



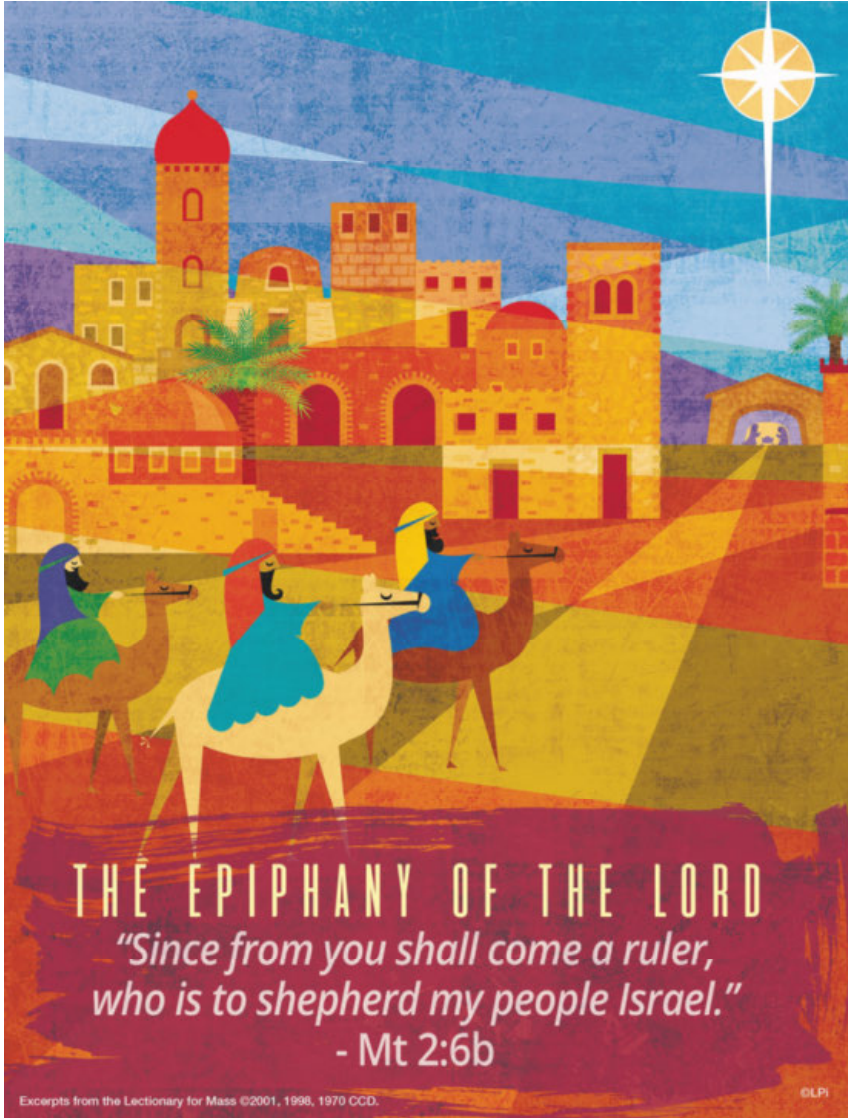
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The Epiphany of the Lord

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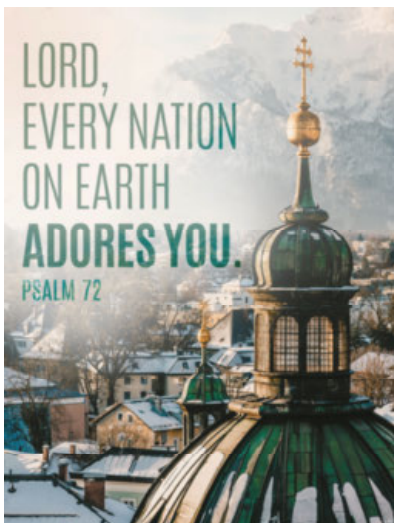
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the parish community at Our Lady of the Assumption Church is to proclaim the Word of God more fully, to gain a more intimate knowledge of God through our Catholic traditions, and to serve the people of God, especially in our efforts to meet the needs of the poor in our community, and when possible around the world. We strive to build a sense of community among our parishioners, with the entire family of God.

LORD,
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PSALM 72



GOSPEL MEDITATION

January 2, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction.

This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption.

We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus.

God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities.



For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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Richard McClintock	Nancy Colleran	Vicente Flores
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Gutierrez Family	Jackie Doyle	Salvador Beltran
Debbie McGee	Tamsyn R Holmquist	
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STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

January 2, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord Stewardship Gifts "...They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." (MATTHEW 2:11) What gifts do Stewards give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

<https://camdendiocese.org/stewardship>



SATURDAY, JAN 01

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10:00AM † Mariano Silveira

5:00PM † Joanne Kelley

by Marie Mauer

SUNDAY, JAN 02

The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 AM † Jane Melanson

by Mary Jo Tataishi

9:00 AM † Janice Kostal

by Frank Romano

11:00 AM † Rodney Grossman

by Friends and Family

7:30PM All Parishioners

MONDAY, JAN 03

8:00AM † Dorothy Emms

by Selewics Family

TUESDAY, JAN 04

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:00AM † Philip Klaas

by Olguin Family

WEDNESDAY, JAN 05

Saint John Neumann, Bishop

8:00AM † Pat and Anne Cummings

by Olguin Family

THURSDAY, JAN 06

8:00AM † Philip Klaas

by John P & Judy Schoeder

FRIDAY, JAN 07

8:00AM † Bill Portillo & Amelia San Miguel

by Portillo Family

SATURDAY, JAN 08

5:00PM † Joanne Kelley

by Marie Mauer

† Molly Garcia

by Garcia Family

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Solemnity of the Epiphany

The mystery of the incarnation - Jesus is a gift to all humanity.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Step One: **Listen to the Word**

As you listen to this familiar story again today, what one word or thought really struck you? What image do you take away from this reading?

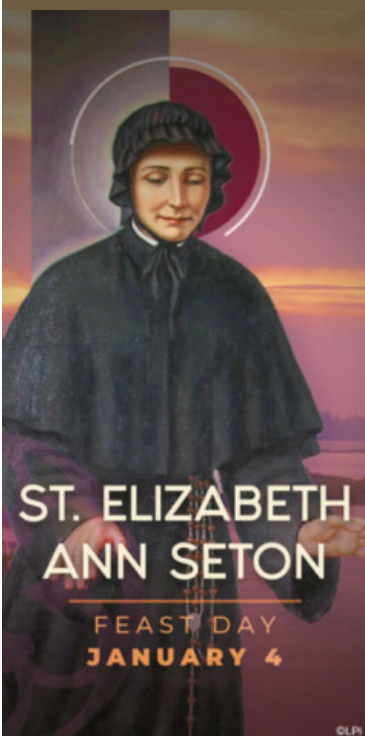
Step Two: **Look into Your Life**

Question for Children: In your life, who helps you to see Jesus in other people such as a classmate or a friend?

Question for Youth: The star guided the Magi to Jesus. What are the people or events who have guided you in your relationship with Jesus?

Question for Adults: How this past week did you demonstrate God's love at home and at work?

<https://lifelongcatechesis.osv.com/>



JOIN OUR OLA COMMUNITY

Are you attending Mass regularly at Our Lady of the Assumption Church but are not registered? Register today as a parishioner. Visit the following link:

<https://olaparish.net/community/register-us> and follow a few simple steps, and you are done.

If you prefer in person, you can fill out a form at our parish office, which is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Registration forms are also available at the Church. Ask an usher for details.

If you are returning to an active Catholic life, we are happy to facilitate a smooth and joy-filled transition. May you find fellowship, peace, and serenity in our community.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Eduíno, Pastor.



FOR THESE GIFTS WE ARE GRATEFUL!

Weekend Offertory 12/19/21 \$ 5,373.67
E-Giving 12/20/21 to 12/26/21 \$ 3,557.25

TOTAL \$ 8,930.92

Christmas Offering 12/05/21 to 12/26/21 \$24,386

Average weekly budget amount \$12,000.00

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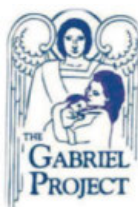
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- Click on Donate.
- This will take you to our “Contribute” page, where you will find the **WeShare** link to enroll and start making your donation.



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OUR PARISH

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, Jan 02

The Epiphany of the Lord
7:30am-9:00am-11:00am-
7:30pm
10:30pm Flame Meeting -
St. Paul's Room

Monday, Jan 03

8:00am Mass
7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop
328 - St. John's Hall.

Tuesday, Jan 04

8:00am Mass
8:30—7:00pm Adoration in
the Church

Wednesday, Jan 05

8:00am Mass
11:00am Martha & Mary
Gathering - St. John's Hall.
7:00pm RCIA—Affinito Hall -
Meeting Room 3
7:30 pm Neocatechists - St.
John's Hall

Thursday, Jan 06

8:00am Mass
8:30—7:00pm Adoration in
the Church

Friday, Jan 07

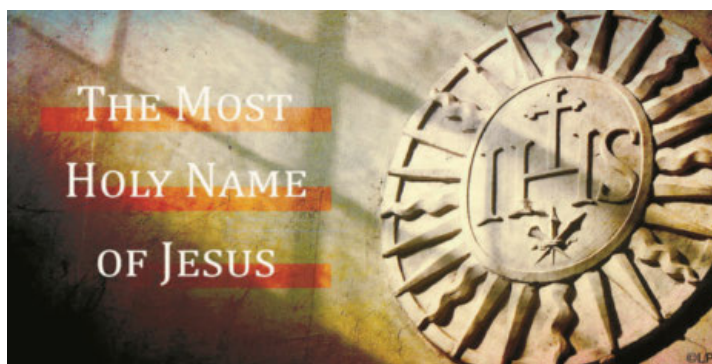
8:00 am Mass

Saturday, Jan 08

5:00pm Mass
11:00am Alanon Meeting -
Affinito Hall - Meeting
Room 3
7:30 pm Neocatechists - St.
John's Hall

Sunday, Jan 09

Baptism of the Lord
7:30am-9:00am-11:00am &
7:30pm Mass
10:00am Faith Formation
Classes - Bannon Hall
10:30am Flame Meeting - St.
Paul's Room
12:00 Baptism - Church



DEADLINES

BULLETIN WEEKEND DATES

ARTICLE DUE

Jan 08-Jan 09

Dec 31

Jan 15-Jan 16

Jan 07

Jan 22-Jan 23

Jan 14

Registration is Now Open!



Catechetical Foundations



Catechetical Foundations is a course for anyone in the Diocese of Sacramento who wishes to gain an understanding of the fundamentals of the Christian faith and how to pass it on to others.

In particular, it is for parish leaders, catechists, teachers, homeschooling parents, and those involved in pastoral or liturgical ministries.

www.scd.org/catecheticalfoundations

THE NEXT SESSION STARTS:
January 3, 2022

Structure

- 8 Units (1 per month)
- Each Unit ends with a live session (virtual option available)
- About 1 hour per week at your own pace
- Cohort style
- Cost is \$20 per month

Contact:

 Lauralyn Solano
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*Completion of this course fulfills the curriculum requirement for Basic Catechist/Minister Certification

Let us take some time to pray for the unborn, their mothers and fathers, and pray for state and federal laws that harm those most vulnerable.



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Questions? Moises De Leon, Associate Director, Family & Respect Life Ministry
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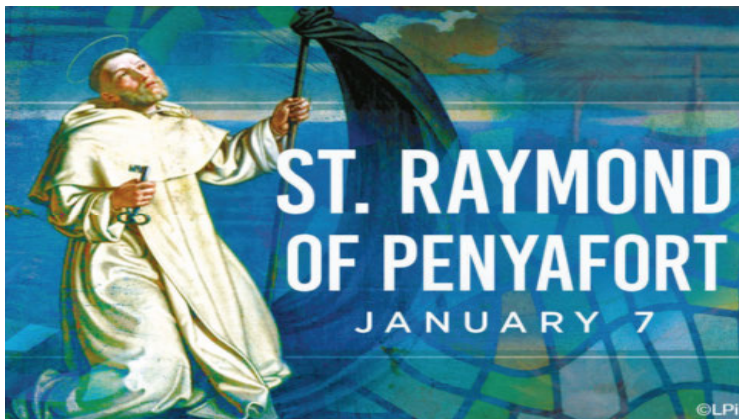
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HUMOR

IF JESUS IS GOING TO BE KING OF THE WORLD, AND I'M SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE JESUS, THEN I'M GOING TO BE KING OF THE WORLD!



LET'S NOT CONFUSE BEING LIKE JESUS WITH BEING JESUS.



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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

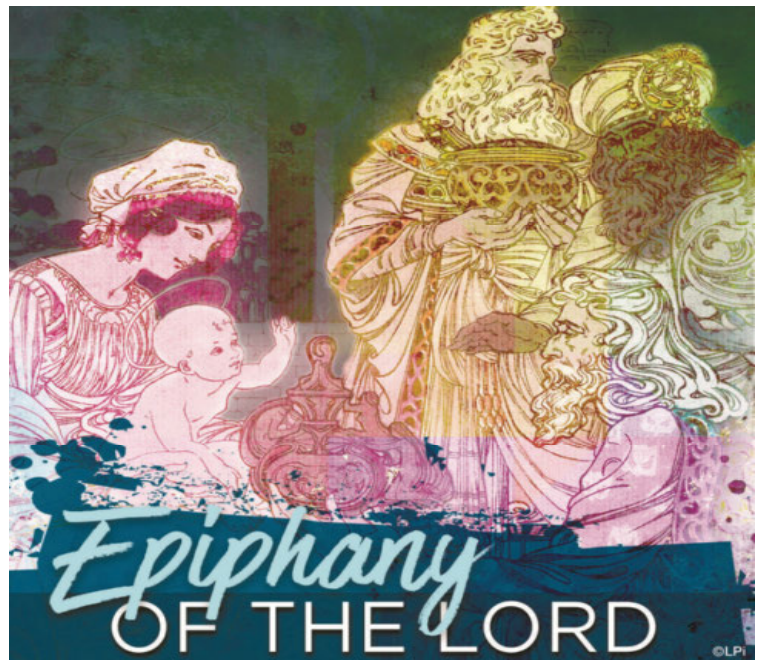
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SPIRITUAL GROWTH

LIVE THE LITURGY

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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Let's all pray for
**Daphne Johnson and
Molly Garcia,**

who recently passed away.

O Lord, grant them eternal rest
and let perpetual light shine on
them. May the souls of all the
faithful departed, by the mercy
of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

Join Us For
Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Annual

TOUCH OF ITALY Pasta Dinner EVENT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22ND
6:30PM (DOORS OPEN @ 6 PM)

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OUR LADY OF THE
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SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2021

Saturday, January 1, 2022: Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, Mass at 10:00 am.

Sunday, January 2: The Epiphany of the Lord (usual Mass schedule)

Monday January 3: Rosary (Joyful Mysteries) at 6:30 pm in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, January 4: Adoration in the church 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

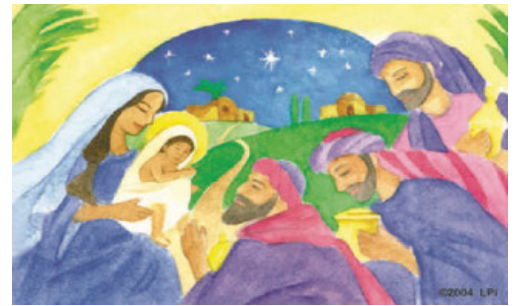
Thursday, January 6: Adoration in the church 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Sunday, January 9: Baptism of the Lord (usual Mass schedule)

**Make 2022
YOUR YEAR!**

THANK YOU!!!

On behalf of Father Eduino and the Liturgy Committee, I want to extend a Thank You to everyone who gave their time during this busy time of the year to help with the decorating of our church for the Christmas celebration. The simple beauty that adorned the altar and surrounding area of the church was breath-taking. God bless you all and may the New Year bring you love, joy and strength.



Special Event for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on January 18, 2022

You are invited to a Special Event on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 from 3:00-8:00 p.m. during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme is: ***We have seen his star in the East and have come to pay homage to him*** (cf. Matthew 2:2).

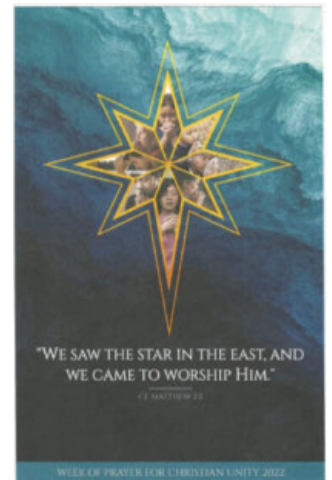
Panel Discussion (3:00 – 4:15 p.m.) *Uniting as Christians, as we pay homage to Christ.*

Featured Speaker (4:30 – 5:00 p.m.) *The gift of the star is a sign of hope during today's troubled times.*

Dinner (5:15 – 6:15 p.m.)

Worship Prayer Service (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.)

This Special Event will be held at **Westminster Presbyterian Church (1300 N Street, Sacramento)**, and also will be available through Livestream (link information will be announced soon). There is no charge for this event. If you are interested or have questions, please contact **Deacon Dennis Gorsuch**, NSEC Chair, at (916) 984-8550, or E-mail: dennisgorsuch@comcast.net.





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