

From the Pastor

Being the first message of the year, I wish you all the best for 2018 and beyond. I pray that it will be a happier, healthier and holier year.

Today is the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, or more popularly known as the feast of the three kings or the Magi. 'Epiphany' is a Greek word which means manifestation. What we celebrate today is the manifestation of God's light and salvation to the non-Jewish people or Gentile, represented by the Magi. It speaks of the universality of salvation. "Nations shall walk by your light," (1st reading) "...the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Jesus Christ through the gospel." (2nd reading)

The child in Bethlehem, "the newborn king of the Jews" whom the Magi sought, will also be king of the whole world. His will be a universal kingdom, for all people, of all time, of all places.

The Magi came to know about the birth of Jesus through a star. They were astrologers given to the study of the movement of celestial bodies. Here we see how nature speaks to us of God. As the beautiful song "How Great Thou Art" says, "O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the world Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed. Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee, How great thou Art."

Hence the importance of respecting nature and the environment and communing with them because they say something about God, with the earth as our common homeland.

Likewise as the gospel tells us, the Magi were also guided by Herod's religious and biblical experts who said that the 'newborn king' they were looking for was born in Bethlehem, the land of Judah. And the star reappeared and brought them to where the child was born. And they paid him homage and gave their gifts.

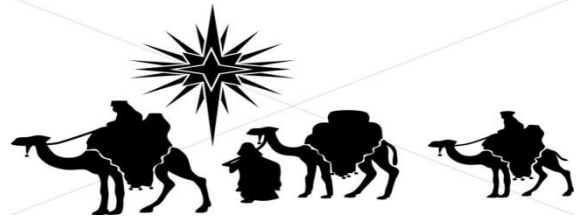
Longing, journey, search, encounter, worship, generosity – guided by a star and words from scripture - this was the story of the Magi. This also is, or must be our story if we are to meet the "King of kings" – in our journey of faith, in our journey to his kingdom.

Your brother and friend,
Fr. Roland

A little tickler (on walking)

Walking can add years to your life. My grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 years old and we have no idea where he is.

This Week in Our Parish



--Sunday, Jan. 7- **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
Mass at 7:00a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (English)
1:00 p.m. (Spanish), -5:00 p.m. (English)

CCE CLASSES

Monday, January 8, Mass at 6:15 a.m., & 7:00 p.m.

CCE CLASSES

--8:00 p.m. Scriptural Rosary-Chapel
--Tuesday, Jan.9-Mass at 6:15 a.m., & 6:30 p.m.

CCE CLASSES

--7:00 p.m. Sharing the Faith-Bishop Odin
--7:00 p.m. Choir Practice-Church
--7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts-St. Maria Goretti Room
--7:45 p.m. St. Joseph Novena-Chapel
--Wednesday, Jan. 10- Mass at 6:15 a.m., and 7:00 pm
--6:30 p.m. Holy Hour for Vocations-Chapel
--6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry-St. Maria Goretti Room
--7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts-Community Center
--7:30 p.m. Neo Cats-Meeting-Alleluia-Noah's Ark & "A"
--8:00 p.m. Our Mother of Perpetual Help-Church
--Thursday, Jan. 11- Mass at 6:15 a.m., & 7:00 p.m.
--6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry-St. Maria Goretti Room
--7:00 p.m. FTCM-Community Center
--7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus-Parish Hall
--7:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer-Bishop Odin
--7:30 p.m. Legion of Mary-Room "B"
--8:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer-Chapel
11:00 p.m. Precious Blood-Chapel
--Friday, Jan. 12- Mass at 6:15 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
--7:00 p.m. Sacred Heart-Room "F"
--7:30 p.m. Divine Mercy-Chapel
--7:30 p.m. Lord's Flock-Alleluia Room
--8:00 p.m. Sacred Heart-Chapel
--8:00 p.m. Totus Tuus Prayer Group-Parish Hall
--Saturday- Jan. 13- Mass at 8:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.
--7:30 a.m. Rosa Mystica Rosary-Chapel
--8:00 a.m. Pre-Baptism Classes-English-Meeting Room
--12:00 p.m. USCAT-Alleluia Room
--12:00 p.m. Quinceañera Sucet Jimenez-Church
--4:00 p.m. Confessions-Church
--7:00 p.m. Neocatechumenate-Parish Hall
--Sunday, Jan. 14- 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Mass at 7:00a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (English)
1:00 p.m. (Spanish), -5:00 p.m. (English)
COFFEE BY THE NEOCATCHUMENATE
AND TACO BREAKFAST BY THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY
--10:00 a.m. Couples for Christ-Welsch Center
--2:00 p.m. Bible Study-Meeting Room
--3:00 p.m. Daughters of Holy Spirit

NOTRE DAME OPPORTUNITY

There is an open position within the parish office:

Parish Office Secretarial Assistant

Part Time Position (Permanent Part-Time)

28 hours a week Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Qualifications (not a full list)

Proficient in English & Spanish: (ability to translate documents).

Computer skills: Microsoft Word, Excel, (Power Point helpful), Parish Data System.

**Pass a background check

**Attend VIRTUS

If you are interested send resume to:

Evelyn: admin@ndgh.org

TO ALL PARISHIONERS USING FAITH DIRECT

The closing date for current users of Faith Direct will be **January 31, 2018**. This extended cut-off date will give you the needed time to adjust your finances and for the parish to reinstate your monthly contribution envelopes if you so choose.

To All members using Faith Direct. We ask your understanding and continued support either through the use of parish contribution envelopes or by going to your individual bank to set up *on-line reoccurring bill pay*.

Sanctuary Candles burning in memory of:

Bishop ELINETO GALIDO

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Jan. 7- EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SOLEMNITY

Is 60: 1-6; Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2: 1-12

--7:00 a.m. + Maria Socorro Ramirez

--9:00 a.m. All Parishioners

-11:00 a.m. African Community (Happy New Year)

--1:00 p.m. Jimmy & Hannah (Acción de Gracias)

--5:00 p.m. Frieda Aroche (Birthday)

Monday, January 8- BAPTISM OF THE LORD FEAST

Is 55: 1-11; Mk 1: 7-11

--6:15 a.m. + Helen Barron

--7:00 p.m. + Josefina Castaneda

Tuesday, Jan. 9- Tuesday of 1st Week in OT

1 Sm 1: 9-20; Mk 1: 21-28

--6:15 a.m. Patricia Hernandez & kids (Healing)

--6:30 p.m. + Eddy Ponce De Leon

Wednesday, Jan. 10 – Wednesday of 1st Week in OT

1 Sm 3: 1-10, 19-20; Mk 1: 29-39

--6:15 a.m. + Maria Tran Thi Kim Lien

--7:00 p.m. + Antonio Ramas

Thursday, Jan. 11 – Thursday of 1st Week in OT

1 Sm 8: 4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2: 1-12

--6:15 a.m. Emmanuel Ikazoboh

--7:00 p.m. Sedita/Badough Families (Thanksgiving)

Friday, Jan.12 – Friday of 1st Week in OT

1 Sm 9: 1-4, 17-19; 10: 1a; Mk 2: 13-17

--6:15 a.m. Right to Life

-10:00 a.m. Joel Castro (Healing)

--7:00 p.m. + Antonio Ramas

Saturday, Jan. 13- Saturday of 1st Week in OT

1 Jn 5: 5-13; Lk 3: 23-38

--8:00 a.m. José Coronado (Thanksgiving)

--5:00 p.m. Vocations to the Priesthood & Diaconate

Sunday, Jan. 14-2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

1 Sm 3: 3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6: 13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1: 35-42

--7:00 a.m. Sick of the Parish

--9:00 a.m. All Parishioners

-11:00 a.m. All Notre Dame Personnel and their Families

--1:00 p.m. San Antonio

--5:00 p.m. Suffering from Depression/Loneliness



MUSIC FOR SUNDAY, JAN. 07

MASSES IN ENGLISH

ENT# 465 OFT# 463 CMN # 466 & # 462 CLOSING # 428

MISA EN ESPAÑOL

ENT #535 OFR #647 Y #460 CMN #573 y #5893 DESP #676





Deacon Elie Calonge, Barbara Collier, Anita Lagap, Cary Kearns, Francisco Saiza, Alfred Mikula, Mike Rios, Joel Castro, Antonio Macrohon, Becky Navarro, Mary Lou Walker, Ianne P. Quila, Anthony & Maria Tran, Sally Wittmer, Sue Zientek, Jesus de Mora, Mike Trimbom, Mel Gayao, Sondra Robertson, Severo Zapata, Ma. Dolores D. Zapata,...
and ALL sick members of our parish community.

Homebound: Visited by our Ministers of the Sick ...

Lydia Agustin, Sam Barletta, Dolly Cyganski, Elizabeth Misri, Carolyn Starrette, Francisca Salaria, Rosa Waguespack, Don Wenglar, Stephen Mustafa Kroma, Joan Holder, Florence Otorra, Shuri Ngomba, Lawrence Carter...



MONDAYS WITH MOTHER MARY

Join us for a Divine Mercy Retreat!

Journey into the hearts of St. Thérèse of Lisieux's Little Way with the 33 Days to Merciful Love Group Retreat. This program will start on January 15, 2018 and it will end on February 12, 2018 Every Monday from 5:30 p.m. till 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Hall.

Respect Life Mass 2018

Join the Pro-Life Activities Office for our annual Respect Life Mass and Reception on Saturday, February 3. Mass will take place at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart (1111 St. Joseph Pkwy., Houston, TX 77002) at 5:00 p.m. immediately followed by reception at the Cathedral Centre, fourth floor. Join us for food, fellowship and fun! There is no cost to attend the reception, but we ask that attendees register so we can plan for refreshments!

PARISH SUPPORT

**Financial Results for Church Operations
for the Period July - October 2017**

Receipts	\$294,833
Expenses	\$322,232
3 Month Deficit.....	\$27,399

**PARISH WEEKLY NEEDS \$17,500
Collection 12/24/2017**

Regular Collection.....	\$13,381.41
Faith Direct.....	\$1,743.80
Total Sunday Collection.....	\$15,125.21

Christmas Offering Mass.....	\$9,145.59
Simbang Gabi.....(19,20,21,22,23).....	\$6,593.28

Novena	\$224.08
Poor Box	\$108.63

**Capital Campaign IV "Our Lady - Our Commitment"
Collection 12/24/2017**

Capital Campaign:.....	\$7,027.58
Faith Direct:.....	\$795.85
Total Sunday,	\$7,823.43

**Formation Toward Christian Ministry
Spring 2018**

The Formation Toward Christian Ministry (FTCM) program offers a systematic and comprehensive foundation in the teachings of our faith. The FTCM program is being offered at Notre Dame in English

Thursdays 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

- Introduction to Scripture: Jan. 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8
- Old Testament: Feb. 15, 22, Mar. 1, 8, 22
- New Testament: Apr. 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3
- Day of Reflection - Biblical Spirituality: Sat., Feb. 3 (9-3)

**Registration & questions: Contact the CCE office
281-495-1256**

Texas Rally for Life in Austin

The Texas Rally for Life in Austin, TX will take place on Saturday, January 27, 2018. Come stand with Catholics from around the State in support of life from conception to natural death. Cardinal DiNardo will offer Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church at 8:15 a.m. prior to departure for Austin. Buses will depart from St. Dominic Chancery prior to the Mass. To register, click here. If your parish is interested in taking a group to this event, please contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8728 for more information.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Del Pastor

Siendo el primer mensaje del año, Yo les deseo a todos lo mejor para el 2018 y más allá. Yo pido que sea un año más feliz, más saludable y más sagrado.

Hoy es la festividad de la Epifanía del Señor, o más conocido popularmente como la fiesta de los tres reyes o de los tres reyes magos. “Epifanía” es una palabra Griega que significa manifestación. Lo que celebramos hoy es la manifestación de la luz de Dios y la salvación a la gente no-Judía o Gentiles, representados por los reyes magos. Nos habla de la universalidad de la salvación.

“Las Naciones caminarán por nuestra luz.” (1ra lectura).. los Gentiles son coherederos, consocios en la promesa en Jesucristo por medio del evangelio.” (2da lectura).

El niño en Belén, “recién nacido rey de los Judíos” a quien los reyes magos buscaron, también será rey de todo el mundo. El suyo será un reino universal, para toda la gente de todos los tiempos y de todos los lugares.

Los reyes magos se enteraron del nacimiento de Jesús través de una estrella. Ellos eran astrólogos dados a estudiar el movimiento de cuerpos celestiales. Aquí vemos como la naturaleza nos habla de Dios. Tal como el bello himno “Qué Grande Tu Eres” dice. “Oh Señor, mi Dios, cuando yo estoy en estupendo asombro, considerando todo el mundo. Lo que tu mano ha hecho, Yo veo las estrellas, Yo escucho el rumor de los truenos, Tu poder desplegado por todo el universo. Luego canta mi alma, a ti Dios mi salvador. Qué Grande tu Eres”

Aquí vemos la importancia de respetar la naturaleza y el ambiente y vivir en comunidad con ellos porque nos dicen algo acerca de Dios, con la tierra como nuestro lugar natal en común.

Igualmente como nos dice el evangelio, los reyes magos también era guiados por los expertos religioso y bíblicos quienes dijeron que ‘el rey recién nacido’ que ellos estaban buscando había nacido en Belén, la tierra de Judea. Y la estrella reapareció y los trajo a ellos donde el niño había nacido. Le rindieron honores y le dieron sus regalos.

Anhelo, viaje, búsqueda, encuentro, adoración, generosidad – guiados por una estrella y palabras de la escritura- esta es la historia de los reyes Magos. Esto es también, o debe de ser nuestra historia si vamos a conocer al “Rey de reyes” – en nuestra jornada de fe, en nuestro camino hacia su reino.

Su hermano y amigo
Padre Rolando

Una cosquillita (hablando de caminar)

Caminar puede agregarle años a su vida. Mi abuelo empezó a caminar cinco millas al día cuando tenía 60 años. Ahora ya tiene 97 años y no tenemos la menor idea donde está.

EN NUESTRA PARROQUIA



Domingo 7 de Enero- Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor
--1:00 p.m. Misa en Español –Iglesia

Lunes, 8 de Enero 2018

--9:00 a.m. AMSIF-Salones: Aleluya, Juntas “A”, “B”, “C”

--7:00 p.m. RICA-Centro Comunitario

Martes 9 de Enero-

--7:00 p.m. Taller para Servidores-Centro Comunitario

--7:00 p.m. Catecismo de la Iglesia-Salón de Conferencias

Miércoles 10 de Enero-

--6:30 p.m. Rosario en Español-Capilla

--7:00 p.m. Coro en Español-Salón “F”

--7:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Salón “G”

--8:00 p.m. Apostolado de la Cruz-Salones Odín y Conferencias

Jueves 11 de Enero-

--7:00 p.m. ELI Grupo de Oración-Salones “F” y “G”

Viernes 12 de Enero-Primer Viernes

--6:30 p.m. Legión de María Jóvenes- Salón “E”

--7:00 p.m. Grupo ELI-Salones B C E G

--7:00 p.m. Solo para Parejas-Meeting Room

Sábado 13 de Enero-

--8:00 a.m. Clases Pre-Bautismales-Salón Parroquial

--4:00 p.m. Confesiones-Iglesia

--6:00 p.m. Movimiento Familiar Cristiano-Salón Aleluya

--7:00 p.m. ELI- Salón “C”

--7:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret- Meeting Room

Domingo 14 de Enero-

--1:00 p.m. Misa en Español –Iglesia

--6:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Parish Hall

INVITACIÓN IMPORTANTE DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NOTRE DAME

El próximo mes de Enero tendremos taller para
Servidores.

Los días Martes: 9, 16, 23, 30 y terminando el Martes 6
de Febrero. Será en el Centro Comunitario de 7 a 9:30
de la noche. Impartido por Joe Castro de la
Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston. Tendrá un costo
de \$10 por participante.

No olvides CRISTO te necesita