

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA PARISH COMMUNITY



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Ministered by the
Missionaries of the Sacred Heart
"May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be loved everywhere"

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INDOOR MASS SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE DECEMBRE 26, 2021

100% Capacity

*Parishioners/attendees/guests are required to wear
face masks upon entering the church.*

SATURDAY VIGIL
***5:15 pm English**

SUNDAY

6:30 am / 8:30 am

***10:15 am - interpreted for the deaf**

12:00 pm / *1:45 pm Español / 5:15 pm

DAILY MASS-Effective September 22, 2021
***8:15 am & 5:30 pm**

*Daily Mass in Spanish every Wednesday at 5:30 pm
Misa diaria en español cada miércoles a las 5:30 pm*

(There is no 5:30 pm Mass from Memorial Day through Labor Day)

Above schedule in effect until further notice.

Thank you for your understanding.

***Masses are Live-stream**

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CONFESSIONS (CONFESIONES)

Saturday (sábado): 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

January 2, 2022



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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

La Epifanía DEL SEÑOR

Unos magos de oriente llegaron entonces a Jerusalén y preguntaron:
"¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que acaba de nacer?
Porque vimos surgir su estrella y hemos venido a adorarlo".
Mateo 2:1-2

2 de enero de 2022

PARISH VISION STATEMENT

One God, One people in Christ, One community of love guided by the Holy Spirit to impact lives.
Un Dios, Un pueblo en Cristo, Una comunidad de amor guiada por el Espíritu Santo para impactar vidas.

MASS INTENTIONS - INTENCIONES DE MISASLITURGY CORNERSUNDAY - DOMINGO 01/02

6:30 am Intentions of Joan Campanella
 8:30 am Intentions of Jane Corpuz
 10:15 am St. Catherine's Parishioners
 12:00 pm Julia Ramirez †
 1:45 pm Armando Fernandez †
 5:15 pm Laurie Torkelson †

MONDAY - LUNES 01/03

8:15 am Intentions of Salvador Lares
 5:30 pm Stevie Ramirez †

TUESDAY - MARTES 01/04

8:15 am Melanie Garion †
 5:30 pm Jesus Lopez Ramirez †

WEDNESDAY - MIÉRCOLES 01/05

8:15 am Intentions of St. Jude's Wirebenders
 5:30 pm Richard Bon Moya †

THURSDAY - JUEVES 01/06

8:15 am Paulita Varquez †
 5:30 pm Nestor H. Español †

FRIDAY - VIERNES 01/07

8:15 am Intentions of Savannah Greene
 5:15 pm Angela Ednave Moya †

SATURDAY - SÁBADO 01/08

8:15 am Alodia Cuevas †
 10:00 am At WMV - Parishioners
 5:15 pm Rose Clark †

SUNDAY - DOMINGO 01/09

6:30 am John Joseph McFarland †
 8:30 am Irene McFarland †
 10:15 am Cesar Landar †
 12:00 pm St. Catherine's Parishioners
 1:45 pm Maria Luisa Zuniga †
 5:15 pm Gil Domingo †

† Symbolizes Soul of Deceased



St. Catherine Church has radio frequency capability at 72.9 MHz Wideband Audio Input with 10.0 db for the FM Radio that you can hear with your in-ear headphone direct from the presider's microphone.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalms — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

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January 2 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 3 - *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

January 5 - St. John Neumann, Bishop

January 6 - *St. André Bessette, Religious*

January 7 - *St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest*

The Epiphany of the Lord When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "*Where is the new born king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.*" -Matthew 2:1-2

The Most Holy Name of Jesus the shortest prayer "*Jesus*", the Lord Jesus promised, "*And whatever you ask in my name, I will do...If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it.*" John 14:13-14

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton born in 1774 of an Episcopalian family, she converted to the Catholic faith; she founded the first congregation for women religious in USA, Sisters of Charity of Saint Joseph, to educate the poor and orphans; which formed the beginning of the Catholic parochial school system in America; she died in 1821.

Saint John Neumann came to the United States in 1836 to serve as a Priest in western New York; he joined the Redemptorists and was their superior in Baltimore when he was elected Bishop of Philadelphia in 1852; during his eight years as bishop, he gave himself totally to establishing schools and parishes for his mostly immigrant flock; 1977, the first American bishop canonized.

Saint Andre Bessette orphaned at age twelve; known as a healer and the "Miracle Man of Montreal" where he founded the Oratory of St. Joseph to whom he was dedicated and fostered devotion; patron of caregivers.

Saint Raymond Penyafort a Spanish Dominican priest; he was the successor, the second master general after St. Dominic; patron saint of Lawyers; he died in 1275.

TODAY'S READINGS

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
 Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4,
3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Brothers and Sisters,

On this Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord we hear how the magi travelled in hope to find the infant king. We, like them, are called to be people of hope.

The word *epiphany* means “manifestation” or “showing forth.” In our first reading the prophet Isaiah reminds us that this Solemnity is all about light and hope. Isaiah proclaimed the word of the Lord as Judah’s exile in Babylon was ending. In the darkness of captivity, the glory of God’s light shines upon his chosen people, offering hope and the possibility of new life.

The American poet Emily Dickinson wrote: “Hope is the thing with feathers-that perches in the soul-and sings the tune without the words-and never stops at all.” Today’s feast of the Epiphany is the feast of hope: hope sought and hope fulfilled. The people of Israel throughout their history, hoped for many things. They hoped for a king, a shepherd, for a covenant relationship with God, for escape from their enemies, for an end to their wandering in the desert, for a homeland, to know the love of God. The little bird of hope had “perched” in their souls, a tune without words.

The journey of the magi to Bethlehem was a journey made in hope. These men set out to follow a star, seen by them as a sign of the birth of someone great, making the long journey probably from present-day Iran to Israel. This was a pilgrimage of hope. No doubt they must have asked themselves at times if this journey into the unknown was the wise thing to do and worth the effort? Was it worth suffering through bitter cold nights, and blazing hot days, just to follow a star? Finally, they arrived in Bethlehem to find that the star they had followed had come to a standstill over the place where the child was. Today’s gospel tells us that they were overjoyed at seeing the star and upon entering the house, found the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. This must have been for them an “aha!” moment. Their hope had been given flesh in a most unexpected way in their finding the tiny Christ child in such a humble surrounding. Hope did not end for the magi, not does it end for us, in a stable in Bethlehem. The birth of this child had for them and us, life-changing effects.

Our journey through life is made up of many different smaller journeys. As parents we wish only good things for our children, as teenagers and young adults we look for those things we think we will need to negotiate our journey of life, things like education, ambition, patience. However, stop and ask yourself, if asked what we felt was important to take on life’s journey, how many of us would put hope at the top of our list? Yet, as we see from today’s readings, our God is a God of hope.

St. Paul, writing to the church in Corinth, said “there are three things that last: *faith, hope and love*. Perhaps among these three, the one we most often overlook is hope. After all, whether we know it or not, a “little bird” of hope, the Holy Spirit sings in each one of our hearts. So here is our challenge: to let that “little bird” sing and thereby offer a much-needed gift of hope to ourselves, to each other and to our world

Sing Little Bird Sing,

Faithful



Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!

Your light has come,

the glory of the Lord shines upon you. — Isaiah 60:1

**STEWARDSHIP . . . Thank you for supporting your parish, St. Catherine of Alexandria!
Thank you for your generous contribution. God bless you.**

**Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022
Summary of Weekly Sunday Offering
December 19, 2021**

	<u>Actual Collection</u>	<u>Budgeted Collection</u>
December 5th	\$ 17,190.80	\$ 16,000.00
December 12th	\$ 19,683.48	\$ 16,000.00
December 19th	\$ 14,336.95	\$ 16,000.00
Actual Collection		\$ 402,908.62
Budgeted Collection		378,000.00
YTD Collection Overage		\$24,908.62

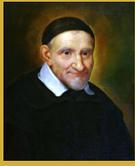
PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH FINANCIALLY.

**2021 Diocesan Development Fund
December 19, 2021**

Total Pledges Made	\$ 100,223
Less: DDF Assessment	69,750
Total Pledges made to the Parish	\$ 30,473
Total DDF Pledge Payments	\$ 100,017
Less: DDF Assessment	69,750
Cash to the Parish (PDF)	\$ 30,267
Number of donors	415
Parishioner’s participation %	14%

PLEASE SUPPORT DDF-2021.

VINCENTIAN CORNER



The St. Catherine's conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank the SCoA parish staff and parishioners for their prayers and financial support. Your contributions during our fiscal year of 10/01/2020 through 09/30/2021 made all of the following possible throughout the Covid-19 Pandemic:

- 1928 people assisted with food
- 474 food bags delivered to 239 families through non-contact personal home visits
- 1126 Emergency Food Bags provided to the Ministry Center for distribution
- \$39,639 provided in food and financial assistance
- \$869 of conference expense (98 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to serve our clients)
- 3701 hours volunteered helping families throughout the city of Riverside
- 26 families sponsored for 2020 Christmas

Thank you for your prayers and your generous donations during this difficult year which allowed St. Vincent de Paul volunteers continue to make a difference in your community. We wish you and your families a Blessed Holiday Season!



We need **COOKIES, CRACKERS, MACARONI & CHEESE** for the grocery bags given to those in need of assistance with food. Donations can be dropped off at St. Catherine's Ministry Center, 7005 Brockton Ave., Riverside, CA 92506 M-F 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Thank you

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY Resolution for New Year

Jesus was born into a harsh world, where Herod was doing the unthinkable: killing babies.

Is there any doubt that our world today needs Jesus to come and dwell among us?

As a new year begins, let us resolve to be a more effective and dedicated instrument of Jesus. Let us do more to promote love and peace. Let us do more to help moms turn the unplanned into a loving plan that embraces innocent life.

Let us do more to change our culture of death.
-Pro-Life Articles

**CHOOSE LIFE
GOD WILL BLESS YOU!**



BLESS YOUR DOOR ON EPIPHANY

The gospel tells us that the magi found Christ "on entering the house". The door to your home is a holy threshold. You can bless those who come in and go out by inscribing above the door in chalk the first two numbers of the year+C+M+B+the last two numbers of the year.

20+C+M+B+22

Tradition tells us that the letters stand for the names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Adolph Adam points out that it may also mean "Christus mansionem benedicat" or "May Christ bless this dwelling". It's appropriate to bless your door in January - "janua" means "door" and the first month is the door to the new year.

After inscribing the doorway, say this prayer:

God of Bethlehem and Cana,
God of Jordan's leaping waters,
in baptism you bring us into your family.
You wed us and embrace us as your beloved.
May we fill this place with kindness to one another,
with hospitality to guests, and with abundant care
for every stranger.
By the gentle light of a star, guide home
all who seek you on paths of faith, hope and love.
Then we will join the angels in proclaiming your praise:
Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and for ever.
Amen.

Then sing a favorite Christmas carol.

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HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

The mobile clinic will be at St. Catherine's school from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm for adult clients on Saturday, January 15, 2022.

During the Coronavirus pandemic, please call 714-633-4600 for pre-screening and to make an appointment.

Free Adult Medical care is offered, labs and meds are as low-cost as possible. Patients sign in on a first-come, first-served basis. For additional information or to volunteer visit their website at www.lestonnacfreeclinic.org.





EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on First Friday, January 7, 2022 immediately following the 8:15 am Mass and ends at 5:00 pm.

“...In this world I cannot see the most High Son of God with my own eyes, except for His Most Holy Body and Blood.” -St. Francis

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ADORACIÓN AL SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO DEL ALTAR

La Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento se llevara a cabo el primer viernes, 7 de enero de 2022 inmediatamente después de la Misa de 8:15 am y terminará a las 5:00 pm.

“...En este mundo no puedo ver al Altísimo Hijo de Dios con mis propios ojos, sino por su Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre”. -San Francisco

IMPORTANT! FOR YOUR INFORMATION Effective Immediately

Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, is required to wear a face mask when you enter the church.

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To maintain safety protocols, we will wait until after the flu season to determine if we will place our missals and songbooks in the pews.

TO REPORT THE SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD

by a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer, call the toll free

Sexual Misconduct Hotline 1-888-206-9090

PARA REPORTAR EL ABUSO SEXUAL DE UN MENOR

por parte de un sacerdote, diácono, empleado o voluntario, llame a la **Línea Directa de Conducta Sexual Inapropiada 1-888-206-9090**

PARDON THE MESS!

You may notice that the book holders from the pews are missing, refinishing project has begun.

The church pews will be restored and refinished starting next month. More info. in coming bulletins. Refinishing project will be from January 3, 2022 to February 23, 2022.

Your **DDF donations** have made this project possible. **Thank you!** Happy New Year!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who worked so hard to make our Advent and now our Christmas season wonderful! A special thanks to our readers, environment team, extraordinary ministers of holy communion, ushers, hospitality ministers, music ministers, altar servers, sacristans, communication ministers, sign language interpreters, and of course, our clergy.

Happy New Year!



Deaths

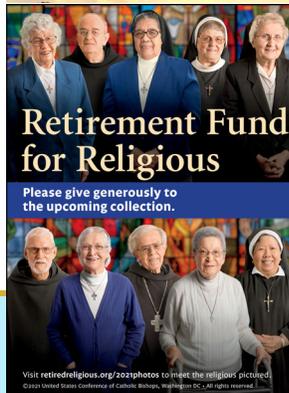
Please pray for our beloved dead...
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them

Sister Elizabeth Scully
Yvonne Bart
Henry Vieira
Guadalupe Razo

Maria Nava
Richard A. & Sylvia C. Johnson
Angela DiPadova
Ulysses Quintanilla

For all who have died during COVID-19 pandemic.

...May they rest in peace



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give generously to the upcoming collection.

There will be a 2nd Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious next weekend January 8 & 9

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Give in gratitude. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, “I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith.”

Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week’s second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous. Thank you for your support and generosity!

Habrà una segunda colecta para el Fondo Diocesano de Jubilación de Religiosos la próxima semana, 8 y 9 de enero de 2022. Done a los que donaron su vida.

Donen en agradecimiento. Un donante al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos escribe: “Todavía recuerdo las lecciones que las hermanas nos dieron y cómo nos inculcaron el amor a nuestra fe”. Muestre su agradecimiento por la devoción en el servicio de las hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes ancianos de órdenes religiosas católicas. Su donativo la semana que viene a la colecta ayuda a dar cuidado, medicinas y más. Por favor sean generosos. ¡Gracias por su apoyo!

★ FROM ALL OF US AT
ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA
PARISH SCHOOL

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



"Join us in Prayer" The Holy Rosary

Daily @ 7:00 PM
On Zoom Bilingual English and Spanish
Meeting ID: 848 7071 4466
Passcode: 803585

You can now Pray the Rosary using your telephone.

The rosary begins at 7pm. We pray for the sick of the parish 6:45 pm.

Step 1. Dial +1(669) 900-9128

Step 2. Listen to the prompt, type in the Meeting ID: 848 7071 4466#

Step 3. Listen to the prompt...press # again

Step 4. Listen to the prompt type in Password: 803585#

Step 5. Wait for the host to answer your call

"Follow us on Facebook at 7pm Daily"



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Epiphany of the Lord

At the Mass during the Day

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 the beauty of your sublime glory.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



REFLECTION QUESTION:

What can I do this week to come to know God better?

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Feeding the Hungry Ministry WARM BLANKETS & SOCKS NEEDED



Cold weather is coming on and it is hard to get warm without socks or blankets. Those less fortunate than us are in need of our help. We are asking for donations of **NEW SOCKS AND CLEAN, GENTLY USED BLANKETS. All items must be sealed individually with plastic or in a trash bag.** Donations can be dropped off during weekend Masses in the container located at the entrance of the church or at the Ministry Center Monday-Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Thank you for helping those in need!

"Truly, I say to you, whatever you did for the least of my brothers, you did for me" - Matthew 25:40



FAITH FORMATION IS SEEKING NEW CATECHISTS

Do you have just two hours to give on Wednesdays for our Parish children?



The Faith Formation Staff and Parish need **YOU** to help these children prepare for receiving their Sacraments, learn about our Roman Catholic Traditions, live out the Gospel and journey in our faith together. The rewards are many. Please pray to see if our Lord is calling you to this Ministry. If interested or for questions, please call Olivia, 951-781-9855 x 25.

***Please note any adult (ages 18+) working with children on a regular basis as a volunteer will need to follow certain guidelines and training before being allowed to help. Please don't let this turn you away. It's for the safety of all involved.**



RCIA INQUIRY

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Though our face-to-face Inquiry gatherings are cancelled at present, our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is **starting an on-line group on Sundays** for those interested in becoming Catholic.

If you are interested in joining or have questions, please call 951-781-9855 extension 29 and leave your contact information. God bless and "see you" soon!



Lance Wiseman - 781.9855 ext. 14

**All High-School-Age Youth LIFE NIGHT
Sundays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. after LIFE TEEN Mass**

LIFE TEEN (high school age teen)

Due to the Coronavirus the **Life Night are meeting online almost every Sunday 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.** Contact Lance Wiseman at lwiseman@stcofa.org or 951-781-9855 Ext. 14 if you are interested in joining us for online gatherings.

This Week-1/2/2022: NO Life Night. Enjoy the New year's weekend with your family and friends. Please check your email for log-in codes. **We are on Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.** Contact Lance for more information.

Next Week-1/9/2022: Life Night-Come join us as we start a new series for this month. Please check your email for log-in codes. **We are on Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.** Contact Lance for more information.

Remember Life Nights are open to **all High School age youth and we invite you to join us.** They are held most Sundays via ZOOM at this time. Please contact Lance if you have questions or need more information.

YOUTH SERVICE HOURS - For service opportunities, please contact Lance Wiseman at 951/781-9855 ext. 14.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER - NEW Shop Riverside cards for 2022 are available for purchase. Valid from date of purchase through all of Year 2022. Please call Lance at 951/781-9855 x 14 if you are interested in purchasing. **Remember the money raised helps support St. Catherine's Youth Programs.** Please contact Lance for other upcoming fundraisers.

MIDDLE SCHOOL - THE EDGE - a Ministry for youth in middle school from 6th to 8th grade in private or public schools. **We are not sure at this time when we will be able to start this school year.** For more information please contact Lance.

CONFIRMATION NEWS - UPDATE AS OF 1/2/2022

1st Year of Confirmation - Our 3rd Module for the year will be **January 9th or 10th, Zoom code will be emailed the week before.** You only need to attend one of the two modules. If you missed the Mandatory Parent & Candidate meeting or make-up, please contact Lance for Zoom code.

2nd Year of Confirmation - Reminder **Saturday, January 8th will be the first Sponsor & Candidate Gathering from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm via Zoom.** Please look for an email from Lance to pre-register for you and your sponsor to register for the session, if your sponsor is unable to attend a parent may proxy. Please make sure to turn in any make-up work, mass reflection & service reflection sheet from last year ASAP.

3rd Year of Confirmation - We have sent via email all retreat paperwork, please check your email, complete form and return to the office or email back ASAP. Please make sure to turn in any make-up work, mass reflection & service reflection sheet from year ASAP.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION—Has started for all interested in registering for this Confirmation year. Please contact Lance Wiseman at 951-781-9855 ext. 14 for **APPOINTMENT** & more information.

Our Confirmation process is a three year program, starting in 9th grade, confirming in 11th grade, this includes public or private schools. Please contact Lance Wiseman with any questions.



Abriendo sus cofres,
Le ofrecieron regalos:
oro, incienso y mirra.

MATEO 2:11

LA EPIFANÍA del SEÑOR

2 de enero de 2022

REGALOS

Los regalos están por todas partes en esta época del año. Regalos de Navidad. Regalos de anfitriona. Regalos ocultos. Regalos de tamaño incorrecto. Regalos inesperados. Regalos no deseados. Regalos no correspondidos. Y en las lecturas de hoy oímos hablar de aún más regalos: oro, incienso y mirra. Pero sabemos intuitivamente (o, esperamos, eventualmente) que los regalos son símbolos de algo mucho más profundo y menos tangible. El regalo del Hijo de Dios está, por supuesto, en el centro de nuestras festividades navideñas. No estamos -y nunca- solos, porque “Dios está con nosotros”. (De ahí el nombre de Emmanuel.) Pero espera, ¡eso no es todo! La liturgia nos recuerda una y otra vez que se trata de un “intercambio sagrado”. Así como Cristo vino a compartir nuestra humanidad, nosotros venimos a compartir su divinidad. El significado pleno de ese misterio es un regalo que aún no hemos desenvuelto del todo.

¿QUÉ CLASE DE DIOS ES ESTE?

La Navidad es una temporada de abundancia. Galletas navideñas y villancicos. Fiestas y regalos. Pesebres y muérdago. Lo mismo ocurre en nuestra iglesia. En un período de nueve días celebramos la Navidad, la Sagrada Familia, María Madre de Dios, y hoy la Solemnidad de la Epifanía. Un verdadero cúmulo de riquezas litúrgicas. (¡Y aún no hemos terminado!)

Sin embargo, para mucha gente, la Navidad ya ha terminado. Los árboles están en la acera o vuelven al desván. Los regalos se guardan o se devuelven. Nos preparamos para volver a la escuela o al trabajo. Pero, como cristianos, apenas nos hemos sumergido en el profundo misterio de un Dios que camina entre nosotros. ¿Qué clase de Dios es este cuyo reino no está limitado por nuestras fronteras, miedos, expectativas o imaginaciones? El salmo de hoy nos recuerda: “Señor, todas las naciones de la tierra te adorarán”. La diversidad y la inclusión no son nuevas en la agenda de Dios.

LAS TRADICIONES DESCUBREN EL SIGNIFICADO

Dos rituales tradicionales, uno litúrgico y otro doméstico, ayudan a subrayar el significado de la Epifanía. La Proclamación de la fecha de la Pascua es una opción para incluir en la Misa de hoy. Este texto que anuncia formalmente las fechas de las próximas fiestas mayores nos recuerda que la Navidad se honra mejor en el contexto de toda la historia de la salvación que culmina en la Pascua. O como reflexiona el escritor Nathan Mitchell, la madera del pesebre se convierte en la madera de la cruz.

La segunda tradición relacionada con la Epifanía es la bendición de la puerta de la casa con tiza o gis. Incluye una oración de protección para todos los que entran en ella. Una de las explicaciones de esta tradición la relaciona con la Pascua en el libro del Éxodo: marcar los postes de la puerta con la sangre del cordero mantenía a salvo a los israelitas. Esta tradición también ofrece una conexión entre la Navidad y la Pascua.

Mientras continuamos extrayendo la riqueza de esta temporada, tarareamos junto con los ángeles: ¡Gloria in excelsis Deo!

LECTURAS DE HOY

Isaías 60:1-6
Salmo 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mateo 2:1-12



ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

La Epifanía del Señor

Misa del día

Señor Dios, que en este día manifestaste a tu Unigénito a las naciones, guiándolas por la estrella, concede a los que ya te conocemos por la fe, que lleguemos a contemplar la hermosura de tu excelsa gloria. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

PREGUNTA DE REFLEXIÓN:

¿Qué puedo hacer esta semana para conocer mejor a Dios?

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Sal 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Martes: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4, 7-8; Mc 6:34-44
- Miércoles: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 10, 12-13; Mc 6:45-52
- Jueves: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lc 4:14-22a
- Viernes: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Sal 147:12-15, 19-20; Lc 5:12-16
- Sábado: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
- Domingo: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 o Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Sal 29 (28):1-4, 3, 9-10 o Sal 104 (103):1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Hch 10:34-38 o Tit 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lc 3:15-16, 21-22

LECTURAS DE HOY

- Primera lectura** — ¡Levántate y brilla, Jerusalén! La gloria del Señor amaneció sobre ti (Isaías 60:1-6).
- Salmo** — Se postrarán ante ti, Señor, todos los pueblos de la tierra (Salmo 72 [71]).
- Segunda lectura** — El misterio de que los gentiles son coherederos, socios en la promesa en Jesucristo, se ha dado a conocer a los hombres (Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6).
- Evangelió** — Vinieron unos Magos de Oriente preguntando: “¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que ha nacido?” (Mateo 2:1-12).

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INFORMACIÓN LITÚRGICA

2 de enero - LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR

3 de enero - Santísimo Nombre de Jesús

4 de enero - Santa Isabel Ana Seton, religiosa

5 de enero - San Juan Nepomuceno Neumann, Obispo

6 de enero - San Andrés Bessette, religioso

7 de enero - San Raimundo de Peñafort, presbítero

La Epifanía del Señor. Jesús nació en Belén de Judá, en tiempos del rey Herodes. Unos magos de oriente llegaron entonces a Jerusalén y preguntaron: “¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que acaba de nacer? Porque vimos surgir su estrella y hemos venido a a adorarlo”. -Mateo 2:1-2

El Santísimo Nombre de Jesús la oración más corta “Jesús”, el Señor Jesús prometió: “Todo lo que pidan en mi Nombre lo hare ...Y también haré lo que me pidan invocando mi Nombre”. -Juan 14:13-14

Santa Isabel Ana Seton, nació en 1774 de una familia episcopaliana, se convirtió a la fe católica; fundó la primera congregación de religiosas en Estados Unidos, las Hermanas de la Caridad de San José, para educar a los pobres y a los huérfanos; lo que supuso el inicio del sistema de escuelas parroquiales católicas en América; murió en 1821.

San Juan Neumann llegó a los Estados Unidos en 1836 para servir como sacerdote en el oeste de Nueva York; se unió a los redentoristas y era su superior en Baltimore cuando fue elegido obispo de Filadelfia en 1852; durante sus ocho años como obispo, se entregó totalmente a la creación de escuelas y parroquias para su rebaño, mayoritariamente inmigrante; el primer obispo estadounidense canonizado en 1977.

San André Bessette, huérfano a los doce años; conocido como curandero y “Hombre Milagro de Montreal”, donde fundó el Oratorio de San José al que se dedicó y fomentó la devoción; patrón de los cuidadores.

San Raimundo Penyafort sacerdote dominico español; fue el sucesor, el segundo maestro general después de Santo Domingo; patrón de los abogados; murió en 1275.



Gracias a todos los que han trabajado tan duro para hacer que nuestro Adviento y ahora nuestra temporada de Navidad sean maravillosos. Un agradecimiento especial a nuestros lectores, al equipo de medio ambiente, a los ministros extraordinarios de la santa comunión, a los ujieres, a los ministros de la hospitalidad, a los ministros de la música, a los monaguillos, a los sacristanes, a los ministros de la comunicación, a los intérpretes del lenguaje de signos y, por supuesto, a nuestro clero.

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