

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, January 5

### **The Epiphany of the Lord**

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm

Young Adult Meeting at 12:00pm

Monday, January 6

### **Monday after Epiphany**

Tuesday, January 7

### **Tuesday after Epiphany**

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 8

### **Wednesday after Epiphany**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, January 9

### **Thursday after Epiphany**

Friday, January 10

### **Friday after Epiphany**

Saturday, January 11

### **Saturday after Epiphany**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Ss. Damien/Marianne Prayer Group at 12:30pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, January 12

### **The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm

Adult Faith Formation Meeting at 11:30am

## Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Ministry wish you Happy Holidays and a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year!"

## Cathedral Gallery

If you are looking for that perfect gift to give to someone this Christmas, then look no further! The Cathedral Gallery is having a Clearance Sale. All Aloha Attire of Our Lady of Peace & Saints of Hawaii are half off! From Men's aloha shirts to Ladies' Camp Shirts, half off! Ladies' Mu'umu'u, half off! Reversible Tote Bags, half off! That is 50% off these selected items. For more information, please call (808) 585-3311.

## Stewardship of Treasure

<b>Offertory Collection</b>	<b>Dec. 20-26</b>
Sunday Offering	\$ 19,030.36
Weekday Offering	\$ 1,228.36
Coffers	\$ 583.51
Holy Day Offering	\$ 136.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 20,978.23</b>

<b>Other Collection</b>	
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 82.00
Funeral/Baptism	\$ 700.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 185.00
Devotional Candles	\$ 768.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 26.00
Others (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 110.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 22,849.62</b>



## Committed to Christ, Living in Gratitude

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. As a reminder, all commitments need to be submitted to the church no later than Sunday, December 22 in order to be accounted for in the final Summary Report. Please complete and submit your card to the church even if you are unable to make a change to your current level of giving. For those registered parishioners not currently supporting the church with regular offertory gifts, please consider a monthly gift to support the needs of our parish.

## Sharing Faith

- What does it mean to be a partner or coheir with someone? How does it affect your thinking if that person is someone with whom you don't get along or don't like?
- How do you think God's grace works in the world?
- Who are the magi in your life, the people who might surprise you with their gift of life and witness?

## Living the Liturgy

- In a group or with your family, name some people who have given witness to God's grace and salvation in the world. How does the journey the magi had to make compare to the life journey of these witnesses? Find out about their life and witness.
- Read the Isaiah reading for today. You might read it in conjunction with the Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 72). Discuss your observation or responses to these questions with another person or group. What images you hear in these passages? What is Isaiah's message to Jerusalem? What does the psalmist say about God? How are we called to act so that others see God's message in us

# January 5, 2020 – The Epiphany of the Lord

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*Isaiah 60:1-6 / Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13. / Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Matthew 2:1-12*

Paul's letter to the Ephesians reveals a central theme of Epiphany: the light of God's salvation extends beyond anyone's imagining. Emmanuel, God with us, comes for all. Paul says the mystery of God's grace has far-reaching consequences for the world. God's promise is that diverse people, Jews and Gentiles, who have often viewed each other with suspicion, can be unified by the promise of God's grace and salvation. In their unity, this Church, this community they are creating, can bring the Good News to the world.

Why does Matthew want his community to know this story of the Messiah and the magi? Hearing that foreigners or enemies are named by God as coheirs and copartners in his plan for salvation is one thing. To live, pray, worship, and love alongside one another in community is something else. Yet that is the Messiah's call to disciples. Their witness will be light for the world and bring about a new creation. Matthew's community must be a living light to attract all to the ways of God.

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### **Next Sunday's Readings: "The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord"**

*Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 / Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10. / Acts 10:34-38 / Matthew 3:13-17*

## **From the Desk of Fr. Pascual**

Dear Cathedral Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy on this Christmas Season!

*"Where is the newborn King of the Jews?*

*We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." Matthew 2: 2*

Our celebration of Christmas is still in our midst. We celebrate this Sunday the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. Epiphany means manifestation. Jesus was manifested to the magi who came from the East. They were in search of giving homage to the newborn King of the Jews. As they came from the East, it signifies that Jesus is the Lord of all. He was manifested at first to the people of Israel through the representation of the shepherds. Now, Jesus made His presence to all peoples of the world through the representations of the magi. Our celebration of this feast can be focused on the search of the magi for Jesus. Their search is our search to make Jesus evident in our day to day lives at home, work, church and wherever we go.

Our world is so torn apart. The peace that we are longing seems to be so remote to establish. The love that could change the world could hardly be shared. So much so that the life that God wants us to live is overshadowed with darkness and sin. Our celebration of this feast triggers our hearts and minds not only to search Jesus but also to manifest Him. If the magi were looking for a specific place where Jesus was born, the only place where He can be found today is nowhere other than in our hearts. That, those who are still searching can find Jesus in you and me, in this community of faith. We need to be healed and to heal from our brokenness to restore everything in the Lord. Thus, the Epiphany of the Lord challenges each one of us to continue the work of the Lord so that our world and our life may find the true meaning of the celebrations we do every year.

Your friend in the Lord,  
Fr. Pascual