

Epiphany of the Lord January 6 – 7, 2017



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11;
Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20;
Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11;
Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;
Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19;
Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7;
Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Budget to Actual

Weekly goal	\$ 25,900.00
Week of 12/31/2017	23,239.11
Keep Praying!!!!	\$ -2,660.89

TREASURE STEWARDSHIP 12/31/2017

Envelope Receipts	\$ 15,343.00
Online Giving	6,469.50
Loose Plate	1,426.61
Total	\$ 23,239.11

Catholic Charities Collection
12/31/2017 **\$ 961.00**

Church Expansion

Total Pledged	\$ 3,488,938.38
Collection week of 12/31	29,095.00
Online giving week 12/31	5,429.00
Total Given to Date	\$ 2,865,139.82

May God bless you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

"Mass is Heaven on Earth" – St. John Paul II

SATURDAY, JAN. 6: Epiphany of the Lord

4-4:45 pm Confessions
5:00 pm +Francisco Solis, by Family

SUNDAY, JAN. 7: Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 am Friends & Family, Living &
Deceased, by Dan & Margaret
Carpenter

11:30 am +Daniel L. Moreno, by Johnny &
Sonia Daniel

5:00 pm O. L. Guadalupe, by Rita Perez

MONDAY, JAN. 8: Baptism of the Lord

6:30 am +Jane Fox, by Al Fox

TUESDAY, JAN. 9: 1ST Ordinary Week

6:30 am +June & Francois Boutin, by Mike
& Patti Langford

WED'DAY, JAN. 10: 1ST Ordinary Week

6:30 am +Katherine Chorney, by Skip &
Andrea Chorney

THURSDAY, JAN. 11: 1ST Ordinary Week

6:30 am +Walter Chorney, by Skip & Andrea
Chorney

FRIDAY, JAN. 12: 1ST Ordinary Week

6:30 am +Mino Uranga, by Dr. Richard and
Deanna Duke

SATURDAY, JAN. 13: 2ND Ordinary Sunday

4-4:45 pm Confessions
5:00 pm People of St. Elizabeth's

SUNDAY, JAN. 14: 2ND Ordinary Sunday

9:00 am +June & Francois Boutin, by Mike
& Patti Langford

11:30 am **NO MASS**

5:00 pm Holy Trinity, Josefina Galindo

Church Dedication

Sunday, January 14

9 a.m.

Bishop Michael J. Sis will dedicate our
enlarged church & bless the new altar;
All Parishioners should attend this very
historic liturgy.

11:30 Mass is canceled

Everyone should attend the dedication.

Pope's January Intention

**Evangelization: Religious Minorities in
Asia**

That Christians, and other religious minorities in
Asian countries, may be able to practice their
faith in full freedom.

*All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.*

— Psalm 72:11

Project Andrew Dinner for Priesthood Vocations:

Do you know a young man ages 15-45 who would make a good priest? Bishop Sis wants Fr. Mark to invite him to what is called a "Project Andrew Dinner." Andrew the Apostle invited his brother Peter to meet Jesus and become an apostle – hence the name. The dinner will be at St. Stephen's in Midland on Thursday, Feb. 1 at 6 pm. *Moms, dads, CCD teachers – if you know a young man who might make a good priest, give his name and address to Fr. Mark 367-4657 so he can extend him a personal invitation.*

Shrine of the Virgin of Childbirth

A simple shrine of the Virgin of Childbirth has been erected in the Chapel of the Risen Lord. It's a place to pray for:

- the conception of a child,
- a safe birth once pregnant,
- and thanks giving after the child is born.

If you wish to have the votive candle lit for your intention, call the office at 367-4657 to arrange it so we can post the name of the parents!

A blessing of the child in the womb is also available; call one of the priests to arrange it before or after Sunday Mass.

Quinceanera Guidelines

Parents must be registered and contributing and their daughter must have attended CCD for 2 years prior to the ceremony.

Question of the Week

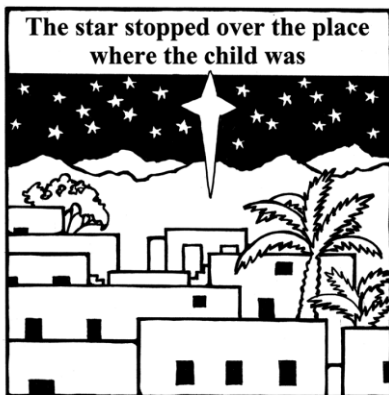
(from Deacon Gary Brooks)

The Magi brought gifts to Jesus.
What gifts do you bring to him?

EASTERN STAR

Fair eastern star, that art ordain'd to run
Before the sages, to the rising Sun,
Here cease thy course, and wonder that the cloud
Of this poor stable can thy Maker shroud.

—Sir John Beaumont



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BAPTISM

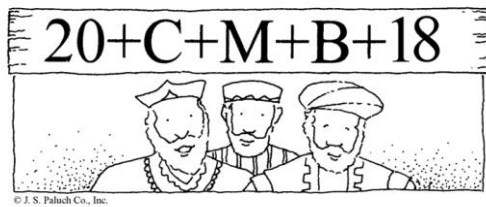
PREP CLASS-Our next baptism preparation class is Tuesday, February 6 @ 6:30 p.m.. **You must call to register for this class.** Please call after January 23. If there is no answer, dial 21 for Vickie's ext. and leave a message.

To Schedule a Baptism-In order to baptize at St. Elizabeth's, the parents of the child should be registered members of St. Elizabeth's, or live within our boundaries. Parents please come to the office to schedule your child's baptism. You will need to bring in the baby's birth certificate, **from the county**, the godparents' confirmation certificates, if the godparents are married, a copy of their church marriage certificate and proof of baptism prep classes for parents and godparents. We do baptisms the 1ST, 2ND and 3RD weekends of each month. Baptisms held on the 3RD weekend will be in **Spanish, if requested**. The first person to come into the office with all necessary paperwork to register for a weekend will get to pick which day, Saturday or Sunday, for **all** baptisms that weekend. You must register in the office, before the date of your child's baptism and you must have all paperwork!

In Memoriam

We remember deceased parishioners who died in the month of January in years past.

Frank Sanchez	1	Oscar Ridley Jr.	18
Marjorie Weaver	4	Rita Hernandez	18
Frederick Devine	5	Ralph Boschert	19
Edwin Bynum	5	R. L. Bland, Jr.	20
Gertrude Wiesner	6	Marie Reynolds	21
Cresencia Lujan	6	Anita Garcia	21
Johnny Landis	7	Theola Barron	21
Kay Madrid	7	Billie Buckminster	22
Jane Fox	8	Freddy Matta	22
Donna Carrasco	8	Amanda Flores	23
Miguel Barrandey	9	Ricardo Paniagua	25
Betty Jo Turner	11	William Vance	26
Josefa Gutierrez	12	Amador Perez	26
Clarence Petrosky	13	John Barry	27
Rosario Giarratano	14	Dominga Dirickson	27
Raymond Cole	14	Maria Buryj Gajewski	27
Regina Mathis	15	Humberto Olivas	27
Lester Savoy	15	Frank Blasi	28
Carlo Meth	16	Dewey Lewis III	28
Lupe L. Valenzuela	16	Daniel Mijares	29
Ladislao Rodriguez	17	Deborah Munoz	29
Aron Carrasco, Jr.	17	James Harwell	29
		Beverly Montgomery	31



Adult Bible Study Opportunities

WOMEN

Women's bible study will begin on January 17th at 6:15. The study is *Wisdom – God's Vision for Life* by Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith. The cost of the Journal is \$25.

SPANISH

Los pequeños Hijos de Maria

Monday: Spanish Bible Study 7 – 9 pm in the classrooms.

Thursday: Spanish Mass, Rosary and Prayer 6 – 9 pm.

Los Angeles de Cristo Grupo de Oracion

Friday: Spanish Bible Study 7 – 9 pm in the Youth Building. Contact Pilar or Romelia Ornelas 362-4610.

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Please keep our **overseas** service men and women in your prayers, especially the following who have relatives in our parish!

Stephen Gilson	Brandon Ritz
Zachary Hamilton	Sean Ernst
Ian Davis	Dallas Ryan Luera
Jason Tyler Pope	Tony La
Adam Arellano	Matthew Cagle
Eric Huki	Samuel Urias
Khiry Gallegos	Mario Montoya
Douglas M. Hicks	Mark McComick, Jr.
Joshua Lambert	Andres Contreras
Christopher Clemenza	
Mateo Soto	Paul Porras

GOD'S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE

Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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Elementary CCD

January News **New Year Break**

NO CCD
January 7, 10, 14

ALL STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS ARE ASKED TO ATTEND THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH AND ALTAR ON SUNDAY, JAN. 14TH – 9 AM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jan 7 – Jayden Garza, Norma Berdoza, Jimmy Olague, Daniel Juarez, Joseph Paramo-Reyes, Kaiden Sarabia, Jerron Ontiveroz, Justin Rodriguez, Romi Scown, George Guerrero, Maddox Olivas, Isaac Ontiveros, Jaime Gonzales

Jan 8 – Christine Matta, Eufemio Tobias, Adamari Soto, Gabriel Luciano, Octavius Soto, Taylor Losoya, Ayden Kristopher Mesa, Carrson Videtto, Nany Benigno, Raul Reyes

Jan 9– Ashley Alba, Fidel Marquez, Nisha Lopes, Emma Valenzuela, Juliana Matta, Natalie Hernandez, Raul Salazar, Celso Garcia, Yasmin Castaneda, Martin Daniel Franco, Sarah Marquez, Alex Levario, Yesenia Gonzalez, Taylor Lopez, Blake Benavides, Juan Gonzalez

Jan 10– Mike Moreno Jr., Guillermo Saenz, Benjamin Fierro, Sue Soza, Leonora Carley, Diego Sanchez, Leticia Calderon, Maria Ramirez, Kaleb Garcia-Suchil, Kyara Flores, Angel Matta Jr., Michael DeMarco, Nathaniel Solis

Jan 11– Sally Mendias, Sammy Elias Leyba III, Benjamin George, Priscilla Wilson, Julius Pinedo, Zachary Samaniego, Larry Dutchover, Ann Lustgarden, Jacob Munoz, Benny Medrano, Kyla Herrera, Clarissa Martinez, Armand Pointer, Catalina Rodriguez, Lance Cardona, Rojelio Molinar, Coralys Rivera, Andrew Chabarria

Jan 12– Dianey Martinez Salgado, Richard Rubalcaba Jr., Danny Carroll, Renee Pelopero, Ron Collier, Alexis Morales, Leslie Hernandez, Nayden Sotelo, Crystal Urias, Ricky Lopez, Victor Garcia, Natasia Corrales, Christopher Martinez, Steven Schwab, Agnes Villarojo, Rogilio Savala

Jan 13– David Hernandez, Carlos Chavez, Amber Anaya, Nicolas Ramirez, Roger Becker, Chris Sims, Eva Lopez, Crissy Florez, Alan Roach, Anita Falcon, Iris Baeza, Paula Garcia

Addiction Counseling

Call Randy at 432-631-9225 or Angela at 432-803-9435

Deacon Gary's Prayer Chain

If you are in need of prayers or would like to be a prayer warrior with him and others in the community, please contact him at gbrooks@sanangelodiocese.org.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Where on earth would you go to honor the magi? Iran or Saudi Arabia, Tarshish or the Isles come to mind, but Cologne, Germany would be a good choice. There the Shrine of the Three Kings has been the centerpiece of the city's cathedral since the fourth century. Today it is the largest reliquary in the world: a gilded and ornamented triple casket gleaming high above the altar. In the fourth century, the supposed relics of the wise men were taken from Constantinople to Milan, where they remained until the German Emperor with the unlikely name Frederick Barbarossa (Red Beard) gave them to the Archbishop of Cologne. Ever since, pilgrims have streamed into the city to honor the magi, the first of all pilgrims, and thus the heavenly patrons of all who have some holy wanderlust.

This largest Gothic cathedral in Europe today was begun in the mid-1200s to house the relics. In medieval times, the relics in a city's possession were often the key to a sound international economy. The reliquary was last opened in 1864, and the remains of three men were indeed discovered. The cathedral is well worth a visit, with enormous twin spires forming the largest façade of any church in the world (it is the model for St. Patrick's in New York). Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880, a six-hundred-year project. Today, it is a World Heritage Site, described by the U.N. as "an exceptional work of human creative genius." This great treasure of our tradition suffered fourteen direct bomb hits in World War II but did not collapse. It survived while the city burned around it, preserved, the townspeople say, by three heavenly patrons.

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Please pray for:

Lois Chorney, Donovan Crawley, Dan Carpenter, Noah Johnson, Juan Urias, Jason Miller and family, Rhina Toruno-Haensly, Joe Villarreal, Roberto Serrato.

Checks to St. Elizabeth's

Please make **all** checks out to St. Elizabeth's. Also, please only use **blue or black ink** for your checks. All processing is done digitally now and other colors are not picked up. This results in extra time and work, not only for us but also for the bank.



HOW BRIGHT IS YOUR LIGHT?

Our parish is growing in size and activities. As such, we need more volunteers to help spread the word of God. Please commit to helping the people of your community and yourself by volunteering in one of these ministries.

- Religious Ed teachers and aides
- First Communion teachers and aides
- Quincenera class teacher
- RCIA team member
- Youth Group leaders and chaperones
- Youth Confirmation leaders/teachers
- Steubenville chaperones
- Marriage Retreat team
- Baptism Prep class teacher
- Choir member
- Cantor
- Bell Choir member
- Hospital and Homebound Minister
- Eucharistic Minister
- Lector
- Ushers at all Masses (Sat. & Sun.)
- Marriage Retreat team member
- Altar server
- Altar linen laundering group
- Catholic Charities Volunteer

Call the office (367-4657) for more information.

To help us share our time and talents with our church community we have these opportunities to enrich our faith.

- Rosary Group
- ACTS
- Men's Bible Study
- Women's Bible Study
- Spanish Prayer Groups
- Knights of Columbus
- Adoration

Corinthians 12:7-11 A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

What is your gift?

Are you helping others?