



St. Anne's Catholic Church

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The Epiphany Of The Lord

January 5, 2025



Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Friday - Sunday CLOSED

Masses in Church

Monday - Friday 8:15 am

Saturday 8:15 am & 5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Sacrament of Confession

Tuesday 9:00 am—9:30 am

Saturday 3:30 pm—4:00 pm

Library Hours

Wednesday 9:00 am—12:00 pm

Parish Staff

Pastor : Rev. Leonard L. Marrujo

Priest in Res.: Rev. George DaRoza

Office/Ministry: Rachelle Harmon

Bookkeeper : Aileen Baker

Housekeeper: Martha Sanchez

Music Director: John Montanero

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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Epiphany, also called Theophany in the Eastern Rite church, is a celebration of God manifesting as the baby Jesus and revealing Himself to the world. The holiday also marks the day the Magi, or the three kings, visited the baby Jesus in Bethlehem. Jesus' baptism is also celebrated during Epiphany. The holiday is also sometimes known as Three Kings Day as well.



In many cultures throughout the Catholic world, Epiphany is the day gifts are exchanged, rather than Christmas Day itself as we experience in the United States.

In the Bible, the Epiphany is Jesus' visit from the Magi, aristocratic men from the east (often referred to as kings or wise men) followed a star to see the newborn baby Jesus in Bethlehem. The Magi brought Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold was considered a symbol of kings, frankincense a perfume representing divinity, and myrrh an anointing and embalming oil that symbolized death. These three gifts denote the importance and respect that was afforded to the baby Jesus by these three wise kings.

But what do we think when someone says, "I had an epiphany"? The current understanding of this word refers usually to having a "sudden insight" into something private of profound and sharing it with others. However, the message of Epiphany can be interpreted in several ways, and none are right or wrong. Some believe it is a message of faith in divine light, which guided the Magi to Bethlehem. Others interpret it as a celebration of Jesus coming to unite the world as the true "king of kings" and that He came to be a savior to all people.

Whatever you may think, epiphany is more than just a "feeling" brought on by a sudden realization, but instead as mentioned above, Epiphany is a time we share with each other and to know that the Christ child is among us. The gift that is given is not just from the three wise men to the baby Jesus, but the true gift we each receive is more profound and more meaningful to us because the gift we receive comes from God Himself, the gift of His Son.

Today we celebrate that gift, and that is Christ Himself. Happy Epiphany and may God bless.

Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, January 7th

1st Tuesday of every month after 8:15 am mass

Anointing of the Sick

Wednesday, January 8th

Homebound Communion Retreat

11:00 am

In St. Anne's Church

Tuesdays, January 14th & 28th

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month

10:00 am

Men's Ministry

Parish Hall

Thursday, January 16th

11:00 am

Grieving Ministry

Parish Hall

Monday, January 20th

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Parish Office Closed



Are you new? Moving? Leaving the parish? Drop off an updated parishioner registration card at the office or call to deactivate your registration.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Would you like to bring communion to the homebound? New and returning Eucharistic Ministers are invited to join a retreat on January 8th at 11:00 am in the church. Call, stop by the rectory office or email rharmon@stanneswc.org to RSVP.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 1/4	5:00 PM	Parishioners & Benefactors
Sunday 1/5	9:00 AM	† Elsa Yam
	11:00 AM	† Betty & Bill Stone
Monday 1/6	8:15 AM	† Katherine Sullivan † Larry Messiner
Tuesday 1/7	8:15 AM	† Elsbeth Minuth
Wednesday 1/8	9:00 AM	† Michael O'Keefe
Thursday 1/9	8:15 AM	† Kathleen Zinda
Friday 1/10	8:15 AM	Special Intention: Eileen Spain
Saturday 1/11	8:15 AM	Special Intention: Marilyn Storer

Sunday's Readings:

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12



DAILY
READINGS



Get the bulletin every week in your email before mass! Send a request to: rharmon@stanneswc.org

Note From The Librarian:

Save yourself a trip to the closest Catholic bookstore! We have FREE rosaries, cards, medals, bookmarks, crosses and more! Open Wednesdays 9 am—12 pm



TAX DONATION LETTERS



Tax donation letters will be sent out by the end of January 2025.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Sheila Wilkins	Kathleen Rose
Andrea Puccini	Mike Dunn
Bunk Sicotte	Tony Dunleavy
Cathy Bridges	Edward Sheehan
Joe Cellucci	Jack Campbell
Kathleen Clemons	Dan Feikart
William Egan	Meri Lisa Bozzini
Bill Burnette	Linda Ramon

If you wish to be included or removed from our prayer list, please contact Fran Long at 925-939-5151.

GROCERY CARDS STILL NEEDED

Please continue purchasing grocery store gift cards for the St. Vincent De Paul food bank at St. Mary's in Walnut Creek. Gift cards can be dropped in the mailbox near the parish office window. Non-gift card donations can be placed in the bin outside St. Anne's Church, near the courtyard entrance. Thank you for your generosity.



GRIEF MINISTRY RESUMES 1/16

Whether the death was sudden or tragic, or one with warning and preparation, the reality of death leaves most of us in a state of shock, confusion, and sadness. Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief and figure out how to keep on living when a loved one is gone.



Our Grieving Ministry provides spiritual, emotional and practical support to people who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

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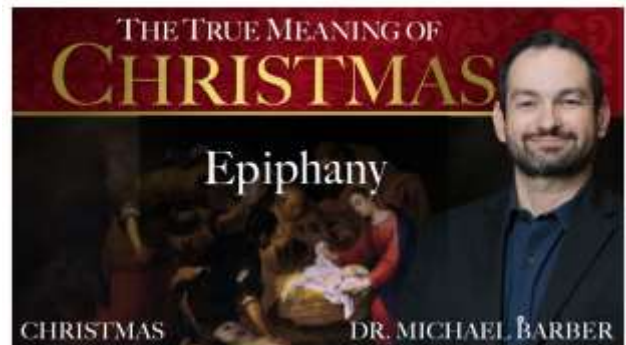
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