



Three Wise Men Today is the Feast of Epiphany, which we will again celebrate in the older calendar on Tuesday. Celebrating feasts twice is the privilege of our lovely “bi-calendric” parish, which is permitted to celebrate the best

of both the old and the new traditions. As the Lord Himself said, a wise steward pulls from his store of goods “things old and new,” and so the Church herself lays out both the treasures of tradition and the initiatives of the Holy Spirit, always under the guidance of the Holy Magisterium of Christ. One treasure of tradition that our parish provides is the **Epiphany Water blessing**, this Monday at 7pm. Once a year, the Church directs her priests to bestow the “great water blessing” on the eve of Epiphany. Of the three degrees of water blessings, this is the highest; Epiphany Water most powerfully cleanses and protects our homes. I’m convinced that it was our liberal use of Epiphany Water in 2020 that protected our parish during the pandemic, which remained open without infection. Only one elderly man got Covid, and he recovered completely within a few days. I encourage you to bring a gallon or two of water to the blessing for use throughout the year. Juan Carlos and I will lay out 120 gallons for parish use throughout the year, assuring that the water you get from our holy water tap is Epiphany Water.

Christ's Holy Family Last Sunday was the Feast of the Holy Family, which we will again celebrate next Sunday in the older calendar. Pope Leo XIII (after whom our current Holy Father is named) made this feast available in 1893 for any diocese that requested it. Leo promoted the Holy Family as an antidote to Marxism in Europe during that period.



Communist movements work to eradicate both religion and family so that government can gain full control of society. Beneict XV made this feast universal in 1921, three years after World War I almost destroyed Christian Europe. In 1917, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph had appeared together in the final apparition at Fatima, blessing the world.

Your Holy Family The poinsettias that embellish our altars during the feasts of Epiphany and Holy Family remind me of my Polish Nana’s home in New Jersey, in which we would spend our Christmas vacations. Dark green leaves crowned with deep red flowers enchanted my imagination fifty years ago, as they did five days ago in the adoration chapel. Their deep green leaves, almost hidden in the bottom of the plant, made me think of my Nana’s home and my own mother, whose quiet love afforded us peaceful security during childhood. A mother’s heart makes the home a sanctuary of safety and good health, a haven of joy and goodness. The poinsettia’s striking red leaves, on the other hand, convey energy and fire, risk and adventure, which the father provides for the home. The woman nurtures the family’s private and interior life, while the man invites the family to go outside of itself, engaging the outside world. The contrast between the poinsettia’s hidden green leaves and its prominent red leaves portray the Christian home in its complementary interior and exterior dimensions. The family is meant to be both *ad intra* and *ad extra*, both private and public, formed by both the mother and the father. A healthy family forms a balance of both inner-facing and outer-facing dimensions in a

child’s life. The tragedy of broken families, and their failure to impart both of these dimensions, explains the “failure to launch” of so many young people today. This is the problem, and the Holy Family is the answer. *Fr. Joseph Illo*

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 24/7 - LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS:

Daily Mass: M-F, 7am Latin, 12noon, 6pm. Saturday 8:30am, 12noon Latin. Sat. Vigil Mass 4:30pm. Sunday, 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am Latin, 7:30pm. Holy Day Mass, 7am Latin, 12noon, 6pm Sung Latin Mass. Confessions: 15 min. before Mass, (7am after Mass), Sat. 3:15-4:15pm. Lauds, Mon-Fri 6:45am. Vespers, Mon-Fri 5:45pm .

Holy Face Devotion, at chapel 6pm. Sacred Heart of Jesus First Friday 12 & 6pm (Latin). Divine Mercy, Saturday 3pm. Lady of Perpetual Help, Wednesday 12noon. Lady of Fatima First Saturday, 8:30am. Communal Rosary prayer after all daily Masses & Sunday 11am Latin. Sundays: 2:30pm Rosary Walk at St. Mary’s Cathedral.

The Sunday Scripture

Epiphany (Is 60: 1-6; Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2: 1-12) The Three Wise Men make it to Bethlehem today, and for the rest of their lives they proclaim to all the world what they have seen and heard. Jesus Christ is Lord! Can we not also proclaim to our friends, co-workers, and people with whom we interact daily in this City, that Jesus Christ is Lord!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We celebrate St. John Neumann (not to be confused with Saint John Henry Newman) on January 5th (Roman calendar). St. John Neumann was well-educated and wanted to be a priest, but there were too many priests in Germany and no where to place him. Therefore, he became a missionary in New York, where he was soon ordained, and later became a Redemptorist. He was Bishop of Philadelphia, and created the diocesan school system. His motto was "Passion of Christ Strengthen Me" and he is quoted, "As Christ has His work, we too have ours; as He rejoiced to do His work, we must rejoice in ours also."



As we begin a New Year 2026, please commit to a weekly Holy Hour. Sign up at www.adorationpro.org/star Hours Needed: Tuesdays 1 pm & 2 pm; Wednesdays, 9 am; 11 am; & 11 pm; Thursdays 9 am; 10 am & 6 pm; Sundays 1 pm & 7 pm. Thank you.

FORMED WEEKLY RECOMMENDATIONS

<http://watch.formed.org>. Free to all parishioners!

Our Mother Mary Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, to discuss Mary, the Mother of God. What is Mariology? How does Mary serve as model for all the faithful? How can we relate to Mary today? what does it mean to say that Mary is the Mother of the Church? Was Mary free in her earthly life?

TUESDAYS BIBLE STUDY 3:00PM-4:30PM (Rectory)

Gospel of John: December 9, 2025 - March 31, 2026
Contact Bill McCarty (415) 876-9551. All are welcome!
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NATIVITY CAMELMAS

On the ancient feast day of Candlemas, Nativity High School invites you to "Carmelmas" - a chance to be a Nativity student for the night!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, 2026
350 9TH AVE, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

6:00pm - Traditional Candlemas Mass, Star of the Sea Church (optional)
7:00pm - Nativity classroom experience
8:00pm - Standing dinner, drinks, and mingling

Tickets \$25 in advance: nativityhs.org/camelmas



Mass Intentions

Saturday 01/03	8:30am	† Francis and Jenny Chow
	12noon	† Felicidad B. Ong
	4:30pm	Int. of Aida Nicolas (bday)
Sunday 01/04	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Int. of Sherly Tobin (bday)
	11:30am	Int. of Ronald and Sarah Henderson
	7:30pm	Int. of Jennifer Park (bday)
Monday 01/05	7:00am	Int. of Gilda Kirk
	12noon	Int. of Ishmael Ortega Int. of Samantha Ortega Int. of Barbara Ron Giron † Mario Bruno † Rose Filippo † Richard Wilson † Maria and Mario Bruno
	6:00pm	Int. of Larry Ma Int. of Sister's of Charity † Wilfred Chow † Carmen Smith † Adelaida T. Pili † Souls in Purgatory † Deceased Family Members of Angela Ochoa
	7:00am	† Lucio Aguirre
	12noon	Int. of Epifania Lardizabal (bday)
Tuesday 01/06	6:00pm	† Gabi Bragoner
	7:00am	Int. of Mona S. Peglow
	12noon	Int. of Guillermina Manzon and Family
Wednesday 01/07	6:00pm	† Juliana Indra
	7:00am	† Maria Aurora Torrejon Vega
	12:noon	Int. of Deacon Albert Nimri
Thursday 01/08	6:00pm	Int. of Sarah L. Madrigal
	7:00am	† Josephine Norcia
	12noon	Int. of Sharlene Hall
Friday 01/09	6:00pm	† Catherine Chow
	7:00am	† Ana So
	12noon	Int. for Unborn Children in danger of losing their lives
Saturday 01/10	4:30pm	Int. of Santiago Ron (bday)

Prayers of the Sick

Mariana Mendieta, Margaret & Mark Sellai, Shawn Mickle, Marie Bellas, Justin Chin, Andrew Abdo, Alex Tong, Julie Johnson, Brian Galloway, Charles Bolla, Maria Molina, Maria Avedano, Sarah Monaco, Denis Von Kaeppler, Oliva Setiawaty, Jose Abantao, Bryson Soncuya, O Lai Sau King, Jerr Dewey and all sick parishioners.

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STEWARDS STATS

Colossians 3:23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.

Time: 8 people joined the Holy Face Devotion last Tuesday

Talent: 6 volunteers clean the church candle racks weekly.

Treasure: Sunday Offering \$ 8,322

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