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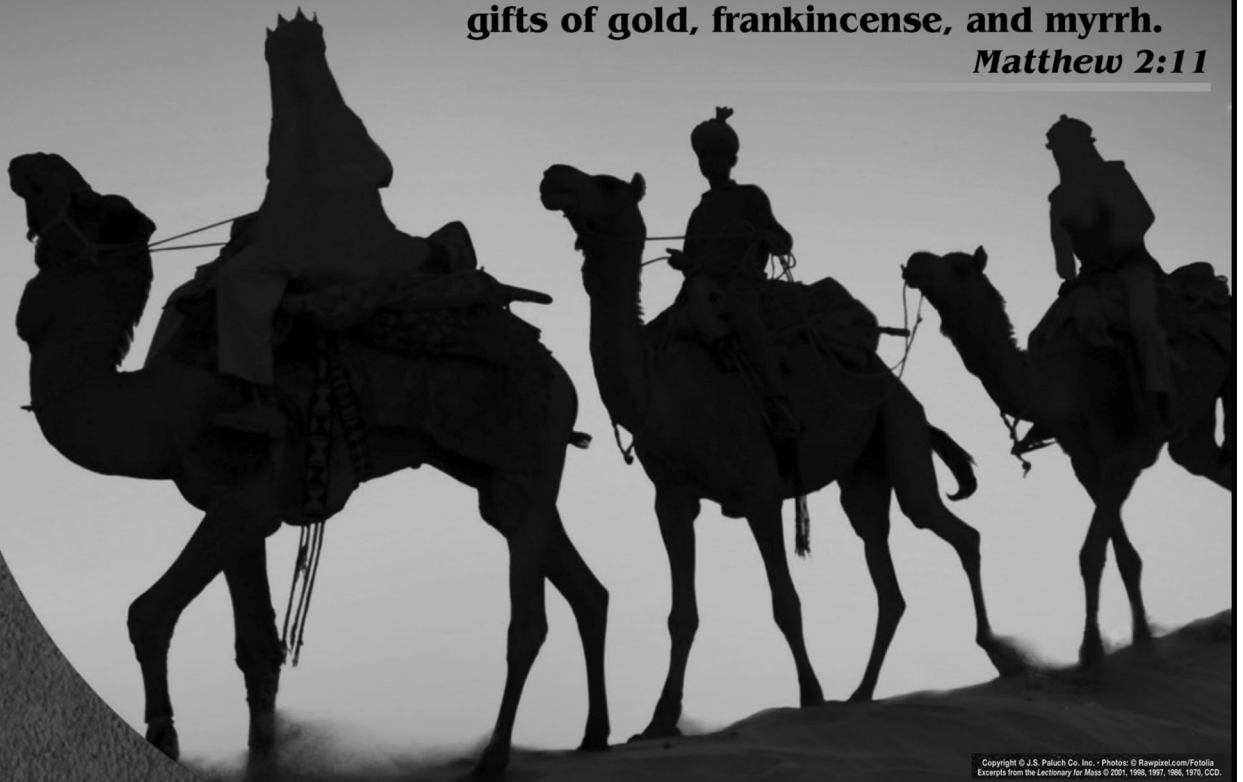
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## January 8, 2023

### The Epiphany of the Lord

They opened their treasures and offered him  
gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

*Matthew 2:11*



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#### PARISH STAFF

*Pastor:* Rev. Leonard L. Marrujo

*Priest in Residence:* Rev. George DaRoza

*Off./Min. Coordinator:* Janet Money

*Bookkeeper:* Aileen Baker

*Housekeeper:* Martha Sanchez

*Organist:* Sheila Wilkins

*Cantor:* Gina Downen

#### Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9 am – 12:30 pm & 1pm - 4:30 pm

#### Masses in Church

Monday - Friday 8:15 am

Saturday 8:15 am & 5 pm (Vigil)

Sunday 9 am & 11 am

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 8:45 am - 12 pm

#### Sacrament of Confession :

Wednesday 9 am - 9:30 am

Saturday 3:30 pm- 4:00 pm

Library Hours: Wednesday 9 am - 12 pm

Parish Office will be closed on Monday January 16<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday

# 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.*

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 denotes 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 wisemen 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 Marrujo*



## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Gloria Pearce	Karen Salchett	Jannet Tuvilla
Judith Russell	Dona Newell	Edward Regan
Cathy Grimesey	Carolyn Collins	Jason Navaro
Josay Hayes	Chris Ramirez	Robert Kraftschik
Sandra Chafe	Kathleen Clemons	Bev Regan
Pamela Maria	Tom & Vicki Hughes	Carol Hannon
Caroline George	Thecla Justen	John Lydecker
Kay Woodruff	Hogey Hogenboom	Tom Mader
Joe & Pat Rollo	Michael Dunn	Kevin Kelly
Fr. Anthony Chang	Vincent Riggio	Larry Maday
Joe Cellucci	Karl Kropp	Jeff Westerfield
Gladys Peoples	Martin Keegan	Terri Riggio
Anthony Curtell		

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



## Save the date Thursday, January 12 at 1 pm

Elves are needed to help dismantle and store the Christmas Decorations.

Will you give us an hour or two of your time?

We will meet in the Church.



**Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available after the Wednesday morning liturgy from 9:00 am to 9:30 am.

There are still some **2023 calendar** available. They are located at each entrance of the church.

In addition to the church's information, it lists all the feast days and holy days for the year.

Please visit our parish website [www.stanneswc.org](http://www.stanneswc.org) for parish information, calendar of events, copy of the bulletin, lectures and audio recordings of Coffee chat with Fr. Leonard.

You can listen to Fr. Leonard's podcasts on Spotify and other Podcast platforms. "The Parish Life", is available in all podcast platforms.

**Bulletin:** If you would like to receive the weekly bulletin and highlight by email contact the parish office at [info@stanneswc.org](mailto:info@stanneswc.org)

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## MINISTRIES

Altar Servers	Charles Cobb	925-705-7143
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Greeters Weekend	Mary Beth Hodge Lupe Roberts	925-954-1158 925-322-8798
Homebound	Evelyn Noriega	510-386-1573
Library	Odile Crandall	925-937-2643
Facility Maintenance	Keith Crandall Bob Martini	925-932-2324 Parish Office
Men's Ministry	Martin Bailey	925-932-2324
Parish Council	Paul Molloy	925-323-0730
Parish Finance Council	Peter Newell	925-891-4479
St. Anne's Society	Joe Cellucci	843-870-6683
Ushers	Fran Long	925-939-5151



The following non-perishable items are needed at St. Mary's St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry on a regular basis and are usually in short supply and not provided through the food bank.

Toilet Paper	Hand Soap	Ketchup
Shaving Items	Toothpaste	Coffee
Cup of Noodles	Top Ramen	Water
Paper Towels	Mustard	Tea
Cleansing Wipes	Toothbrushes	Mayo
Body wash	Shampoo	Conditioner
Laundry Detergent	Fruit Juice	New Socks

Canned foods are provided through the Food Bank.

With your generous donation of gift cards, Fr. Leonard presented over \$3500 worth of Safeway, Target, Kohls and Trader Joe's gift cards to Fr. Fred at St. Mary Parish's St. Vincent de Paul pantry. The gift cards were distributed to clients at several St. Vincent de Paul locations in the East Bay. Thank you for helping those in our community to have a brighter Christmas season.

## Library is open every

Wednesday morning 9 AM—12 PM.

Available in our library greeting cards and a small selection of books - **FREE**



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