

January 7, 2024

EPIPHANY of the Lord

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Rev. Oscar Ortega Mancha, Vicar

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Deacon Agapito Cantu

Schedule of Masses
Monday - Friday: Spanish 6:00 pm

Weekend Schedule
Saturday, 5:30 p.m., Bilingual
Sunday, 7:30 a.m., Español
Sunday, 10:30 a.m., English
Sunday, 12:30 p.m., Español

Parish Office
(956) 783-1196
Fax (956) 702-7447
Parish Office hours
Monday—Friday
8:00 a.m.—noon
1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday **Closed**

CCD OFFICE
(956) 783-1068
(956) 783-4767

CCD Office hours
Monday-Thursday
8a.m.—noon 1:00p.m-5 p.m.
Friday **closed**
Saturday-Sunday **Closed**

Hora Santa



St. John The Baptist

Enero
Martes
9

7:00p.m

Exposicion del Santisimo
Lunes a Viernes
8:00a.m. a 12:00p.m.

Confesiones

Lunes a Jueves

5:30 p.m.

Fines de semana

30 min antes de

cada misa

Confesiones

Mon- Thur.

5:00 p.m.

Weekends

30min before

each Mass

Parish Mission Statement

St. John the Baptist Parish is a welcoming Catholic community. We celebrate our faith with a spirit of worship which empowers us to grow spiritually, share the Good News, reach out to those in need, serve the poor and work for justice. We lovingly honor our traditions, especially devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

MISION INMACULADA CONCEPCION

901 Church St. San Juan, Texas

Horario de Misas (Español)

9:00 a.m. domingo

3:00 p.m. domingo



Confesiones

30 min antes de

Cada misa

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, San Juan, Texas

Misión Inmaculada Concepción, San Juan Texas



EPIFANÍA del Señor

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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Sat. Jan. 6, 5:30 p.m. † Fr. Alfonso M. Guevara, John & Janice Rigby Rogelio Prado Jr., Jose Reyes, Maria Luisa Muñoz, Jose Francisco Valle, John Miller McCormick

Sun. Jan. 7, 7:30 a.m. † Fr. Alfonso M. Guevara, Luis Salinas, Jesus Vives, Martin & Cleto Champion, Cesar Eduardo Leal

10:30 a.m. † Fr. Alfonso M. Guevara, Francisca Salazar

12:30 p.m. † Fr. Alfonso M. Guevara, Juana Pedraza, Martin Salinas, Josefina Cruz Mercado, Esther Ruiz, Jose Manuel Castañeda, Reparacion y Restauracion Familia Alejandriz Reyes

Mon. Jan 8, 6:00 p.m. † Fr. Alfonso M. Guevara, Pedro Rodriguez

Tue. Jan 9, 6:00 p.m. † Fr. Alfonso M. Guevara,

Wed. Jan 10, 6:00 p.m. † Fr. Alfonso M. Guevara

Thu. Jan 11, 6:00 p.m. † Fr. Alfonso M. Guevara

Fri. Jan 12 6:00 p.m. Fr. Alfonso M. Guevara

50th Wedd. Ann. † Rogelio Prado Jr. & Alma Prado

Sat. Jan 13, 5:30 p.m. † Fr. Alfonso M. Guevara, Rogelio Prado Jr.

Sun. Jan 14, 7:30 a.m. † Fr. Alfonso M. Guevara, Luis Salinas, Martin & Cleto Champion

10:30 a.m. † Fr. Alfonso M. Guevara, Ernesto & Maria Alicia Suarez, Bday Elizabeth Perez

12:30p.m. † Fr. Alfonso M. Guevara

Inmaculada Concepción



Intenciones para las Misas de la semana

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Dom. Enero 7, 9:00 a.m. † Fr. Alfonso M. Guevara

3:00p.m. † Fr. Alfonso M. Guevara

Dom. Enero 14, 9:00 a.m. † Fr. Alfonso M. Guevara, Leonila Longoria

3:00p.m. † Fr. Alfonso M. Guevara

PROTECTING GOD'S PEOPLE

As God's people, we are called to celebrate, promote, and when necessary to defend the life and dignity of every person. We must treat everyone with respect, and do what we can to protect others from harm.

Suspected misconduct with minors by church personnel should be reported to the pastor of the parish, the principal of the school, or the head of the Catholic institution involved. Suspected misconduct with minors by a priest, deacon, or religious should be reported directly to the Bishop or Vicar General (P.O. Box 2279, Brownsville, TX 78522-2279; 956-542-2501). A form for a *Confidential Notice of Concern*, may be used, and obtained on request from local pastor, school principal, institution head, or Diocese, or it may be downloaded from the Brownsville Diocese website (www.cdob.org)

Please be aware that it is a state law that anyone who suspects abuse or neglect of a minor must report it to local law enforcement officials or to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services at 1-800-252-5400.



ROTEGIENDO AL PUEBLO DE DIOS

Como el pueblo de Dios, cada uno de nosotros está llamado a celebrar, promover, y, si es necesario, defender la vida y la dignidad de todas personas. Tenemos que tratar a cada persona con respeto, y hacer lo posible para asegurar que nunca se dañe a los demás. Una sospecha de mala conducta con los menores de edad, cometida por el personal laico de la iglesia, deberá reportarse al párroco de la iglesia, al director de la escuela, o al encargado de la institución católica en cuestión. Una sospecha de mala conducta con los menores de edad cometida por un sacerdote, diacono, o religioso deberá reportarse directamente al Señor Obispo o al Vicario General al (P.O. Box 2279, Brownsville, TX 78522-2279; 956-542-2501). Una forma para un *Aviso Confidencial de Inquietud (Confidential Notice of Concern)* puede obtenerse a través del párroco local, del director de la escuela, del encargado de institución, de la Diócesis, o puede bajarse de la página oficial de Internet de la Diócesis de Brownsville (www.cdob.org).

Tenga en cuenta que es una ley estatal que cualquier persona que sospeche de abuso o negligencia de un menor debe denunciarlo a las autoridades policiales locales o al Departamento de Servicios para la Familia y de Protección de Texas al 1-800-252-5400.



Weekly Offertory Report Dec. 27, 2023

<u>All Mass:</u>	<u>Second Collection</u>
Envelopes: \$7,991.00	\$1,633.00
Loose: \$4,057.00	\$809.00
Total: \$11,748.00	\$2,442.00



BAPTISMAL CLASSES
ENGLISH
PARENTS AND SPONSORS
January 2024

Documents to Baptize:

- 1.-Child's birth certificate (long form, no wallet size)
- 2.-Picture ID from a parent
- 3.-Sponsors/Godparents (Couples, must be married by church)
- 3.-marriage certificate.
- 4.-(SINGLE) first communion & confirmation certificate of each Sponsor/Godparent.
- 5.-Certificate of completion if parents and/or Godparents have already attended baptism preparation classes (current)

To baptize Children 7-18 years old must call the CCD office at (956)783-1068.

Baptism registration is held in the parish office during normal business hours: Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m

We do not accept incomplete applications.



Weddings

- 1) The couple must notify the church of their plans to marry from six months to one year before the wedding date.
- 2) The bride or the groom must live within our church boundaries or be active members of St. John the Baptist Church or the Immaculate Conception Mission in Lopezville

Required Documents

The following documents are needed in all marriages:

Baptism Certificate — A recent baptismal certificate (no more than six months old) for both the bride and the groom bearing the proper notations. Photocopies are not accepted. We cannot give you a wedding date until you have provided us with your baptism certificates.

Please call

Office: (956) 783-1196

Reflections on Stewardship

The Church is very strategic in its placement of the readings throughout the year. Today's second reading is a perfect example of this when Paul talks about stewardship. It's no surprise that we hear about this on the Feast of the Epiphany when we commemorate the magi finding the baby Jesus and bringing him gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh. I always thought this was funny because these seem like terrible gifts for a little baby, but maybe this whole story is meant to show us more about what to do with gifts as opposed to what the actual gifts are.

I want to take a moment today to reflect on Adam's roles in the garden of priest, prophet, and king and how these relate to stewardship today. First, in Genesis 1:26 we hear that Adam has dominion over the things in the garden. Just like a king, he is meant to care for the things that are given to him. I am reminded of that scene from *The Lion King* where Mufasa tells Simba that everything the light touches belongs to him. But it is not his to rule over as a tyrant, but rather to care for as a faithful servant. It is the same for us today. We have all been given things that we are meant to care for and treasure.

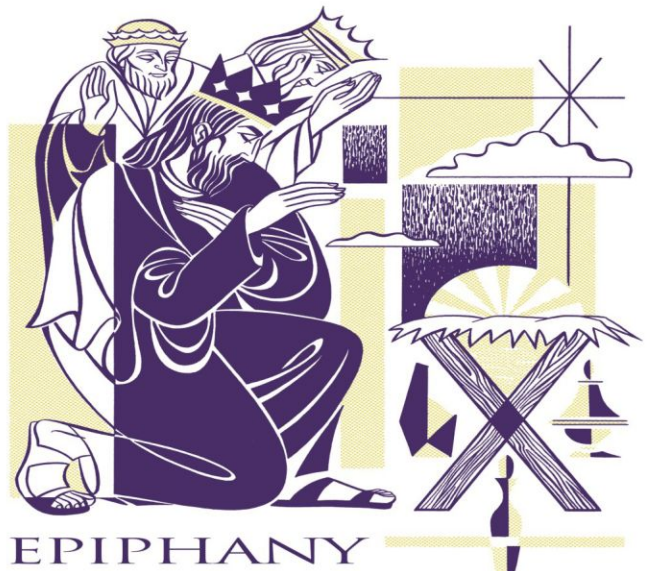
Second, in Genesis 2:15 Adam is told to work and to guard in the garden. These two words ("work" and "guard") only occur together in the rest of the Old Testament in relation to the priestly roles in Leviticus. It is clear that Adam is given a priestly role here, but what is the primary role of a priest? Quite simply, it is to make the commonplace holy. That is what a priest does at Mass when simple bread and wine transform into the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus. So too, our role on earth is to bring the light of Christ to all corners of the globe, using our gifts to light the world with God's love.

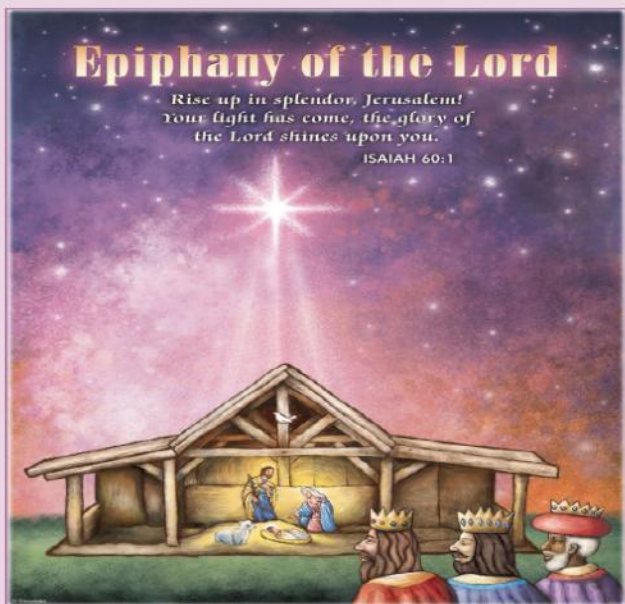
Third, in Genesis 2:19-20 we hear God giving authority to Adam to name the animals. In other words, God is giving power to Adam's words that whatever he calls the animals, that shall be their name. A prophet is one who speaks with authority. We have been given authority to use our gifts to proclaim the Good News. Through our baptism, we are called as priest, prophet, and king, to enter into the world and offer our gifts and lives as a living sacrifice.

This is a lot to think and pray about, but maybe on this Feast of the Epiphany we can just reflect on two main points: Am I being a good steward of the gifts God has given me? And, when I offer these gifts back to God, is he pleased with them?

From all of us here at Diocesan, God bless!

By Tommy Shultz





Lecturas de las Escrituras
Para la Semana del 7 de Enero de 2024

Domingo Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor Is 60, 1-6; Sal 71, 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13; Ef 3, 2-3a. 5-6; Mt 2, 1-12

Lunes Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor Is 42, 1-4. 6-7 o Is 55, 1-11 o Hch 10, 34-38 o 1 Jn 5, 1-9; Sal 28, 1a y 2. 3ac-4. 3b y 9b-10 o Is 12, 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6; Mc 1, 7-11

Martes 1 Sm 1, 9-20; 1 Sm 2, 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8abcd; Mc 1, 21-28

Miércoles 1 Sm 3, 1-10. 19-20; Sal 39, 2 y 4ab. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10; Mc 1, 29-39

Jueves 1 Sm 4, 1-11; Sal 43, 10-11. 14-15. 24-25; Mc 1, 40-45

Viernes 1 Sm 8, 4-7. 10-22; Sal 88, 16-17. 18-19; Mc 2, 1-12

Sábado Memoria de San Hilario, Obispo y Doctor de la Iglesia
 1 Sm 9, 1-4. 10. 17-19; 10, 1; Sal 20, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7; Mc 2, 13-17

Domingo Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario 1 Sm 3, 3b-10. 19; Sal 39, 2 y 4ab. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10; 1 Cor 6, 13c-15a. 17-20; Jn 1, 35-42

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