

Dear Padre,

I've been asked to be a godparent. I'm honored but also a little hesitant. What does a godparent have to do?

Congratulations. It is an honor to be a godparent. Hesitancy is appropriate, too, as it is also a responsibility. The Church takes baptism very seriously. As a godparent/sponsor, you represent the larger Catholic community into which the child is being received. Church law requires several qualifications for being a godparent/sponsor. As a Catholic, you should have been baptized, confirmed, and received the Eucharist. You must be a practicing Catholic and at least sixteen years old (though some dioceses may have other age requirements). You should understand the meaning of baptism and the responsibilities that you will undertake on behalf of the Church.

Parishes often include godparents in the baptismal preparation programs they offer to parents. This baptismal instruction might challenge you to examine your life. The power of your good example cannot be emphasized enough. A child may not understand the behavior of adults, but the child sees their actions. You cannot tell a child to pray if you yourself don't pray.

Don't be scared off by all this. You are being invited to participate in the most important day of this child's life and to continue being involved as the child lives and grows. Don't let it be just a day of pictures and a party. If you let it, this day may change your life, too. ●

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
January 9 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i> Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38 Mt 3:13-17	January 10 <i>Weekday</i> Heb 2:5-12 Mk 1:21-28	January 11 <i>Weekday</i> Heb 2:14-18 Mk 1:29-39	January 12 <i>Weekday</i> Heb 3:7-14 Mk 1:40-45	January 13 <i>Weekday</i> Heb 4:1-5, 11 Mk 2:1-12	January 14 <i>Weekday</i> Heb 4:12-16 Mk 2:13-17	January 15 <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Is 49:3, 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

How many foreigners, including persons of other religions, give us an example of values that we sometimes forget or set aside! Those living beside us, who may be scorned and sidelined because they are foreigners, can instead teach us how to walk on the path that the Lord wishes.

HOMILY, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, OCTOBER 9, 2016



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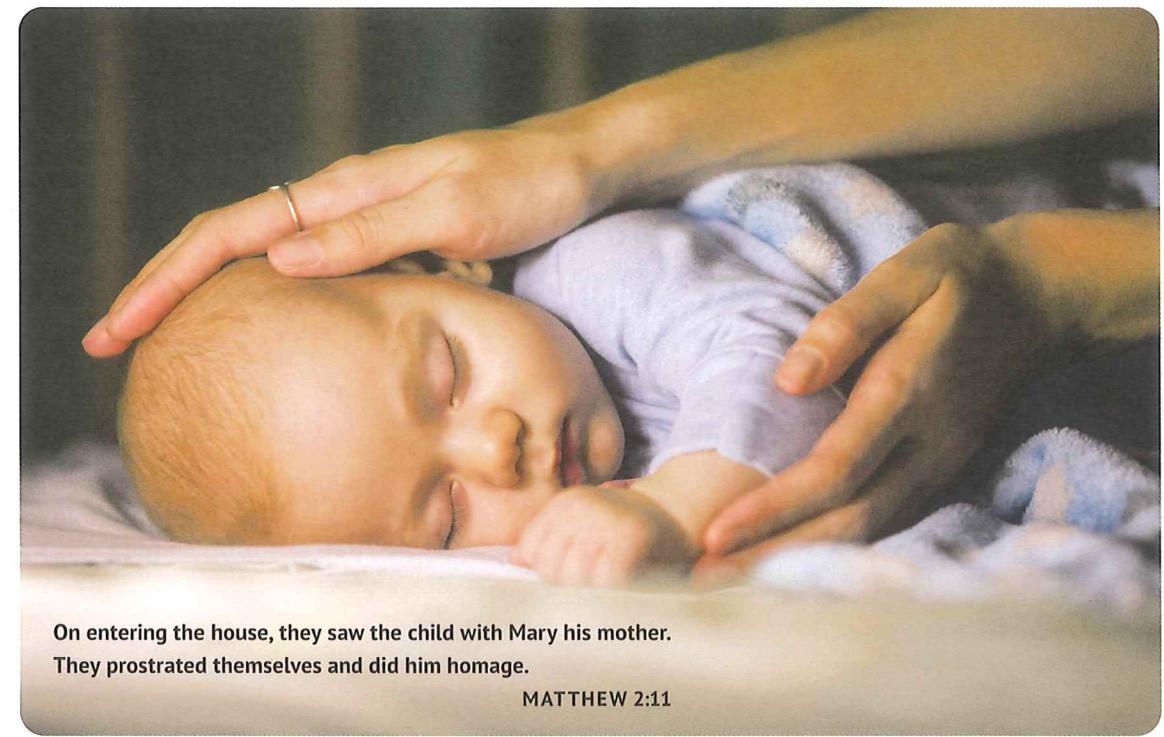


Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 8, 2023

Epiphany of the Lord (A)

Isaiah 60:1-6 / Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 / Matthew 2:1-12



On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother.
They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

MATTHEW 2:11

A Trip Called Life

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One way to pray with sacred Scripture is to ask, "How is this biblical story my story?" So then, how is the story of the Magi our story?

Like those journeyers from the East, we may sense there is more to our lives than what is now. Some inner angst can send us on a life search without really knowing where it will take us or even what we are really seeking. Yet through it all we are led by an inner star that lures us on. Some might call it a spiritual journey.

Like the Magi who stopped in Jerusalem and asked if anyone knew something about what they were seeking, we begin asking around. Some people we ask aren't sure what we are asking, like Herod. Others seem able to offer suggestions, but for our purposes it is not an answer but only points the way.

Then one day we happen to stumble on what we've been looking for all along. Some people call it a religious experience. To describe it to someone else, we might be at a loss for words. Yet it touches us so deeply that it seems to change our lives. We begin to let go of what we once thought was so important—the gold, frankincense, and myrrh of our lives. And like the Wise Men, we journey on with our lives, except by a different route, sensing that the path we had thus far traveled was no longer a safe journey home. ●

Reflect

**Is anything of the Magi story also your story?
If so, reflect on yours.**



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SOLEMNITY OF THE EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD (White)

01/07/2023 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.
Servers: Volunteer, Jason Velasco, Ryann Bamberger

Reader: Karen Burden
E.O.HC: Rosemary & Tom Bachman

01/08/2023 –Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
Servers: Kirbe Koons, Joleigh Lohman-Fuller, Volunteer

Reader: Mike Broeckelman
E.O.HC: Alvin Bergkamp, Bob Woodrow

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (color: Green)

01/14/2023 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.
Servers: Lucy Gannett, Jonathan Gannett, Nathan Gannett

Reader: Tom Bachman
E.O.H.C: Debbie Frederick, Gwen Waechter

01/15/2023–Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
Servers: Kingston Guerrero, Cade Berning, Jace Berning

Reader: Hannah Schauf
E.O.H.C: Mike & Cindy Broeckelman

Karen Burden, Rel.Edu. Committee	355-6388
Lisa Gannett, DRE	355-6611
RCIA	355-6405
Gwen Waechter, Parish Council Chair	272-1030
Tressa Powers, Finance Council Chair	355-6206
Altar Society President, Nanette Rice	355-7676
Tom Bachman, Grand Knight	640-8259
Prayer Line Starters, Allison Bushek	355-1696
& Nanette Rice	355-7676

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Jan. 7	4:00 p.m.	Bridget & Tony White
Sunday, Jan. 8	9:00 p.m.	Chuck Sullivan
Monday, Jan. 9	8:30 p.m.	Charles & Eileen Hoff
Tuesday, Jan. 10	8:30 a.m.	Charles & Eileen Hoff
Thursday, Jan. 12	8:30 a.m.	For Moisture
Friday, Jan. 13	8:30 a.m.	Carter Brown
Saturday, Jan. 14	4:00 p.m.	Mike Dykstra
Sunday, Jan. 15	9:00 a.m.	Suellen Bergkamp

Reconciliation: Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. or by appointment.

Baptism: Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Marriage: Please contact parish priest at least four to six months before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage

Many people really don't like heading down a different path. We like what is familiar. And so we often do things the way we always did them before. We tend to continue thinking the same way; Acting the same way; Seeing the same way.

It can be a little scary to step out into the unknown, to embrace things we never have embraced before. Yet, what we must be careful to never forget, what the story of the magi can teach each of us, is that following the path God wants for each of us --- the path of kindness and generosity and compassion and love --- always has the best of all possible endpoints, the best of all possible destinations home.

That's where the magi were headed. Not the same as they were before, not by the same route, but rather changed by the transforming power of our God--- our God who came to us as a baby long, long ago and continues to come to us in order to lead the world down a completely different path --- the path we were meant to walk all along.

Can we do it? Can we forgive someone we've been reluctant to --- and head in a new direction? Can we try to understand people who are very different from ourselves --- and head in a new direction? Can we give more than we have ever given before --- and head in a new direction? And can we love people we find so hard to love --- and head in a new direction? Let's observe what the magi did, "they departed . . . by a different route." May that not only be the choice of the magi, but may it be the choice each of us makes too. Fr. Peter

COLLECTION for January 1, 2023: Envelopes: \$5910; Loose: \$213.31; Online Giving: \$857.14; Total 6980.45
Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17. Income over/under +5219.28

CHURCH PROJECT GOAL \$52000—Building Fund To Date: \$19000.27 *Thank you so much for your love for our parish church and your faithful stewards.*

PARISH BREAKFAST—SUNDAY JANUARY 29—RIGHT AFTER MASS You are invited to join us for food & fellowship on January 29th served by our K of C Council.

BUDGET SHOP We will be working at the Budget Shop on Saturday, January 14th and Tuesday, January 17. Please keep these dates on your busy calendars and try to save a few hours to help us. We are open on Saturdays and Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Any help will be greatly appreciated. And “Thank You” ahead of time.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK (**Opening Prayer for the Epiphany of the Lord**) O God, who on this day revealed your only begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold beauty of your sublime glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK - (Matthew 2:1-12)

The magi In the fifth century BC the Greek historian Herodotus wrote that the magi, originally from Medes, exercised a priestly role. They also prophesied and interpreted dreams. In truth, we don't know for sure who they were. Our uncertainty about the identity of the magi enhances the wonder and drama of their visit.

The star Matthew presents the magi as being able to interpret celestial events. At the time of Jesus, many people believed that the appearance of a star, a comet, or a planet was a sign. In this case, the star signified that a future king had been born. Some biblical scholars also see a connection to the pagan prophet Balaam. He prophesied that the one who would defeat the enemies of Israel would be like a star advancing from Jacob (Numbers 24:17).

Kings As current king of the Jews, Herod is shaken by the news that a potential usurper has been born. The negative reaction of all Jerusalem (v.3) points ahead to the ultimate rejection of Jesus, as does Herod's attempt to kill the child (v.16f). The magi, meanwhile, offer gifts to the child as was customary when visiting a monarch. These gifts recall the prophecy from the first reading. Because Matthew lists three specific gifts, Christians later assumed that there were three magi.

Homage When entering the presence of a ruler, it was customary to prostrate oneself or bow down (v.11). The magi's obeisance foreshadows the worship of Jesus as Son of God (14:33, 28:17). The magi's homage also points ahead to Jesus' command to his followers to make disciples of all nations (28:19). The magi represent the Gentiles who will be receptive to the story of Jesus.

UNDERSTANDING THE FIRST READING (Isaiah 60:1-6)

The dark past The Babylonians destroyed Jerusalem by 585 BC and decimated the population. The Persians came to power about fifty years later. They permitted the Jews to rebuild their lives in Jerusalem, but few Jews had returned by the time this prophecy was spoken.

The glorious future In this passage the prophet personifies Jerusalem. He tells the city to rise up from the ashes of devastation (v.1). God's glory descends upon her alone (v.2). Her children, the descendants of Jews displaced by the Babylonians, are coming home (v.4). Gentiles, who haven't known the ways of the LORD (v.2a), are now drawn to Jerusalem by God's light. They bring wealth with which they will rebuild the city and temple (vv.5b-6, also 10f). The frankincense is for use in the temple, which indicates that everyone who once worshiped other gods will worship the LORD alone.

Everyone everywhere In the larger passage from which this reading was chosen, we hear of people coming to Jerusalem from every direction. They even cross the sea. Gentiles from all over the world will worship the LORD and honor his chosen people.

STEWARSHIP REFLECTION

Like the Magi, we bring our gifts to the King—our time, talent and treasure, not on camels, but in our hearts. The Herods of the world seek to reroute our gifts, so we must be mindful, intentional and generous with them. Let's be that star guiding the expecting souls to the epiphany of Christ!

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF GOD—Bless this mess:

Do a perimeter walk of your home. What do you see? Each room tells a story, every corner contains a chapter about who lives here and what happens between these walls. *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers* recommends we bless our homes annually on Epiphany in imitation of the wise ones who once followed the divine presence to a humble dwelling. What sort of blessing might each area need? What requires a blessing: the kitchen table, living room sofa, or home office desk? A child's room or elder's sickbed? Don't forget the front door—the passageway to every other story that involves us. (Prepare the Word)

SOLEMNIDAD DE LA EPIFANÍA DEL DIOS—Benidice este desorden:

Recorre el perímetro de tu casa. ¿Qué ves? Cada habitación cuenta una historia, cada rincón contiene un capítulo sobre quién vive aquí y qué ocurre entre estas paredes. *Las Bendiciones y Oraciones Católicas para el Hogar* recomiendan que bendigamos nuestros hogares anualmente en Epifanía, a imitación de los sabios que una vez siguieron la presencia divina hasta una humilde morada. ¿Qué tipo de bendición puede necesitar cada zona? ¿Qué requiere una bendición: la mesa de la cocina, el sofá del salón o la mesa del estudio? ¿La habitación de un niño o el lecho de enfermo de un anciano? No te olvides de la puerta de entrada: el pasaje a todas las demás historias que nos incluyen.

PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE

Dodge City

JANUARY 28

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 10:00 A.M.
WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ABORTION?
DODGE CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
- 10:30 A.M.
PILGRIMAGE TO CHURCHES
DCMS TO CATHEDRAL/CROSS CONNECTION
- 11:00 A.M.
HOLY MASS
CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
- 11:00 A.M.
PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, & MEAL
CROSS CONNECTION
- 12:00 P.M.
LUNCH
CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



PEREGRINACIÓN POR LA VIDA

Dodge City

28 DE ENERO

HORARIO DEL EVENTO

- 10:00 A.M.
¿QUÉ DICE LA BIBLIA ACERCA DEL ABORTO? (INGLÉS)
EN EL AUDITORIO DE LA ESCUELA INTERMEDIA DE DODGE CITY.
- 10:30 A.M.
PEREGRINACIÓN A LAS IGLESIAS
DE LA ESCUELA INTERMEDIA PARA LA CATEDRAL O
PARA LA IGLESIA CROSS CONNECTION
- 11:00 A.M.
SANTA MISA (BILINGÜE)
EN LA CATEDRAL DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE
GUADALUPE
- 11:00 A.M.
ORACIÓN, ACOMPAÑERISMO Y COMIDA EN LA
IGLESIA CROSS CONNECTION
- 12:00 P.M.
COMIDA EN LA CATEDRAL DE NUESTRA SEÑORA
DE GUADALUPE



NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS NEEDS YOU!

SIGN UP FOR NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS Individual registration for the National Eucharistic Congress in July 2024 has been extended to February 2023. If you are interested in learning more about the Congress and possibly being part of a diocesan delegation to the July 17-21, 2024 Congress in Indianapolis, please contact Father Tim S. Hickey as soon as possible at tshickey@icloud.com or at 203-996-7854 (text/voice). This is not a commitment to attend but only an expression of your interest in the Congress. Please be sure to include the number of tickets you are interested in and your parish.

¡EL CONGRESO EUCARÍSTICO NACIONAL TE NECESITA!

INSCRIPCIÓN PARA EL CONGRESO EUCARÍSTICO NACIONAL La inscripción individual para el Congreso Eucarístico Nacional de julio de 2024 se ha extendido a febrero de 2023. Si está interesado en obtener más información sobre el Congreso y posiblemente ser parte de una delegación diocesana al Congreso del 17 al 21 de julio de 2024 en Indianápolis, comuníquese con el Padre Tim S. Hickey lo antes posible en tshickey@icloud.com o en 203 -996-7854 (texto/llamar). Esto no es un compromiso de asistir sino solo una expresión de su interés en el Congreso. Asegúrese de incluir la cantidad de boletos que le interesan y su parroquia.