



"They prostrated themselves and did Him homage."
- Matthew 2:10

Our Lord's Epiphany
January 2, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of January 2 — 7, 2022

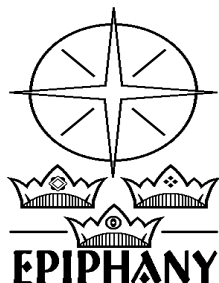
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FRIDAY	Dec 31	8:30 AM	New Year's Eve
SATURDAY	Jan 1	10 AM	Solemnity of Mary, New Year's Day
		5:30 PM	Vigil For All Parishioners
SUNDAY	Jan 2	9 AM	For Ann Mattathil +
		11 AM	For Elsi Frugoli + and Marianne Talani Robles ++
MONDAY	Jan 3	8:30 AM	For Auria Macaguay +
TUESDAY	Jan 4	8:30 AM	For Eliseo Montemayor +
WEDNESDAY	Jan 5	8:30 AM	For Patrick Marta (Birthday)
		6 PM	Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
THURSDAY	Jan 6	No Mass	
FRIDAY	Jan 7	9 AM	Funeral Mass for Cletus Corpuz +
		7-8 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



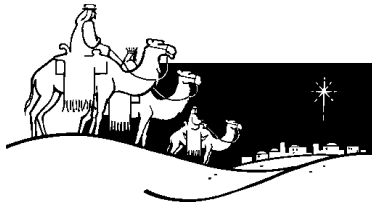
**EPIPHANY:
EVEN PAGANS WILL ADORE**

In the first Reading from the Prophet Isaiah, written shortly after the Jews returned from the Babylonian exile, we hear that the glory of God would be upon Israel to such an extent that even the Gentiles would come in pilgrimage to Jerusalem to pay homage to the Lord. The pagans (Gentiles) would bring their riches to pay homage to the God of Israel. This promise would be fulfilled with the arrival of the Magi. In today's Responsorial we are again reminded that all, even Gentile kings, will recognize the splendor of the King of Kings and come to adore Him. This Psalm 72 foreshadows the Lord's coming, describing the perfect King of Israel: filled with Solomon's wisdom and David's great warrior accomplishment to guarantee justice for all. This King would be God's anointed, unlike any other king. The Magi's reverence of the Messiah, the Baby Jesus, fulfills this prophecy. The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the arrival of the Magi to pay homage to the Baby Jesus. Epiphany means manifestation, for we are commemorating the day when the glory of God's Messiah was made manifest to the Pagans (in the persons of the Magi). The Magi bring gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They would have brought these products because they were easy to carry and valuable. Later authors found symbolic meaning in these gifts. They spoke of gold as a gift one would give a king, frankincense as an incense burned to honor a god, and myrrh as an ointment used in burials, foretelling how Jesus would save us from our sins, through His suffering and death on the cross. - The Magi risked all to pay homage to the newborn King of the Jews, may we likewise follow the Lord God wherever He leads us. (CBCo)



Welcome to **OUR LADY OF GRACE Catholic Church**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Parish Office will be CLOSED Friday, December 31 & Monday, January 3, in observance of New Year's Day.

Father Mathew, Deacon Dave and Staff wish you and your family God's rich blessings of love and joy now and in the new year!



*Message of Appreciation
From OLG Mom's Ministry*

We wanted to thank you for your help with the 2021 Giving Tree! This year countless members of our community, both within our parish and beyond, helped to provide Christmas for twelve West Sacramento families including fifty two children! Each child received an entire outfit, shoes, socks, and at least two toy gifts. We collected and distributed approximately 468 gifts, \$1,365 in grocery gift cards, and \$835 in donations (which was used to purchase a variety of items). The families that benefited from the Giving Tree expressed a great amount of gratitude, many shedding tears of pure joy. In closing, I will leave you with words from a gift recipient who says, *"My family just got out of homelessness and Our Lady of Grace helped my family out when we were in need. Thank you and God Bless you!"*



Are you already thinking about resolutions and changes you might be making in the new year?

In keeping with the spirit of potential change a new year brings, Jeremy Arcinas will be helping to facilitate a spiritual exercise called **EXODUS 90**, oriented towards the men of OLG (a group fairly underrepresented in active engagement if our recent parish survey is any indicator), that will start next month and run in parallel to Lent until Easter.

Though this exercise is for men (aged 18+), this appeal is not to just the men in our ministry leaders and volunteers but for everyone. Wives, please share this opportunity with your husbands. Mothers, please share this with your sons. Everyone, please share with any friend or family in your life that you think might benefit from joining this exercise.

The challenge of **EXODUS 90** might not be the right fit or timing for everyone in their Spiritual lives now, but why not accept the challenge and where the Holy Spirit guides yourself, your husband, your son or friend. A detailed EXODUS 90 information session is COMING UP on Sunday, January 9, 2022, at 12 PM inside the Church.

A STEWARD MAKES GOD'S LOVE VISIBLE BY IMITATING JESUS.

SERVICE



Weekly Budget Goal: \$4,271.00
Thank you for sharing your blessings with our Church!

END-OF-THE-CALENDAR-YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS - Many individuals will make charitable contributions late in the calendar year to take advantage of tax benefits. In order to do so, checks must be dated and envelopes postmarked on or before December 31, 2021. If you are in the position to make end-of-year contributions, please consider our parish as a beneficiary of your support. As always, thank you for your loving support!

THANK YOU for your support towards our Second Collection during our Christmas Masses for our New Church Fund. Special thanks our OLG School and CFF children who also contributed towards our New Church.

PRAYER



New Year's Eve Mass, Friday, December 31 at 8:30 AM
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God,
New Year's Day Mass (not a holy day of obligation this year), Saturday, January 1 at 10 AM

FORMATION



- Children's Faith Formation (CFF) Classes on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 5:30 PM at the school.
- Adult Bible Study is on break until January 2022.
- Baptism Class on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 7 PM. Call the Parish Office (916) 371-4814 to sign up.

FORMED — Our parish now has a subscription to FORMED, a premier online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for our children. FORMED has content from over 60 apostolates, including Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, and the Knights of Columbus, with material that is professionally produced, engaging, and solid in its catechism. Best of all, this material is free to you. Our parish will be using the material on FORMED to support our ministries and provide continuing education for staff members and parishioners, as well as outreach for our sick and homebound members. Much of FORMED's content is available in both English and Spanish. To gain access to all of FORMED's content, follow these simple steps:

- Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>
- Enter our parish's zip code
- Enter your name and your email address

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The Holy Name of Jesus
January 3rd
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HOSPITALITY

Christians are *"God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works"* (Ephesians 2:10).