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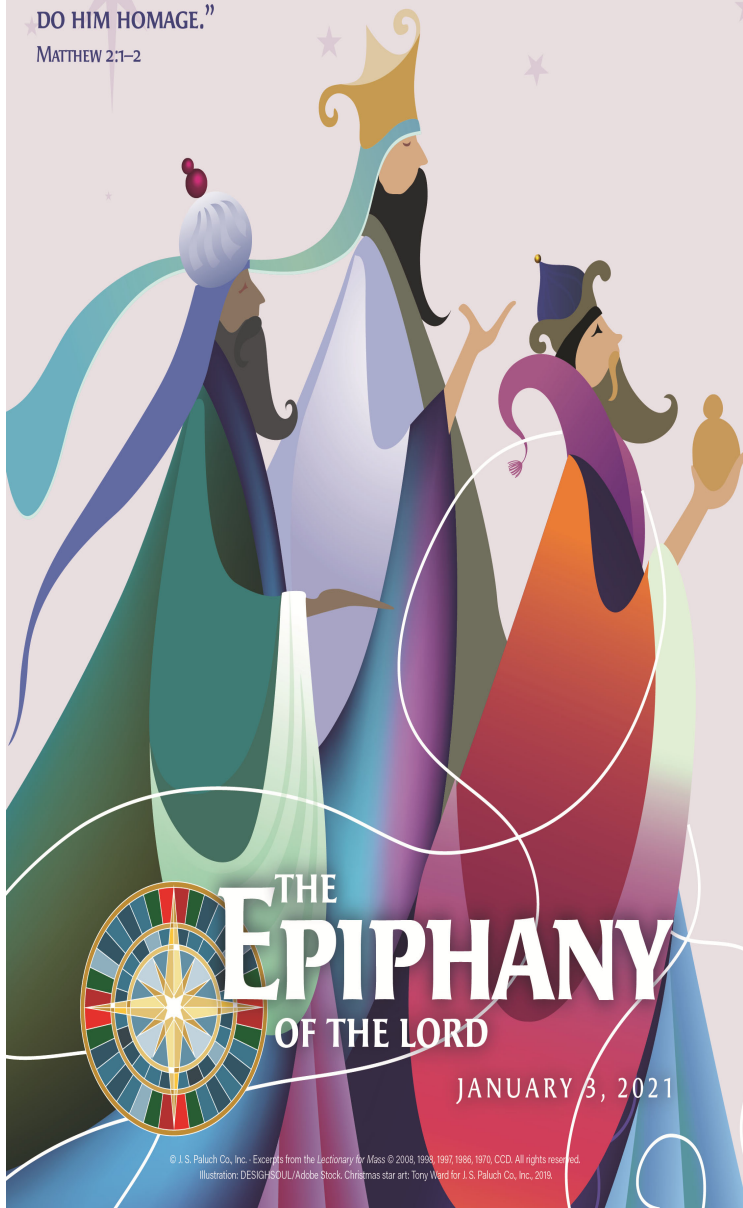
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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021

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."

MATTHEW 2:1-2



THE
EPIPHANY
OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3, 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE

ALL MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL: Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd, Pittsburg, CA

Monday - Friday

7:30am - Livestream

Saturday

8:00am - Livestream

5:30pm Vigil - Livestream

Sunday

8:00am Re-livestream 5:30pm Mass

10:00am in the garden &

Livestream

12pm in the garden & Livestream

3pm Spanish—Livestream

Communion

Drive through communion after each Mass in front of the church.

Adoration

Fridays 8am - 9am

Confession

Fridays 8am-9am

Saturdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm

or by appointment

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Epiphany!

Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord- the manifestation of Christ to the whole world. The Gospel presents to us the story of the three kings from the East who left their countries, searching for the Newborn King of Israel. There are many details that we need to understand when we read the story.

First of all, three wise men from the East come to see the newborn king of the Jews. This visitation has a strong sense of irony. Here were three pagan men, who did something that shocked the world. They came to worship the king of the Jews, paying homage to a king who had no apparent kingdom. Yes, their action seemed bizarre. But the true irony comes from those close at hand. The Kings traveled across the world to honor Jesus, but those in their own backyard failed to recognize him. He was born the king of the Jews, but only a few Jewish shepherds recognized him.

Secondly, it was very unfortunate to see a woman like Mary giving birth in an “open place” with no privacy at all. But this setting helps us understand who our God is. He is the God of the universe, born to save all creatures. He was born in a manger, no walls, no windows and no door. In doing so, he makes himself available to all. Anybody, shepherd or king, gentiles or Jews, cows or angels, and all people from the East to the West can walk in to worship him.

Thirdly, it seems the gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh that the Magi brought to Jesus have nothing to do with birthday presents. These gifts are meant to tell the whole world who Jesus is. Gold signifies the kingship of Jesus; frankincense symbolizes the divine nature of Jesus because people in the ancient time used frankincense to worship God; and myrrh represents Jesus’ human nature, for it was used to preserve the human body.

Lastly, the adventure of the Magi is very similar to our journey of faith. We can see that at the beginning of the journey, the Magi were full of hope and joy going in search for the Newborn King with the guidance of the star. However, the guiding star was not always with them. But they didn’t give up. They persevered in faith and hope.

Their perseverance was rewarded in the end. They found the Savior. So we should imitate the Magi not to give up when we are in time of trials, but put our trust in God’s providence, we will find our Savior.

Epiphany Blessings

Fr. Thi Hoang



Feliz Epifanía!

Hoy celebramos la solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor- la manifestación de Cristo a todo el mundo. El Evangelio nos presenta la historia de los tres reyes de Oriente que abandonaron sus países, en busca del Rey Recién Nacido de Israel. Hay muchos detalles que necesitamos entender cuando leemos la historia.



En primer lugar, los tres sabios de Oriente vienen a ver al rey recién nacido de los Judíos. Esta visita tiene un fuerte sentido de ironía. Aquí estaban tres hombres paganos, que hicieron algo que conmocionó al mundo. Vinieron a adorar al rey de los Judíos, rindiendo homenaje a un rey que no tenía un aparente reino. Sí, sus acciones parecían extraña. Pero la verdadera ironía viene de los que están cerca. Los Reyes viajaron por todo el mundo para honrar a Jesús, pero los que estaban en su propio traspatio no lo reconocieron. Nació como rey de los Judíos, pero unos pocos pastores Judíos lo reconocieron.

En segundo lugar, fue muy desafortunado ver a una mujer como María dando a luz en un "lugar abierto" sin privacidad en absoluto. Pero este entorno nos ayuda a entender quién es nuestro Dios. Es el Dios del universo, nacido para salvar a todas las criaturas. Nació en un pesebre, sin paredes, sin ventanas y sin puerta. Al hacerlo, se pone a disposición de todos. Cualquier persona, pastor o rey, gentiles o Judíos, vacas o ángeles, y todas las personas de Oriente a Occidente pueden entrar para adorarlo.

En tercer lugar, parecen que los dones: el oro, el incienso y la mirra que los Reyes Magos trajeron a Jesús no tienen nada que ver con los regalos de cumpleaños. Pero estos dones están destinados a decirle al mundo entero quién es Jesús. El oro significa el reinado de Jesús; el incienso simboliza la naturaleza divina de Jesús porque la gente en la antigüedad utilizaban el incienso para adorar a Dios; y la mirra representa la naturaleza humana de Jesús, ya que se utilizaba para preservar el cuerpo humano.

Por último, la aventura de los Reyes Magos es muy similar a nuestro camino de fe. Podemos ver que al comienzo del viaje, los Reyes Magos estaban llenos de esperanza y alegría yendo en busca del Rey Recién Nacido con la guía de la estrella. Sin embargo, la estrella no siempre estaba con ellos para guiarles. Pero no se dieron por vencidos. Perseveraron en la fe y la esperanza. Su perseverancia fue recompensada al final. Encontraron al Salvador. Así que debemos imitar a los Reyes Magos para que no nos demos por vencidos cuando estemos en tiempo de pruebas, pero si ponemos nuestra confianza en la providencia de Dios, encontraremos a nuestro Salvador.

Padre Thi



The parish office will be reopened Monday, January 4th, 2021 after our Christmas break.

The Parish Office is operating virtually during the pandemic. We will answer your phone calls and emails as soon as possible.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO THE DIACONATE?
Classes will be starting in the Diocese of Oakland. For more information, interested men and their wives are invited to attend one of the following information meetings on Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8745798692>
or by phone at 1-408-638-0968, Meeting ID: 874 579 8692#
Tuesdays from 7-8 pm on January 19 or 26, 2021
OR
Saturdays from 11 am-Noon on January 16, 23 or 30, 2021



**4th Sunday of Advent
Youth Mass in the**





BEAUTIFUL CLOTH MASKS FOR SALE!
Donated by the Padre Pio Ministry
 Wouldn't you love a colorful mask that expresses your faith or celebrates the season?
 Masks are on sale for just **\$10 each or 3 for \$25** outside of mass today.
Buy one for yourself or give one as a gift!

Hello Everyone,

We are selling this Bible Diary 2021 for \$20 each. This book can become your spiritual companion for the whole year 2021, each time you go to Mass or pray at home. It has almost everything needed to enrich your faith. It features all traditional Catholic prayers. It has family prayers, prayers before and after meetings... It has a liturgical calendar, and especially it has daily readings and reflections on the readings.

This book is a perfect Mass Companion for you. We have around 70 books left. Please buy one for you or buy one as a Christmas gift for your loved ones and support our parish.

Books will be on sale at 10am and 12pm Mass on Sundays. or contact Tammy Vo at 925-698-4559 to order any time.

FEATURES

- Messages from **REV. FR. JULIUS JOSE A. COCHING, CMF**, Executive Director of the Claretian Communications Foundation, Inc. and **MOST REVEREND LEO M. DALMAO, CMF, DD**, Bishop of the Prelature of Isabela, Basilan, Philippines
- Catholic Daily Prayers
- Liturgical and Sanctoral Roman Catholic Calendar
- Prayers for the Family (for husband, wife, children and family issues) and Prayers for Meetings
- Scriptural Rosary
- The Way of the Cross
- Guide in Praying with the Bible
- Biblical Prayers for a person in Danger or Very Sick
- A Guide to the Sacrament of Penance
- A Guide to the New English translation of the Roman Missal
- Table of Movable Dates of the Liturgical Calendar
- An Introduction and Explanation on the Liturgical Seasons by (+) **REV. FR. ANSCAR CHUPUNGCO, OSB**
- Illustrations by **REV. FR. ANTONINO "NICK" EUCAPOR, CMF**
- An Invitation to the readers to Lectio Divina on Sundays using the Four Simple Steps of READ (Lectio), REFLECT (Meditatio), PRAY (Oratio), and ACT (Actio)
- Weekday and Sunday Reflections by **REV. FR. JONATHAN A. BITOY, CMF**, author of *heart to Heart: A Collection of Traditional and New Prayer Conversations with God*, a booklet that contains prayers for different times of the day, prayers to the Triune God, prayers to Mary and the Saints, prayers for different situations and occasions, prayers for the family, prayers of different professions and callings.
- A QR Code linked to Youtube presenting the reflections by **REV. FR. FERNANDO ARMELLINI**, an Italian missionary and biblical scholar
- Hardbound covers are available in 3 colors (blue, red, and yellow)

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FEAST OF SANTO NINO

January 17, 2020 @ 12 noon Mass in the Garden.
After Mass, everyone is invited to dance with Santo Nino.
Due to the Covid, there will be No reception.
For mass sponsors, contact Cecile Perez at
925-300-6734.

Or for questions; Alma Espiritu at
925-775-4466 or; Ofelia Tanyag at 925-890-2066



2021- HOLY YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY

December 8, 2020, on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, our Pope Francis officially announced this year is the Year of St. Joseph as we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of St Joseph as Patron Saint of the Universal church declared by Pope Pius IX in 1870. The holy year of St. Joseph starts December 8, 2020 and ends December 8, 2021.

Pope Francis said the coronavirus pandemic has heightened his desire to reflect on St. Joseph, as so many people during the pandemic have made hidden sacrifices to protect others, just as St. Joseph quietly protected and cared for Mary and Jesus. "Each of us can discover in Joseph -- the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence - an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble," the pope wrote. He also said he wanted to highlight St. Joseph's role as a father who served his family with charity and humility, adding, "Our world today needs fathers."



What's also interesting to me is that no where in the Gospels do we hear Joseph speak. He never says anything. But he's a man of action: he does what the angel tells him; he takes Mary as his wife; he goes to Bethlehem; he finds a place to stay for the night; he takes his family to Egypt... and brings them back safely. He's a man of action – not a man of words. Truly actions speak louder than words. He acts because he trusts. Joseph is a man of trust. He trusts God; he trusts Mary and he trusts himself. No way he can accomplish his mission without putting his trust in God. He just does what the Angel commanded him to do. No question asked! And he did it.

My friends, trust! After all, we find ourselves having to trust people everyday. We trust whoever built our church that it's not going to fall in on our heads. We trust the bank with our money. We exercise trust all the time. We trust ourselves that our friends can be trusted. And we trust our God with our whole hearts and put our whole lives in his hands. That's how we trust him. Yes, St. Joseph is a man of action and trust for he is a man of humility. He acts. But he is never showing off his achievement. For deep down in his heart, he knows that God is the one who did it. We live in a society where the I and Ego are emphasized too much. We say "I can do it. You can do it." Wait a minute! Can you do it without God's help? So let's be humble like St. Joseph so everything we do is for God's glory.

St. Joseph has an important message for all Christians, especially for men. For men who have been called by God to be husbands and fathers, do we try to exercise our spousal and fatherly responsibility in the family as Joseph did? Through the example and prayers of St. Joseph, may we have the patience, courage, wisdom and strength to be ideal caregivers and providers for the families that God has placed in our charge. May each of us discover in Joseph -- the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, humble and hidden presence -- an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. St. Joseph, pray for us.

Please visit the website below for all the resources about the Holy Year of St. Joseph.

[apostolatestjoseph.org/who-is-st-joseph.php](https://www.apostolatestjoseph.org/who-is-st-joseph.php)<https://www.apostolatestjoseph.org/who-is-st-joseph.php>

Mass Intentions

January 4-10, 2021

Mass Intentions For The Week

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Mon	7:30 am	Birthday of Joslyn Navera
Tue	7:30 am	Death Anniversary of Marcial Butler Vilorio †
Wed	7:30 am	Alvaro Punla †
Thu	7:30 am	Benjamin Villafranca †
Fri	7:30 am	Jose Laxa †
Sat	8:00 am	Amor Castellano Marianna Mercurio †
Sat	5:30 pm	Sancho Alesna Sr. †
Sun	8:00 am	Robert Carpino †
	10 am	Carol Zbacnik †
	12 pm	Magno Nunez †
	3 pm	For the People of the Parish

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Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

Amen.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

ISAIAH 55:1-11, 1 JOHN 5:1-9, MARK 1:7-11

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

SEMINARY COLLECTION

Out of three bids for the fence we sent to the Diocese, they chose and approved the following bid. We are moving forward to get this fence built as soon as possible for the protection of our church properties. We would like to ask if you can help us with any dollar amount so we can get this project done. Thank you so much.



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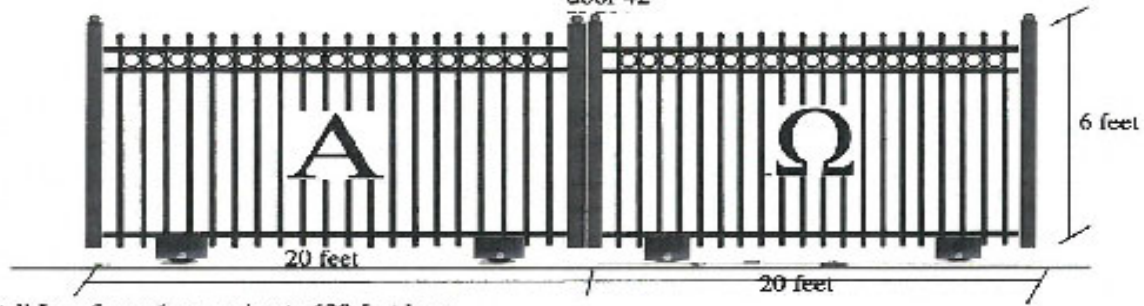
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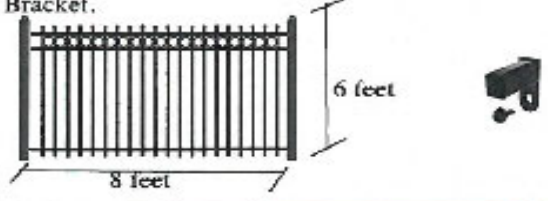
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SCOPE OF WORK BUILDING IRON FENCE AND SLIDING GATE * finish. powder coating gloss black.

* Furnish and install sliding doors 20' width X 6' high include lock. (quantities 3 door. A, B, C). one swing door 42"



* Furnish and install Iron fence (approximate 630 feet long and 6feet high. pickets 3/4 X 3/4 X 16 gauge. posts 3" X 3" X 14 gauge X 6' high. with Black Metal Fence Mounting Bracket.



Note: 1/ sliding gate will be 25 feet off of the sidewalk.
 2/ fence will be off of the sidewalk by 1 foot.

TOTAL: \$45,000.00

SIGN: