



January 7, 2024

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

- Mt 2:1-2

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9:00AM

**Saturday—Sábado**  
8:00AM

**Saturday Evening**  
English 5:00PM

**Sábado Por la Noche**  
Español 6:30PM

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English 7:30AM & 9:30AM

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Este Martes  
A las seis de la tarde

**Rosary in English**

To the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Fridays after the 9am mass

**Next Adult Faith Formation**

January 7, 11AM English—1PM Spanish

## INTENTIONS/INTENCIÓNES

<b>Monday:</b> <b>1/8/24</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Soledad Lagos † By: The Lagos Family</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b> <b>1/9/24</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Debbie Young † By: Bob Young</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b> <b>1/10/24</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Etty Cunningham † By: Mary Lewis</b>
<b>Thursday:</b> <b>1/11/24</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Joanne Leicht † By: The Leicht Family</b>
<b>Friday:</b> <b>1/12/24</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Robert Evans † By: The Quackenbush Family</b>
<b>Saturday:</b> <b>1/13/24</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>	
<b>Saturday:</b> <b>1/13/24</b>	<b>5PM</b>	
<b>Sunday:</b> <b>1/14/24</b>	<b>9:30AM</b>	<b>Rose Boggs (L) By: John &amp; Joan McNeil</b>

*(L) Designates a Special Intention for Someone Living*



Feast of Epiphany

This Sunday 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

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS RECONOCE ADIOS ENTUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Step Into the Light**

How strange it is to think that if not for Herod's directions, the magi would not have known where to find Jesus. They were not Jews, they knew nothing of the old prophecies. It was Herod who convened the scholars. It was Herod who pointed the way — for ulterior motives, certainly, but nonetheless, this is the part he played. It was Herod who made the Epiphany possible.

"Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance," writes the prophet (Isaiah 60:3). A king may keep to the shadows, suspicious of the light — he may foolishly imagine he can snatch it from the sky to keep as his own possession, and, upon finding the light cannot be governed, grow to loathe it, and even seek to extinguish it once and for all.

But all his grand designs will come to nothing because there is no king so powerful that he can see in the dark. And even a man like Herod — a man so jealous that he sought to kill God — cannot prevent the breaking of day.

The Epiphany marks the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. It is a celebration of truth reaching places it was not expected to reach, of brightness illuminating corners of the world long ago consigned to shadow. It is a reminder that the battle has already been won, the night is over. All that remains is for us to decide: will we step into the light?

*"See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory." — Isaiah 60:2*



Child's Name:

Catechist's Signature:

Por Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Dar un Paso Hacia la Luz**

Qué extraño es pensar que, si no fuera por las indicaciones de Herodes, los reyes magos no habrían sabido dónde encontrar a Jesús. No eran judíos, no sabían nada de las antiguas profecías. Fue Herodes quien convoco a los sabios. Fue Herodes quien señaló el camino; con motivos ocultos, ciertamente, pero, de todos modos, este es el papel que desempeñó. Fue Herodes quien hizo posible la Epifanía.

"Caminarán los pueblos a tu luz y los reyes, al resplandor de tu aurora," escribe el profeta (Isaías 60:3). Un rey puede permanecer en las sombras, sospechando de la luz; puede imaginar tontamente que puede arrebatarla del cielo para conservarla como posesión suya y, al descubrir que la luz no puede ser gobernada, llegar a detestarla e incluso tratar de extinguirla de una vez por todas.

Pero todos sus grandes diseños quedarán en nada porque no hay ningún rey tan poderoso que pueda ver en la oscuridad. E incluso un hombre como Herodes, un hombre tan celoso que buscó matar a Dios, no puede evitar el amanecer.

La Epifanía marca la manifestación de Cristo a los gentiles. Es una celebración de la verdad que llega a lugares donde no se esperaba que llegara, del brillo que ilumina rincones del mundo que hace mucho tiempo estaban relegados a la sombra. Es un recordatorio de que la batalla ya está ganada, la noche ha terminado. Lo único que nos queda es decidir: ¿daremos un paso hacia la luz?

*"Mira: las tinieblas cubren la tierra y espesa niebla envuelve a los pueblos; pero sobre ti resplandece el Señor y en ti se manifiesta su gloria." — Isaías 60:2*

What did you learn in Mass today?

# O Come, Let Us Adore Him



## Epiphany of the Lord

*Saturday & Sunday*

*January 6 & 7, 2024*

*(Regular Sunday Schedule)*

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 Savior. ([CatholicCulture.org](http://CatholicCulture.org))



## *Adult Faith Formation*

*This Sunday, January 7, 2024*

*11 am English—1 pm Spanish*

Mary Our Mother & Model of  
Christian Discipleship

*A light brunch will be served*

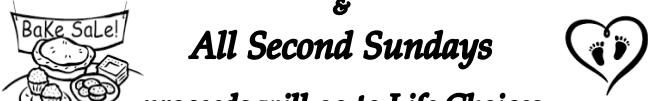
# Coming in the New Year!

Mark your Calendars for the New Year!

## Life Choices—Bake Sale

**Next Sunday, January 14, 2024**

&  
**All Second Sundays**



*proceeds will go to Life Choices*

*Providing services to women*

*Supporting them through pregnancy and beyond*

*For more information & to volunteer to bake*

**Call Maria Doran—(805) 649-3491**

**No Donuts will be served these Sundays**

## FRIENDSHIP GATHERING

**This Tuesday, January 9, 2024**

*and every second Tuesday of the Month*

*In the clubhouse*



*After the 9:30 am daily mass*

**Come for Fellowship and Prayer**

Contact Mary Wood (805) 640-5243 for more information

You're welcome to bring a snack to share there will be coffee.

*The gift of your presence is all that is asked.*

## MAKE THIS THE YEAR YOU LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CHURCH & IT'S TEACHINGS



**The program includes**

**Prayer, presentation, and time for discussion**

*A light brunch will be offered*

*For more information &/or childcare Contact Aina Yates at (805) 646—4338 ext. 111*

January 7	Mary Our Mother & Model of Christian Discipleship	Brian Campos	Carlos Herrera
February 4	Liturgical Music	Lisa Boyd & Bryant Huber	Alberto Santana
March 3	The Real Presence	Fr. Barney Johns, O.S.A.	Laura Duran & Flora Ponce
April 7	Artificial Intelligence, Medicine, & Catholic Ethics	John Clark Levin	
	El Rosario (1:00 p.m.)		Massiel Grisin
April 28	Preparing the Catholic Way—Preparado el Camino	Michael Boyko	Michael Boyko

## Ongoing Opportunities to Help Others—Volunteer & Donate

☞ **1st Thursday each month—Community Market:** Sign in: 9am Distribution: 9:30-10:30am

Call (805) 646-4338 ext 104 for more information & to volunteer. Leave a message. Someone will return your call.



☞ **3rd Saturday of each month—Open Pantry:** Sign in 8:30am Distribution 10:30

Monetary Donations payable to St. Vincent de Paul in a marked envelope dropped off at the church office or in the Sunday Collection basket. For more information & to volunteer call (805) 646-4338 ext.104 & your call will be returned.

☞ **4th Wednesday of each month—Family to Family:** 303 N. Ventura Ave. Next to Catholic Charities.

Call the Parish Office for more information (805) 646-4338

☞ **Every Tuesday through March 31st—St. Thomas helps at the Ojai Valley Winter Shelter—**

Donations needed. Our location for Winter Shelter is at the Ojai Valley Grange Hall, 381 Cruzero Street in Mira Monte.

For more information online ojaivalleyfamilyshelter.com or Call Chris Johnson (805) 402-0506

## Epiphany

### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Though the magi did not know where the star of Bethlehem would lead, they trusted that God would be with them along the way. Let us all embrace that same faith as we go about the journey God has planned for us this year.

### REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

**First Reading:** Isaiah foresaw a future when the Lord would use Israel as His instrument to shine His glory into the world. What could you do this week to show God's glory to others?

**Second Reading:** Paul met a lot of resistance when he spoke of God's "revelation" that Gentiles are "coheirs" and "copartners" with Jews in the divine promise fulfilled in Christ Jesus. How welcoming are you to outsiders?

**Gospel:** In the story of the magi's visit, we see the prophecies of Isaiah (our first reading) fulfilled with the treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh given to the Holy Family. What gift do you give to the Lord?

## Epifanía

### INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Aunque los reyes magos no sabían a dónde los llevaría la estrella de Belén, confiaron en que Dios estaría con ellos en el camino. Abracemos todos esa misma fe mientras emprendemos el viaje que Dios ha planeado para nosotros este año.

### A REFLEXIONAR Y RESPONDER

**Primera Lectura:** Isaías previó un futuro en el que el Señor usaría a Israel como Su instrumento para hacer brillar Su gloria en el mundo. ¿Qué podrías hacer esta semana para mostrar la gloria de Dios a los demás?

**Segunda Lectura:** Pablo encontró mucha resistencia cuando habló de la "revelación" de Dios de que los gentiles son "coherederos" y "copartícipes" de los judíos en la promesa divina cumplida en Cristo Jesús. ¿Qué tan acogedor eres con los forasteros?

**Evangelio:** En la historia de la visita de los reyes magos, vemos las profecías de Isaías (nuestra primera lectura) cumplidas con los tesoros de oro, incienso y mirra entregados a la Sagrada Familia. ¿Qué regalo le das tu al Señor?

### Readings for the week of January 7, 2024

<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
<b>Monday:</b>	Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

### Observances for the week of January 7, 2024

<b>Sunday:</b>	The Epiphany of the Lord
<b>Monday:</b>	The Baptism of the Lord
<b>Saturday:</b>	St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Las lecturas de la semana del 7 de enero de 2024

<b>Domingo:</b>	Is 60, 1-6/Sal 71, 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13 (ver 11)/Ef 3, 2-3. 5-6/Mt 2, 1-12
<b>Lunes:</b>	Is 55, 1-11/Is 12, 2-3. 4. 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5, 1-9/Mc 1, 7-11
<b>Martes:</b>	1 Sm 1, 9-20/1 Sm 2, 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8/Mc 1, 21-28
<b>Miércoles:</b>	1 Sm 3, 1-10. 19-20/Sal 39, 2 y 5. 7-8. 8-9. 10/Mc 1, 29-39
<b>Jueves:</b>	1 Sm 4, 1-11/Sal 43, 10-11. 14-15. 24-25/Mc 1, 40-45
<b>Viernes:</b>	1 Sm 8, 4-7. 10-22/Sal 88, 16-17. 18-19/Mc 2, 1-12
<b>Sábado:</b>	1 Sm 9, 1-4. 17-19; 10, 1/Sal 20, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/Mc 2, 13-17
<b>Domingo siguiente:</b>	1 Sm 3, 3-10. 19/Sal 39, 2. 4 7-8. 8-9. 10 (8. 9)/1 Cor 6, 13-15. 17-20/Jn 1, 35-42

### Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 7 de enero de 2024

<b>Domingo:</b>	Día de la Epifanía del Señor
<b>Lunes:</b>	El Bautismo del Señor
<b>Sábado:</b>	San Hilario, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia
<b>Domingo siguiente:</b>	2º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

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## Did You Know?



### Engage with your adolescents and provide healthy guidance

During adolescence, young people require more parental engagement – rather than less. This is a time when they begin to experience the many facets of their personality and to test their parents as well as themselves. During this time, adolescents will try to do what is forbidden because it can be exciting to break the rules. Though our adolescents may push us away or disregard our rules and suggestions, they need our guidance—during this time more than ever. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Be aware of your adolescent’s peers and activities” at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/). Read the VIRTUS® article “Be aware of your adolescent’s peers and activities” here.

### Interactúe con sus adolescentes y guíelos sanamente

Durante la adolescencia, los jóvenes requieren más participación de los padres, en lugar de darles menos atención. Este es un momento en el que los jóvenes comienzan a experimentar las múltiples facetas de su personalidad y a poner a prueba a sus padres y a ellos mismos. Durante este tiempo, los adolescentes intentarán hacer lo prohibido porque puede ser emocionante romper las reglas. Aunque nuestros adolescentes puedan alejarnos o ignorar nuestras reglas y sugerencias, necesitan nuestra guía, durante este tiempo más que nunca. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® “Be aware of your adolescent’s peers and activities” (Manténgase siempre en alerta de las amistades y las actividades de su adolescente) en [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/). Lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® “Be aware of your adolescent’s peers and activities” (Manténgase siempre en alerta de las amistades y las actividades de su adolescente) aquí.