

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

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Epiphany of the Lord



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD SUNDAY JANUARY 2, 2022

Monday	12:10 p.m.	+Bellian Chua, Gregory, Eric, Jin Sim, Jon Imm Tan (Tan Family)
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Audrey Johnson and her daily prayer groups
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.	+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family +Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family (Family)
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	+Lilia Tiongson (Lee Cruz and Family)
Wednesday	12:10 p.m.	+Deacon Vincent Cassidy (Jackie Mackenzie)
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Elizabeth D'Costa
Thursday	12:10 p.m.	+Stanislawa Mazur (Pucyk Family)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Friday	12:10 p.m.	+Bruno Athaide (Athaide Family)
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Glenville and Virginia (Pat Stuart)
Saturday	5:00 a.m.	+Theresa Sui Ing Lim (Family)
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	10:00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of the Simmons Family
Sunday	12:00 p.m.	+Jesuthsan Simon (Family)

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Eric Maddan, Giuseppina Sala, Fitzroy James, Joyce D'Souza, Edilberto Claveria, Margaret Carter, Domenic D'Souza, Samantha Fernandes, Jerry Wang, Agnes Yuen, Jack Wilson, Phillip Kong, Marien Pereira, Sam Di Blasi, Teresa Cheung, Jessica Kong, Gloria Pereira, Suzanne Chin-Loy, Evette Fernandes, Dorine Coulture, John Yuen, Theresa Snider, Wing Yuen, Betty Chan, Irene Tsang, Sherwin Wong, Kevin Grant and for all those who are sick with the Covid – 19 Virus.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD:

For those who have died from the Covid – 19 Virus and for those who have no one to pray for them.

PLEASE REGISTER EACH WEEK ON THE WEBSITE
FOR THE SUNDAY MASS YOU WISH TO ATTEND

NAMES ADDED AFTER 12:00 NOON ON SATURDAY
WILL NOT BE ON THE LIST THAT THE USHERS HAVE.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

If your child is in grad 7 or 8 and has not yet received their Sacrament of Confirmation, please pick up a registration form and further information from the parish office. Classes will begin in January and registration is required

REGISTRATION FOR THE FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM IS NOW OPEN

Parents of children who would like to prepare for the First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion can visit the parish office to pick up a registration package. Parents will need to provide a copy of their child's baptism certificate. Registration is open until the end of February. Please note that the classes will be in-person, public health restrictions permitting.

PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)
We received, \$9,110.20 – December 12, 2021
\$7,313.10 – December 19, 2021
(Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.)

ALL PARISHIONERS SHOULD BE REGISTERED

and are asked to support the parish and the needs of the Church by using Sunday Offertory Envelopes and making up for any absence during vacation. New parishioners are asked to register in the parish office. Also, on the website you can arrange to use PAG

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Will be starting a fundraiser to collect EMPTIES such as the following: Beer cans, Beer bottles, Wine bottles, Spirits bottles (vodka, rum, whiskey, etc.) Starting next weekend of December 11th until Mid January 2022.

We encourage our parishioners to drop off their empties upon entering the church foyer. There will be bins placed on the side form them to drop it off. Knights will be present to manage and remove empties prior to start of Mass. We have a designated area down in the Church Hall/kitchen to store them. Once we accumulate enough, we will take them to the beer store and have the funds brought to the church. If some parishioners are not comfortable or cannot carry them to the church, we encourage them to approach us down in the hall and someone can assist. Or they can contact me directly on the bulletin. (Phillip Lee)

SUNDAY CONNECTION

God speaks to us in many ways, including through the Sunday Scripture readings. The Sunday Connection provides useful background and activities to better understand the upcoming Sunday's Scripture readings, helping you to connect the Scripture to daily life in a meaningful way.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 2:1-12 The Magi seek out Jesus and do Him homage.

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' Birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod...." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' Kingship; Frankincense is a symbol of His Divinity because Priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "Epiphanies," including His Birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, His Baptism by John and His First Miracle at Cana.

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