

Epiphany

Let Us Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters:
 Mark Atlas, Keneth Taylor, Claire Folger, Mauricio Ramos, Louis Hoskey, Daryl Bond, Marilyn Miller, Derick, Ana Q., Rigoberto, Janna Alves, and for those with health complications, and for all the intentions of the families not listed. *We Pray to the Lord.*



If you or someone you know needs prayer please contact the Parish office at (530)934-3314 or email your requests to stmonicawillows@outlook.com. The names remain in the list for a month.

Mass Schedule & Intentions:

January 5th-January 11th, 2019

Date	Time	Int	Name
Sat. 1/5	5:00pm	+	All Souls
Sun. 1/6	9:00am		Birthday: Mary Alves Health: Derick Holmes
		12:00pm	+ + +
Mon. 1/7	7:30am	+	All Souls
Tues. 1/8			No Intentions
Wed. 1/9	4:00pm	+	All Souls
Thurs. 1/10	7:30am	+	All Souls
Fri. 1/11	7:30am	+	All Souls

Do you have a Mass intention? We now have mass intention envelopes, you can fill it out and place it in the offering basket, Stop by or call the parish office when you need a Mass celebrated. 934-3314

Responsorial Psalm:
 Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12,13
“Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.”



-First Reading
 Isaiah 60: 1-6
 The last part of the book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet who lived after the Jews returned from exile in Babylon (which is modern-day Iraq). They found their temple destroyed and the city leveled. But with great faith the prophet envisions a wonderful future for Jerusalem.

-Second Reading
 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
 The Ephesians were a community in which Jewish converts to Christianity lived side-by-side with Gentile converts. The author of this letter confirms that God's saving grace is available to everyone, whatever their background.

What is Epiphany?
 It is a Greek word *epiphania* means "manifestation." An epiphany is a sudden realization about the nature or meaning of something. For example a birth of a child can be an epiphany that suddenly makes us understand love and responsibility in a new way. A doctor's warning about health issues can be an epiphany that causes us to change the way we eat. And a Scripture passage, homily, or spiritual book can be an epiphany that helps us see Jesus in an unexpected, new way... This feast marks the end of Christmas, and commemorates the Magi who followed a star to find the Christ-child.

The three **wise man** carried **gifts** with them, unusual and meaningful **gifts**. Gold, to underline Jesus' royal nature, the King of **Kings**; frankincense, to symbolize the divine nature of the son of God; and myrrh, to show his human nature and reveal his passion and death on the Cross.

1. The Magi saw and chose to follow the star all the way to Jesus.
2. When they found Jesus, the Magi knelt down to worship him and pay him homage.
3. The Magi went home changed.

This pattern can be the same for your life. God visits the earth on a daily basis. Every day he stands at the door of your heart and asks, "Can I come in?" (Revelation 3:20)
 You have the same *choice* ...your life can be changed by this very pattern: seeing and worshipping Jesus and receiving a new insight from the Spirit will always improve the way you think, act, and relate to other people.

“Lord, I ask you for an epiphany today. Jesus, help me see you anew.”

The Gabriel Project Needs You!



What Is the Role of Our Church in The Gabriel Project?

The role of our church community in The Gabriel Project is to meet with any woman referred to us for help, to pray with her and to assure her that Christ and our church loves her.

Our community simply responds in love by providing emotional, spiritual and material support to help her meet her needs. For the many women who are abandoned at the time of a crisis pregnancy, the church community lovingly fills the void left by a missing family.

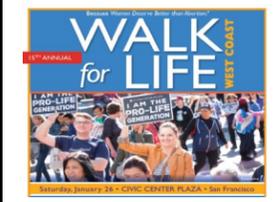
Churches in The Gabriel Project stand ready to provide a mother with the kinds of assistance that she needs in caring for her unborn baby. This help may include:

- * Friendship and Emotional Support
- * Baby Sitting or Providing Transportation
- * Medical and Prenatal Care
- * Material or Financial Assistance
- * Housing, Educational and/or Employment Opportunities
- * Maternity and Baby Items

More than anything else, Gabriel Project Churches embrace each pregnant woman who comes to them, as their daughter, their sister, their friend.

Next week will be Gabriel Project "Sign-up Sunday" You will have an opportunity to sign up after each Mass.

Please say "Yes, I will live the Gospel message to love my neighbor", by becoming a Gabriel "Angel" Volunteer.



Walk for Life West Coast
 January 26, 2019:

We would like to invite all those who want to unite with the West Coast and Walk for Life. We are joining in with St. Dominic Parish from Orland where we will be going on the bus to attend the Annual Walk for Life.

Lets be the voice for those who aren't born yet and give them a chance to life. If you are interested please contact Maribel for more information and to save your seat in the bus for a suggested donation of \$25.



Prayer to End Abortion

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself *Never to be silent, Never to be passive, Never to be forgetful of the unborn.* I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, and *Never to stop defending life* until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and *our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all,* Through Christ our Lord. Amen!
 Rev. Frank Pavone

Dates to Remember

January

Adoration is held every Friday from 8am to 8pm

This Sunday January 6th

- **Second Collection:** Humane Bat Removal
- **YLI Breakfast** after Mass
- **CYO meeting @ 6pm** *****
- *The Gabriel Project "Sign-up Sunday" –January 13th after Mass*
Sunday, January 20th
- The Gabriel Project meeting- after Mass @ Parish Center
- **Coffee and Donut** *****
- **Parish Council Meeting @ 6pm** PC -Wed., Jan. 23rd
- **Walk for Life Sat., Jan. 26th**

Thank you for your generosity and your contribution to Saint Monica Parish!

December 24, 2018
 Christmas Eve Mass: \$2,820

December 25, 2018
 Christmas Day Mass: \$5,766

December 29, 2018
 Weekend Mass Offerings: \$2,865.25

Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious \$1,277