

The Epiphany of the Lord

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following: Fr. Nano, Fr. Ruggles, Fr. Kelly, Fr. McGrath, Fr. Rootman, Fr. Duyka, Msgr. Priest. John Fabetz. Bill Pritchett. Ryan Madden. Bernardo Garcia. Bill Hoffman, Jr. George Duke. Jane Stone. Eric Hurley. Jim & Joann Rayl. Juan Delgado. Mark Owen. Andrea Easter. Dottie Schuetz. Cathy Ellis. Mary Lou Johnson, Betty Brown, Beth Benoit, Rose Kennedy, Judith Sotomayor, Dennis Rayl, Judy Fazzio, Jim Catalano, Marty Blahitka, Carolyn Edwards, Dominic Sosta, Greg Hass, Joshua Larsson, Avery Boultinghouse, Wanda Stephens, Wanda Thompson, Elleana Fritz, Kathryn Allen, Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners, Friends and Relatives for one month. **We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: Betty Pritchett.**

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community: Lt. Col. William P Shea, (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana, U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Commander Tom Moroney, Navy (Son of Roger & Shirley Moroney). Colonel Sean Corrigan & 2nd Lt. Blake Gaughan & Lpl. Mike Buchanan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno USCG (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Zachary Stephen York, Specialist 4 U.S. Army (Son of Steve & Julie York). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan, U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma).

GOD'S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE

Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star (Matthew 2:1-12).

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 1/06 5:00pm Mass—Parishioners of Holy Spirit

Sun 1/07 9:30am Mass—John Hanna+ (Pat Hanna)

Tue 1/09 9:00am MASS/ADORATION—Anderson Family

Wed 1/10 9:00am MASS—Parish Council Members

Thurs 1/11 9:00am MASS—K of C Members

Fri 1/12 9:00am MASS—Ellis Family

Sat 1/13 5:00pm Mass— Elise Sugg

Saturday Confessions are from 4:15—4:45pm

Sunday Confessions are from 8:45—9:15am

PARISH SUPPORT

Required Weekly Funds Offerings

12/30 & 12/31 Attendance

\$ 3,961 Sat. Sun.

\$ 4,274 84 77

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

EASTERN STAR

Fair eastern star, that art ordain'd to run
Before the sages, to the rising Sun,
Here cease thy course, and wonder that the cloud
Of this poor stable can thy Maker shroud.

—Sir John Beaumont

EVENTS AND NEWS

January Second Collections:

1/06 & 1/07: "Building & Maintenance."
 1/20 & 1/21: " Church In Latin America."
 1/27 & 1/28: "Catholic Schools Special Collection."

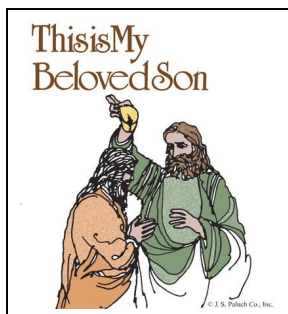
Exposition is every Tuesday from 9:30am—4:00pm

"If we knew how profitable those visits are, we should be constantly prostrate before the altar. The Saints understood this truth; they knew that Jesus Christ is the source of all grace, and whenever they encountered any difficulty or wished to obtain any particular favor, they ran to Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament." - St. Marcellin Champagnat

Plan now to attend the celebration of the 15th Anniversary of the Dedication of Holy Spirit (Jan. 12th). Bishop Strickland will be here to celebrate the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, January 14th to help us celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the Dedication of Holy Spirit (Jan. 12th) and we hope everyone will attend. There will be a potluck brunch following Mass with a slideshow presentation highlighting events and special times in our journey of faith and growth at Holy Spirit. Additional pictures will be taken the day of the event and parishioners will be able to sign up for copies of the DVD slideshow at the potluck. A \$5 donation is asked for each DVD requested and can be paid during the celebration. We hope to have the disc ready for pick up at the end of January.

Everyone is asked to contribute food/beverage to the brunch for this event. There is a sign up sheet this weekend in the Narthex. Please take a minute to sign up for something that you can bring.

2017 Annual Contribution Statements: If you want a copy of your statement. Please place your name on the sign-up sheet located in the Narthex. Your statement will be ready the last weekend in January.



JANUARY EVENTS

Wed., Jan. 10th: Pastoral Council Meeting 5:30pm

Thurs., Jan. 11th: K of C Meeting

Sun., Jan. 14th: Bishop Joseph will be celebrating our 15 year Anniversary at the 9:30am Mass.

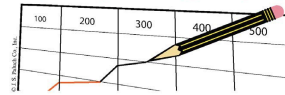
Family Faith Formation parents brief meeting immediately following Mass to receive packets.

Tues., Jan. 16th: No morning Mass. Fr. Mike will be attending the Priest Study Day in Tyler.

Wed., Jan. 17th: Fundraiser Meeting 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend meeting to help make this fund raiser successful.

Fri., Jan. 19th: K of C Fish Fry

Fund Raiser



SAVE THE DATE:
CASINO NIGHT
SATURDAY
APRIL 14, 2018

Due to the increase of Flu cases in the state of Texas and in particular, the northeast area. Bishop Strickland wants to begin taking precautions during the reception of the Holy Eucharist. It is important that we safeguard the health of our parishioners as best we can during this flu season.

Bishop Strickland has given temporary suspension of the reception of the Most Precious Blood during Holy Communion.

And, Fr. Mike would like to temporary suspend the Sign of Peace during this time.

