

January 5, 2020
The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday



Parish Calendar

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5pm

Sunday Masses:

6am, 8am, 10am, 12:30pm

Daily Mass(Tuesday to Saturday) at 7:15am

Sunday, January 5

12:30pm Mass/Fellowship **CH/H**
 2pm Divine Mercy **CH/H**

Monday, January 6

7:15am Communion Service **CH**
 6:30pm Zumba Night **H**

Tuesday, January 7

5pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help **CH**
 7pm Hispanic Prayer Group **CH**
 7:30pm Neo-Catechumenal **H**

Wednesday, January 8

11am Food Pantry/Box **H**
 6pm 6AM Choir Practice **CH**
 7pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help **CH**
 6pm Christ the King Chuuk Comm. **H**
 7:45pm Gimong ti Novena Ilokano **CH**

Thursday, January 9

6pm 10AM Choir Practice **CH**

Friday, January 10

6pm Youth Ministry **CH/H**
 7pm Hispanic Choir Practice **R.E**

Saturday, January 11

5pm Vigil Mass **CH**
 7:30pm Neocatechumenal Way **CH**

Calendar Legend

Ch = Church RE = Religious Ed
 CC = Convent Chapel SR = Science Room
 Pl. = Parking Lot CR = Classroom

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

As our celebration of Christmas continues, today we observe the great feast of The Epiphany of the Lord. The word “epiphany” comes from Greek and means manifestation or appearance. The stewardship way of life is one in which we live in grateful response to God’s countless manifestations in our lives.

And, as Christian stewards we are all called to manifest God’s love to each other in the sharing of our gifts. St. Paul describes this beautifully in our second reading in his letter to the Ephesians, saying, “You have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for your benefit.” We have all been given unique and wonderful gifts from our good and generous God. He wants us to share these gifts to benefit others and so to give Him glory.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, also has much to teach us about stewardship — through the actions of the magi. These three kings from ancient days display many aspects of stewardship spirituality which we can apply as modern-day stewards right now.

First, we observe that their overriding priority is on honoring the long-awaited King. The magi travel a great distance in search of him. Upon arrival in Jerusalem they immediately begin to ask others where this King may be found, unashamedly declaring that they “have come to do him homage.” Is honor and worship of God our highest priority? Do we order our lives so that Sunday Mass is the most important act of the week for ourselves and our families no matter what else is going on?

Second, we observe that the magi, as good stewards, were watching for manifestations of God’s presence in their lives. “We have seen the star at its rising,” they say. Good stewards are keenly aware of the “star” of God’s presence and His gifts in their lives. It is this awareness that fills them with gratitude and the desire to both worship God and share His gifts with others.

Third, we observe in the magi that a stewardship journey is not without its difficulties, its twists and turns. Herod tried to take advantage of their goodness, feigning a desire to join them in worshiping the newborn Jesus, in order to hide his deadly intentions. Yet God protected and guided them along their way, and through their cooperation with God’s plan, He accomplished great things through them.

Fourth, we observe that the magi, upon seeing the manifestation of God’s presence in their lives, “were overjoyed.” Good stewards, who live with the awareness of God’s presence and gifts to them, simply can’t help but be filled with joy — not necessarily the fleeting and superficial kind of joy that the world promises if we just obtain enough wealth or power or comfort — but rather, the deep, unalterable joy that only God can give.

Finally, we observe that the magi were so filled with awe upon encountering the newborn Jesus, that they prostrated themselves before him. To prostrate oneself is to make a total offering of oneself in humility, recognizing the greatness of the One before them; it is an act of worship. And as a further act of worship, they “opened their treasures and offered him gifts.” This is precisely why good stewards generously share their material gifts — as a loving act of worship to an extravagantly loving God.

Let us rejoice in God’s manifestations in our lives and be watchful for the new ways He is calling us to share ourselves and our gifts in gratitude to our King in the year ahead. -Copyright © 2020—Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc

Stewardship Collection

Total Weekly Collection	\$3,583.15
Other Offerings/Income (Candle, Mass Offerings, Funerals Marriages, Baptisms, Unscheduled Masses & Donations)	\$1,412.25
Christmas Mass Offerings	\$7,028.03
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$13,248.67
Weekly Offering needed for Operations	\$6,743.00*
Amount Over or Short	+ \$6,505.67
2 nd Collection retain by the parish	\$1,225.24
* Maintenance Fund Collection	
*Unplanned expenses in our budget for This Year (Increase)	\$21,898.00
Parish Assessment and Property & Liability Insurance	

**Upcoming 2nd
Collection:**
Church in Latin
America and
Black & Indian
Missions

Altar Ministry Cleaning Schedule Team 9

-Mercy. Calvan
-Fatima. Guillermo
-Lapaz. Cacal
-Tina. Inna
-Annaliza.
Caldetera
-Rose. Belz

Rev. Diego Restrepo
Serna
Parish Administrator

Peter Soumwei
Deacon

Ricardo Burgos
Deacon

Bertha Guerrero
Secretary &
Business Manager

Carol Chong
School Principal

Sr. Esther Pagdato, O.P
Sisters Convent &
Superior

Renier Torres
Pastoral Council Chair

Ping Blas
Finance Council Chair

Danielle Burgos
Religious Education
Director

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 5, 2020 :

Thanksgiving from:

- Leota Family

Blessings & Thanksgiving
for

- Fr. Ioane Anitele'a

Jan. 6-Jan.11@ 7:15am &
5pm. Birthday.Thanksgiving
& Healing:

-Godofredo Peralta Umipig

-Marissa Umipig Dasalla

In Conjunction with 9 Days of
Life Novena & Prayer for
Legal Protection of the
Unborn Children. This year
marks 47th years March for
Life. We invite you to come on
down State Capital & Raise
Your Voice for this
Awareness. Bishop Larry &
other faith leaders will be
speaking and marching for
Life.



Our Stewardship Prayer

**Generous and Loving
Creator, you have called us
to Malama i ka Makana
(Cherish the Gift).
As disciples of your Son, we
ask that your Spirit open our
minds and hearts to
more deeply
appreciate your countless
blessings. Increase your
transforming spirit within us,
so as to nurture
our call to stewardship as a
way of life marked always by
faith-filled prayer,
service to others
and generous giving. With
the kokua of St. Marianne
and St. Damien, teach us to
be good
stewards so we may return a
hundred-fold the makana
entrusted to us.
We pray this through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen**

PARISH MINISTRIES

Building & Maintenance
Baptism Preparation
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
Marriage Preparation
Eucharistic Ministers
Lectors
Altar Server
Altar Cleaners
Ushers/Hospitality
Social/Outreach
Neo-Catechumenal Way
Divine Mercy
Music Ministries
Knights of Columbus
Youth Ministry
Gimong ti Novena
Ethnic Ministries (Hispanic, Samoan, Ilocano,
Chuukese)

Other Masses, Adorations & Devotions

First Friday @ 7:45am-9:00am -Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament
First Friday @ 6:00pm- Ilocano Mass
First Saturday @ 8:00am- Holy Rosary - Dominican Lay
Associates
First Sunday @ 5:00pm- Chuukese Mass
First Sunday @ 10am Samoan Mass