

Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 2019

Light is a common thread running through today's readings. In Isaiah, Jerusalem becomes a beacon to the rest of the world: "Nations shall walk by the light, and kings by your shining radiance" (Isaiah 60:3). For the writer of Ephesians, that light comes as a revelation, that all believers are "members of the same body, and copartners in the promise of Christ Jesus through the gospel" (Ephesians 3:6). And in the Gospel, of course, we have the star. The star that marked the location of Jesus' birth. The star that indicated the birth of the new ruler. The star that led these wise men from afar to the little child in the manger.

Isaiah tells of caravans coming from across the desert bearing gold and frankincense. Gold was appropriate for a king, a precious metal used for jewelry and ornamentation. Frankincense was burned as incense or perfume, often used by those offering prayers to God. To these two gifts, the Magi add myrrh, an oil used for anointing, particularly for burial. It foreshadows the Passion, for Jesus is not only king and high priest, but also sacrificial victim, anointed with myrrh when buried in the tomb.

When seeing Jesus for the first time, the Magi "prostrated themselves and did him homage" and "offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matthew 2:11). Nowhere in Matthew's account do we see them offering homage or bring gifts to King Herod. They recognized the difference between the temporal king and the eternal king, between the one worthy of reverence and the one unworthy of the honor.

Question of the Week

To whom do I pay homage? Are they worthy of my respect?



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 5, 2019

Vigil of Epiphany of the Lord

4:00.m. Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Virgil & Mary Duplessis – Daniel & Elizabeth Ripoll – Danny Jon Singletary – George Marcell – Vernon Mercadel – Audrey Jefferson – Ellsworth McKendall – Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen – Frank Donze – Daisy Hicks and Nautilus Aubrey

Sunday, January 6, 2019

Epiphany of the Lord

8:30a.m. Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – France Hai Cao – Earthy B. Lazard – Walter Banks, III – Calvin Tate – Corrine Singletary – Tu Tran – Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen – Eloise C. Parker – Melvina Kepp – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Francis Mouton – Maria Thieu Tran

10:30a.m. Lamar & Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Melvin Thomas – Veronica Vigne Richards – Eugene Ganier – Lorrie Truxcello – Deacon Poncho – Intentions of the McKinney Family – Enjoli DeGrasse

12:00p.m. Louis Isidore – Intentions of St. Maria Goretti Parish

Monday, January 7, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – John & Melba Fletcher – Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen – Vernon Mercadel

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Deacon Poncho – Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen – Tu Tran – Calvin Tate – Ellsworth McKendall – Intentions of Enjoli DeGrasse

Wednesday, January 9 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Tu Tran – Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen – John and Melba Fletcher – Intentions of our Parish

Thursday, January 10, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen – John and Melba Fletcher – Intentions of Tamerle Young – Melanie Ally – Stacey Martin – Leonard Gauthreaux – Fr, Cyril Buyeera

Friday, January 11, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Deacon Poncho – Joseph Nguyen – John and Melba Fletcher – Intentions of Tamerle Young – Stacey Martin & Family

Saturday, January 12, 2019

8:30a.m. All Poor Souls in Purgatory – Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen – The Living and Deceased Benefactors of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

Announcement

“To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.”
 Eucharistic Adoration Monday thru Friday, 9:00a.m. – 12:00 noon
 and Saturdays, 12:00noon – 3:00p.m.

Bible Study

The Bible Study theme for the **Epiphany of the Lord**: Bible Study both of these celebrations will be based on the readings for the: **Reading I: Isaiah 60:1-6; Responsorial Psalm: 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Reading II: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12.**

It's a New Year, you have a Blank Page, make it a Meaningful Time with our Holy Father



Thursdays, 8:00p.m. in the Center where you might win and have some fun with friends and family.

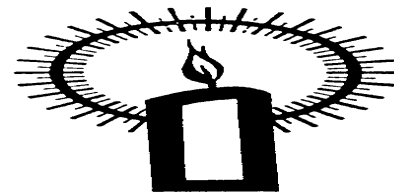
RCIA

Welcome to the surprise of Christmas! “Christmas is preferring the silent voice of God to the noisiness of consumerism. If we can be silent in front of the crib, Christmas will be a surprise even for us, not something seen before,” Pope Francis' Welcome to the Surprise of Christmas.

Every Catholic has a role in welcoming those seeking to join the Catholic Church. God has touched them in a special way that leads them to us. Let us get out of the pews and into the community.

The RCIA is in its Evangelization and Precatechumenate Phase. During this Christmas Season we meditate on “The Word Incarnate. Christ in human form, what does this mean to me?”

For more information contact the RCIA Team: Deacon Terrel J. Broussard or any member of the RCIA Team or by email at tbroussard@smgnola.com, or visit the website at smgnola.com



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in memory of Eugene Ganier
 The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Weldon Heisser and Donald Adams, Jr.

This Week in our Parish

Monday, January 7, 2018

6:00p.m. Zumba Exercise Class – Center

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

6:00p.m. ENONAC – Center
 7:00p.m. Knight of Columbus 2921 – Rms. 3 & 4

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

6:00p.m. Zumba Exercise Class – Center
 6:00p.m. Lake Carmel HOA – Rm. 8
 7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance – Center

Thursday, January 10, 2019

6:00p.m. Bingo – Center

Saturday, January 12, 2019

10:00a.m. CYO Metting – Rm-11
 11:00p.m. Just Faith Meeting – Library
 12:00p.m. Haiti Meeting – Library



We welcome everyone into our parish. If you have not filled out a census card, the cards can be found on the table at the entrance of the church.

Be of Good Will to All