

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2009



O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels. The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

We ask God to attune us in these coming days of Epiphany to the many ways that God continues to be revealed to us in Christ — through his words and deeds when we hear the Gospel, through his presence in the sacraments, and through the many gifts of creation, especially one another.

For Consideration & Discussion

- ✠ Read the story of the magi again and think about how God has been with you on your journey through life.
- ✠ Have you had any special experience of God through nature? Through the scriptures?
- ✠ The magi brought gifts to the child. Is there a gift you feel prompted to give this Christmas season?

Responding to the Word

Spend a few minutes in quiet prayer reflecting on the importance of the word of God in this story. It was God's word that helped the magi to reach their ultimate destination.

Reflect on the three gifts that the magi gave to the Child: the gold symbolizing his kingship over all creation, the frankincense his dignity as Son of God, and the myrrh his suffering and death by which he would redeem the world.

Reflection on the Word

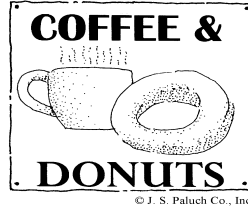
The feast of the Epiphany has always been the major celebration at this time of year in the Eastern Church, more so than our observance of Christmas in the West. From the earliest days, it was recognized that the Epiphany referred not only to the journey of the three magi to the place where the child was. Epiphany was also found in the events of Jesus being baptized and the miracle of water turned to wine at Cana. All three manifested this Jesus as one in whom the presence of God was to be found in a unique way.

We can say about the Epiphany what Augustine said about the feast of the birth of Jesus: It is always happening. But for it to help us, it must happen for us and in us. The final verse of the lovely Christmas hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" boldly recognizes this when we sing:





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*Everyone is invited for a
Fellowship after the
9:00 and 10:30 am Mass
every Sunday!*

Youth Ministry ~ SLY

The Saint Luke Youth Mission Statement
✦ Serving God
✦ Serving the Community
✦ Serving the Youth

Men's Prayer Group

A small group of St. Luke men meet for an hour at 7:00 am, on the first and third Wednesday of the month for prayer and Scripture discussion. **All are welcome.** The next meeting is Wednesday, January 7. For more information, call Dan James @650-574-3835.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

January

7 Wed. 5:30-6:30 pm Grades 1-4
7:30-8:30 pm Grades 5-8
10 Sat. 2:00-4:00 Reconciliation Retreat
- First Communicants
11 Sun. 9:00 am Pre K/K

Council Meeting

The Pastoral Council meets tomorrow night, Monday, January 5 at 7:00 pm. The meeting is held here at the church and they encourage all interested parishioners to attend.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)
FOR CHILDREN**

January

10 Sat. 2:00-4:00 Reconciliation Retreat
- First Communicants
11 Sun. 10:15-11:30 am
25 Sun. 10:15-11:30 am

RCIA FOR ADULTS

The Adult Faith Formation is ongoing every Thursday, here at the Church. If you know of anyone who is interested in joining the Catholic Church or just learning more about the Church, please ask them to contact Deacon Paul Lucia at the Parish Office, 650-345-6660.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

January

8 Thur. 7:15-8:45 pm
18 Sun. 5:00 pm Youth Mass (Student's arrival is at 4:00 pm)
22 Thur. 7:15-8:45 pm
25 Sun. 2:00 pm Talk at St. Luke's Main Church for Candidates, Parents and Sponsors (2nd Choice)

Divorce Recovery Course

offered by the Separated and Divorced Catholics of the Bay Area provides a chance to understand the emotional journey begun with the loss of a relationship. It will be held for seven Sunday evenings beginning January 11 and will meet at St. Stephens Church, O'Reilly Parish Center, 451 Eucalyptus, San Francisco from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost of \$45 covers book and materials. To register or for more information, call Vonnie at 650/873-4236 or Susan at 415/752-1308.

Walk for Life

is on January 24, 2009. We are taking reservations for the bus ride to San Francisco. Please come or call the office if you are interested to join in this event. We also welcome donations to help cut the cost of the bus ride. Thank you.

OPEN HOUSE

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL

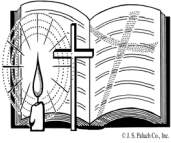
1000 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont
January 25, 2009, Sunday, 10:30 am to 1:00 pm
ihmschoolbelmont.com
For school tours, please call
(650) 593-4265 or (650) 593-4054 for appointment

♥ Heart Warmers

The Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see:
Man in God, God in man,
One whom the whole universe cannot contain,
now enclosed in a tiny body.

— St. Peter





Scripture Readings

January 4-11, 2009

- Sunday:** Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72;
Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6; Matthew 2:1-12
- Monday:** I John 3:22-4:6;
Psalm 2; Matthew 4:12-17,23-25
- Tuesday:** I John 4:7-10;
Psalm 72; Mark 6:34-44
- Wednesday:** I John 4:11-18;
Psalm 72; Mark 6:45-52
- Thursday:** I John 4:19-5:4;
Psalm 72; Luke 4:14-22a
- Friday:** I John 5:5-13;
Psalm 147; Luke 5:12-16
- Saturday:** I John 5:14-21;
Psalm 149; John 3:22-30
- Sunday:** Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7; Psalm 29;
Acts 10:34-38; Mark 1:7-11

Mass Intentions

January 5-11, 2009



- Monday** +Clemente & Filomena Chiari
- Tuesday** +Leo Giovanni
- Wednesday** Esperanza Vega, Special Intention
- Thursday** Esperanza Sanchez, Special Intention
- Friday** +Jerome & +Jerry M. Kozloski
- Saturday**
- 8:30 am Bernadette Rogers & Family
- 5:00 pm Billy & Mary Carrie & Family
- Sunday**
- 7:30 am For the People of St. Luke
- 9:00 am Dominic & Annie Foz and kids
- 10:30 am Felix & Lourdes



Mass Celebrants

- Saturday, January 10**
- 5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan Choir: Michelle
- Sunday, January 11**
- 7:30 am Fr. Jonathan
- 9:00 am Fr. Kieran Choir: Joyful Noise
- 10:30 am Fr. Kieran Choir: Burning Bush
- 5:00 pm Fr. Jonathan Choir: Mario & Co.



THE SICK of our Parish and those who have asked for our prayers, especially, Shirley Miller, Eileen Fernan, Muriel Campbell, Aida Albano, Bonifacio Tiu, Gerada Cerdan, Jon Miller, Sue Rampa, Charlie Nielen, Ben Baro, Judith Gonzales, Kelly Eagleton, Helen Borrone, Bozidar Mihelcic, Vernetta Steele, Juanita Roxas, Scott Mather, Victoria Reidenbach, Roy Fong, Naty Ramirez, Mike Keegan, Hal & Rose Tanforan and;

FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED parishioners, especially Yvonne Brath, Ben Andreoli, and Angelita Redor, Anacleto Alvarado, relatives and friends, we pray that they may be welcomed into the reign of everlasting joy & for those who mourn, that they may be comforted and consoled.

If you or a member of your family would like the faith community of St. Luke Parish to join you in prayers for special needs, contact the parish office at 345-6660.

Stewardship...

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to his celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?



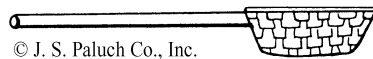
Collection Update

SUNDAY COLLECTION

SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$	4,857.00
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION		13,662.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	18,519.00

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Contact People

Altar Linens: Mary True: (650) 571-8783

Altar Servers: Perry Durant: (650) 571-5051

Anointing of the Sick: If you know of any parishioners who are sick or hospitalized or are unable to attend Mass due to illness or age, please call the office.

Archdiocesan Pastoral Assistance Coordinator:

Barbara Elordi, Marriage and Family Therapist, for persons who have suffered sexual abuse from members of the Catholic clergy. Call (415) 614-5506 (direct & secured phone line of Ms. Elordi)

Baptism: 4th Sunday of the month. Contact office for preparation class information – prior registration required.

Christian Burial: Kindly call the parish office before meeting with the funeral director.

Cursillo: Duncan Fife: (650) 345-3345

Divorced and Separated Catholics: 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., St. Bartholomew Church in San Mateo. Call Gail Castro: (650) 591-8452

Finance Council: John Bernat: (650) 341-4045

Knights of Columbus: Marvin A. Crockett: (650)341-4058

Legion of Mary: Saturdays at 9:00 am.

Kathi Byrd: (650) 345-6660

Lectors & Eucharistic Captains:

Peggy Simkins: (650) 573-5370

Liturgy Coordinators: Watch bulletin for meeting times

Marriages: Contact the office at least 6 months before the desired date.

Music Groups: Children: Kevin Lucia: (650) 349-3090

The Joyful Noise & Kevin's Flock

– Kevin Lucia: (650) 349-3090

The Burning Bush & Emmaus Choir

– ElysaBeth Allen: Tel. No. (650) 573-6858

Youth Choir - ElysaBeth Allen: (650) 573-6858

Pastoral Council: John Sanchez: (650) 574-1535

Right to Life: Donna Sanchez: (650) 574-1535

Sandwiches on Sunday: Peg Culver: (650) 349-1408

St. Vincent De Paul Conference:

Peggy Simkins: (650) 573-5370

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, January 5

6:30 pm ~ Women of Grace Info Session

7:00 pm ~ Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 6

7:00 pm ~ Faith Formation

Wednesday, January 7

7:00 pm ~ Men's Prayer Group

Thursday, January 8

All Day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:30 pm ~ Benediction

7:45 pm-9:15 pm ~ RCIA for Adults

Saturday, January 10

9:00 am ~ Legion of Mary

10:30 am ~ Junior Legion of Mary

*A thanksgiving Party to
the one we Loved...*

Gail Castro, who has served our Church, St. Luke Catholic Church as Business Manager for almost 10 years, is retiring from Parish employment on January 9, 2009. Gail is not going anywhere but will revert to being a volunteer in various ministries which she has been doing for over 30 years.

Please join us in thanking Gail and wishing her well in her future endeavors, on January 11, 2009 after the 10:30 A.M. Mass at the Parish Community Center.



KEEPING IN CONTACT... St. Luke Parish Community

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian friendship to you, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. If you are not registered, or have moved, or have other needs, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office. We will send new parishioners a census form.

New Parishioner

Have moved, here's the new address.

I have changed my phone number.

I am moving, please remove my name from list.

I am a shut-in and would like someone to visit.

I am going to be in the hospital, please call me.

I'd like information about _____

I'd like to volunteer as _____

Name: (First) _____ (Last) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____