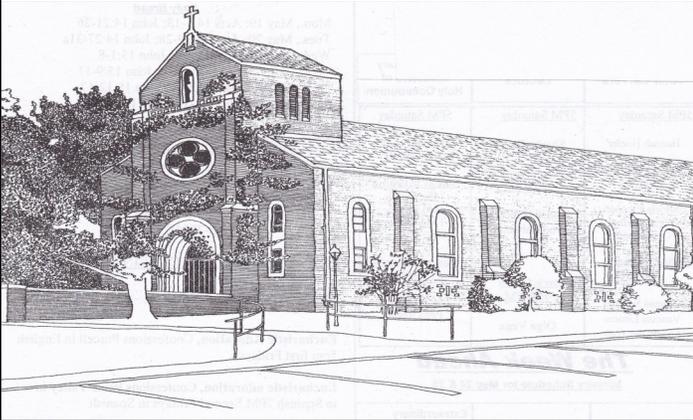




**January 2nd & 3rd  
The Epiphany of the Lord**



**Hearty Christmas welcome to Friends and Families visiting Our Lady of Victory Church, Purcell during Christmas holiday:** Christmas time is a time of joy, love and peace. It is during this time that families and friends come back to share the joy of the birth of Christ. It is also a time when people who are working elsewhere come back to their parents and grand-parents' home to share the joy of Christmas.

We welcome all those who are visiting us here at the parish of Our Lady of Victory during the Christmas time and to participate in the liturgies. Please know that we are happy that you are here and that you are most welcome at any time to this parish. Let us know if we can help you in any way or serve you better.

**End of the Year Gift to the Church of Our Lady of Victory, Purcell:** I know that we are coming close to the end of the Calendar Year and if you are interested in making a gift to the Parish that can be added to your Tax Credit Purpose you are most welcome to do so.

Whatever financial gift that you donate to the Parish will be credited to your Sunday Offering and would be happy to send you the Tax Letters for the same.

*As always THANK YOU for your generosity.*

**The Parish of Our Lady of Victory, Purcell is most grateful to so many who have come forward to help us out generously at Advent and Christmas time:** During this time of the year, I have seen so many generous people who have come forward to help us out with their generosity of time, talent and energy.

There were a lot of things that were done without even being requested. Work that you have done in the past and still continue to do. You keep the faith alive with your good works.  
**Keep it up. Thank You!**

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**The Epiphany of Our Lord January 6th**



The Epiphany of Our Lord is the Christian feast observed on Jan. 6th (January 3rd this year). The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek *epiphainen*, a verb that means "to shine upon," "to manifest," or "to make known." Thus, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12), the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11). The visit of the Magi is emphasized on Epiphany Day, and Christ's baptism is celebrated the first Sunday that follows.

Ministry Schedule for January 2nd & 3rd		Ministry Schedule for January 9th & 10th	
Altar Servers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Lectors
<u><b>5PM Saturday English</b></u> Jesus Ledezma Manuel Ledezma	<u><b>5PM Saturday English</b></u> Kevin Konrade	<u><b>5PM Saturday English</b></u> Jesus Ledezma Manuel Ledezma	<u><b>5PM Saturday English</b></u> Sharon Barton
<u><b>11AM Sunday English</b></u> Emanuel Escobedo Claire Mann	<u><b>11AM Sunday English</b></u> Caylin Nimmo Chelle McCaskill	<u><b>11AM Sunday English</b></u> Logan Glasgow Alaysha Hines	<u><b>11AM Sunday English</b></u> Sydney Fox Danny Jacobs
<u><b>1PM Sunday Spanish</b></u> Roberto Garcia Josue Chavez Heidi Resendiz	<u><b>1PM Sunday Spanish</b></u> Fabiana Trejo Alma Linares	<u><b>1PM Sunday Spanish</b></u> Carlos Pacheco Adolfo Vazquez Delia Arriaga	<u><b>1PM Sunday Spanish</b></u> Mariselda Ocampo Raquel Chavez

<b>Daily Schedule:</b>	<b>Intentions:</b>
Saturday Jan 02 5pm	
Sunday Jan 03 11am	Intention of the People of the Parish
	1pm Spanish
Tuesday Jan 05 9am	
Wednesday Jan 06 Noon	
Thursday Jan 07 7pm	Spanish
Friday Jan 08 9am	English
	10:30am Spanish
Saturday Jan 09 5pm	
Sunday Jan 10 11am	Intention of the People of the Parish
(Contact the office to schedule a daily mass intentions)	
<b>Reconciliation:</b>	Individual confessions upon request
	Sunday (in between Masses): 12:20-12:55 p.m.
	1st Friday of month: 8 -9 p.m.
<b>Adoration:</b>	1st Friday of month 7-9 p.m.

<b>PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING</b>
2nd Thursday each month in Annex 6:30pm
<b>ALTAR SOCIETY</b>
<i>On hold due to pandemic</i>
Janie Braden (405) 919-9835
Communication will be via email
<b>A FAMILY DEATH</b>
In the event of a death in your family and if the funeral is to be at Our Lady of Victory, please contact (405) 527-3077 or (405) 527-4242.

<b>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS</b>
<i>On hold due to pandemic</i>
Grand Knight: Adam Still
Phone: (405) 880-6768

<b>PRAY THE ROSARY</b>
Pray the rosary each <b>Thursday morning at 6:30AM</b> to start your day or <b>7PM Monday night</b> .
Please join us in this fellowship.

<b>BULLETIN ITEMS</b>
Please submit all items for the bulletin regarding parish and Archdiocesan activities which may be of interest to parishioners by <b>5 p.m. ON MONDAY</b> to: geninabottle@gmail.com
Please put " <b>Bulletin</b> " in the subject line. We will do our best to get everything in. Limited space. <b>Send us your families birthdates if not appearing in bulletin.</b>
If you'd like to received the <b>bulletin via email</b> , send info to geninabottle@gmail.com

<b>BIBLE STUDY</b>
<i>On hold due to pandemic</i>
Deacon John Warren

<b>ST. VINCENT DE PAUL</b>
Helpline 405-595-1087 or Charlotte Lambert 405-227-2441

<b>THE OLV WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP</b>
<i>MEETINGS ON HOLD DUE TO PANDEMIC</i>
One of the ministries of our organization is to help those who are elderly or sick, who may be either homebound permanently or temporarily. We can provide many things whether it be visits, administer the Eucharist, maybe meals while they are ill, and mostly importantly getting the word out for prayers.
If you know of someone who is in need, please contact <b>Maurita Summers at 405-527-3156</b> . She will coordinate with her ladies or any other organization who help.

<b>ONLINE GIVING TO THE PARISH OFFERTORY</b>
Secure online payment options are now available via Our Lady of Victory Church, Purcell, Website <a href="http://ourladyofvictorypurcell.org">ourladyofvictorypurcell.org</a> . Click the tap which says "more" which will lead you to Online giving. Simply click the icon "online giving" and choose the payment option you prefer. You can choose to make a one-time payment or you can set up recurring payments. Should you choose to pay online, then we would suggest that you create an account. Doing so will allow you track payments, and eventually view your account details. Our online giving is mediated by "Our Sunday Visitor".

Dear Parishioners,  
Greetings to you from Fr. John Peter Swaminathan

Wish you all a Blessed and Fruitful New Year 2021. Hope that you all had a good celebration of Christmas and New Year 2021.

This week we celebrate the Solemnity of Epiphany of the Lord. The Three Wise men from East presented Jesus with the most important gifts that were most valuable to Jesus. Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh. The treasures the wise men brought were of significant value and prophetic importance. Gold, frankincense, and myrrh are gifts worthy of a king. Gold is symbolic of Christ's deity as King, frankincense represents His purity as Priest of God, and myrrh is suggestive of His anointed work as a Prophet and of His death.

**Gold-Kingship of God:** Gold represents the most precious of metals and is extremely rare in its purest form. The intrinsic value of gold has been established since ancient times and gold was used to honor kings. Since gold represents God, it's no surprise that many idols and false gods were created of gold. The gift of gold, given by one of the wise men, pointed to the begotten Son who was given by God to be King of His people. This wise man's gift proclaimed Jesus to be King at birth as did others during His life.

**Frankincense-High Priest of God:** Frankincense is an aromatic, clear balm obtained from trees in northern India and Arabia. It is used in incense and perfumes and was treasured for its aroma and healing properties. Frankincense was an ingredient used in the sanctuary of the Lord. Because of the use in the Temple, frankincense is considered to be emblematic of Jesus' office as a Priest of God. It is also symbolic of the priest's work in offering the prayers of the people to the Lord. The gift of frankincense, given by one of the wise men, pointed to the work of Jesus as a Priest of God, who ministered for three-and one-half-years to the people.

**Myrrh-Prophet of God:** Myrrh was a spice used for medicine, cosmetics, and anointing oil. It was mixed into the oil that was used to anoint prophets for the divinely appointed work of revealing God and communicating His will and words to His people. In addition to anointing prophets, oil was used in the anointing of the dead. Myrrh was presented to Jesus at His birth pointing to His life as a Prophet and it was used at His death to anoint His body for the grave.

**Jesus is King, Priest and Prophet:** Jesus came as King of Israel (Messiah), Priest of God (to atone for man's sins), and Prophet of God (speaking God's words). The wise men's gifts represented each of those offices in prophetic typology and pointed to all that Jesus would do in His incarnation and in His glorification. Just as the Wise Men gave of their time, talent and treasures, so should we give. Let's remember one more "t" that stands for Testimony! Be ready always to share your testimony! When we testify of His love and faithfulness, and all He has done for us and given to us...then we, too, are wise men!

*My Prayers for you all. May God bless us in all that we do in this New Year,*

*Fr. John Peter Swaminathan*

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Estimados feligreses,  
Saludos de parte del P. John Peter Swaminathan

Les deseo a todos un bendecido y fructífero año nuevo 2021. Espero que todos hayan tenido una buena celebración de Navidad y Año Nuevo 2021.

Esta semana celebramos la Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor. Los Reyes Magos de Oriente le presentaron a Jesús los dones más importantes que eran más valiosos para Jesús. Oro, incienso y mirra. Los tesoros que trajeron los sabios eran de gran valor e importancia profética. El oro, el incienso y la mirra son regalos dignos de un rey. El oro simboliza la deidad de Cristo como Rey, el incienso representa Su pureza como Sacerdote de Dios y la mirra sugiere Su obra ungida como Profeta y Su muerte.

**Oro-Reinado de Dios:** El oro representa el metal más precioso y es extremadamente raro en su forma más pura. El valor intrínseco del oro se ha establecido desde la antigüedad y el oro se usaba para honrar a los reyes. Dado que el oro representa a Dios, no sorprende que muchos ídolos y dioses falsos fueran creados de oro. El regalo de oro, dado por uno de los magos, apuntaba al Hijo engendrado a quien Dios dio para ser Rey de Su pueblo. El don de este sabio proclamó que Jesús era Rey al nacer, al igual que otros durante Su vida.

**Incienso-Sumo Sacerdote de Dios:** El incienso es un bálsamo aromático y transparente obtenido de árboles en el norte de India y Arabia. Se utiliza en incienso y perfumes, y fue apreciado por su aroma y propiedades curativas. El incienso era un ingrediente utilizado en el santuario del Señor. Debido al uso en el templo, el incienso se considera emblemático del oficio de Jesús como sacerdote de Dios. También es un símbolo del trabajo del sacerdote al ofrecer las oraciones del pueblo al Señor. El obsequio del incienso, dado por uno de los magos, apuntaba a la obra de Jesús como sacerdote de Dios, quien ministró durante tres años y medio al pueblo.

**Mirra-Profeta de Dios:** La mirra era una especia que se usaba en medicina, cosméticos y aceite de unción. Se mezcló con el aceite que se usó para ungir a los profetas para la obra divinamente designada de revelar a Dios y comunicar Su voluntad y palabras a Su pueblo. Además de ungir a los profetas, el aceite se usó en la unción de los muertos. La mirra se le presentó a Jesús en su nacimiento señalando su vida como profeta y se usó en su muerte para ungir su cuerpo para la tumba.

**Jesús es Rey, Sacerdote y Profeta:** Jesús vino como Rey de Israel (Mesías), Sacerdote de Dios (para expiar los pecados del hombre) y Profeta de Dios (hablando las palabras de Dios). Los dones de los sabios representaron cada uno de esos oficios en tipología profética y señalaron todo lo que Jesús haría en Su encarnación y en Su glorificación. Así como los Reyes Magos dieron de su tiempo, talento y tesoros, así debemos dar nosotros. ¡Recordemos una "t" más que significa Testimonio! ¡Esté siempre listo para compartir su testimonio! Cuando testificamos de Su amor y fidelidad, y de todo lo que Él ha hecho por nosotros y nos ha dado... ¡entonces nosotros también somos sabios!

*Mis oraciones para todos ustedes. Que Dios nos bendiga en todo lo que hacemos en este Año Nuevo,*

*P. John Peter Swaminathan*

**SOCIAL DISTANCING AT CHURCH**

Per the guidelines set forth by the Archdiocese, we are to have every other pew sectioned off as *no setting* to meet social distancing requirements.

Please **do not remove** the bows and set in these pews. This is for the protection of all parishioners. With the pandemic numbers on the rise we need to be diligent in keeping with these guidelines, as well as continued wearing of masks and washing of hands. **Thank You!**

**POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS**

Thanks to everyone who made donations for the poinsettia's that decorated the altar. Our church looks beautiful.

Those of you that donated in the name or memory of, may pick up your poinsettia the weekend of January 10th.

**Thank You, Gracie Montgomery**

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS**

Saint Vincent de Paul assists with utility payments, rental assistance, diapers, gas cards, and have a food pantry.

If you know anyone who is struggling, please do not hesitate to give out the Saint Vincent de Paul number **405-595-1087**. There are different procedures for how we assist our bothers and sisters in need.

If you have any questions about Saint Vincent de Paul, feel free to call me, **Charolette Lambert at 405-227-2441**.

**DAILY SCRIPTURES**



- 03 Sun The Epiphany of the Lord (celebrated)  
Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- 04 Mon 1Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- 05 Tue 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
- 06 Wed 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
- 07 Thur 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
- 08 Fri 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
- 09 Sat 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
- 10 Sun The Baptism of the Lord  
Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11



**BIRTHDAYS/CUMPLEAÑOS**

- 01/03 Jobeth M.. Suarez
- 01/04 Raul Caralampio, Jose Ortiz
- 01/05 Barbara Bruehl, Martin Montelongo
- 01/06 Leslie Arriaga
- 01/07 Eduardo Cruz, Carolyn Hall, Cristian Reyes
- 01/09 Thomas Belfiore



**TOTAL COLLECTIONS: December 2020**

	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>V</u>
Cks	\$1,260.00	\$ 560.00	\$1,245.00		
Cash	\$ 317.00	\$ 257.00	\$ 301.96		
Wkly	\$1,577.00	\$ 817.00	\$1,546.96		

**December:** \$3,940.96**December 2nd Collections: \$ 443**

Dec 5—6 OLV Bldg Fund \$172

Dec 12-13 Religious Retirement Fund \$150

Dec 19-20 OLV Bldg Fund \$ 121

Dec 24-25 Christmas Offering \$

Dec 26-27 Youth &amp; Lay Pastoral Ministry \$

**PRAYERS**

Alfred Giroux

Araceli Garcia

Arturo Sanchez

Bill Grayson (healing)

Bob Delaney

Bozenna Jones

Bridget Lohn Parra (fertility)

Cameron Gentry

Charles Foutch

Collin E. Braden (child heart disease)

Corinne Jessen (healing)

Dennis Gomez (Cancer)

Edgar Cruz

Elsa Portillo

Gaylen Wallace (healing)

George Norwood (Lauren's Bro.)

Hayden Pace (healing)

Isaias Avila

Jane Moates

Jaxson Kidd (cancer-Danny Jacobs grandson)

Jennifer Joyner

Jesus Diaz (Sergio's father)

Joe Wallace

John Michael Quinnett

John Warren (Covid)

Laverne Claunch

Lisa Hadley

Margarita (Maggie) Solis

Mario Carrasco (healing)

Martina Chavez

Michele Morris (Cancer)

Mike Braden

Nicole Roby

Rebeca Stout

Rita Giroux

Robert E Dempsey (healing)

Shana Morris

Sylvia Morales (healing)

Thomas Montgomery (heart )

Tom Walker (brain cancer)

Fr. John Peter, Dcns. John &amp; Jose

Victims of Covid-19

**The repose of souls of our community who have died from Covid-19.  
Prayers for their families.***Any additions or deletions, please email  
geninabottle@gmail.com Jeannie Lohn  
or call Deacon John (405) 833-2103*

We need 200 bulletins