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JANUARY **7**<sup>TH</sup> 2024 THE FEAST **OF EPIPHANY** 

# The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

### La Fiesta de la Epifanía del Señor



### Welcome to St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church iBienvenidos a la parroquia de San Jose!

#### **JANUARY 2024**

The first eight days of January fall during the liturgical season known as Christmas which is represented by the liturgical color white — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored). The remaining days of January are the beginning of liturgical season known as Tempus per Annum or Ordinary Time (formerly Time After Epiphany), which is represented by the liturgical color green. Green is a symbol of hope, as it is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in



the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. The liturgical color green is worn during prayer of Offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.

#### Feasts for January 2024

- 1. MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS, Solemnity
- 2. Basil the Great; Gregory Nazianzen, Memorial
- 3. Wednesday of Christmas Time; Most Holy Name of Jesus, Opt. Mem.
- 4. Elizabeth Ann Seton (USA and CAN), Memorial
- 5. John Neumann, Memorial
- 6. Saturday of Christmas Time; André Bessette (USA), Opt. Mem.
- 7. EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, Solemnity
- 8. Baptism of the Lord, Feast
- 13. Hilary, Opt. Mem.
- **14. SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- 17. Anthony, Memorial
- 20. Fabian; Sebastian, Opt. Mem.
- 21. THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, (Sunday of the Word of God)
- 22. Day of Prayer for Unborn (USA), Opt. Mem.
- 23. Vincent of Saragossa (US), Marianne Cope (US), Opt. Mem.
- 24. Francis de Sales, Memorial
- 25. Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle, Feast
- 26. Timothy and Titus, Memorial
- 27. Angela Merici, Opt. Mem.
- 28. FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
- 31. John Bosco. Memorial

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#### The Winter Seasons

The opening days of January may be cold and nature bleak, but the domestic church still glows warm with the peace and joy of Christmas. We dedicate the New Year to Mary on the January 1st Solemnity honoring her as Mother of God; and on January 8, the Solemnity of Epiphany, we rejoice with her, as her Son is adored by the three Wise Men.

Herald John, who ushered in the Advent season, is present once again to close Christmastide on the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord (The First Luminous Mystery), and to open the Season of Ordinary Time. He points to Jesus, the Lamb of God who unites time and eternity in the Eucharistic Sacrifice, and

even January's diminishing darkness seems to echo St. John's prayer: "He must increase and I must decrease."

In this liturgical season the Church eagerly follows Our Lord as he gathers his apostles and announces his mission. At Cana's wedding feast (The Second Luminous Mystery) he performs his first public miracle at the request of his Mother, and his disciples saw his glory and believed in him.

We, his present-day disciples pray for a like faith as we contemplate the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb and the unique role of the Blessed Mother in the plan of salvation. May we wholeheartedly obey her words of counsel: "Do whatever he tells you." This item 12538 digitally provided courtesy of CatholicCulture.org

Galatians: Set Free to Live by Asension Presents is an eight-week Bible study that speaks of the extraordinary gift of salvation that Jesus has won for us, explaining how we can unite ourselves to Christ's redeeming sacrifice. Reignite your love for God as you learn about the deep love God has for you. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship.

Our Galatians Bible study will be held every Monday evening from 6pm -- 7:45pm beginning FEB 5th, 2024.

Simply attend the first class to register. There is no-cost. Bring your bible, catechism, and a friend! We hope you can ioin us!

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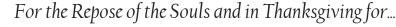
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#### 2024 FISH FRY MEETING

The next meeting for the **2024** Fish Fry is Monday January 15, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Annex building. Anyone wishing to become a volunteer in any capacity should attend this meeting. Please call the parish

office for questions on becoming a volunteer and how you can learn to do so in the comfort of your own home using your personal computer or tablet device. 2024 Coordinators: Edward Avila, Co-Coordinator: Alonso Rodriguez.



#### Christmas Weekday Saturday January 6, 2024

- 8:00 am Our Lady of Fatima in Thanksgiving by OLOF Group +Carlos Segovia by Nicole Segovia 6:00 pm Vigil +James Cantu by Family +Sylvia Mondragon Martinez by Sylvia & Albert Mondragon +Lily Valdez we pray for your soul by Cruz Pantoja <sup>†</sup>Ascension Valdez we pray for your soul by Sylvia & Albert Mondragon
- Sunday, January 7, 2024
- 8:00 am +Cruz H. Alaniz by Family
- 10:00 am +James Cantu by Family
- 12:00 pm +Rafael & Soila Manriquez Anniversaries by Family In thanksgiving-Domingo Valdez Happy Birthday by Mondragon Family

#### Monday January 8, 2024 6:00 am

<sup>+</sup>Maria A. Vasquez by Vasquez Family First Tuesday in Ordinary Time January 9, 2024 6:00 pm Powell Family (living & deceased) by +John Powell Wednesday January 10, 2024 6:00 am Powell Family (living & deceased) by +John Powell Thursday January 11, 2024 6:00 pm In thanksgiving for Guillermo Trevino by Ram T Friday January 12, 2024 6:00 am <sup>+</sup>Joe Frank Hernandez by Daniel Hernandez Powell Family (living & deceased) by +John Powell

#### Saturday January 13, 2024

8:00 am Powell Family (living & deceased) by + John Powell 6:00 pm Vigil In thanksgiving for Domingo Valdez by Sylvia & Albert Mondragon In thanksgiving for Albert Mondragon by Sylvia & Albert Mondragon +James Cantu by Family Sunday January 14, 2024

8:00 am Powell Family by +John Powell Felix & Estella Santos by Family 10:00 am +Frank Fuentes by Family 12:00 pm Celebrant's Intention

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season. —Pius Parsch

The feast of the Epiphany, which was kept in the East and in certain Western Churches before being observed in Rome, seems to have been originally a feast of the nativity; January 6, for those churches where it was kept, was the equivalent of Christmas (December 25) in the Roman Church. The feast was introduced at Rome in the second half of the sixth century and became the complement and, so to say, the crown of the Christmas festival.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Saviour.

That is the meaning, too, of the wonderful prophecy from Isaias which the liturgy appoints to be read in the first nocturn at Matins and at the Epistle of the Mass. This same thought of universal redemption the Church returns to as she sings, in the antiphon to the Magnificat at 2nd Vespers, applying the words to herself, of the union with Christ typified by the wedding feast at Cana, by the baptism of her children foreshadowed by that of Christ in the waters of the Jordan. Formerly the Epiphany was an additional day for solemn baptisms.

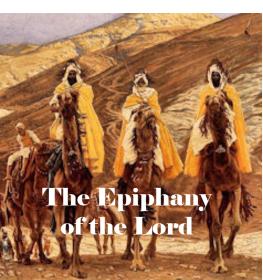




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