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## The Epiphany

OF THE LORD

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

### NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday

8am—12 pm & 1 pm-4pm

Fridays 9am– 3pm (covered by volunteers with limited service)

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon & 3 pm Spanish

Monday—Friday: 7:30 am

1st Fridays: 7 pm

Saturdays: 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

Holy Days: 7:30 am and 7 pm



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## Happy Epiphany!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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 actions 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 back yard 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 of gold, frankincense and myrrh that the Magi brought to Jesus have nothing to do with the birthday presents. But 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 of 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 to not give up when we are in times 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.

Bendiciones de Epifanía



**Sundays:** 8:00 a.m., 10:00 am, 12 noon & 3pm Spanish  
**Monday through Friday:** 7:30 a.m.  
**1st Fridays:** 7:00 pm  
**Saturdays:** 8:00 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)  
**Holy Days:** 7:30 am & 7:00 pm

**Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)/ Rosary** 7:00 am

**Confessions:** **Fridays: 8 am-9 am**  
**Saturdays: 4-5 pm or by appointment**

**Adoration: Fridays: 8 am-9 am; 1st Fridays: 8 am-7pm**  
**Adoration in the Chapel** (door code required-call parish office).

**Devotions:** Divine Mercy Monday-Friday after 7:30 am Mass  
 Our Lady of Fatima/Perpetual Help~1st Saturday  
 Santo Niño~2nd Saturday  
 Divine Mercy~3rd Saturday  
 Saint Padre Pio~4th Saturday  
 Healing Mass~5th Saturday

(All devotions take place following 8:00 am Mass)

**Baptisms:** In order to make baptismal arrangements contact  
[carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org](mailto:carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org)

**Marriages:** In order to make marriage arrangements contact  
[carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org](mailto:carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org) 6 months prior to marriage date.

**Funeral Arrangements:** Should be arranged by family, church and mortuary. Normal Christian burial consists of Vigil Service, Holy Mass and Burial in a Catholic Cemetery. Any other arrangements should be discussed with parish priest.

## HOMEBOUND MINISTRY IS NOW BACK IN SERVICE

If you know someone who is sick or homebound that needs to receive Holy Communion at home, contact Bill Abitz at 925-872-5852 or Deacon Gustavo at 925-783-0656. We will have our ministers bring Jesus to them. Thank You.

### Wanted Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

If you would like to become closer to the Lord and you are:

Baptized, Confirmed, Married in the Catholic Church and are a practicing Catholic, then you meet the requirements and this just may be the ministry for you!

If you're interested in becoming an Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion please contact Ann & Bill Abitz at 925 432-3995.



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## 2021 Bishop's Appeal

**Our goal this year is: \$35,600.00.**

**We are at 67.85% of Goal.**

**Please help us reach our goal**

**Thank You!**

### MARRIAGE CONVALIDATION OPPORTUNITY

Dear All Civilly Married Couples,

You might have chosen not to marry in the Church for various reasons.

Now, worry no more.

Let's get your marriage convalidated!  
**IT IS ALL FREE OF CHARGE!**

We are going to have a group marriage convalidation here in our church on August 13 at 11am.

To prepare for this celebration, we will have an "on site" marriage preparation session which will take place on March 12th from 9am to 3pm.

If you are interested in getting your marriage convalidated, please contact our parish office for registration.

*Attention!* We accept only couples that are currently civilly married, and have never been previously married or divorced.

Fr. Thi Hoang



*With God as our Leader,  
may we be prepared to live  
another year under His guidance.*

Fr. Arn, Fr. Thi, Deacon Gustavo and the staff wish all of you a grace filled New Year. May God grant us good health and keep us safe.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022**


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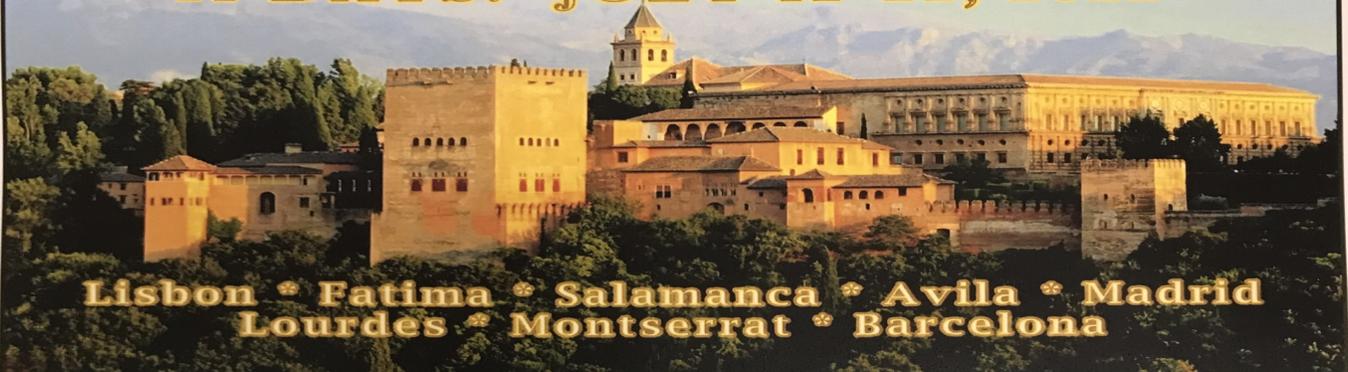
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## Mass Intentions

Jan 3—9

## Mass Intentions For The Week

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- Mon 7:30 am Bernice Stormes †
- Tue 7:30 am Birthday of Joslyn Navera
- Wed 7:30 am Death Anniversary of  
Marcel Butler Vioria †
- Thu 7:30 am Birthday of Jimmy Roberts
- Fri 7:30 am Robert Carpino †
- 7:00 pm Birthday of John Mangante Jr.
- Sat 8:00 am Rosalina Espino Carandang &  
James Bruno Sr. †
- 5:30 pm Paul Orlando †
- Sun 8:00 am Dora Becker †
- 10 am Birthday of Ruby Stewart †
- 12 pm 22nd Wedding Anniversary of  
John & Mary Del Carmen
- 3 pm FOR THE PEOPLE



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### WEEKLY COLLECTION RECAP

#### Weekend of December 19

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT)	\$9,376.40
2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT)	\$3,087.75
<i>(Christmas Flower Fund)</i>	

***Thank you!***

Please help contribute for the smooth operation and good services of our parish. We appreciate your generosity and for making Good Shepherd a part of your family.

Also, please remember Good Shepherd when planning your last will and testament.

**Thank you!**

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11, Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7,  
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

**Diocesan Vocations**



**Santo Nino Feast Day**  
**Sunday, January 23, 2022 at 12 pm Mass and reception to follow.**

If you would like to make a Mass offering for your special intentions. Please contact our ministries coordinators:  
 Alma Espiritu at 925-597-2515 or Ofelia 925-427-1197.

The Santo Niño de Cebú is a Roman Catholic title of the Child Jesus associated with a religious image of the Christ Child widely venerated as miraculous by Filipino Catholics. It is the oldest Christian artifact in the Philippines, originally a gift from explorer Ferdinand Magellan to Rajah Humabon and his chief consort on account of their Christian baptism in 1521.



**Parish Crab Feed Dinner**  
**Saturday, February 19 at 5 pm**  
**\$60/Person**

*Call the parish office to make reservation.*  
*More details to follow closer to the date.*

**Good Shepherd Parish Crab Feed**  
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