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JANUARY 7, 2024

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

THE WISE STILL SEEK HIM



MASS TIMES

M-W-F-SAT 8:15 AM

TU-TH 12:15 PM

SAT (VIGIL) 4:30 PM

SUNDAY

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

12:15 PM (Spanish)

CONFESSIONS

WED 5:00 PM

SAT 9:00 AM

OFFICE HOURS

MON - TUES - THUR:

9:00 AM-7:00 PM

WED: 9:00-10:00 AM

& 1:00 - 7:00 PM

FRI - SUN: CLOSED



Happy Sunday of the Epiphany!

2024 is here and we are off and running. I hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year. It was great to see so many of you and your families as well as those who were visiting. I am grateful to our staff and volunteers who helped everything go so smoothly.

This Sunday we celebrate the Epiphany. The Church has directed our attention on this feast towards three different events in the life of Christ: The Magi presenting their gifts to the Christ child, the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan, and the Wedding at Cana. Each of these events in their own way represent Christ being acknowledged publicly, or manifested to the nations. While at the Transfiguration the focus is on Jesus' divinity being acknowledged, today's feast is one of the person of Jesus Christ being presented to the nations. The Magi come from the East, the crowds come from Jerusalem at the baptism, and at the Wedding at Cana his first public miracle is seen. This weekend we can ask God for the grace to play our own part in presenting Jesus Christ to the nations. The Church does not live in maintenance mode after hundreds of years of missionary efforts, rather we are continually invited to go out and share the good news of Jesus Christ. By our baptism and confirmation each of us is equipped to partake in this work.

I hope everyone has a great week. Know of my prayers!

In Christ,
Fr. Connealy

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Do you have time and energy to serve as a foster parent? Has it crossed your mind to help foster children by providing a nurturing home? Do you have questions because you are curious?

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 8

8:15 am Dcn. Joseph Nguyen
Sean Dean
Bill & Peggy Kruse †
Louise Gray †
Albert "Al" Vogel †
Barbara Ann Amuso †

Tuesday, January 9

12:15 pm Bill & Peggy Kruse †

Wednesday, January 10

8:15 am Joe Contreras † & Donald Rosalez †

Thursday, January 11

12:15 pm Diane Bickert
Laura Thorson
Richard Bregant †
Mary McGuire †
Bill & Peggy Kruse †
Ryan Evans †

Friday, January 12

8:15 am Carmen Herrera †

Saturday, January 13

8:15 am The Scroggins Family
4:30 pm Maria Jesus Rodriguez

Sunday, January 14

8:00 am Jerry & Christine Sanchez †
10:00 am La Nguyen †
12:15 pm SFdA Parishioners

Please call the Parish Office for Mass Intention requests

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

During this time of the *National Eucharistic Revival* — from now until June 2025 — please consider spending time with Our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. Pray for Jesus to increase your faith in His True Presence and His unfailing love and mercy. It is an ideal time for the whole family to pray together. *Come be with the Lord!*

To sign up, please contact the Division Leader in charge of the time block in which you are interested:

Midnight-5 am - Becky Castillo

928-853-7976 • rmbekycastillo@gmail.com

6-11 am - Margaret Moan

928-774-3801 • margaretmoan@gmail.com

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Registration for Verso L'alto, our middle school youth group, and Quo Vadis, our high school youth group, is now open!
 Please go to the Formation tab at **sfdaparish.org** to find out more and to register.



Middle School
 MONDAYS 6-7:30 PM
Christmas break until Jan. 8th!



QUO VADIS - High School
 WEDNESDAYS 7-8:30 PM

Christmas break until Jan. 10th!

Please prayerfully consider financially supporting our amazing opportunities of encounter with the Lord by donating to our Envelop Mission either in the Parish Office or online. Thank you!

PARISH WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

MONDAY - JAN. 8 - 6 PM
IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROOM

All women of the Parish are cordially invited to join us for our January meeting. Our guest speaker will be Deacon Joseph Nguyen, who was recently ordained a Transitional Deacon in December.

This evening of fellowship and fun is a great way to begin the New Year! Please contact Mary Margaret Johnson at 928-607-6751, or call the Parish Office at 928-779-1341 if you have any questions, or would like more information.



BREAKFAST EVERYONE?

The Knights of Columbus will be serving their delicious pancakes next Sunday, January 14th after the 8 and 10 am Masses. Only \$6 per person (\$3 for Children age 10 and under)—or \$20 maximum per family. They will also be selling their great breakfast burritos for only \$3 each. All net proceeds go towards the Knights' various charitable causes. The 5th KC 1,000 raffle drawing will take place after the 8 am Mass.



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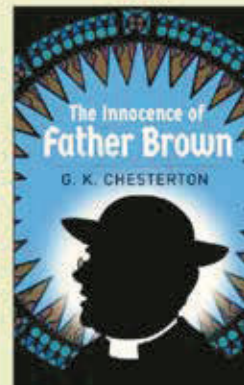
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Catholic Book Club

January 18th

The Innocence of Father Brown
 by G.K. Chesterton



- We will also be voting on what to read in the rest of 2024 at the January meeting!
- **February 15th:**
A Severe Mercy by Sheldon Vanauken

3rd Thursday of each month
 6:00 - 7:30 pm
 Padre Pio Room

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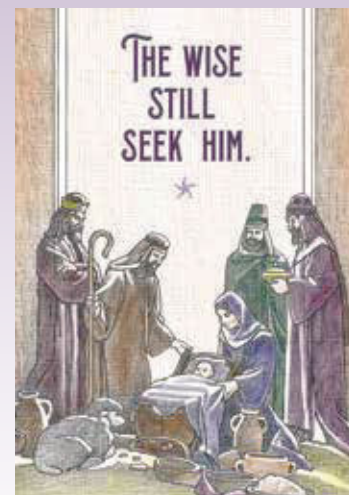
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R.E. is currently on Christmas Break until January 8-9! A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the Christmas Eve Children's Nativity Play and Choir such a beautiful success!

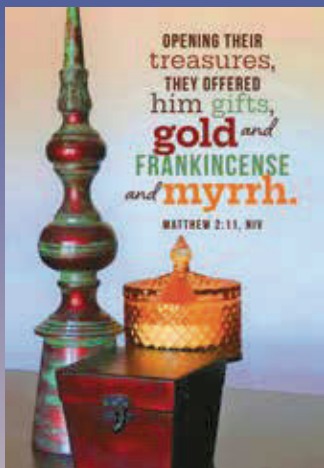
R.E. news & updates are sent through Flocknote emails & texts to registered families. For more information, please contact Cathy Carlsen at ccarlsen@sfdaparish.org, or calling 928-779-1341

the Franciscan Corner



The Admonitions

XVII THE HUMBLE SERVANT OF GOD : Blessed is that servant (Mt 24:46) who does not pride himself on the good that the Lord says or does through him any more than on what He says or does through another. That person sins who wishes to receive more from his neighbor than what he is willing to give of himself to the Lord God.



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What is Epiphany?

At the time of Jesus' birth, it was commonly believed that a new star would appear whenever a new ruler was born. The Father in Heaven used this belief to honor His Son Who was born as the new King. The Magi from the East were astrologers. When they saw this "new star," they chose to follow it to discover the new King.

Creation itself, in the form of a star, pointed the way, thus giving glory to the newborn King, manifesting Him to the whole world as symbolized by the Magi.

The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation." Therefore, as we honor this moment in time when the Christ Child was made manifest to the world, we need to look into our own hearts. There, we discover Christ's ongoing manifestation to us so that we can worship Him Who has also chosen to be born within our hearts. We must diligently seek out that manifestation of God within us and respond to it in the same ways that the Magi responded.

First of all, the Magi were determined. When they saw a sign from the heavens that pointed to a new King, they stopped everything and departed in haste to find Him. When God speaks to you and manifests Himself to you in some way, nothing could be more important than to be attentive to His voice and follow His manifestation with the same haste.

The Magi brought the Christ Child gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. God was honored and glorified through His creation by the giving of these gifts. God created gold to manifest His beauty and dignity. It was a gift that symbolized kingship. When we ponder the natural gift of gold given to the Christ Child, we are inspired to give Him our own gift of symbolic gold by prayerfully acknowledging Him as our own King to whom we pledge our complete submission.

Made from the sap of trees found in India, northeastern Africa, and the Arabian peninsula, frankincense and myrrh are also fruits of God's creation. Used in worship to symbolize prayers rising to heaven, frankincense symbolizes the Christ Child's divinity. We offer frankincense to Christ when we acknowledge His divine nature, since He is God in the flesh. Often used in burial, myrrh honors the Christ Child Who came to give His life as a sacrifice for many. We offer myrrh to profess our belief in the saving power of Christ's death on the Cross and our need for that gift of salvation.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany, try to see it as a historical event in which you are invited to share. God wants to manifest Himself to you today. When this happens, you must respond with faith and worship, giving God the greatest glory by giving Him your very life and offering Him your spiritual gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Source: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/january-6-epiphany/>

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT GROUP

(ages 22-35)

2nd Saturday at 6:30pm: Bible Study
(contact us for location each month)

Exalt: Adoration, music, reflection

6 p.m. Saturday (near the end of each month)
in the SFDa Adoration Chapel followed by a social.

If you have any questions or would just like to get connected, Contact: Katherine Buckley at
kbuckley@sfdaparish.org; 928-779-1341 ext. 112

Adult Formation

Weekly Adult Programs:

Women's Faith Group Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
St. Bonaventure Hall (Downstairs)

We resume our gathering at the regular time and day on January 9th. This evening will be a celebration of faith and community via a potluck dinner at 6:30 pm. All women of the parish are welcome to attend whether you have been coming to the meetings or not. It will be a great opportunity to meet new women parishioners as well as those who are long term members of the parish. For more information, contact Margaret Brown at 310-766-1970.

or srmargaretbrown@gmail.com.

Scripture Study Wednesdays, 9-10 a.m.
St. John Bosco Room (Downstairs)

We have an open, facilitated discussion on the coming Sunday readings. We discuss history, spirituality, and how the readings apply to our life in today's world. Find us downstairs in the St. John Bosco Room. Come once or come every time. Contact Michael Vollmer: MVollmer@SFDAParish.org.

Friday Morning Men's Group 6:00-7:30 a.m.
Knights of Columbus Conference Room

All men are invited to this morning of fellowship and Catholic spiritual enrichment. We begin with coffee and donuts at 6:00 a.m., a video presentation on the Catholic faith followed by a discussion. We conclude with prayer at 7:30 a.m. For more information, please email Michael Vollmer: MVollmer@SFDAParish.org.



Yarn Ministry 2nd & 4th Fridays 9:00-11:00 a.m.
St. John Bosco Room (Downstairs)

Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting? We need you to help create items that will bring comfort and support to those in need. All skill levels are welcome! We gather together in the St. John Bosco Room or you can work at home. All materials will be provided to support your work. For more information please contact JoAnn Matone at jmatone@comcast.net – and don't forget to put "Yarn Ministry" in the subject line!



Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Would you like to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, and/or Confirmation? Contact our Adult Faith Formation Director, Michael Vollmer (see below).

For more information on Adult Faith Formation programs, please call Michael Vollmer, Director, at the Parish Office 928-779-1341 or email: MVollmer@SFDAParish.org

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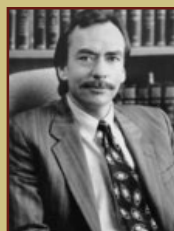
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