



## The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2007

*The Magi prostrated themselves and did him homage. They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

*Matthew 2:11*

### LOOKING IN THE RIGHT PLACES

“Appearances can be deceiving,” as the saying goes. As we celebrate the *epiphania*, the “appearing” of the eternal Word of God on earth, this is still true.

What rapturous foresight must have filled Isaiah as he wrote the words we hear today. How, for four hundred years, they must have filled the hearts of the people of Israel with hope for the day when God’s glory would shine on them. How deceived some must have felt when the glory of God came to them in the lowliest and humblest of human lives.

We have many expectations about how the divine presence will appear among us. But we can also set ourselves up, through these expectations, to miss the divine glory when it truly appears. We get caught up in looking for the star, forgetting that the star is not the divine sign, the babe is. It may take a persistent journey for us to come upon the true appearance of God’s glory in our lives: Jesus Christ. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

### BUSCAR EN EL LUGAR CORRECTO

“Las apariencias engañan” dice el refrán. Al celebrar la *epifanía*, la manifestación del Verbo de Dios eterno en la tierra, el refrán sigue siendo cierto.

¡Qué sublime premonición debe haber sentido Isaías al escribir las palabras que hoy escuchamos! Por cuatrocientos años, cómo habrán llenado los corazones del pueblo de Israel con esperanzas de que llegaría el día en que la gloria de Dios se derramaría sobre ellos. ¡Que desilusionados deben haberse sentido algunos cuando la gloria de Dios les llegó en una vida humana de las más bajas y humildes!

Tenemos muchas expectativas de cómo la presencia divina va a manifestarse entre nosotros. Pero también podemos exponernos, por culpa de esas expectativas, a perder de vista la gloria divina cuando se nos aparece de verdad. Nos entretenemos buscando la estrella, y nos olvidamos que la estrella no es la señal divina, sino el bebé. Puede que tengamos que persistir en el camino antes de llegar a encontrarnos con la apariencia real de la gloria de Dios en nuestra vida: Jesucristo.

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Greetings in the Lord,

Our Notre Dame faith community has spent a lot of the Advent season thinking about expectations, but now is time for us to rejoice in the Messiah. The Magi—who had only a star and some sort of compelling expectation—had great joy when they found the child in Bethlehem and paid him homage. Now it is our time to rejoice that our expectations were fulfilled.

Let us pray for all of our enrolled and un-enrolled faith community members who are unable to share in God’s graces. In this Christmas season, let us pray for and offer help to those less fortunate than we are. I thank you for your generosity.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Mike



# This Week in the Parish

## **Monday, January 8**

Baptism of the Lord

Is 42: 1-4, 6-7; Acts 10: 34-38; Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22

7:00 am †Mary Michaels  
Cecilia Flynn

## **Tuesday, January 9**

Weekday

Heb 1: 1-6; Heb 2: 5-12; Mk 1: 14-20; Mk 1: 21-28

12:00 pm †Bettie Peinemann  
Rev. Mike Peinemann

## **Wednesday, January 10**

Weekday

Heb 2: 14-18; Mk 1: 29-39

12:00 pm Women of Notre Dame

## **Thursday, January 11**

Weekday

Heb 3: 7-14; Mk 1: 40-45

8:05 am †Oscar Guajardo  
Frances Ingle  
6:00 pm XLT Teen Worship

## **Friday, January 12**

Weekday

Heb 4: 1-5, 11; Mk 2: 1-12

7:00 am †Susan DiPace  
Marie Murnane

## **Saturday, January 13**

Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62: 1-5; 1 Cor 12: 4-11; Jn 2: 1-11

5:00 pm †Emilia Castillo  
Daughters

## **Sunday, January 14**

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62: 1-5; 1 Cor 12: 4-11; Jn 2: 1-11

8:00 am †Richard Randy & Paul Guerrero  
Florence Guerrero  
9:30 am †Ernesto Cervantes  
Manuel Cervantes  
11:00 am People of the Parish

## **Monday, January 8**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament -7:30 am –Cry Room

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena– 5:00 pm– Church

Men's ACTS - 6:00 pm - Kemper Hall Rms 205 & 206

Boys Scouts- 6:30 pm - Gymnasium

Cub Scouts-6:30 pm– Gymnasium

Cursillos– 7:00 pm– Fireplace Room

## **Tuesday, January 9**

Good Shepherd Level 1– 8:30 am- Kemper Hall- Atrium

Bible Study-11:00 am –Family Life Center

Lector Practice - 6:00 pm - Church

Choir - 7:00 pm– Church

Spanish Choir Practice - 7:15 pm–Kemper Hall-Rm 209

## **Wednesday, January 10**

Good Shepherd– 5:00 pm– Kemper Hall -Atriums

Children's Faith Formation– 5:15 pm–Social Center

Jr. High School Ministry– 5:30 pm– Social Center

Confirmation Class-6:00 pm– Fireplace Room

## **Thursday, January 11**

Baptism Class– 6:00 pm –Kemper Hall Rm 205 & 206

Fr. Mike's Bible Study-7:15 pm– Fireplace Room

## **Friday, January 12**

Faith Sharing-12:00 pm –Family Life Center

## **Saturday, January 13**

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament - 11:30 am - Church

Child Care -4:45 pm - Nursery-Kemper Hall

## **Sunday, January 14**

Child Care –8:00 am - Nursery- Kemper Hall

Good Shepherd– 9:00 am– Kemper Hall -Atriums

Teen ACTS-12:00 pm –Kemper Hall Rm 205



*The Sanctuary Lamp will  
burn this week in  
memory of  
Oscar Guajardo  
by  
Jeanette Cafferty.*

**Masses & Sanctuary Lamp are available for your 2007 intentions.  
Please come by the Pastoral Center!!**

### **A gift for our Seminarian!!!**

It is not too late to send in your donation for the Edwin Vigil Gift! If you are interested in giving towards the gift for our Seminarian, Edwin Vigil who will be ordained as a priest in June 2007, please mail your gift to Notre Dame Catholic Church at 909 Main Street, Kerrville, Texas 78028. Any amount is appreciated!! Thank You!!



Altar Servers



Lectors



Extraordinary Mins.



Greeters



Bread Bakers

<b>Saturday, Jan 13</b>	MC-Angie Garza	J. D. Domingue	B	D	Mary Ann Zimmerhansel
<b>5:00 pm.</b>	C-Mark Fenner CB-Ginny Laborde CB-Emma Kelly	John Domingue			
<b>Sunday, Jan 14</b>	MC-Stephen Schwarz	Carole Curry	B	D	Bea Egan
<b>8:00 am</b>	C-Kate Tally-Foos CB-Fred Tally-Foos CB-Rachel McCormick	Bob Mitchell			
<b>Sunday, Jan 14</b>	MC-Andrea Wahrmund	Alicia Falcon	A	B	Loretta Moreno
<b>9:30 am</b>	C-Christopher Wahrmund CB-Diana Wahrmund CB-Allen Southern-Garcia	Rosalva Gonzalez			
<b>Sunday, Jan 14</b>	MC-Candace Rodriguez	Jimmy Bill	B	A	Rosie Nombrano
<b>11:00 am</b>	C-Emily Ashley CB-David Tilley CB-Hayden Keller	Ed Perry			

  
**Pray for ...**

Mary Jane Viebag, Harry Winslow, Jim Wren, Grace Kieberger, Benita Garcia, Frances Vlasek, Irene Peters, Desmond Jones, Gregoria Jureczki, Sharon Schieffen, Maria Murphy, Maria Nowak, MaryAnne Collins, Terry Trauth, Lupe Gonzales, San Juanita San Miguel, Michelle Mann, Mary Tinch, Irene Trevino, Erasto Ayala, John Aleman, Donnie Couch, Jeanette Bell, Jean Michel Duval, Henrietta and James Bennet, Dorothy Fitzsimmons, Veronica Jansen, Irwin Schilhab, Guadalupe Pena, Lillian Dworaczyk, Robert L. Brantley, Susie Fenner, Joanne Park, Eusebio & Catalina Piedra, Lilia Castillo, Mary Ann Vlasek, Richard Flores, Dr. Edward Prejean, Isabel Lopez, Rita Currier, Faye Gibson, Alonzo Wahrmund, Patricia Keller, Elvira Sanchez, Beatrice Robles, Bonnie Ochs, Charles Dugosh, Edward Ayala, Jim Green, Delfina Sarabia, John Miedema, Lena Treiber, Raetta Doppler, Julia Peralta, Mary Ellsbury, Gisela Chambers, John Sullivan, Marie Hobson, Ed Horat, Camille Eastham, Michael Popeck, Dorothy Lehane, Sigrid Lathrop, Consuela & Walter Hustace, Mary Ruth Fallon and all the sick of our parish family and friends.

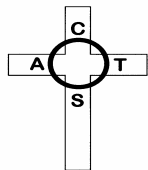
## Weekly Collections

**December 30th & 31st, 2006**

Envelopes/Loose Checks	\$19,842.00
Loose Cash	<u>2,189.78</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,031.78</b>
Average this month	\$21,712.44
<b>Avg. Needed Each Week</b>	<b>\$18,400.00</b>
Solemnity of Mary	\$3,161.87
Christmas	\$1,315.00
Notre Dame School	\$159.00
Note Balance as of November 30, 2006	<b>\$398,608.27</b>

### LOOKING GOOD

The best mirror is a friend's eyes.  
— Gaelic proverb



**ATTENTION,  
ALL MEN!!!**

**ACTS Retreat Coming Up!!**

Registration for the Men's ACTS Retreat to be held at **Tecaboca, on February 8-11, 2007** will begin on January 6, 2007. Registration forms may be obtained after all Masses Jan. 6 or 7 or from the Church Office. Registration forms must be brought to the Pastoral Center by 5:00 pm on **January 12, 2007**.



**XLT:** Teens are invited to Praise and Worship God by singing contemporary Christian music. There will also be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

**January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at  
6:00 pm-7:15 p.m. in the church.**

**National Migration Week 2007  
January 7-13, 2007**

*Prayer for Migrants and Refugees*

*Mary, Most Holy, you, together with St. Joseph and the Child Jesus, experienced the suffering of Exile. You were forced to flee to Egypt to escape the persecution of Herod. Today we entrust the men, women, and children who live as migrants and refugees to your maternal protection.*

*Grant us the grace to welcome them with Christian hospitality, so that these brothers and sisters of ours may find acceptance and understanding on their journey. Amen.*

**Semana Nacional de Inmigrantes  
Enero 7-13, 2007**

*Oracion por los migrantes y refugiados*

*Maria Santisima, tu, junto con San Jose y el nino Jesus, experimentaste el sufrimiento del exilio. Te viste obligada a huir a Egipto para escapar de la persecucion de Herodes. Hoy confiamos a tu maternal proteccion a los hombres, mujeres y ninos que viven como migrantes y refugiados.*

*Concedenos la gracia de acogerlos con hospitalidad cristiana, para que estos hermanos y hermanas nuestros puedan encontrar aceptacion y comprension en su camino. Amen.*



Ladies you are invited to join the Women of Notre Dame on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 for Mass at Noon and their monthly meeting after the Mass in the Fireplace Room.

**\*\*Mrs. Janet Welty will be our guest speaker.**

**\*\*\*Second Collection\*\*\***

The second collection for next weekend, **January 13 & 14, 2007** will be for the victims that were devastated by **Typhoon Xangsane** in Central Vietnam.

Please be generous!!!!

**TODAY'S CATHOLIC**

Do you receive *Today's Catholic* newspaper? Your official archdiocesan newspaper should be an important part of your family's spiritual reading. It presents Catholic news, articles relating to family life, personal and spiritual growth. Costs? By current standards *Today's Catholic* is a bargain. Current individual subscriptions are \$12, but if you order with **Notre Dame Parish** the price is just \$7 a year. A circulation drive will be conducted in the parish, please call the Pastoral Center at 257-5961 for more information.





ANNOUNCES A NEW SERIES  
FOR 2007

Catholic Adult Faith Enrichment (CAFÉ) begins a new series that focuses on basic Catholic teachings and how they relate to adult faith. Adult faith is grounded in absolute truth while living with the challenges, doubts and questions of everyday life. We will use Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church as our guide.

Topics for 2007 include: Faith, Jesus the Christ, the Trinity, the Creed, Church history, the Sacraments, Morality, Catholic interpretation of Scripture, Overview of the Bible, Spirituality and Prayer, Catholic Social teaching and Ecumenism.

**Sunday Jan. 7**  
**9:30 - 10:45 am**  
School Library Kemper Hall

Jan 7: Faith, the ultimate invitation. Someone once said that faith is an inside job. From deep within our being come the truth of God's existence and the invitation from God to life and love. All we need to do is RSVP.

The outline for the discussion on Faith is available in the Narthex.

For more information call Carol Aceti at 257-1432

**THANK YOU!!!**

Environment and Art thanks the school children for the white poinsettias in the Christmas church environment. They earned money by purchasing cupcakes in December as arranged by Clarice Stauble, Hazel Masters, Mary Ann Dickerson and other Women of Notre Dame members. We love the contribution and care from our children!

**Bible Study**



Join Father Mike Boulette on **Thursday, January 11, 2007** at 7:15 pm for bible study in the Fireplace Room.

**The Sacrament of Baptism & your Child**



The following is a list of Baptismal Preparation sessions for the first half of 2007: Parents and Godparents are asked to attend two of the sessions provided in one month. Registrations start at 6:00 pm followed by class 6:15 pm to 8:00 pm.

1. **Thursdays, January 11 & 18, 2007**
2. **Thursdays, February 8 & 15, 2007**
3. **Thursdays, March 1 & 8, 2007**
4. **Thursdays, April 12 & 19, 2007**
5. **Thursdays, May 10 & 17, 2007**
6. **Thursdays, June 14 & 21, 2007**

For more information call Rosie Garcia at 830-896-4233 or Ileana Schneegans at the Pastoral Center, 830-257-5961 ext. 225!

**El Sacramento de Bautismo para sus niños!!**



Lo siguiente es una lista de sesiones para la preparación del Bautismo, para la primera parte del año 2007. Los padres y padrinos deben de asistir a dos sesiones en un mes. Las registraciones empezaran a las 6:00 pm siguiendo con la clase a las 6:15 pm

1. **Jueves, 11 & 18 de Enero del año 2007**
2. **Jueves, 8 & 15 de Febrero del año 2007**
3. **Jueves, 1 & 8 de Marzo del año 2007**
4. **Jueves, 12 & 19 de Abril del año 2007**
5. **Jueves, 10 & 17 de Mayo del año 2007**
6. **Jueves, 14 & 21 de Junio del año 2007**

Para mas información por favor llame a Rosie Garcia al numero 896-4233 o a Ileana Schneegas al numero 830-257-5961.

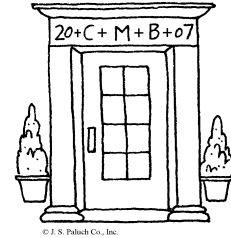
# National Vocation Awareness Week January 8-12, 2007

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany and Monday, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This week, January 8-12, is National Vocation Awareness Week, a special time in which the Church prays for the renewal and strengthening of vocations with dedicated people as married and single people, and men and women to serve as priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Choose to make a difference!



## **BLESSING OF HOMES**

Today, Epiphany, is the traditional day for blessing homes and other buildings by marking the lintels of doorways with chalk. The traditional marking commemorates the three magi (traditionally named Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar) and gives the calendar year already recently begun. The markings for this year are: "20 + C + M + B + 07" (the three initials of the magi's names between the numbers of the year, separated by four crosses). The Order of Blessing is as follows:



**Leader:**(all make the sign of the cross) Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All: Now and for ever.

**Leader:** Brothers and sisters, listen to the words of the holy gospel according to Luke.  
(read Luke 19: 1-9)

**Leader:** Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them with the light of Christ, that their concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Funeral Planning Session**

A funeral planning session will be held this **Thursday, January 11 at 10:30 a.m.** in the **Fireplace Room.** We will cover scripture readings and music as well as other options. This is a good time to put your wishes on paper, and also to make the time of your death and all the planning associated with it a bit less stressful on family and friends. Please call Dorothy at the Pastoral Center (257-5961, ext. 235) if you are planning to attend so that enough packets can be prepared. Please do not request packets outside of attending the session as you will need the explanation associated with all the preparations. Thank you!

## **NEW Ministers Formation**

There will be a formation session for all NEW liturgical ministers on **Sunday, January 14 from 2 to 3 p.m.** in the Fireplace Room. Anyone who is "brand new" to lay ministry (lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, musicians, greeters, ushers, bread bakers, Holy Sew-n-Sews, altar care, Companions on the Journey, bereavement, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Environment and Art, librarians, ministers to the sick, nursery, sacristans, Holy Ground-keepers, etc.), that is, if you have not served in any ministry here at Notre Dame, you are being asked to attend this very important session next Sunday.

## **HIGHLIGHT ON MINISTRY... "Hospitality"**

Those who serve as greeters, ushers, and Holy Ground-keepers perform multiple tasks each weekend at Mass and at other celebrations throughout the year: a friendly smile as they open the door and welcome us in; help in finding us a place to be seated and picking up the collections; putting out extra chairs when we are filled to overflow capacity; leading us in processions; handing out bulletins, song sheets, prayer cards; cleaning and straightening up after the celebration is ended; and many other tiny things that crop up before Mass, during Mass, and after most of us have left. We praise and thank you, Lord, for those who have listened to their baptismal call, and serve us in these ways.