



Then they opened their treasures and offered him

GIFTS OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH.

Matthew 2:11

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January 8, 2023 • The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass Times/Tiempos de misa

MONDAY—FRIDAY ~ LUNES—VIERNES
9:00AM

SATURDAY—SÁBADO
8:00AM

SATURDAY ~ SÁBADO POR LA NOCHE
English 5:00PM Español 6:30PM

SUNDAY MASSES~ MISAS DEL DOMINGO
English 7:30AM & 9:30AM
Español 11:30AM

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ~
SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN**

Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

**EXPOSITION AND ADORATION
EXPOSICIÓN Y ADORACIÓN**

Of the Blessed Sacrament ~
Del Santísimo Sacramento

Thursday/Friday ~ Jueves/Viernes 9:30AM-10:30PM

PRAYER LINE ~ LÍNEA DE ORACIÓN

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English: Dn. Phil Nelson
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PRIVATE PRAYER ~ ORACIÓN PRIVADA

Church open Mon-Sat ~ Iglesia abierta de lunes a sábado
10AM-4PM

INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday: January 2, 2023	9:00AM	Debbie Young † <i>By Bob Young</i>
Tuesday: January 3, 2023	9:00AM	Paul Hennigan † <i>By the Doran Family</i>
Wednesday: January 4, 2023	9:00AM	Larry Shields † <i>By Bereavement</i>
Thursday: January 5, 2023	9:00AM	Mike Paitetta † <i>By The Quackenbush Family</i>
Friday: January 6, 2023	9:00AM	Margaret Weisel † <i>By Bereavement</i>
Saturday: January 7, 2023	8:00AM 5:00PM	Joie Hornbeck ♥ <i>Paul Richard Hernandez ♥</i> <i>By Hernandez & Pizana families</i>
Sunday January 8, 2023	9:30AM	Marie McKenna † <i>By Sheila Vander</i>

♥ Special Intention



POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI

APRIL 16, 1927 – DECEMBER 31, 2022

IN MEMORIAM

Mass Schedule



Epiphany of the Lord
Saturday, January 7, 2023

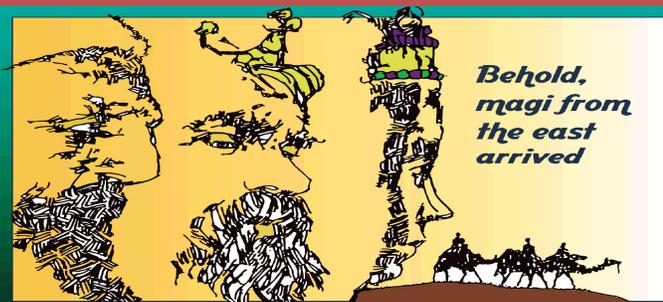
Mass in English 5pm

Mass in Spanish 6:30pm

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Masses in English 7:30am & 9:30pm

Mass in Spanish 11:30 am



Prayer for Pope Benedict XVI.

O God, true shepherd of all the faithful, look with kindness on your servant **Pope Benedict XVI**, whom you set as head and shepherd of your Church. We give you thanks for your grace at work in him as he has led us by word and example: in his teaching, in his prayer, and in his great love. *Amen*

Father Kirk's Letter

Many years ago, a 'wisdom figure' in my life encouraged me to always have something on my calendar in the future to look forward to. So often, many of us feel a little bit let down after the excitement of Christmas and New Year's...with only the hard work of living up to our resolutions to look forward to.

In keeping with the sensible advice of having something to look forward to, I invite you to recall that the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas is on the 28 th of January. This year the feast falls on a Saturday, and we will be remembering our parish patron at all our Masses on the weekend of January 28/29.

After the 11:30 Mass on Sunday, January 29 please plan to participate in an all-parish pot-luck

luncheon celebration for the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas to be held in our own Aquinas Center beginning at 12:30PM. Details of our planned celebration will be made available in the coming weeks.

Meanwhile I wish you all a very Happy New Year along with my prayers for a blessed 2023.

God's peace,
Fr. Kirk

Una Carta de Padre Kirk

Hace muchos años, una 'figura de sabiduría' en mi vida me animó a tener siempre algo en mi calendario en el futuro que esperar. Muy a menudo, muchos de nosotros nos sentimos un poco decepcionados después de la emoción de la Navidad y el Año Nuevo... con solo el arduo trabajo de cumplir con nuestras resoluciones para esperar. Siguiendo el sensato consejo de tener algo que esperar, los invito a recordar que la fiesta de Santo Tomás de Aquino es el 28 de enero. Este año la fiesta cae en sábado, y estaremos recordando a nuestro patron parroquial en todas nuestras misas el fin de semana del 28 y 29 de enero. Después de la misa de las 11:30 el domingo 29 de enero, planeo participar en una celebración de almuerzo compartido de toda la parroquia para la Fiesta de Santo Tomás de Aquino que se llevará a cabo en nuestro propio Centro de Aquino a partir de las 12:30 p.m. Los detalles de nuestra celebración planificada estarán disponibles en las próximas semanas.

Mientras tanto les deseo a todos un muy Feliz Año Nuevo junto con mis oraciones por un bendecido 2023.

la paz de Dios,
P. Kirk

The California Augustinians invite you to consider joining us on a Pilgrimage to the

Augustinian Youth Encounter and World Youth Day

to be held in **Lisbon, Portugal** this summer.

This journey is specifically tailored to young people between the ages of 16 and 36.

We will depart California on **July 24 and return on August 9.**

The estimated cost of the pilgrimage is \$2250 inclusive of airfare, accommodation and meals.

Some financial aid is available.



To express interest and/or request more information, please contact
Fr. Kirk Davis, OSA - frkirk@stacojai.org

Villanova Preparatory School Middle School

Villanova Prep is planning to open a middle school serving students in 6th—8th grades.

Opening in the 2023—2024 school year.

Villanova Prep is currently gathering information from the community regarding interest in our planned Middle School, set to open in Fall 2023.

If you would like to find out any information about our plans, please reach out to our Admissions Team at:

admissions@villanovaprep.org.

For more information:

www.villanovaprep.org

Did you know?

L.A. Catholics

work together to protect children

Did you know that the Archdiocese of Los Angeles requires all staff members, and volunteers who work in any capacity with or around children, the elderly, or people with special needs, to complete the VIRTUS® Protecting God's Children for Adults program? This program helps prevent child sexual abuse by raising awareness among staff and volunteers, and educating them on warning signs of abuse, potentially unsafe or inappropriate scenarios, and how to respond to suspicious behavior. Adults who undergo VIRTUS® training also learn the five steps to help prevent child sexual abuse. For more information, visit <https://lacatholics.org/education-and-training/>.

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles is committed to ensuring that parishes, schools and ministries are safe places for everyone in our community. For more information about support for victim-survivors and abuse prevention and protection efforts of the Archdiocese, visit: lacatholics.org/protect.



Los católicos de Los Ángeles trabajan juntos para proteger a los niños

¿Sabía que la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles requiere que todos los miembros del personal y los voluntarios que trabajan en cualquier capacidad con o cerca de niños, ancianos o personas con necesidades especiales completen el programa de VIRTUS® para adultos, “Protegiendo a los niños de Dios para adultos”? Este programa ayuda a prevenir el abuso sexual infantil creando conciencia entre el personal y los voluntarios, y educándolos sobre las señales de advertencia de abuso, escenarios potencialmente inseguros o inapropiados y cómo responder a un comportamiento sospechoso. Los adultos que reciben capacitación VIRTUS® también

aprenden los cinco pasos para ayudar a prevenir el abuso sexual infantil. Para obtener más información, visite <https://lacatholics.org/education-and-training/>.

La Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles se compromete a garantizar que las parroquias, las escuelas y los ministerios sean lugares seguros para todos en nuestra comunidad. Para obtener más información sobre el apoyo a las víctimas-sobrevivientes y los esfuerzos de protección y prevención del abuso de la Arquidiócesis, visite lacatholics.org/protect.

**Happening
In Our Parish**



Adult



**CATHOLIC FAITH
FORMATION**

This Sunday, January 8, 2023

The Life of Jesus

Jean Smith

11 am

A light brunch will be offered.

Childcare provided. Contact Aina Yates at (805) 646-4338 ext. 111



**Join us on the Second Tuesday of every month after the 9:00 daily Mass
*Next gathering, this Tuesday, January 10, 2023***

Come to the Clubhouse, (between the church and the parish hall)

Come for coffee, tea, goodies, and fellowship.

If you would like bring something to share please do!

What we most want is the gift of your presence.

If you have any questions call either Mary Wood 805 640-5243 or Greg Sinicrope 805 455-4619.

This Sunday Night

**Epiphany of the Lord Vespers
at the Mission Basilica**

***Vísperas de la Epifanía del Señor
en la Misión Basílica***

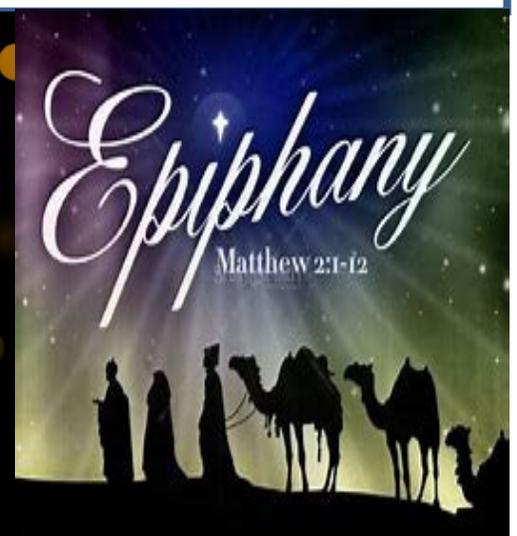
**Choral Prelude
with
Credo Catholic Choir and
Mission Basilica Schola**

**Preludio Coral
con
Coro Católico Credo y
Scholaón de la Misión Basílica**

**Sunday
January 8, 2023**

**domingo
8 de enero de 2023**

7:00 PM



STAR OF LOVE

Like all of the Christmas season, Epiphany celebrates God's eternal and infinite love. In a special way, this day shows how God's love is truly all-inclusive. The magi were not Jews, not part of the Chosen People who expected that the Messiah was coming to save only them. Early on in his Gospel, Matthew tells us that God's love will not be limited by our human presumptions or boundaries. We still struggle with the fact that God is constantly epiphanizing us to grow beyond the limits of our experience or expectations, to move beyond the boundaries of the world around us. Let us pray that we might be given epiphanies to help us find grace where we didn't believe it existed, to aid us in understanding that God's love is most often shown by who is included, not who is excluded. May we open our eyes and hearts to know that the Christ-light shines everywhere.

Today's Readings: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38;
Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9;
Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;
Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3;
Jn 1:29-34

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday: The Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins
Friday: St. Hilary
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary;
Julian Calendar New Year



ESTRELLA DEL AMOR

Como todo el tiempo de Navidad, la Epifanía celebra el amor eterno e infinito de Dios. De manera especial, este día muestra cómo el amor de Dios es verdaderamente inclusivo. Los magos no eran judíos, no formaban parte del Pueblo Elegido que esperaba que el Mesías viniera a salvarlos sólo a ellos. Al principio de su Evangelio, Mateo nos dice que el amor de Dios no estará limitado por nuestras presunciones o fronteras humanas. Seguimos luchando con el hecho de que Dios nos epifaniza constantemente para que crezcamos más allá de los límites de nuestra experiencia o expectativas, para que vayamos más allá de los límites del mundo que nos rodea. Recemos para que se nos concedan epifanías que nos ayuden a encontrar la gracia donde no creíamos que existiera, que nos ayuden a comprender que el amor de Dios se muestra más a menudo por quien está incluido, no por quien está excluido. Que abramos nuestros ojos y corazones para saber que la luz de Cristo brilla en todas partes.

Lecturas de hoy: Is 60:1-6; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Ef 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 o Hch 10:34-38;
Sal 29 (28):1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
Martes: Heb 2:5-12; Sal 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mc 1:21-28
o Heb 1:1-6 y 2:5-12; Sal 8:2ab, 5, 6-9;
Mc 1:14-20 y 1:21-28
Miércoles: Heb 2:14-18; Sal 105 (104):1-4, 6-9;
Mc 1:29-39
Jueves: Heb 3:7-14; Sal 95 (94):6-11; Mc 1:40-45
Viernes: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Sal 78 (77):3, 4bc, 6c-8;
Mc 2:1-12
Sábado: Heb 4:12-16; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15; Mc 2:13-17
Domingo: Is 49:3, 5-6; Sal 40 (39):2, 4, 7-10;
1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: La Epifanía del Señor
Lunes: El Bautismo del Señor
Martes: La Primera Semana del Tiempo Ordinario
Viernes: San Hilario
Sábado: Santa María Virgen

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