth Group / Grupo Juvenil

Thursday (Jueves) TBD

from 6:00pm to 7:30pm

(Grades 7th to 12th)

Chiquitin Misionero

Saturdays / Sabados 10am – 12 pm

5 to 7 years old / Niños de 5 a 7 años

Comunidad Evangelizadora (CERS)

Sábado a las 7:00pm en la Capilla

Food Bank / Banco de Comida

January / Enero

Monday / Lunes 22 & 29

9:30am to 11:00am & 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Wednesday / Miércoles 24 & 31

9:30am to 11:00 am

Hospitality House / Casa de Hospitalidad

Open every Tuesday / Martes at 10:30am

Hot lunch / Almuerzo caliente at 11:30am

New Parishioners

Please call the Rectory to register.

Llamar a la Rectoría para registrarse.

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2024

Dear Parishioners,

The Magi have finally arrived at the Creche! As you may have noticed over the past few weeks in the church, the three kings have been inching closer and closer to the Manger. Today, as we celebrate **the Feast of the Epiphany** (meaning "manifestation"), their journey ended as they were led by the star to where Joseph and Mary were with their newborn Child. The Magi from the East had an "epiphany" as Jesus was "manifested" to them. They came to the Creche with their three gifts of frankincense, gold, and myrrh for the Child Jesus. The gold represented the Divinity of Jesus, the frankincense represented the Kingship of Jesus, and the myrrh represented Jesus' humanity. **There is so much to contemplate on this Feast of the Epiphany**, as we continue to celebrate our Lord's Birth.

First and foremost, we contemplate the fact that we are all still on a journey back to our Father in Heaven. Even the Magi were still on a journey after the initial meeting with Baby Jesus. Daily, they had to renew their relationship with Him, just like we must do every day, until we finally arrive Home and are with our Lord in Heaven. Secondly, on this Feast of the Epiphany, we contemplate the fact that Jesus is the Savior for all. When He was manifested to the Magi, who were Gentiles, the Lord showed that salvation is a gift for anyone who truly accepts Jesus into their lives, which happens through the Sacraments of our Catholic Church. Finally, on this Feast of the Epiphany, we contemplate those three gifts that the Magi brought before the Lord. We bring the Lord our three gifts of "time, talent, and treasure", as we worship Him as a parish community. Spiritually, physically, and financially, we can show our love for God and one another. May we continue to draw closer to Jesus our Newborn King as we begin this new year of 2024. God bless!

Fr. Sistare

PS: I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who gave me Christmas cards, gifts, delicious baked goods, and other well wishes. A special thank you to those that helped set-up the church so beautifully for the Christmas season. For those who are able to help, we will take the Christmas decorations down after the 8am Mass next Saturday, January 13th.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday January 6	9:30am
+Louis Martin, by Richard and Suzanne Mailhot	
Sunday January 7	9:30am
+Francis McGrath, by Friends	
Monday January 8	No Mass
Wednesday January 10	No Mass
Saturday January 13 Bilingual Mass	8:00am
Vigil Mass	4:30pm
For All Parishioners living and deceased, by Roger Theroux	
Sunday January 14	9:30am
For the Victims of the Ukraine War, by Roger Theroux	

Collection 12/31	\$3205.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 547.00
<u>Second Collection</u>	
Fuel/Maintenance	1/7
Catholic University	1/21

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For the following parishioners:

Jeanne Jugan Residence: Florence Corneau,
Jeannine Rondeau & Annette Tetreault

At Home: Jovina De Barros & Joyce Lagesse

St. Antoine: Georgette Smith

Elmhurst Nursing Home: Cesar Zuleta Sr.

Victoria Court: Thelma La Rose

Saint Joseph's Vigil Candle

For the Repose of the Soul of Louis Martin
By Jose De Barros

THE WISDOM OF ABANDONMENT

“Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance.” — Isaiah 60:3

Wise men and women, like the wise men of the first Christmas, prostrate themselves before Jesus, do Him homage, and give themselves to Him (Mt 2:11). This total abandonment is not a one-time experience, but a way of life — forever.

Wise men and women are great-souled individuals who begrudge nothing to God. They're not looking for the quickest Mass to fulfill their Sunday obligation. Rather, they consider it a privilege to worship the Lord as long as possible. Wise men and women don't ask if they have to go to Confession annually, but they rejoice in celebrating frequently the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Wise men and women consider it a privilege to share their faith in Jesus, especially in situations where they may be persecuted (see Acts 5:41; 13:52). Wisdom is not doing the minimum but always searching for new opportunities to surrender to the love and will of God. Wise men and women transcend their natural inclinations to selfishness, laziness, and fear. They live supernaturally — by grace through faith (Eph 2:8, RSV-CE).

The Lord wants to make you a wise man or woman. Are you willing to become wise, to follow the star, to give all to Jesus?

Prayer: Father, on this Epiphany, give me the fear of the Lord, which is the beginning of wisdom (see Ps 111:10).

Promise: “See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon

you the Lord shines, and over you appears His glory.” —Is 60:2

Praise: Praise Jesus, “manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit; seen by the angels; preached among the Gentiles, believed in throughout the world, taken up into glory” (1 Tm 3:16).

Presentation Ministries

FOOD BANK

Please bring a bag of non-perishable food (Rice, Beans, Tuna, Cereal, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned soup, Peanut Butter, Canned fruits, Canned vegetables) and drop off the bag in the wooden box in back of the Church. All of the food and monetary donations support our Food Bank here at Saint John the Baptist. Thank you! *“But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but indeed and in truth.”* (1 John 3:17-18)

Faith Formation Class Schedule

January 7, 14, 21, 28 – Classes

Time **10:15 to 11:20am**

In the Church Hall, please enter thru
Bullock Street.

Epiphany Blessing of the Home

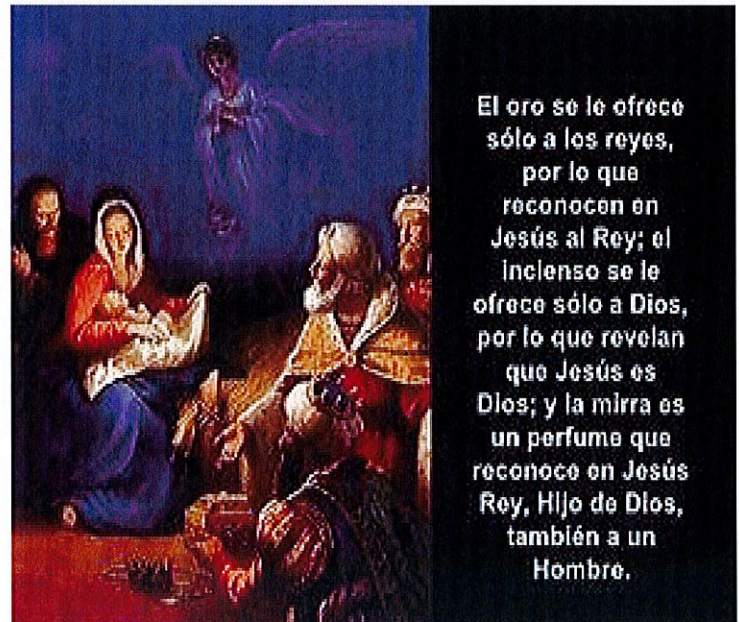
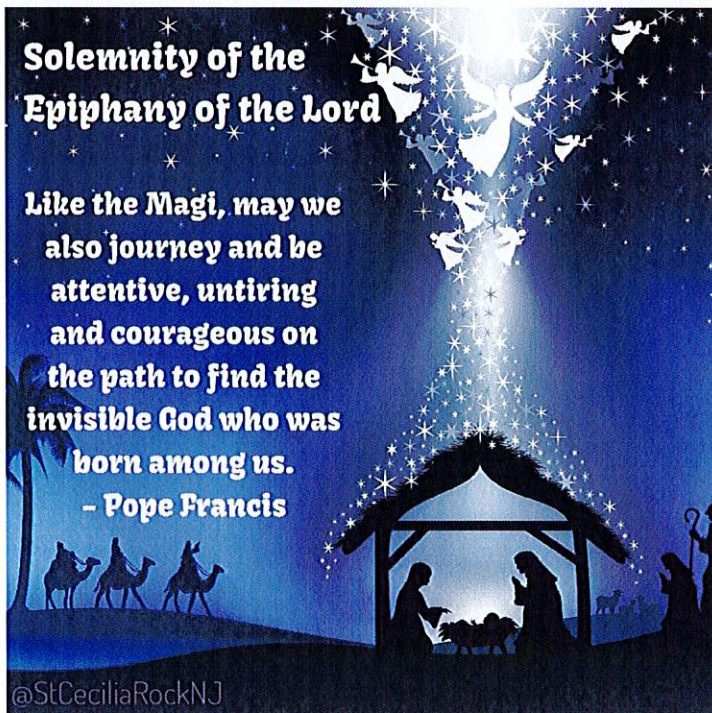
It has been a tradition in the Catholic Church to bless chalk at the Masses for Epiphany, and then use the blessed chalk as part of blessing one's home in the New Year. The home blessing can be done as follows: Use the blessed chalk to write 20+C+M+B+24 above the doorways. 2024 for the year; C, M, B for the Magi—Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar—and for "Christus Mansionem Benedicat", Latin for "May Christ Bless this House." As you are writing, pray the following prayer: *"May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen."*

Please make sure to pick up your **budget envelopes** as well as the **calendar** for this year as you leave church this weekend.

Epifanía Bendición de la Casa

Ha sido una tradición en la Iglesia Católica bendecir la tiza en las Misas para la Epifanía, y luego usar la tiza bendita como parte de la bendición del hogar en el Año Nuevo. La bendición del hogar se puede hacer de la siguiente manera: Use la tiza bendecida para escribir 20 + C + M + B + 24 sobre las puertas. 2023 para el año; C, M, B para los Reyes Magos (Casper, Melchior y Balthasar) y para "Christus Mansionem Benedicat", en latín para "Que Cristo bendiga esta casa". Mientras escribe, ore la siguiente oración: *"Que todos los que vengan a nuestro hogar este año se regocija al encontrar a Cristo viviendo entre nosotros; y que busquemos y sirvamos, en todos los que encontramos, ese mismo Jesús que es Señor, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén."*

Por favor, asegúrese de recoger los **sobres para la ofrenda**, así como el **calendario** para este año al salir de la iglesia este fin de semana.



Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor

7 de enero, 2024

Queridos feligreses,
¡Los Reyes Magos finalmente han llegado al pesebre! Como habrás notado en las últimas semanas en la iglesia, los tres reyes se han acercado cada vez más al pesebre. Hoy, cuando celebramos la **Fiesta de la Epifanía** (que significa "manifestación"), su viaje terminó cuando fueron guiados por la estrella a donde estaban José y María con su Hijo recién nacido. Los magos de Oriente tuvieron una "epifanía" cuando Jesús se les "manifestó". Llegaron al pesebre con sus tres regalos de incienso, oro y mirra para el Niño Jesús. El oro representaba la Divinidad de Jesús, el incienso representaba la realeza de Jesús, y la mirra representaba la humanidad de Jesús. **Hay mucho que contemplar en esta Fiesta de la Epifanía**, mientras continuamos celebrando el Nacimiento de nuestro Señor. *En primer lugar, contemplamos el hecho de que todos estamos todavía en un viaje de regreso a nuestro Padre Celestial.* Incluso los Reyes Magos seguían en viaje después del encuentro inicial con el Niño Jesús. Diariamente, tenían que renovar su relación con Él, tal como lo debemos hacer todos los días, hasta que finalmente lleguemos a casa y estemos con Nuestro Señor en el Cielo. *En segundo lugar, en esta Fiesta de la Epifanía, contemplamos el hecho de que Jesús es el Salvador de todos.* Cuando se manifestó a los Reyes Magos, que eran Gentiles, el Señor mostró que la salvación es un regalo para cualquiera que realmente acepte a Jesús en sus vidas, lo que sucede a través de los Sacramentos de nuestra Iglesia Católica. *Finalmente, en esta Fiesta de la Epifanía, contemplamos esos tres regalos que los Reyes Magos trajeron ante el Señor.* Le traemos al Señor nuestros tres dones de "tiempo, talento y tesoro", mientras lo adoramos como comunidad parroquial. Espiritual, física y financieramente, podemos mostrar nuestro amor por Dios y por los demás. Que sigamos acercándonos a Jesús, nuestro Rey recién nacido, al comenzar este año nuevo de 2024. ¡Dios los bendiga!
Padre Sistare
Nota: Me gustaría aprovechar esta oportunidad para agradecer a todos los que me dieron tarjetas

de Navidad, regalos, postres deliciosos y otros buenos deseos. Un agradecimiento especial a aquellos que ayudaron a preparar la iglesia de manera tan hermosa para la temporada navideña. Para aquellos que puedan ayudar, **quitaremos las decoraciones navideñas después de la misa de las 8 am el próximo sábado 13 de enero.**

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS

Sábado 6 de enero **6:00pm**

*En acción de gracias al Espíritu Santo, intención de Marta Santiago

+Por el descanso eterno de Gustavo Giraldo, intención de Carolina Torres

+Por el descanso eterno de Humberto Arturo Vélez Vivares, intención de su familia

Domingo 7 de enero **11:30am**

*En acción de gracias por la vida de Brian Mosquera en su cumpleaños, intención de la familia Mosquera

*Por la salud de Hernán Mejía, intención de su familia

+ Por el descanso eterno de Alicia Echeverry y Jordan Berson, intención de familia Durango

+Por las Almas del Purgatorio, intención de la familia González Hernández

Martes 9 de enero **No Misa**

Viernes 12 de enero **7:00pm**

+Por las Almas del Purgatorio, intención de la familia González Hernández

Sábado 13 de enero (Misa Bilingüe) **8:00am**

+Por las Almas del Purgatorio, intención de la familia González Hernández

Vigilia **6:00pm**

*En acción de gracias al Espíritu Santo, intención de Marta Santiago

+Por el descanso eterno de Gustavo Giraldo, intención de Carolina Torres

Domingo 14 de enero **11:30am**

+ Por el descanso eterno de Alicia Echeverry y Jordan Berson, intención de familia Durango

+Por las Almas del Purgatorio, intención de la familia González Hernández

LA SABIDURÍA DEL ABANDONO

"Las naciones caminarán a Tu luz y los reyes, al esplendor de Tu aurora" (Isaías 60:3).

Los sabios, como los sabios de la primera Navidad, se postran ante Jesús, le rinden homenaje y se entregan a Él (Mt 2:11). Este abandono total no es una experiencia de una sola vez, sino una forma de vida, para siempre.

Los hombres y mujeres sabios son individuos de gran alma que no le envidian nada a Dios. No están buscando la misa más rápida para cumplir con su obligación dominical. Más bien, consideran un privilegio adorar al Señor el mayor tiempo posible. Los hombres y mujeres sabios no preguntan si tienen que ir a la confesión anual, pero se regocijan en celebrar con frecuencia el Sacramento de la Reconciliación. Los hombres y mujeres sabios consideran un privilegio compartir su fe en Jesús, especialmente en situaciones en las que pueden ser perseguidos (ver Hch 5:41; 13:52). La sabiduría no es hacer lo mínimo, sino buscar siempre nuevas oportunidades para rendirse al amor y la voluntad de Dios. Los hombres y mujeres sabios trascienden sus inclinaciones naturales al egoísmo, la pereza y el miedo. Viven sobrenaturalmente, por gracia mediante la fe (Ef 2:8).

El Señor quiere hacerte un hombre sabio o una mujer sabia. ¿Estás dispuesto a ser sabio, a seguir la estrella, a darlo todo a Jesús?

Oración: Padre, en esta Epifanía, dame el temor del Señor, que es el principio de la sabiduría (ver Sal 111:10).

Promesa: "Porque las tinieblas cubren la tierra y una densa oscuridad, a las naciones, pero sobre ti brillará el Señor y su gloria aparecerá sobre ti" (Is 60:2).

Alabanza: Alabado sea Jesús, "se manifestó en la carne, fue justificado en el Espíritu; contemplado por los ángeles; proclamado a los paganos, creído en el mundo, elevado a la gloria" (1 Tim 3:16).

Presentation Ministries

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Universidad Católica	1/21

BANCO DE COMIDA

Por favor traiga una bolsa de comida (arroz, frijoles, atún, cereales, pasta, salsa de espaguetis, sopas, frutas, verduras enlatadas, mantequilla de manís, etc.). Por favor colocar la bolsa en la entrada de la Iglesia en la caja de madera. Todas las donaciones de alimentos y dinero van en apoyo de nuestro Banco de Comida aquí en la Parroquia de San Juan Bautista. ¡Gracias!

"Pero el que tiene bienes de este mundo, y ve a su hermano en necesidad y cierra su corazón contra él, ¿cómo puede morar el amor de Dios en él? Hijos, no amemos de palabra ni de lengua, sino de hecho y en verdad." (1 John 3:17-18)

Horario de Clases de Formación de Fe

Enero 7, 14, 21, 28 – Hay clases

De las 10:15 a las 11:20am

En el sótano de la Iglesia, entrar por la calle Bullock.

The Magi Come to Worship Jesus



Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, which is when the Magi, or wise men, of the East came to find and worship Baby Jesus. They travelled for many weeks across harsh country to find the new King, bringing their best treasures to give to Him.

Where did these men find the baby King? Not in Jerusalem in the palace, with riches and servants! They found Him in a little town, in a house with just His mother, Mary. But they still knew Who the Baby was, so they bowed down to Him and gave Him their treasures.

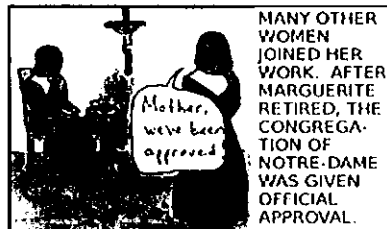
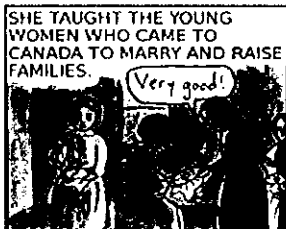
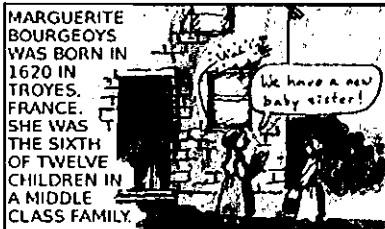
The wise men teach us that we can honour God in all sorts of places. Jesus is there when you help ordinary people and poor people. He is honoured when you pray at a little nativity scene. Like the wise men, we should give our very best to Jesus no matter where He is.



Answers to Cross-Word: Across: 4. myrrh 6. to 8. East 9. star 11. find 14. secretly 15. King 16. gold 18. Bethlehem Down: 1. frankincense 2. Jesus 3. at 4. Mary 5. Herod 7. overjoyed 10. they 12. as 13. its 17. life

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Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys January 12














SAINT MARGUERITE DIED AT THE AGE OF 80. SHE HAD HELPED THE PEOPLE OF THE NEW SETTLEMENT SO MUCH THAT THEY CALLED HER "THE MOTHER OF THE COLONY." SHE TAUGHT THE FAITH TO THE MOTHERS BECAUSE SHE KNEW THAT THEY WOULD BE THE FIRST ONES TO TEACH THE FAITH TO THEIR CHILDREN.

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The Kids' Bulletin

Epiphany Sunday
January 7th, 2024

Here is the story of the Wise Men, with pictures to make it fun to read!

Long ago,  saw a special  in the sky. They followed it to find the newborn . But first they came to Herod, and asked him if he knew where the  would be born. He asked the priests, who told him the  would be born in Bethlehem. So the  went, and found the  where the  and His mother,  were staying. They knelt before the baby  and gave him their  of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

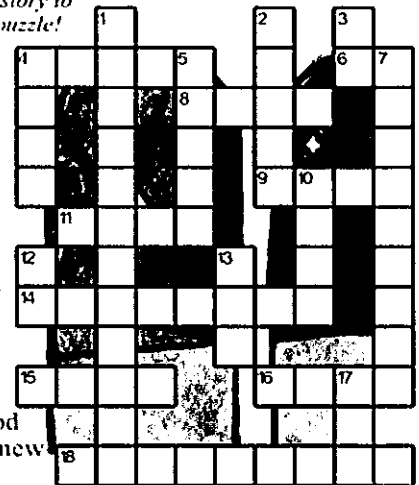
EPIPHANY CROSS-WORD

Fill in the blanks in the story to find the words for the puzzle!

Around the time that _____ (2d) was born, some wise men from the _____ (8a) saw in the sky a special _____ (9a) at _____ (13d) rising, and followed it to _____ (11a) the newborn Saviour. First they came to Jerusalem where _____ (10d) went to ask _____ (15a) Herod if he knew where the new King would be born.

_____ (12d) Herod did not know, he called the priests and scribes, who told them that the Baby would be born in _____ (18a). Then Herod told a _____ (17d) and said that he wanted to go and honour the Baby King too, and told the men to return once they had found him and tell him where the Baby was. The men were _____ (7d) when they found Jesus with his mother _____ (4d), and they did him homage, giving their gifts of _____ (16a), _____ (1d)

and _____ (4a). But _____ (3d) night an angel appeared _____ (6a) them and told them to _____ (14a) go home by another road, since King _____ (5d) wanted to kill Baby Jesus.





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