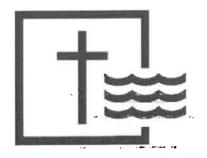
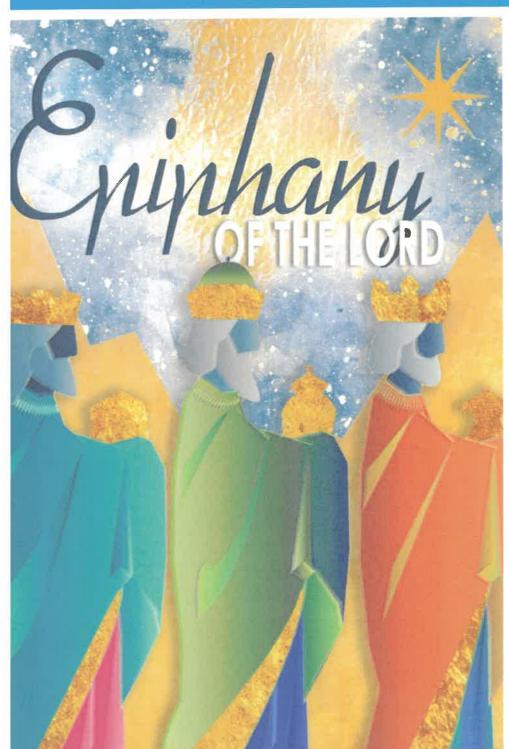
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January 7, 2024 | The Epiphany of the Lord



### MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Saturday 8:15 am

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am and 5:00 pm

Rite of Reconciliation (Confessions) Saturday following the 8:15 am Mass in the church.

Anointing of the Sick Please call or visit the parish office to make an appointment.

Parish Office Hours Mon-Fri: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Saturday & Sunday Closed

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### FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF



Dear Parishioners and Visitors.

Hey Y'all,

It's Epiphany! So let me pose a question and set up a scenario for your consideration.

This question will separate the adventurous from the more risk-adverse amongst us. How much would you enjoy a road trip that has an unknown destination? Now take into consideration that you would be roughing it. You'll either be camping out in the fullness of nature, or relying on the hospitality of the people you encounter to take you in. Thus, you'll be meeting people who might be hospitable or cut-throats, depending on how soundly you sleep. You might bring some limited provisions from home, but after a week or so, you'll have to rely on the game you can hunt, and the foodstuffs and water you can buy from the locals. Plus, you'll travel through tribal lands where you don't know the customs, cuisine, language, or laws of the locals. Oh, one more thing, your mode of transportation will be your own foot power, or possibly some animal power - likely some mules or dromedaries as pack animals, and maybe a horse to ride, that is if your going 1st class. And speaking of 1st class, you've got some valuables with you that you need to protect. Oh, and your own upbringing, education, religion, language, skin-tone, clothes, and curiosity do make you stand out from the local hoi polloi. You exude a certain privilege and all who see you recognize it. So you're a foreigner, in a strange new land, looking for what you sort of think you know, but without knowing where it is and what it looks like. And you're at the mercy of the natives. But you still have a profound longing to make this trip. So with all the above to consider, would you hit the road Jack?

Well, I don't think anybody in their complacent, or cynical, or fearful, or unexamined right minds would set out on such a quest. By anybody's estimation it's a fool's errand really. Except for these important considerations. The hopeful aren't complacent or cynical. The faithful aren't afraid nor do they live unexamined lives. And those who are on a God-quest aren't the fools the world thinks them to be. They really are wisemen and wisewomen.

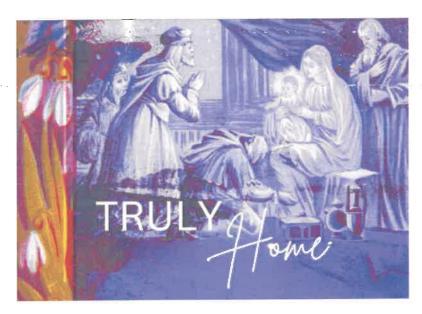
The original wisemen, were given the grace to make an amazing journey to fulfill prophecy. Those who are wise today, seeking God, are still given the grace to journey through all the perils and dangers that life's barren, desolate, and dark wilderness brings on. There are no obstacles to God's grace except our own complacency, cynicism, fear, and ignorance. And here's the confounding irony - if we are able to get over our own need to control, then we'll never need to be risk-adverse because we'll be living completely by faith, hope and ultimately, love. We'll be fulfilling prophecy. The prophecy of God's love that was given by the gift of our lives and the potential of our very being as God's pilgrim people.

So this week, and continuing on into this Year of our Lord, 2024, let's road-trip with our God - Father, Son and Spirit. And even if we're not sure where we're going, no worries, God's got us, leading us as his wise, pilgrim people!

Blessings!

Fr. Reynold

### THE WEEK AHEAD



### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/

Mk 1:7-11

1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/ Tuesday:

Mk 1:21-28

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, Wednesday:

10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/

Mk 1:40-45

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/ Friday:

Mk 2:1-12

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Saturday:

Mk 2:13-17

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, Sunday:

9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

First Reading: The LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Sm 3:10)

Second Reading: Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. (1 Cor 6:15, 17)

Gospel: So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. (Jn 1:39)

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### IN REMEMBRANCE

Our deepest sympathy and heartfelt prayers go out to parishioners and their family members who have died recently: Helen Donnelly and Marianne Morrissey.

### SSJ HAPPENINGS

Monday, January 8 - The Baptism of the Lord

- 8:15 am Mass | † Denise Lebron † Pat Passalacqua | † Ken Wilson
- 7:00 pm Order of Christian Initiation of Adults
- 7:00 pm Evening Centering Prayer (Church)

### Tuesday, January 9

- 8:15 am Mass | † Sheila Riley
- 9:00 am Little Saints (FR)

### Wednesday, January 10

- 6:30 am Men's Bible Study (FR)
- 8:15 am Mass | † Cruz Jimenez
- 9:00 am Women Creating Community (FR)
- 9:30 am Funeral Marianne Morrissey
- 3:30 pm Parking Lot Prayer
- 4:00 Centering Prayer (FR)
- 7:00 pm Men's Club General Meeting (CC)
- 7:00 pm Catholicism Re-Run Adult Study (FR)

### Thursday, January 11

- 8:15 am Mass | † Geri
- 9:00 am Scripture Study w/Deacon Matt (FR)
- 6:00 pm Family to Family Class (CC)

#### Friday, January 12

• 8:15 am Mass | † Dean Carlson

### Saturday, January 13 - St. Hilary

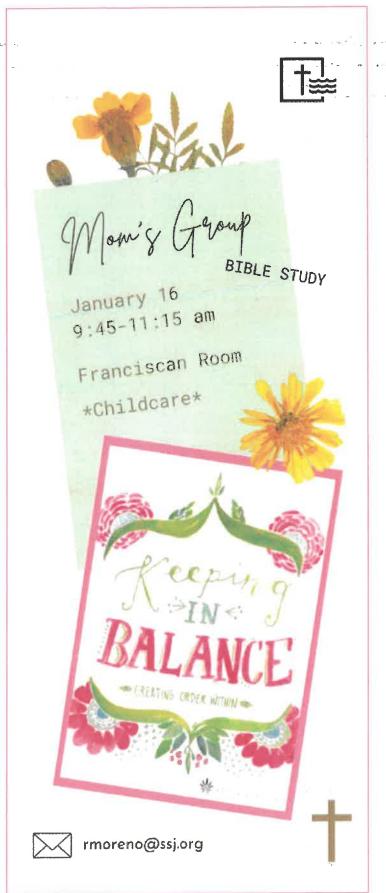
- 8:15 am Mass | + Bong Bong Baculi Tom & Jill Vincent | † Gretchen Gorman
- 9:00 am Confessions
- 11:00 am Funeral Mary Selz
- 4:00 pm Mass | † Maria Tucci

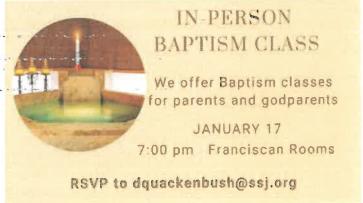
### Sunday, January 14 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Mass | † Norman Freestone
- 9:30 am Mass | Saints Simon & Jude Catholic Church
- 9:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (FR)
- 10:30 am Open Playground (School)
- 11:15 am Mass | † Maria Tan Dang
- 5:00 pm Mass | † Augustino Huu Pham

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### **FAITH FORMATION & SACRAMENTS**





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### JANUARY 9 & JANUARY 23

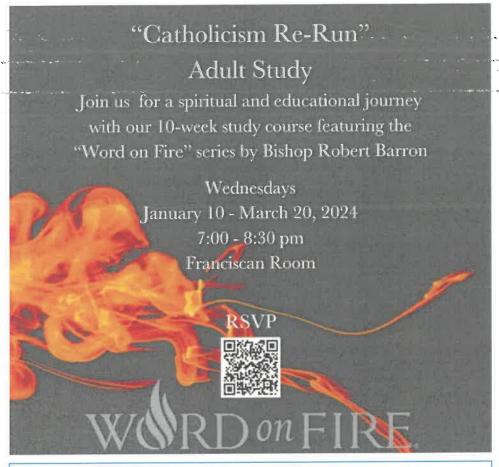
9am - 10am in Franciscan Room 0-3 yrs old with adult







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### Please pray for the sick of our parish

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Roxzane Doran

Barbara Wilson

Marlene Mahem



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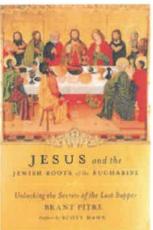
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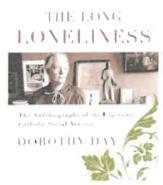


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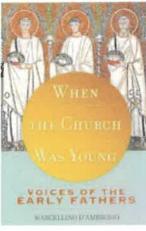


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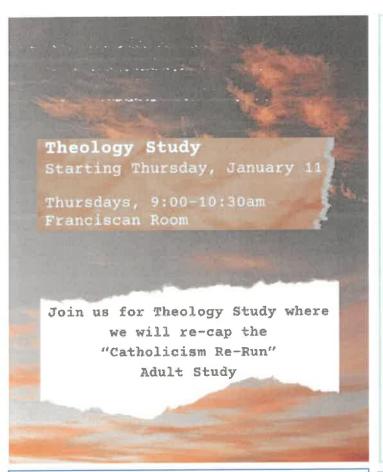


The Long Loneliness
Dorothy Day



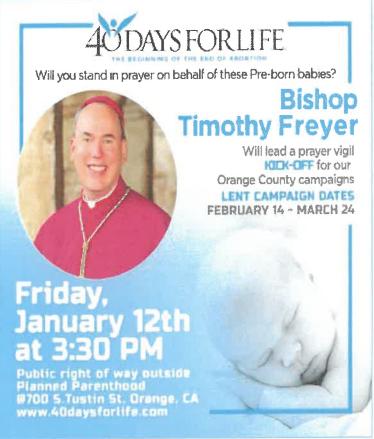
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### PRAYERS, READINGS & WORSHIP

### Entrance: As with Gladness Men of Old - DIX

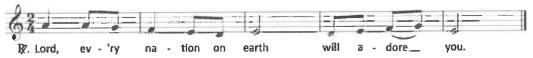


Reading I: Is 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72 - Owen Alstott



Reading II: Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

#### Gospel Acclamation: Christmastime Alleluia - James Chepponis



V: We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

### PRAYERS, READINGS & WORSHIP

### Gospel: Mt 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

### Preparation of the Gifts: Love Has Come - Matt Maher



God of Covenant, divine, lead us to the end of time, beyond sorrow, beyond fear, beyond pride and earthen tears.

Keeper of the sacrifice manifest in Jesus Christ, born to die and wake the dead, as we hunger keep us fed.

### 11:15am Mass: The First Noel - arr. Dan Forrest

The first Noel, the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;

In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

#### Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far; And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heav'nly Lord; That hath made heaven and earth of naught, and with his blood mankind hath bought.

#### Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (BOW) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Marv. and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified. who has spoken through the Prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

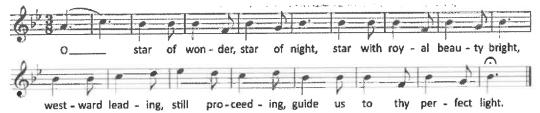
Amen.

### PRAYERS, READINGS & WORSHIP

### **Eucharistic Acciamations: Mass of Joy and Peace - Tony Alonso**

### Communion: We Three Kings - KINGS OF CRIENT

We three kings of Orient are; Bearing gifts we traverse afar Field and fountain, Moor and mountain, Following yonder star.



Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, Gold I bring to crown him again, King forever, Ceasing never Over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I: Incense owns a Deity nigh; Prayer and praising Gladly raising, Worship him, God on high.

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume Breathes a life of gathering gloom; Sorrowing, sighing, Bleeding, dying, Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice; "Alleluia, Alleluia!" Sounds through the earth and skies.

### Meditation: Of the Father's Love Begotten - DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Of the Father's love begotten, Ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending he, Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, Evermore and evermore.

Blessed was the day for ever When the Virgin, full of grace, By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bore the Savior of our race, And the child, the world's Redeemer, First revealed his sacred face, Evermore and evermore.

This is he whom seers in old time, chanted of with one accord, Whom the voices of the prophets Promised in their faithful word; Now he shines, the long-expected; Let creation praise the Lord, Evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heav'n, adore him; Angel hosts, his praises sing; All dominions, bow before him, And extol our God and King; Let no tongue on earth be silent, Ev'ry voice in concert ring, Evermore and evermore.

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory to the Holy Spirit, Persons three, yet Godhead one. Glory be from all creation While eternal ages run. Evermore and evermore. Amen.

#### 11:15am Mass: We Have Seen His Star - Everett Titcomb

We have seen his star in the East, and are come with our offerings to worship the Lord.

### Sending Forth: God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen - GOD REST YOU MERRY

God rest you merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay; Remember Christ our Savior Was born on Christmas Day To save us all from Satan's pow'r When we were gone astray.

O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.

Now to the Lord sing praises, All you within this place, And with true love and charity Each other now embrace; This holy tide of Christmas Is filled with heav'nly grace.



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