

PARISH ACTIVITIES:

SOLEMNITY - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sunday, January 6:

8:30 a.m. English Mass
 10:30 a.m. English Mass
 12:15 p.m. Spanish Mass
 2:00 p.m. Haitian Mass

Monday, January 7:

7:30 a.m. Mass in the Chapel

Tuesday, January 8:

7:30 a.m. Mass in the Chapel
 8:00 p.m. Celebration of the Word

Wednesday, January 9:

7:30 a.m. Mass in the Chapel
 8:00 p.m. Celebration of the Word

Thursday, January 10:

7:30 a.m. Mass in the Chapel
 8-7:15 p.m. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Friday, January 11:

7:30 a.m. Mass in the Chapel
 7:30 – 9:00p.m. Youth Group Meeting
 8:30 p.m. Hispanic Prayer Group

Saturday, January 12:

7:30 a.m. Mass in the Chapel
 3:45 p.m. Confessions
 5:00 p.m. English Mass
 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
 6:30 p.m. Haitian Prayer Group
 8:00 p.m. Neocatechumenal Way Eucharist

COLLECTION: 29 DECEMBER 30 2007

Number of Families:	720
Number of Envelopes:	123
Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,667.00
Loose money:	\$2,089.00
Total:	\$4,756.00

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Sir 3 : 2-7 Col 3: 12-21 Mt 2 : 13-19

Alleluia, alleluia!

We saw his star at its rising, and we have come to do him homage.

Scripture Readings for Week of:

January 6, to January 13, 2008.

	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Gospel
Sun	Is 60 : 1-6	Eph 3 : 2-3	Mt 2 : 1-12
Mon	1 Jn 3 : 22-4		Mt 4 : 12-17
Tue	1 Jn 4 : 7-10		Mt 4 : 12-17
Wed	1 Jn 4 : 11-18		Mk 6 : 45-52
Thurs	1 Jn 4 : 19-5		Lk 4 : 14-22
Fri	1 Jn 5 : 5-13		Lk 5 : 12-16
Sat	1 Jn 5 : 5-13		Jn 3 : 22-30
Sun	Is 42 : 1-4	Acts 10 : 34-38	Mt 3 : 13-17

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, January 5:

7:30 a.m. ✠
 5:00 p.m. ✠
 6:30 p.m. ✠ Espíritu Santo

Sunday, January 6:

8:30 a.m. ✠ Eleanor Luciano
 10:30 a.m. ✠ Joseph Ridore
 12:15 p.m. ✠ Elisa Navarro
 2:00 p.m. ✠

Saturday, January 12:

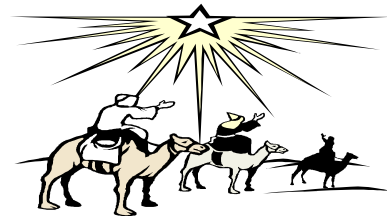
7:30 a.m.
 5:00 p.m. ✠
 6:30 p.m. ✠

PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH.

Marguerite Nord, Arene Baker, Bernice Yearwood, Claire Therese Dumornay, Helen Brown, Ada Bernnick, Deacon James Wilson, Mary Girardi, Eleanor Suntum

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The Three Wise Men is one of the most beautiful events of the Bible: Three Powerful Kings on their knees and sweetly adoring a poor child. Three great wise men, adoring a child that did not know how to speak. Three millionaires, adoring a child wearing humble clothes and who is crying. Three Wise Men falling to their knees adore him... today during the Eucharist, Jesus is even more humble, made into bread and wine!... but he is God... truly the Lord!... the same one of Bethlehem, the King of the Universe, who blows kisses to nourish us with love, and fill us with joy and peace in our hearts.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

CCD 2007-08

Catechists and Aides are needed for this school year 2007-08. If you would be interested in helping please call the Office of Religious Education at (301) 891-2033 or the Rectory at (301) 891-3500.

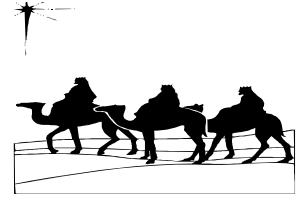
CCD class English speaking: Every Saturdays from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. starting on September 29, 2007.

RCIA If you are not catholic and/or you are interested to know something more about the catholic faith or to become catholic, please either call the Rectory at 301-891-3500 and leave your contact information or send by email your info at OLS.CCD.Registration@verizon.net

The new course will start on October 12, 2007 at 7:00 pm at 1012 Larch Avenue (former convent).



Feast of the Epiphany!



FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR:



Again we have had the chance to think about the Lord's gentle coming into our world as a baby; we have built our customary cribs and lovingly placed in them the statue of the infant Jesus. We have surrounded that figure with the statues of Mary and Joseph and the shepherds and animals. And today we add the Wise Men, those mysterious figures from the Gentile world used by Matthew to represent all of us whose relationship to Christ is one of faith and not of blood.

This time has been a very happy and precious time because they have shown us again that God our Father, when he fulfills a promise, holds nothing back. When Jesus came, he was the living sign that God is never outdone in generosity. He gives



us divinity itself.

Ahead of us lies what the Church simply calls the "Ordinary Season of the Year." But our worship during these last few weeks, the love shown, the gifts given, the sharing around our family tables, our faith in Jesus as "God with us" will make all these ordinary times extraordinary. That, after all, is what the Feast of Epiphany is all about. It is the feast of the showing forth of God among us.

This whole time of Christmas, when it is lived in faith, casts its warmth into all the days that follow. They will be ordinary; we will not see the decorations on the streets or in our homes. But from another point of view, they will be quite extraordinary. They will be filled with the presence of Jesus for he is always God with us. So as we begin this New Year let every day be lived in his presence. I love you! Fr. Ray

AFRICAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

The next monthly meeting of the African Catholic Community will be on this Sunday 6 of January, 2008, after the 10:30am Mass in the Conference Room. All members are expected to attend and new members are welcome.



FEAST OF CHRIST OF ESQUIPULAS.

The Guatemalan community announces that Sunday, January 13, 2008, we will have in our parish the solemn celebration of Our Lord of Esquipulas. The 12.15.p.m. (Mass will be in Spanish). After Mass there will be a lunch in the cafeteria to which all are invited.

2008 Archbishop's Appeal

Many of our parishioners have received a letter from Archbishop Wuerl announcing the 2008 Archbishop's Appeal and asking for their generous financial support. If you received the mailing, please review it carefully.

The programs, services and ministries supported by this Appeal require financial support from each of us in order to continue to meet the challenges of our diverse and growing communities. This year's theme is: "The LORD is my LIGHT and my SALVATION. Psalm 27:1 As you reflect on this theme, consider God's gift of salvation as well as all of the other gifts that He constantly gives us. If you receive the mailing from Archbishop Wuerl, please take a moment to recognize how God has blessed you and, then, as a symbol of your gratitude for His gifts, make a generous pledge in support of the work of our Archdiocese.

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS.

On January 12/13 2008, the annual National collection for Black and Indian evangelization will be taken at Mass. It is an important National Collection, vital to the Church today, as it is used to support current and new evangelization programs. Your support will help the many programs begun in the parishes and schools to continue. So I ask you to please give what you can to support this cause.

Real ESTATE SERVICES.

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