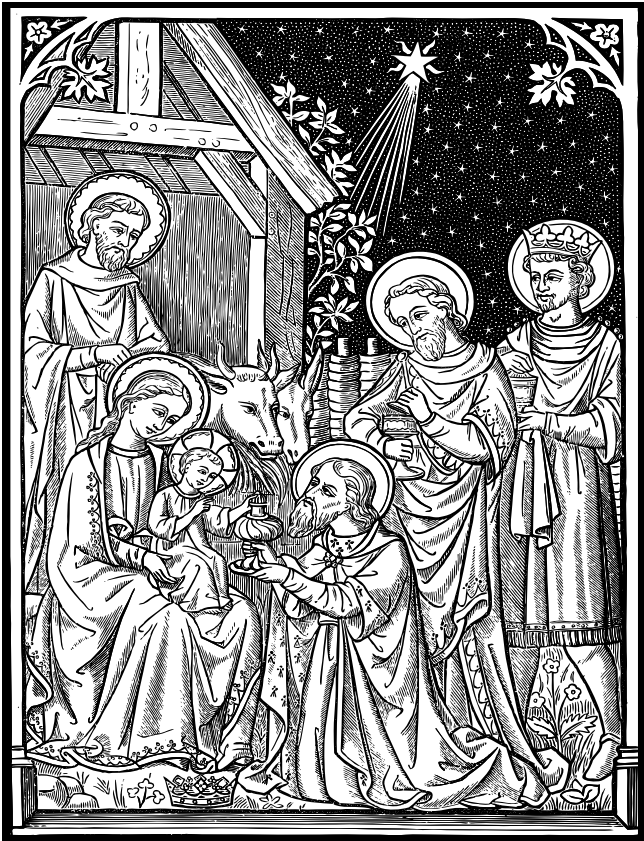


JANUARY 7/8, 2023

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



The Wise Men followed the star. Through the language of creation, they discovered the God of history. To be sure – the language of creation alone is not enough. Only God’s word, which we encounter in sacred Scripture, was able to mark out their path definitively. Creation and Scripture, reason and faith, must come together, so as to lead us forward to the living God. There has been much discussion over what kind of star it was that the wise men were following. Some suggest a planetary constellation, or a supernova, that is to say one of those stars that is initially quite weak, in which an inner explosion releases a brilliant light for a certain time, or a comet, etc. This debate we may leave to the experts. The great star, the true supernova that leads us on, is Christ himself. He is as it were the explosion of God’s love, which causes the great white light of his heart to shine upon the world. -**Benedict XVI**

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Dear parishioners,

This upcoming Friday, January 13th, we will formally welcome a wonderful addition to our parish church: a new statue of Our Lady of Fatima! The statue was hand-carved and painted in Portugal, and is a donation from the Portuguese families of our parish. It is a beautiful offering in honor of the Blessed Mother and in gratitude for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us through Our Lady’s intercession. Please join us as we gather (*weather permitting*) in the parish hall at 5:30pm and then make a short candlelight procession into Church with the new statue. Mass will follow thereafter, together with the solemn blessing and crowning of the statue. If it is raining, we will begin in the church.

I want to take the opportunity to thank the Portuguese community for this generous gift. It is a testimony of their faith and love, and it will add dignity and beauty to parish Marian devotions and processions. I pray that it inspires many to turn to Our Lady with renewed confidence with our prayers and petitions!

May God bless you abundantly,

Fr. Pacheco

SJS DR SCHOOL NEWS

As we prepare for the spring semester, we want to acknowledge that our parish school is celebrating two and half years of success in educating our parish children! When all odds were against us, we were able, with the wonderful support of so many of you, the parishioners of OLG C, to create this beautiful work for all of our families, passing on our Faith in the most blessed way possible to the next generation who will worship in our little church. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you do for the school and the students!

In looking to the future, we would like to form a school leadership team, composed of parishioners and school families, to ensure this gift can continue to grow and flourish. The most important qualification that would make you an ideal member is a desire to do something wonderful for a child that will change his life forever. If you are good at organization or problem solving, or simply want to share your love of our Faith, we would value your help. Your commitment can be as big or little as you are able to make it. Even if you have only a little time to give, but still have a desire to help, we would love your input. Contact the school directress, Kathleen Kasperson, or Father Pacheco for more information.

2023 CALENDARS

We have calendars available in the church's vestibule in both English and Spanish. Please, take one.

NO DAILY MASS THIS WEEK

There will be a Clergy Workshop for all priests of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, and Father Pacheco will be away from Tuesday, January 10th- Friday 13th.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA

On Friday, January 13th, we will be having a special mass in honor of Our Lady of Fatima at 5:30pm.



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.



We need your generous financial help so Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish now provides "ParishSOFT Giving," an online giving software! This is a convenient and secure way to make your one-time or recurring donations.

Thanking and blessing you for your kindness.

To get started, you can visit our Parish's new giving page at

olgcinfb.org.

From this link you will be allowed to manage your own account online, set up gifts on a schedule that you choose, 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.



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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 7, 2023- JANUARY 13, 2023

Saturday (07)	9:00am	Maria Pasin †
	5:00pm	Katie Richards † Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba †
	6:30pm	Mauricio Escobedo † Gerardo Escobedo (healing)
Sunday (08)	8:00am	Stacey Goode †
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (09)	—	NO MASS
Tuesday (10)	12:05pm	NO MASS
Wednesday (11)	12:05pm	NO MASS
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Thursday (12)	12:05pm	NO MASS
Friday (13)	5:30pm	Those in need of healing

WEEKLY COLLECTION

December 31, 2022 & January 1, 2023...\$2,972
Liability Insurance....\$592.00

THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR MAINTENANCE FUND
NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!



EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:30AM WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 12:05PM.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY MEMBERS 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

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