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THE SANCTUARY LIGHT
IS OFFERED
IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
+LINH HONANNA

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

5:00 PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

9:30 AM

FOR PATRICIA GRAHAM
& +LOLA PADRÓN

MISSA PRO POPULO

Tuesday, January 5, at 9:30AM

For Denise Smith

Tuesday, January 5, at 10-11 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, January 6, at 9:30AM

For the Ray Childress Family

Thursday, January 7, at 9:30AM

For Patricia Graham

Friday, January 8, at 9:30 AM

For All Souls in Purgatory

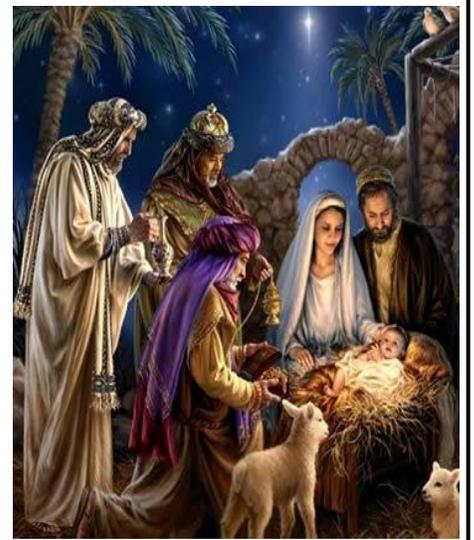
The Baptism of the Lord Jesus

Saturday, January 9, at 5:00 PM

Misa Pro Populo

Sunday, January 10, at 9:30 AM

+Joe and +Tillie Hedrick



WISE MEN STILL
SEEK JESUS

JANUARY 2021 LECTOR SCHEDULE

JANUARY 2 KATHY RUSSELL

JANUARY 3 CLIFF EBEL

JANUARY 9 DONNA MANTHEI

JANUARY 10 JAYNE LONGLEY

JANUARY 16 RON ZAJAC

JANUARY 17 BENITA EBEL

JANUARY 23 JOE LABUDA

JANUARY 24 BRIGID BREAZEALE

JANUARY 30 KATHY RUSSELL

JANUARY 31 TEDDY MANTHEI



The Body of Christ will be distributed only by the Priest.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD

“For it is
in
giving
that
we
receive.”

- St. Francis of Assisi

December 27 weekend:

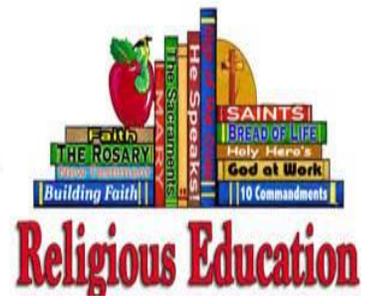
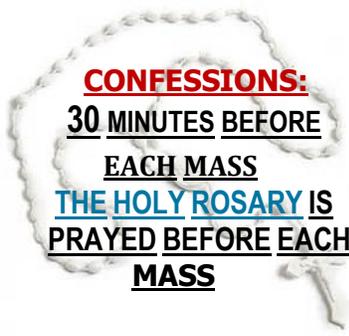
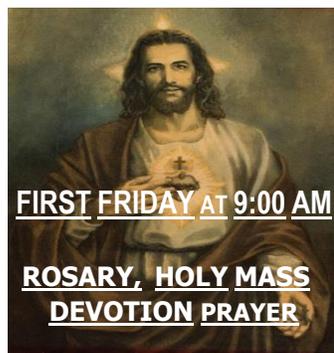
Church: \$1572.00

Christmas: \$4346.00

Holy Family: \$336.00

Building Fund: \$20.00

Thank you for your generosity



Announcements and Upcoming Events



Many of our elderly and sick have sheltered at home away from loved ones and neighbors to protect themselves from COVID-19. This separation has had many significant effects. Please hold in prayer all those who may feel isolated or lonely during this pandemic. May Our Mother of Sorrows comfort them in their time of need. For those coming together for Mass, let us faithfully maintain and strengthen best protocols that protect one another. We are encouraged to wear face masks, wash our hands often, and keep safe distance while gathering for the worship of God.



New Offering Envelopes

The 2021 offering envelopes are located in the narthex. Please fill out the information on the first couple of envelopes for this year, especially if any of your information has changed. Thank you for keeping our database updated. For online giving visit www.stfrancisofassisi-parish.org

Identity of The Magi

Magi is derived from the Greek word "magoi," which can have four different meanings. Magoi can refer to priestly men of Persia; men who have occult powers and knowledge of astrology; magicians; or charlatans. Matthew indicates in his Gospel that the Magi came from the East and were guided by a star. Balaam, an Old Testament prophet, had revealed that the Messiah's arrival would be marked by a bright star. With this information, it's likely the magi were Persian priests, educated in astrology and astronomy, who interpreted the star's appearance as a sign of Christ's birth.

Fit For a King

From ancient times, gold has been associated with rarity and royalty. Because of its endurance, gold also became associated with immortality. In the time of Jesus gold was an essential gift for a king or deity. The magi's gift of gold symbolizes their acknowledgement of Jesus as a king whose kingdom cannot be destroyed by earthly powers. As Christianity evolved, so too did the description of the magi. In the 7th century, a work attributed to St. Bede known as the Excerpta et Collectanea indicated the gift of gold was presented by Melchior, a bearded, elderly man.



Welcome
—We are glad you are here—

A warm welcome is extended to everyone. If you attend St. Francis of Assisi regularly and consider this your parish, please register. Stop by the office during open hours and fill out a registration form.

To Honor a Priest

Frankincense, also known as olibanum, was also considered precious. The plant-derived, resin-like substance was used for medicinal purposes and in incense. Frankincense was not native to Israel and was expensive to import, but was a logical gift to be borne by a visitor from the east to Jerusalem where it was used in ritual by the temple elders. In presenting frankincense to Jesus, the magi recognized Jesus's role as a priest. The priest-astrologer bearing frankincense was described by St. Bede as young, beardless and of ruddy complexion.

The Consolation of Myrrh

Myrrh was, in Jesus's time, more valuable than gold. It is obtained from trees which grow in southern Arabia and other parts of the African continent. Its ancient use was as an analgesic and an embalming element. Myrrh symbolized pain, death and the afterlife. As a gift of the magi, it foretold of Jesus's suffering and death. Jesus was offered myrrh with wine to soothe him during the crucifixion. Myrrh also was used to anoint his body after his death. The figure associated with offering myrrh to the Christ child is Balthasar, who St. Bede described as black-skinned and heavily bearded.

Let us pray for each other:
Lord, look with loving kindness on the needs of all our parishioners, especially those who are ill, at home, in the hospitals and nursing homes.

A second collection for the Franklin Food Pantry will be taken up next week at each Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

Happy New Year to All!