

JANUARY 6 & 7, 2024 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.



EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:00AM,
WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, FOLLOWED BY MASS
AT 12:05PM.

WHY DO WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS?

Through His Church, God commands us to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. It is a **mortal sin** to miss Mass without a grave reason (*such as illness, being housebound, a first responder rushing to a call, etc.*).

You may wonder why the Church *commands* weekly Mass attendance under pain of sin, rather than simply *suggesting* it. It's important to know why—not only to strengthen our own faith, but also in case any curious non-Catholics ask about it.

The reason for the Sunday obligation is that **we owe God worship as His creatures**. It's not just a nice spiritual ritual or an outward show of being Catholic. God is our Creator. He made us out of *nothing* and keeps us in existence through His own power and will. We owe everything to Him, and our regular worship of Him is how we express our innate desire—and our natural obligation—to offer our Creator homage and gratitude.

Furthermore, without His grace and presence in our lives, our souls and therefore our salvation are in danger. He doesn't *need* our worship—but we *do* need Him.

If we ignore God's command to worship on Sundays, we are putting other things before God, as though He were of secondary importance. And we are destroying our relationship with Him and walking away from the spiritual graces our soul needs to stay alive. As one priest said, skipping Sunday Mass?

God knows that, due to our fallen nature, we struggle to do what we should, feel confused about it, and are *even tempted not to*. That's why He gives us clear commandments. The Third Commandment prescribes weekly worship of God: "Thou shalt keep holy the Lord's day." And Jesus commanded: "Do this in memory of me" (Luke 22:19).

If Mass on Sunday were just an option—and skipping it were not a sin—can any of us honestly say we would never, *ever* miss a Sunday Mass?

We—and the Church—know the answer.

The Mass is the pinnacle of our faith here on earth. However, despite its beauty, we understand that can be sometimes be difficult to remain attentive and prayerful. One of the best ways to receive the gift of the Mass is by prayerfully preparing for it before it starts.

TEMPORARY TUESDAY MASS TIME

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, MASS WILL BE AT 5:30PM.



**The Mendocino
Knights of Columbus**

STEVE JORDAN IS BACK!!

The Knights cordially invite you to the 47th Annual
BEST CRAB FEED ON THE NORTH COAST
Friday & Saturday, January 26 & 27, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

COME AND ENJOY!

Loads of fresh Dungeness crab, fresh salad,
toasted garlic bread, dessert AND entertainment

\$ 150.00 pp — Friday or Saturday Crown Hall Dinner (VIP seating)*
Tickets for *VIP Seating* will go on sale on
Friday, November 10
at KCMendo.org

*VIP seating includes ticket, premier seating, premium wine and assigned servers

\$ 95.00 pp — Friday or Saturday Crown Hall Dinner (General Seating)
\$ 95.00 pp — Saturday Take Out Dinner (includes 2 raffle tickets)
(to be picked up at Crown Hall)

Tickets for General Seating and Takeout will go on sale
Monday, November 13 at KCMendo.org

As always, these tickets sell out quickly, so please purchase early
Raffle tickets on sale online, as well as at the event

Seating assignments for the Crown Hall dinners and information for Takeout
pickup will be sent out on January 22, 2024

Questions? info@kcmendo.org or (707) 710-7787



CALENDARS FOR 2024 ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE
OF THE CHURCH. PLEASE TAKE ONE.



Walk for Life West Coast 2024:

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and
beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 19th
Annual Walk for Life West Coast In San Francisco on January 22,
2024. There will be Mass at 9:30am celebrated by Archbishop
Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary's Cathedral. The rally begins at
12:30pm in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk,
down the city's Market Street, begins at 1:30pm. For more
information, visit www.walkforlifewc.com or call 415-658-1793.



WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT:
Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish now provides
"ParishSOFT Giving," an online giving software!

To get started, you can go to olgcinfb.org.

From this link you will be allowed to manage your own account
online, set up gifts on a schedule that you choose or a one-time
donation, and can be set up with a credit card, debit card, checking
or savings account!

If you have any questions, please contact
the Parish Office at 964-0229.

MASS INTENTIONS
JANUARY 6 – 12, 2024

Saturday (06)	9:00am	Christopher Moore †
	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba † Joe Scott † Katie Richards † Severo & Carmen Cuevas †
	6:30pm	Antonia Rentería † Mauricio Escobedo † Gerardo Escobedo (healing)
Sunday (07)	8:00am	Alejandro & Kiabeth Reynoso (Wedding Anniversary)
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (08)	12:05pm	NO MASS
Tuesday (09)	5:30pm	Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday (10)	12:05pm	Christopher Moore †
Thursday (11)	12:05pm	Angelina Alcalá †
Friday (12)	12:05pm	Fr. Andrew Metcalf †

WEEKLY COLLECTION

DECEMBER 30 & 31, 2023...\$2,227.00
SVDP MINISTRY...\$786.00

THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
LIABILITY INSURANCE
NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
MAINTENANCE FUND

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!

LET'S PRAY FOR ALL OUR FAMILY MEMBERS
AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Jovany Baez, Justin Mertle, María de la Luz Ramírez, Rebeca
Sánchez, José Araiza, Jr., Marina González, Alondra Jara, Sonia Jara,
Matt Mills & Jared Schroeder.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Bertha Valenzuela, Carole Shoptaw, Gina Pivrotto, Angie Gómez,
Judy Halren, Rose Cortez, Fidela Jara, Felix Santillán, Martha Sánchez,
Gerardo Escobedo, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick Heater, Ann
Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret Milliken, Nick Quin, Mary Servis,
Matty Walker, Ofelia Ybarra.



IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH, ON THE SOUTHERN
WALL IS A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL TREE.
ITS BRIGHT LEAVES REPRESENT PERMANENT MEMORIALS TO THE DEPARTED OF
OUR PARISH. FOR THE SUM OF \$200.00, YOU CAN GIVE TO THE PARISH
SECRETARY, THE CORRECT SPELLING AND DATES OF THE DEPARTED AND IN DUE
TIME THE LEAF IS PRINTED AND ATTACHED TO THE TREE, AS A PERMANENT
REMINDER OF A LOVED ONE WHO IS GONE.
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 707-964-0229.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

When a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized and would like Father Pacheco to
pay them a visit to receive Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call
the Parish Office at 707-964-0229 and after office hours,
please call 707-813-4188.

