

CHURCH OF ST JOSEPH

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MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE MISAS

Sun./Dom.	9 AM (English), 11AM (Español)
Mon./Lun.	8:30 AM (English)
Tues./Mar.	7 PM (Español) Vísperas & Misa
Wed./Mier.	8:30 AM (English)
Fri./Vier.	7 PM (Español) Vísperas & Misa
Sat./Sab.	9 AM Mass for Children / Families (English)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday, 9:30 AM. to 6 PM (Closed for lunch, 1:00—2:00 PM)

HORARIO DE LA CASA CURAL: Lunes a Viernes, 9 AM a 4:30 PM (Cerrada, 1 - 2 PM)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK/UNCIÓN DE ENFERMOS: Call anytime/llamar a cualquier hora.

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS/DEVOCIONES ESPECIALES:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction, Fridays, after the 7 PM Mass / Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento con la Bendición : Viernes **luego** de la Misa de las 7 PM

The Miraculous Medal Novena, on Mondays after the Mass./Novena de la Medalla Milagrosas, los lunes después de la Misa.

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES: By appointment only. Please call the Parish Office well in advance.

BAUTISMOS & BODAS: Hacer una cita de antemano.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN: 9 AM on Saturdays/ Sabado a las 9 AM. Any time by appointment / O llamar para una cita.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND: Any one who cannot attend church because of illness or age, please contact the parish office so that arrangements can be made to bring communion to you. /

COMUNION PARA LOS ENFERMOS: Llámanos para que uno de nuestros ministros te lleve la Sagrada Comunión.

WELCOME, NEW PARISHIONERS! Please visit the Rectory so that we may formally register you as members of the parish.

¡BIENVENIDOS NUEVOS FELIGRESES! Favor de visitar a la Casa Cural para inscribirse en nuestra parroquia.

Sunday/Domingo, January 6th
The Epiphany of the Lord
 Is 60: 1-6; Eph 3: 2-3, 5-6/ Mt 2: 1-12

9 AM † James A. Meade (Anniversary)

11 AM Blanca Villalta (Cumpleaños)

Monday/Lunes, January 7th
St. Raymond of Peñafort
 1 Jn 3: 22—4:6 / Mk 4: 12-17.23-35

8:30 AM †† Jane & Timothy Murphy

Tuesday/Martes, January 8th
 1 Jn 4: 7-10 / Mk 6: 34-44

7 PM Available

Wednesday/Miércoles, January 9th
 1 Jn 4: 11-18 / Mk 6: 45-52

8:30 AM † Leslie Linsenbarth

Friday/Viernes, January 11th
 1 Jn 5: 5-13 / Lk 5: 12-16

7 PM Available

Saturday/Sábados, January 12th
 1 Jn 5: 14-21 / Jn 3: 22-30

9 AM Available

Sunday/Domingo, January 13th
The Baptism of the Lord
 Is 40: 1-5, 9-11; Ti 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7/ Lk 3: 15-16. 21-22

9 AM † Edna Meade (Birthday)

11 AM † Anulfo Sanchez (5^o Aniversario)

HAVING MASS OFFERED FOR SOMEONE MAKES A GREAT SPIRITUAL GIFT.
 PEDIR UNA MISA PARA ALGUIEN ES UN BONITO REGALO ESPIRITUAL.

COLLECTIONS/COLECTAS December 30, 2018

Weekly need is / Necesidad semanal es:	\$6,178.00
Sunday Offering (9 AM \$1,190 & 11 AM \$1,530)	\$2,720.00
Church Property Fund	\$659.00
Christmas Offering (9 AM \$2,319 & 11 AM \$1,230)	\$3,549.25
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	\$1,144.00

May God Bless you for your generosity!
 ;Que Dios los bendigas a todos por su generosidad!

REASONS TO BE REGISTERED IN THE PARISH:

helps to support the church, identifies you as a practicing Catholic, allows you to receive sponsorship certificates and other church documentation, gives you access to the sacraments, helps you to register for the religious education program and gives you a community of believers.

ADULTS: those over 18 years of age should be registered in the parish and should be receiving our mailings and weekly envelopes. It is not enough that you received your sacraments here in the parish; you should register as an active member of the parish. Come to the rectory, registration takes about 5 minutes.

RAZONES PARA ESTAR REGISTRADO EN LA PARROQUIA: ayuda a apoyar a la iglesia, te identifica como un católico practicante, te permite recibir certificados de patrocinio y otra documentación de la iglesia, te da acceso a los sacramentos, te ayuda a registrarte en el programa de educación religiosa, te da una comunidad de creyentes.

ADULTOS: los mayores de 18 años deben estar registrados en la parroquia y deben recibir nuestros correos y sobres semanales. No es suficiente que haya recibido sus sacramentos aquí en la parroquia; debe registrarse como un activo miembro de la parroquia. Ven a la rectoría, a registrarte, el registro toma alrededor de 5 minutos.

FLOWERS/FLORES

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UNEXPECTED PREGNANCY? If you are in a crisis pregnancy, please call (914) 620-4464

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¿EMBARAZO INESPERADO? Si se encuentra en una crisis por causa del embarazo, llamar al (914) 620-4464

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Epiphany (January 6)

Today's solemn feast is referred to as epiphany. The word 'epiphany' means 'manifestation' or 'an appearance.' Only St Mathew tells us about the Magi. We assume that there were 3 Magi. But Mathew does not tell us there were 3 - there could have been 2 or 3 or a 1000.

The long western Christian tradition of 3 wise men is mostly based on the slender piece of evidence that they gave the Infant Jesus 3 gifts. But when you think about it, that proves virtually nothing. Eastern tradition gives their number as 12.

It's the symbolism of the gifts that's important. Gold the king of metals was for the king of kings, frankincense was in recognition of Jesus' divinity and myrrh of the death that he would undergo.

In later Christian tradition, they were called kings. This interpretation came about, under the influence of an ancient OT text in Psalm 72 - 'may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts, may all kings fall prostrate before him, all nations serve him'.

But the notion of 3 kings went a step further, when they were named, Melchior, Gaspar, and Balthasar. This is purely on the basis of a rather spurious text found in Alexandria in the 6th century. Where the author got those names is by no means certain. He may have just made them up.

Earlier, in the 4th century, the Empress St Helena, mother of the first Christian Roman Emperor, Constantine the Great, made her own contribution to Magi mythology. She claimed to have had a vision that led her to the burial site of these Magi. She had the remains exhumed, and the ostensible skulls of the 3 Magi remain to this day on display at the Cathedral in Cologne, Germany.

It's all fantasy of course, on a par with The Da Vinci Code's fast and loose fiddling with the legend of the Holy Grail. The biblical record is the only evidence that we have to go on, and if you take a good look at Mt 2, you will conclude that this evidence is rather slim. We have to admit that we don't know much about these men. And we don't need to know more than what Mathew is telling us.

Mathew's gospel is the most Jewish of Christian Scriptures, and the Magi represent the entire non-Jewish, gentile world, which came to adore the Prince of Peace. Apparently, Mathew is trying to strike a universal tone in his gospel. He wanted not just Jews included, but people from all nations - the good news is for everyone. Christ is not the exclusive property of any tribe or nation or people. He belongs to us all, as we can all belong to him. And he came to us in the flesh - became like any of us. Mathew 2 truly is an epiphany for any and all who tend to think that salvation is a 'Members Only' club.

The facts of today's story may be vague, but the message is loud and clear. We thank God today that there's no specially 'chosen people', whether they be Jews, or Catholics or Hindus.

Let us try to understand more deeply God's closeness to us which is also the reason for us to be close to each other. There are no outsiders. All are called, everyone is invited. This feast of the Epiphany also reminds us to respect the search and journey other people are on. God's revelation takes different forms and people can discover God in many ways which we may not understand. This is the day to praise the mysterious ways of

Epifanía del Señor (6 de enero)

La misericordiosa providencia de Dios, que ya había decidido venir en los últimos tiempos en ayuda del mundo que perecía, determinó de antemano la salvación de todos los pueblos en Cristo. De estos pueblos se trataba en la descendencia innumerable que fue en otro tiempo prometida al santo patriarca Abrahán, descendencia que no sería engendrada por una semilla de carne, sino por la fecundidad de la fe, descendencia comparada a la multitud de las estrellas, para que de este modo el padre de todas las naciones esperara una posteridad no terrestre, sino celeste. Así pues, que todos los pueblos vengan a incorporarse a la familia de los patriarcas, y que los hijos de la promesa reciban la bendición de la descendencia de Abrahán, a la cual renuncian los hijos según la carne. Que todas las naciones, en la persona de los tres Magos, adoren al Autor del universo, y que Dios sea conocido, no ya sólo en Judea, sino también en el mundo entero, para que por doquier sea grande su nombre en Israel. Instruidos en estos misterios de la gracia divina, queridos míos, celebremos con gozo espiritual el día que es el de nuestras primicias y aquél en que comenzó la salvación de los paganos. Demos gracias al Dios misericordioso quien, según palabras del Apóstol, nos ha hecho capaces de compartir la herencia del pueblo santo en la luz; él nos ha sacado del dominio de las tinieblas y nos ha trasladado al reino de su Hijo querido. Porque, como profetizó Isaías, el pueblo que caminaba en tinieblas vio una luz grande; habitaban en tierra de sombras, y una luz les brilló. También a propósito de ellos dice el propio Isaías al Señor: Naciones que no te conocían te invocarán, un pueblo que no te conocía correrá hacia ti. Abrahán vio este día, y se llenó de alegría, cuando supo que sus hijos según la fe serían benditos en su descendencia, a saber, en Cristo, y él se vio a sí mismo, por su fe, como futuro padre de todos los pueblos, dando gloria a Dios, al persuadirse de que Dios es capaz de hacer lo que promete. También David anunciaba este día en los salmos cuando decía: Todos los pueblos vendrán a postrarse en tu presencia, Señor; bendecirán tu nombre; y también: El Señor da a conocer su victoria, revela a las naciones su justicia. Esto se ha realizado, lo sabemos, en el hecho de que tres magos, llamados de su lejano país, fueron conducidos por una estrella para conocer y adorar al Rey del cielo y de la tierra. La docilidad de los magos a esta estrella nos indica el modo de nuestra obediencia, para que, en la medida de nuestras posibilidades, seamos servidores de esa gracia que llama a todos los hombres a Cristo. Animados por este celo, debéis aplicaros, queridos míos, a seros útiles los unos a los otros, a fin de que brilléis como hijos de la luz en el reino de Dios, al cual se llega gracias a la fe recta y a las buenas obras; por nuestro Señor Jesucristo que, con Dios Padre y el Espíritu Santo, vive y reina por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

De los sermones de san León Magno, papa

ANNOUNCEMENT

STAY CURRENT with your support to our **Parish - take and use your box of envelopes for 2019!** Individually labeled boxes are placed on tables in the back of the church. **No box for you there?** Then kindly sign the form on the table or call the rectory to register in our parish!

GOD PARENTS: there is often misunderstanding about being a god parent, according to the directives of the universal church (Canon Law) a godparent needs to be a practicing Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Initiation and, if married, needs to be married in the Catholic Church. Practicing Catholics means that the person is a registered member of a parish, who attends Sunday Mass and who will be a role model of the Catholic faith for the child. Sounds reasonable!

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES: Please come to the rectory. In order to be a godparent or sponsor, you must have received your own sacraments, be registered and a practicing Catholic which means Sunday attendance and, if married, married in the Catholic Church.

MARCH FOR LIFE. The Church of St. Joseph, invites you to join the **March for Life**, on **Friday, January 18, 2019**. Before the rally, we will join all the NY Pilgrims for a Mass at 10:30 AM, with Cardinal Dolan at St Patrick's Church, 619 10th Street, Washington DC. The fare is \$40 per adult and \$20 per child (10-17 yrs) accompanied by a parent or with signed parental permission. Call the Rectory or Jesusita at 914-562-4195, for more info. Any donation to help with our expenses would be greatly appreciated!

ANUNCIOS

MANTENGASE actualizado con su apoyo a nuestra Parroquia: **¡tome y use su caja de sobres para 2019!** Se encuentran en las mesas en la parte posterior de la iglesia. **No hay caja para usted allí?** ¡Entonces, rellene el formulario de registración que se encuentra sobre la mesa o visite la rectoría para registrarse en nuestra parroquia!. Gracias por su generosidad.

PADRINOS -- a menudo hay malentendidos acerca de ser un padrino; de acuerdo con las directivas de la iglesia universal (Ley Canónica) un padrino debe ser un católico practicante que ha recibido los Sacramentos de Iniciación y, si está casado, debe estar casado en la Iglesia Católica. Católicos practicantes significa que la persona es un miembro registrado de una parroquia, que asiste a la misa dominical y que será un modelo a seguir de la fe católica para el niño. ¡Suena razonable!

CERTIFICADOS PARA PADRINOS O MADRINAS: Por favor venga a la rectoría. Para ser padrino o madrina, debe haber recibido sus propios sacramentos, estar registrado y ser católico practicante, que significa asistir a la misa los domingo y si es casado, casado en la iglesia católica

MARCH PRO-VIDA, La Parroquia San José invita a todos los feligreses a unirse a nosotros para ir a la Marcha Pro-Vida; el **viernes, 18 de enero del 2019!** Antes de la marcha, Nos uniremos con todos los Pelegrinos de NY en la Iglesia San Patricio, 619 10th Street, Washington, DC; para celebrar la Misa a las 10:30 AM con el Cardenal Dolan. Favor de llamar a la Casa Cural al 963-0730 ó a Jesusita al 914-562-4195; para conseguir su cupo. \$40 adultos y \$20 jóvenes y adolescentes (10-17) acompañados por un padre de familia o con permiso escrito.

PARISH GROUPS –GRUPOS PARROQUIALES

Monday/Lunes

Cursillistas 7:00 PM School Conf. Room

Tuesday/Martes

Circulo de Oración 7:45 PM Church

Alcoholic Anonymous 7:00 PM School Cafeteria

Thursday/Jueves

Alcoholic Anonymous 7:00 PM School Cafeteria

Friday/Viernes

Rosario Pro-Vida 7:45 PM Church

Hora Santa (1st viernes) 7:45 PM Church

Hora Apostólica (2nd vier.)7:45 PM Church

Sunday/Domingo

Caballeros de Colón(1^{er} Dom) 1PM K of C Room

Alcoholic Anonymous 6:30 PM School Cafeteria

SERVICIOS A LA COMUNIDAD

DISPENSA DE COMIDA, todos los sábados desde las 8 AM a 9 AM. En el comedor parroquial del edificio escolar.

COMEDOR, servimos comida caliente a todos los necesitados, los domingo desde las 2 PM a 4 PM.

Et intrantes domum, invenerunt puerum cum Maria matre eius, et procidentes adoraverunt eum! (Matthæus 2:11)





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