

As we welcome the New Year, a popular Catholic devotion is to ask God's blessing upon our homes and families through the intercession of the three wise men. We invite you to adopt this custom in your family. The family gathers to invite Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows. A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance, 20 + C + M + B + 20. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and 2020 is the year.

Blessing the Home for the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Leader: *Peace be with this house and with all who live here. Blessed be the name of the Lord.*

All: *Now and forever.*

Leader: *During these days of the Christmas season, we keep this Feast of the Epiphany. We celebrate the manifestation of Christ to the Magi, to John in the River Jordan, and to the disciples at the wedding of Cana. Today, Christ is manifest to us! Today, this home is a holy place.*

Reader: From the Holy Gospel according to John

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him nothing was made that has been made. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

Using the blessed chalk, the leader marks the lintel of the front door (or front porch step) as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 20

While saying: *The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and eighteen years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the New Year. Amen.*

Then offer the following prayer: *Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen*

*Al comenzar el nuevo año, una devoción católica popular es pedir la bendición de Dios sobre nuestros hogares y familias a través de la intercesión de los tres sabios. Les invitamos a adoptar esta costumbre en sus familias. La familia se reúne para invitar a Jesús a ser un huésped diario en nuestro hogar, nuestras idas y venidas, nuestras conversaciones, nuestro trabajo y descanso, nuestras alegrías y penas. Una forma tradicional de hacer esto es usar tiza para escribir sobre la entrada de la casa, 20 + C + M + B + 20. Las letras C, M, B tienen dos significados. Son las iniciales de los nombres tradicionales de los tres Magos: Caspar, Melchior y Balthazar. También abrevian las palabras latinas *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "que Cristo bendiga la casa". Los signos "+" representan la cruz y 2020 es el año.*

Bendición del hogar para la fiesta de la Epifanía del Señor

V. *Paz a esta casa*

R. *Ya todos los que en ella habitan.*

Antífona: *De Oriente han venidos los Magos a Belén para adorar al Señor; y, abriendo sus tesoros, le han ofrecido preciosos dones: el oro del Gran Rey, el incienso de Dios Verdadero, y la mirra para su sepultura, aleluya.*

Lectura: El evangelio según San Juan

En el principio existía la Palabra y la Palabra estaba con Dios, y la Palabra era Dios. Ella estaba en el principio con Dios. Todo se hizo por ella y sin ella no se hizo nada de cuanto existe. Y la Palabra se hizo carne y puso su Morada entre nosotros y hemos contemplado su Gloria, Gloria que recibe del Padre como Hijo único, lleno de gracia y de verdad.

Usando la tiza bendita el líder marca el dintel de la puerta principal (o paso de porche delantero) de la siguiente manera: 20 + C + M + B + 20

mientras dice: *Los tres sabios, Caspar, Melchior y Balthazar siguieron la estrella del hijo de Dios que se hizo humano hace 2018 años. Que Cristo bendiga nuestro hogar y permanezca con nosotros durante todo el año nuevo. Amén.*

Entonces ofrécele la siguiente oración: *Visita, oh bendito Señor, este hogar con la alegría de tu presencia. Bendice a todos los que viven o visitan este hogar y concédenos manifestar tu amor los unos a los otros, y a todos aquellos con quienes compartimos nuestra vida. Que crecemos en la gracia y en el conocimiento y el amor de ti; Señor Jesucristo, guía, consuelo y fortalecernos con tu paz, ahora y para siempre. Amén*

**MARIAN PILGRIMAGE
WITH FR. JACOB**

You are invited to travel with Fr. Jacob Koether to Europe April 15-24, 2020. Visits will include Medjugorje, Lourdes, and Fatima. We will begin with a three-day stay in Medjugorje where we will have the chance to visit the spot of the original apparitions, worship with people from around the world, and climb the Hill of the Blue Cross. Next will be a flight to Lisbon, Portugal to enjoy Fatima and Santarem, the sight of the oldest Eucharistic miracle. After three days in Portugal, we fly to Lourdes where we will have time to explore the Grotto of the Apparitions, the underground Basilica, and the Miraculous Baths. Cost is \$3,899.00 (Airfare and ALL-Included). To register, please contact (855) 842-8001 or (508) 340-9370. You can also register online at www.proximotravel.com

**ETERNAL REST
GRANT UNTO THEM
O LORD**



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Joe Alvarado, Cesaria “Sadie” Garcia, George Garcia, Cecilio A. Martinez. May they rest in peace and their families be comforted.

Favor de rezar por la almas de Joe Alvarado, Cesaria “Sadie” Garcia, George Garcia, Cecilio A. Martienz + Que descansan en paz y que sus familia reciben consuelo.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK
MISAS DE LA SEMANA**

Sábado	5:00 p.m	The Vasquez Family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Manuela Arriola
	10:30 a.m.	(Birthday) Minnie Solis
	1:00 p.m	Rosa Villarreal
Domingo	9:30 a.m.	Amelia Hinojosa
	11:30 a.m	Franisco Garza
Monday	7:00 a.m.	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday	7:00 a.m	Raul Jimenez
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Felicita Munoz
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	St. Franisco de Anis
Jueves	7:00 p.m.	Fr. Alberto Rodriguez, O.S.S.T.
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Raul Jimenez
Sábado	5:00 p.m	Margarita G. Vasquez
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Frank Saldana Sr.
	10:30 a.m.	Guadalupe “Lupe” C. Garcia
	1:00 p.m	Irma,James,Manuel Robles
Domingo	9:30 a.m.	Todos los Parroquianos
	11:30 a.m	Besty Escalona

Mass Intentions



We are currently scheduling Mass Intentions for January – June 2020.

Estamos programando sus intenciones por la Misa al presente



**CCD/RCIA Classes begin Monday
January 13th at their regularly scheduled times.**

*Las Clases de la Doctrina/RICA empiezan el
Miércoles 15 de Enero a su horario regular.*



BAPTISM CLASS

**Baptismal Preparation Class: January 10th,
at p.m. at CCD Center. It is for those
parents/godparents who will be baptizing their
children. The class will be bilingual and will be
good for 2 years at our parish.**

*Clase de Preparación del Sacramento de Bautismo:
viernes 10 de Enero a las 7 de la tarde. Nos unimos
adentro de CCD Center para aprender los requisitos y
razones de bautizar. Padres y Padrinos que van a
bautizar necesitan asistir. La clase va a ser bilingüe y
cuenta por dos años en nuestra parroquia.*



Due to time constraints in preparing the bulletin before the holiday, we will not be able to publish the Weekly Parish Support figures until next week's bulletin.

*Publicamos las figuras financieras en la
próxima boletín.*



Vela del Santuario: Santísima Trinidad

*En memoria de
Francisco Garza
De: Familia*



We are accepting sponsors for the Sanctuary Lamps at Our Lady of Sorrows and la Capilla de Santísima Trinidad for the 2020 Year. Please come by the office during regular business hours if you would like to sponsor the candle for the week.

CATHOLIC RURAL LIFE MASS

The Diocese of Victoria and Bishop Cahill would like to invite you to the upcoming Blessing of Seed and Soil Mass in Ganado.

Date: Saturday, February 1, 2020
 Time: 10:00 am
 Place: BH Genetics
 5933 FM 1157
 Ganado, TX 77962



Please pick up your 2020 envelopes at the entrance of the Church.



Charitable Contribution Letters for tax purposes will be available beginning in mid-January.

Cartas de Contribución de Limosnas utilizadas por razones de impuestos, serán disponibles en el medio de Enero.



Adult Confirmation Course: The Power of Christian Witness

The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory will be offering an **Adult Confirmation Course** this **January - February, 2020**. This is a class for adult Catholics in the Victoria Deanery who have received religious education, either in a Catholic school or through CCD classes, but need the final preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Course is a 5-week commitment. **The class dates are: Tuesdays: January 21 and 28, and February 4, 11 and 18, from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Center - St. Gabriel Hall.** Registration forms are available in the OLV parish office or by emailing Jenny Vincent at jvincent@olvcathedral.org. The **Confirmation Mass** will be held on **Tuesday, February 25th, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Cathedral. **Deadline for registration: Thursday, January 14, 2020.**



St. Joseph High School
Open House for Prospective Students and Families
It's not just what you learn....It's who you become.

If you are considering St. Joseph High School for your son or daughter, please join us for Open House.

Experience STJ with a campus tour and attend academic department presentations; meet the faculty and coaching staff. Get answers to your questions about admissions, curriculum and tuition assistance.

Sunday, January 26 at 2:00 pm
 STJ Flyer Dome

St. Joseph High School - 110 E. Red River St.
 Visit STJvictoria.com/admissions

You'll Love the Journey!



Nazareth Academy Open House - You are invited to attend NA's Open House for prospective students in PK3 - 8th Grade on Tuesday, January 21, from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. Information about the school's history and curriculum will be shared, tours will be given and staff will be available to answer your questions. Registration information for the 2019-2020 school year will be given. Please email dmichalski@nazarethacademy.org or call the school for more information. We look forward to meeting you!

Want to make a New Year's resolution that will stick?
How about Rekindling the Spark in Your Marriage?

Father Gary Janak, along with several married couples, will be sponsoring a **special weekend for married couples** in the Victoria area in 2020. **Choosing to L.O.V.E.** is a retreat for couples seeking to enrich their marital commitment, by focusing on what brought their covenant into existence – their marriage vows. It is not a weekend for couples experiencing serious problems in their relationship, but for couples seeking to be faithful to their marriage vows and desiring to strengthen the core of who they are as husband and wife. **The retreat will be held at the Spiritual Renewal Center, south of Victoria, on February 14-16, 2020.** Space is limited, so register now! The cost for the retreat will be \$275 per couple, which includes lodging, food, and materials. Registration forms are available at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory Parish Office in Victoria or by emailing jvincent@olvcathedral.org. More information can be found on the website.

LENTEN MINI-RETREAT

Holy Family Catholic Church Altar Society will host a Lenten mini-retreat on Saturday,

February 15, 2020. It will begin with a Mass at 8:00 A.M. in the main church. The

Retreat will be held in the Activity Center following the end of Mass, with

Father Kristopher Fuchs leading the retreat.

All are welcome, Men and Women. There is no fee for the retreat. A light breakfast and

Lunch will be served. In order to prepare enough food, we need you to please call and

Sign up with Betty Frederick 550-0064 or Millie Chapa-652-5630 or 576-6508.

