

Today, we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. Gospels from Matthew 2:1-12. On this day we remember the three magi who followed a star to a manger. They brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the newborn king Jesus! Do you think that these men, when they set out on their journey, pictured finding a baby in a manger surrounded by shepherds and animals? They likely thought he would be born in a fancy place a place fit for a great king! Why do you think God chose this place for his only son to be born? God chose this place to fulfill the Old Testament that said from Bethlehem a ruler over Israel would come, and to show us by the humble surroundings of the holy family, that God is with us in all circumstances. Mary and Joseph's love for this child and the Joy his birth brings to both lowly shepherds and the magi, helps us to understand it is not the things of this world that are important, but love. The love of our Heavenly Father who sent his son, and the love of our family and the love we show one another. **Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to be like the magi as I seek your presence in my life. May I find joy in your presence. Thank you Jesus for reminding us that you welcome everyone into your presence. May we seek you and give you our time, treasure, and worship. In your name we pray...Amen**

January & CCD Class Schedule

Jan. 13th – Class
 Jan. 20th – No Class
 Jan. 27th Class
 Feb. 3rd – Class
 Feb. 10th – Class
 Feb. 17th - No Class
 Feb. 24th - Class

EPIPHANY CELEBRATION NEXT

Sunday, January 6, 2019 beginning with the 11:30 Mass where children are asked to bring a gift to offer to Baby Jesus. These items will later be auctioned at the Parish Hall during an afternoon of fellowship and entertainment and delicious food. Please join us in this special celebration!

Marriage Prep Program ...

is getting ready to begin new sessions. If you are engaged and need to complete the marriage prep requirement, it is not too late to register. Engaged couples meet with a mentor couple for five sessions. Sessions will begin on **Sunday, January 13th at 11:15a.m.** For more information contact, Odelta Cardoso 648-4956.

Attention Members of the Y.L.I. & Y.M.I.

please join your brothers & sisters for the annual joint installation beginning at 6:00 p.m. on **Saturday, Jan 12th** in the Parish Hall.

1st Reconciliation will take place on Feb. 5th at 6:00pm in the New Church. Watch CCD news for more details.

Children's Ministry takes places on Sunday's during the 10am Mass. We are in need of leaders. If you would like to lead this group, please call Dina at 632-7163.

Refreshments needed for the students after the Net nights on January 23rd and 31st. Cookies, brownies, punch, cups, napkins, ect....Can be homemade or store bought. If you would like to help out call Dina at 632-7163.

Walk For Life will take place on Saturday January 26th. We will be taking a bus. Families are encouraged to participate in this event. We will be attending Mass as a group at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco. Cost is \$20.00 per person. If you would like to attend, please contact Dina at 632-7163, to get your name on the list. There are a total of 50 spots on the bus.

Net – National Evangelization Team will be here on **Jan. 23rd & Jan. 30.** To facilitate mini retreats for the youth of our parish. We are in need of 6 families for each day to host young adults (2 per house). This includes feeding them dinner and breakfast. If you could help for one or both days your help would greatly be appreciated. Please call Dina 632-7163.

1st Communion parent – If you did not attend the 1st communion parent meeting for 2nd year students that was held Dec. 1st & 2nd, please contact Dina ASAP at 632-7163, leave a message if no answer. Meeting must be completed by Jan. 31st.

1st Year Confirmation Students mark your calendars. You and your sponsors have a retreat on **Sunday, January 13th** from 8:15-4:30pm. **Parents** will have a mandatory meeting on **Wednesday, January 9th** from 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Mission Church. John Sablan will be the guest speaker.