



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 7

4:00 PM †TJ Blankenship by Frank & Elaine Kasper

Sunday, January 8

8:00 AM Pro Populo

10:30 AM †Jerry Lain by Donna Lain

12:15 PM †Gonzalo Muro by Consuelo Rodriguez

Monday, January 9

8:00 AM †John McCowen by Lucy Krouskop

Tuesday, January 10

8:00 AM Paul Mathers by a Friend

Thursday, January 12

8:00 AM Elise Smith by Sherry Goelden

Friday, January 13

8:00 AM †Trisha Willy by Paul Willy

Saturday, January 14

4:00 PM Suzy McCook by Frank & Elaine Kasper

Sunday, January 15

8:00 AM †Sonny Jones by Martha Kasper

10:30 AM Pro Populo

12:15 PM †Freddy Gonzalez Int. de Connie Rodriguez

Sound Catholic practice encourages us to offer the Mass for the departed and for those in any need. To request a Mass to be offered, please visit the parish office or return to the office a completed Mass intention card. Available cards are located in the foyer of the church.

Epiphany – A Mystery still

“THE MYSTERY...HAS NOW BEEN REVEALED” (EPHESIANS 3:3, 5). Here’s the “mystery”: God was revealed to a particular people – the Jewish people-but all along, God intended to be revealed eventually to everyone. For a long time, this plan was a secret, since God told the Jews about it only in an obscure way. Now that Jesus has come, the secret is out.

Yet God’s plan remains a mystery. For what about God isn’t a mystery? Think of how God is reigning over creation, being revealed in our hearts, sharing love and joy with us. All, all deep mysteries. And God doesn’t become less mysterious the more God is revealed. It is a common experience that the more people know God, the less they feel they understand God. When I was in my twenties, I understood some things about God. Now that I’m in my sixties, I’m amazed at how much I thought I understood back then.

Today’s feast of God being revealed in Jesus Christ is something for us to celebrate with thankfulness – and also with awe.

Kevin Perrotta



The Knights of Columbus will meet **Thursday, January 12th** at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

Anointing of the Sick



Because of the Privacy Act, hospitals and nursing homes are no longer able to provide a list of the Catholic patients/residents for the Churches use in order to visit and administer the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick. Therefore, I need your assistance when you have a family member who is hospitalized or in a nursing home. Please call Fr. Orosco at the Church Office at (972) 563-3643 so that I may be of assistance.



The Week Ahead



Prayer Requests

Sunday, January 8

9:15 AM R.E. classes

Monday, January 9

8:00 AM Daily Mass
 1:00 PM **NO** Crochet Ministry @ Casa St. John
 7:00 PM Grupo de Oración en la Casa St. John

Tuesday, January 10

8:00 AM Daily Mass
 6:30 PM R.E. evening classes
 6:30 PM Clases Bíblicas

Wednesday, January 11

6:30 PM R.E. evening classes
 6:30 PM Hora Santa

Thursday, January 12

8:00 AM Daily Mass
 7:00 PM RCIA classes
 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus meeting in Parish Center

Friday, January 13

8:00 AM Daily Mass

Richard Collier
 Richard Lozano Sr.
 Mike Gonzales
 Amalia Ibarra
 Curtis Rushing
 Deacon Leo Rener
 Jennifer Whitehouse
 Paul Gumler
 Olivia Nicole Yates
 Stanley Quist
 Sonia Rodriguez Cadena
 Brenda Larsen
 Rosario Rodríguez
 Cindy Kinkaid
 Rosann Kinkaid
 Mayra Anguiano
 Patti Sikors Garrett
 Angel Gabriel Godinez
 Tomas Samuel Garcia
 Barbara Sikors Hendricks
 Maria Mercedes Gaytan
 Ma. del Refugio Mendoza
 Marianne Marsden
 Connie Schroeder

Nick Morales, Sr.
 Lee Wilde
 James Dean
 Brenda Newburn
 Henry Taft
 Jesus Arteaga
 Archie Palmore
 Mason Gumler
 Felipa Garcia
 Joe Wages
 Erica Vargas
 Margaret Wages
 Sheila Wages
 Myrna Lawson
 Johnnie B. Malouf
 Pascual Meza
 Robert Repka, Sr.
 Michelle Elliott
 Crystal Sanchez
 Theresa Lyon
 Warren Terry
 Elmer Marsden
 Odin Kizer
 Elaine Kasper

Last Week's Collection

Last Week's Collection:	7,955.02
FY'16-17 Budgeted Average:	6,500.00
FY'16-17 Average Sunday Coll. thru 12/31/16:	6,238.88
Attendance:	1,087



ATTENTION all Young Girls ages 12-17; you are invited to join the Young Women's Group. We are now changing our meeting dates from the last Sunday of the month to the last Wednesday of the month. Some of our

upcoming events will be: YWG Retreat, Bishop's Prolife Dinner Retreat, and much more. To join all you have to do is come to the meeting. If you attend Religious Education classes on Wednesday you are welcome to come after class. The meetings are held at the Casa St. John's at 801 N. Frances St. (next to the church parking lot) from 6:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

Ministry Schedule for the Weekend of January 14/15

Lectors:

Sat. 4:00pm Karen Mathers/Melody Zimmer
 Sun. 8:00am Jim Leeker/Gerald Garcia
 Sun. 10:30am Bud McClure/Tammy Guerra

Ushers:

Sat. 4:00pm Paul Mathers*/Debbie P./Michael G./Sherry G.
 Sun. 8:00am Cindy Kelley*/Jack N./Conrado A./Abby H.
 Sun. 10:30am Steven Hernandez*/Richard Jr./Kevin P./Erik A.

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat. 4:00pm Gary Whalin/Linda Whalin
 Sun. 8:00am Mary Pat Samuels/Paul Willy
 Sun. 10:30am Martha Aranda/Bill Bedrick



Religious Education News

January Class Schedule

- ❖ **Sunday Classes:** 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th.
- ❖ **Tuesday Classes:** 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st.
- ❖ **Wednesday Classes:** 11th, 18th, 25th.

Every New Year we have the opportunity to look at the year ahead as a clean canvas or slate. Traditionally we make resolutions to save money, lose weight, or improve our health. All of these are good resolutions, but this year, try putting a twist on your New Year's resolutions and include new habits that will improve your spiritual life. For example, spend more time in prayer, read scripture at least 10 minutes a day, attend First Friday Mass and stay for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation more often, spend more time with family and friends, initiate a family service project, or volunteer to help others. You will notice a significant transformation in yourself. *Happy New Year!*

Parent Meetings for First Communion

Parent meetings for First Communion will be held this Sunday, January 8th. The session in English will be held in the Parish Center immediately following the 10:30am Mass. The Spanish session will be held in the Parish Hall at 4:00pm. At least one parent must be present for this meeting. Thank you for your cooperation as we work to assist you in your child's preparation for receiving the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist (Holy Communion). Please contact Susan in the RE office if you have questions: 972-563-3643.

RE Team Meeting



The Religious Education Team will meet on **Monday, January 9th**, 2017, in the Parish Hall at 7:00pm. Maury Buford will present a program on the growing problem of sex trafficking in north Texas. Maury is a parishioner at St. John the Apostle and he works with the Department of Public Safety (DPS). This will be an opportunity for all volunteers to renew their Safe Environment annual training for the coming year. Please try to attend. We are trying to get every volunteer's annual renewal due in January; this meeting will help accomplish that goal. If the hall is still being used for Mass at the time of this meeting, refreshments will not be served.

Epiphany of the Lord



Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance (Isaiah 60:1-3).

The glory of the Lord shines from Jerusalem throughout all the earth! And so we Christians now participate with Israel in God's manifestation to the world through the child born of Mary!

Gentiles, non-Jews, are now co-heirs with the Jews of God's promises! No one was more shocked at this revelation than Paul himself. As a devout Jew – indeed as a Pharisee – Paul believed that God's manifestation throughout Hebrew scriptures was intended exclusively for the Jews. Paul was actually on a journey to Damascus to persecute Jesus' followers when Jesus appeared and revealed the startling truth.

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Eph 3:5-6).

And could there be a more dramatic illustration of the significance of Jesus' birth for all nations than the dramatic scene of the three kings from the east following the star to Bethlehem?

And behold, the star they had seen at its rising preceded them until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage (Mt 1:9-11).

Today's feast of the Epiphany is a manifestation both that Jesus is Lord and that Jesus is Lord not merely of the Jews but of all peoples! Jesus' Lordship occurs through the power of the Holy Spirit! And the Church formally teaches that the light of the Holy Spirit shines not only in Jewish and Christian hearts but in all people of good will. Vatican Council II in *The Church in the Modern World* put this truth simply and elegantly.

All this hold true not only for Christians, but for all men of good will in whose heart grace works in an unseen way. For, since Christ died for all men, and since the ultimate vocation of man is in fact one, and divine, we ought to believe that the Holy Spirit, in a manner known only to God offers to every man the possibility of being associated with the paschal mystery (#22).

Yes, authentic Christianity acknowledges the immanence of the divine in all people of good will in every culture. Let us celebrate God's epiphany to our troubled world! The responsorial psalm catches our joy: "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."

ESTO ES HOY LA EPIFANIA



Descubrir a nuestro alrededor los signos en los que el Señor se manifiesta y llena de alegría nuestra historia. **¿Permites que Jesús se manifieste en tu vida? ¿Dejas que él entre en tu corazón?**

Clases Pre-Bautismales

Tenemos pláticas el primer sábado de cada mes a las 6:00pm en la Capilla. Favor de llamar a la oficina (972-563-3643) para más información.



Unción de los Enfermos

Si usted o alguien que usted conozca está necesitado en recibir comunión o el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos favor de llamar al Padre Orosco en la oficina de la Iglesia al número 972-563-3643.



Pláticas Bíblicas para Adultos



Tenemos Pláticas Bíblicas para Adultos cada martes a las 6:30pm en la Capilla con el Diacono Mario Sánchez.



Grupo de Muchachas Jóvenes

ATENCIÓN todas las muchachas jóvenes entre las edades de 12-17 están invitadas al Grupo de Muchachas Jóvenes. Las juntas son cada último miércoles del mes. Si asisten a la Doctrina en los miércoles pueden pasar a la junta después de clases. Algunos eventos que tenemos son: Retiros del grupo, la Cena del Obispo de Pro-Vida y mucho más. Las juntas son en la Casa St. John (801 N. Frances St.-enseguida del estacionamiento de la Iglesia).



Hora Santa

Todos están invitados a la Hora Santa cada miércoles a las 6:30pm. Nos reunimos en la Capilla para darle honra a Jesús Sacramentado.



Grupo de Oración



El Grupo de Oración se reúnen los lunes a las 7:00pm en la Casa San Juan.

Noticias de la Doctrina

Calendario de Enero

Clases de domingos: 8, 15, 22, 29

Clases de martes: 10, 17, 24, 31

Clases de miércoles: 11, 18, 25

Junta para todo el Equipo de Educación Religiosa

Vamos a tener una junta para todo el Equipo de Educación Religiosa el lunes, 9 de enero en el Salón Parroquial a las 7:00pm. El Sr. Maury Buford presentará un programa en el crecimiento de problema de traficante de sexo. Esta será una buena oportunidad para que todos los voluntarios renuevan su entrenamiento de medio ambiente para el siguiente año.

Junta para los Padres para La Primera Comunión

La junta para los Padres de niños que recibirán su Primera Comunión es hoy domingo, 8 de enero. La junta en español es a las 4:00pm en el Salón Parroquial. Tiene que asistir, aunque sea un Padre a la junta. Gracias por su cooperación.