



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

Matthew 2:2

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 2017

January 8, 2017—Magi represent our search for Jesus

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST



**Perpetual Adoration
GREAT NEED FOR ADORERS:**
Sunday 10 - 11am, 5 - 6pm, 6 - 7pm
Wednesday 3 - 4am, 4 - 5am
Thursday 5 - 6pm
Friday 4 - 5pm
**Saturday 3 - 4am, 9 - 10am,
11am - 12 Noon, 1 - 2pm, 3 - 4pm**

If you would like to be in the Real Presence of Jesus and visit with Him for the above time, or any Hour, or be a substitute, please call Marge at 967-0641, or Chris at 966-3266. God is "thirsting" for you to satiate "His thirst"

Talk given why Perpetual Adoration is so important to the world - Pope Benedict XVI, Feb. 22, 2007. "In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for *silent Adoration*, of Jesus concealed in the "Host".

Pope John Paul II - On the mystery and Worship of the Holy Eucharist - Sacrament of Love, April 1980, "*The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic Adoration. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of Love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet "HIM" in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease.*"

Daily Masses and Mass Intentions

Sunday 1/8/2017

8:00 AM (R) Leroy Pierce by Sylvia Pierce Thompson & Judy Pierce MacKenzie
 8:00 AM (R) Matthew Lopez by Dale Carter
 10:00 AM (I) Melter Lasat by Rene & Amy Lasat
 4:30 PM (I) Mike Brennan by Chuck & Mary Hagar

Monday 1/9/2017

7:00 AM (I) Ashlock Family by Don & Mary Pat Jones
 8:30 AM (I) Helen Mullin by Bill Mullin

Tuesday 1/10/2017 *MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

*7:00 AM (I) William Jones by Nick & Antonia Cammarota
 *8:30 AM (R) Suzanna M. Cline by Family

Wednesday 1/11/2017

7:00 AM (R) Teresa Baker by Tom Baker
 8:30 AM (R) Father Pol by Michael & Nancy Elorduy

Thursday 1/12/2017

7:00 AM (I) Lupe & Marshall Garrett by Chuck & Mary Hagar
 8:30 AM (I) Debbie Kick by Mary Pat & Don Jones

Friday 1/13/2017

7:00 AM (R) James T. Lukens by Rita Lukens
 8:30 AM (I) Patty Hill by St. Mel Faculty & Staff

Saturday 1/14/2017

8:30 AM (I) Christine & John Brennan by Dave & Michelle Lehman
 4:30 PM (R) Richard Bernal by Nancy Bernal

Sunday 1/15/2017

8:00 AM (I) Bill Samcoff by Merl & Laurie Susmilch
 8:00 AM (I) Dean DeSmet by Merl & Laurie Susmilch
 8:00 AM (I) Marjorie Booth by St. Mel Faculty & Staff
 10:00 AM (R) Adriana Kurniawan by Anthony
 4:30 PM (R) All Souls In Purgatory by Mike & Grace Cao

Commentator & Music Leaders & Altar Servers for January 14 & 15, 2017

Mass Times	Commentator Altar Servers	Music Leader
SAT 4:30 PM	Faber / Wagner G Dominic, Grace & David	Men's Choir
SUN 8:00 AM	Ward Isabella, Claire & Gabriella	Music Leader
SUN 10:00 AM	Kreamer / Abi-Nader Dominic G., Lucas & Sebastian	Traditional Choir
SUN 4:30 PM	Estipular Alexandra, Jack & Max	Youth Choir

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The St. Mel Youth Group will be having a bake sale to raise money for our Walk for Life bus after the 10:00AM and 4:30PM Masses on January 8th. Teens please bring a dessert to sell. After the bake sale, the Youth Group will be meeting in the Convent.

PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

There will be a Baptism Preparation Class on Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00PM in the John Paul II room. Please call the Parish Office to register, 967-1229.

REMINDER

Please do not leave valuables in your cars when you are at Mass. There have been several break-ins in the parking lot.

2017 RELIGIOUS CALENDARS

2017 Religious calendars are now available in the vestibule.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

The last two sessions of "Let Us Pray: Introduction to Catholic Worship" will take place Wednesday January 11th and 18th at 7:00PM at St Joseph's Church in Auburn. The January 11th session will be: "Sacred Music: A Treasure of Inestimable Value" and on January 18th, the session will be: "Mass & Mission: Living a Sacramental Life in a Secular World." St Joseph Catholic Church is located at 1162 Lincoln Way, Auburn.



PLEASE JOIN US...

Women's Day of Faith Renewal
for
all women 14 to 104!!!
Saturday, February 11th, 2017
\$40
St. Mel Catholic Church

A perfect pre-Valentine's or pre-Lenten gift for your wife, daughter, Mom or any of the women in your life!

Poster, flyers and bookmarks available in narthex or Church Office.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Have you ever wanted to take a fresh look at your Marriage? With Christmas just two weeks away, consider this: making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. It is a unique approach aimed at revitalizing your Sacrament of Matrimony. Weekends for 2017 are as follows: February 10-12, 2017 in Sacramento; March 31-April 2, 2017 in Reno, NV.; August 25-27, 2017 in Sacramento; October 6-8, 2017 in Reno, NV., and November 3-5, 2017 in Sacramento. It is not too early to register for a weekend that you will never forget. For more information visit our website, www.sacramentowwme.org or email Terry & Janet at applications@sacramentowwme.org or 489-3464.

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

Classes resume this week. Monday, January 9th & Tuesday, January 10th.

TRINITY PINES CATHOLIC CENTER

The Diocese of Sacramento invites you to book your next retreat or meeting at Trinity Pines Catholic Center, a place to pray, a place to play, and a place to find His way. Right off Interstate 80, Trinity Pines Catholic Center offers a beautiful blend of tranquility and comfort that will surely provide the best experience for your group. In addition, if you plan on hosting a one-day retreat or meeting during the week (Monday through Friday), free snacks, bottled water, and lemonade or coffee will be provided. Book your reservation today by calling 530-389-2780 or at www.trinitypinescatholic.org.

**Sacramento Catholic Forum presents:
Mass, Breakfast, and Talk with Bishop Soto
on Pope Francis' Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation
on The Joy of Love**

Join Bishop Soto on Thursday, January 26th at Christ the King Retreat Center, 6520 Van Maren Lane, Citrus Heights, for a presentation on Pope Francis' Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation on The Joy of Love. Bishop Soto will celebrate Mass at 6:30AM, followed by networking, a continental breakfast and the presentation. Cost is \$20.00 for pre-register or \$25.00 at the door. For more information and reservations visit www.saccatholicforum.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD FOR UNITY PROJECT

The Fair Oaks Knights of Columbus Council 6066 is assisting with the Habitat for Humanity Build for Unity project and are seeking interested parishioners from St. Mel who would like join our council volunteers to help. Our council needs 6 or more to serve as a crew to assist in building homes for two disadvantaged families, one Christian and one Muslim, to live peacefully as neighbors. The project site is about 30 minutes from Fair Oaks in the northern edge of Sacramento County.

Parishioners, Knights, and any family member over 16 years old can volunteer. Volunteer days range from Tuesday to Saturday and are a full day commitment. Our Council participation will vary depending on availability and organizer needs. If interested please contact Warden Michael Ochoa at 730-3178 or mkochoa@pacbell.net.

PLEASE NOTE!

*** **SCHEDULE FOR BULLETIN ARTICLES** ***
Please send your typed articles, in MS Word - Times New Roman, font 10, via email to stmeloffice@yahoo.com, no later than **NOON ON FRIDAY** to be included in the next bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation.

Bulletin Weekend Dates 2017	Articles DUE Prior To FRIDAY
January 14 - 15	January 6
January 21 - 22	January 13
January 28 - 29	January 20
February 4 - 5	January 27

**ST. MEL
MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT FUND**

There will be a second collection THIS weekend January 7th & 8th for the St. Mel Maintenance and Improvement Fund. These funds are used for taking care of our facility. Thank you for your generous support.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Fair Oaks Knights of Columbus Council 6066 is having a membership drive the weekend of January 7th & 8th and an Admissions degree ceremony on January 10th.

If you have ever thought about becoming a Knight, membership has only two requirements.

- The man must be 18 years of age
- Then he must also be a practical Catholic

Our council also congratulates Brother Knights James Carroll, Tom Sweeney and Carlos Lopez for completing their Formation and Knighthood exemplification degrees in November and December of last year! We also welcome Brother Knights Joshua Beigel and Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent Howard Tank and his two sons, Triston and Trevor into our council.

If interested in becoming a Knight, please contact Membership Director Michael Ochoa, 730-3178 or Grand Knight Jim Carlson, 801-9373.

CAMP PENDOLA IS HIRING FOR SUMMER 2017

Applications for summer 2017 positions at Camp Pendola are now being accepted. Camp Pendola is looking for energetic people to work with children ages six to seventeen in a Catholic outdoor setting. Staff positions begin in early June and finish the 2nd week of August. Staff lives at Camp Pendola for the summer and must be at least 18 years old. Positions include counselors, kitchen staff, health center staff, and program staff. For more information and apply go to www.pendola.org/employment.

**CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL
PLACEMENT EXAM**

Eighth graders interested in attending CB in the 2017-18 school year are required to take the placement exam on Saturday, January 21st from 8:45AM - 12:30PM. Online applications are due on January 19th, 2017. Please contact the Admissions Office for more information, 733-3690 or visit the CB website at www.cbhs-sacramento.org.



A consistent ethic of life... far from... equating all issues touching on the dignity of human life--recognizes instead the distinctive character of each issue while giving each its proper place within a coherent moral vision. --US Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, 2001

Reflection: The fundamental pro-life principle is that we never target the innocent.

War and capital punishment are never justified if they do, whereas abortion is never successful if it doesn't.

Prayer: Lord, give us a consistent respect for every life and a proper understanding of every life issue.

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St. Mel Crab Feed

Family Night: Friday, February 10th at 5:30PM
Adult Night: Saturday, February 11th at 6:00PM
Ticket information coming soon!

Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

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| Al Volmer | Garvin Arnett | Katie Henson |
| Alan Cheuse | George Kim | Katie Spain |
| Alex Quiroz | Gianna Atilano | Keith Sprengle |
| Amanda Barron | Grace Barrios | King David Chico |
| Anthony Caillou | Gregory David | Latasha Rodriguez |
| Arthur Morton | Howard McCormack, Jr. | Linda Ramsey |
| Audrey Holden | James A. Martinez | Lydia Melendez |
| Bob Ahern, Sr. | Jean Crupi | Margaret Anderson |
| Candy Barrios | Jeanette Barron | Margaret Valley |
| Charles Joseph Ortner | Jerry Esparza | Mary Alyce Gisla |
| Cheryl Richardson | Jerry Smith | Michael J. Martinez |
| Chris Stabile | Jim Maher | Michelle Atwood |
| Christian Dimitri | Joanne Kim | Mollie Dear |
| Daniel Schwartz, III | Jody & Ron Martinez | Nellie Henson |
| Dave Kangas | Johanna Ross | Nick Tenaglia |
| Deana Landingham | John Forrest | P. J. Spain |
| Diane Castonguay | John Langland | Patty Arcenequex- Conti |
| Donald Wise | John Wise, Jr. | Pilo DeLeon |
| Dora V. Marczak | Jose Mascoro | Ray Willey |
| Dora Palpallatoc | Joseph Dimitri | Rentor Ramirez |
| Eduardo Murallon | Joseph Jacin | Richard Robinson |
| Elizabeth McMahon | Joseph McCormick | Robert Atkinson |
| Evelyn Dimitri | Judy Spinelli | Robin Dunton |
| Fred H. Salter | Karen Petersen | Rodney Wise |
| | Katie Grant | |

St. Mel Parish Ministries & Social Groups (REV. January 10, 2016)

PARISH COUNCILS		
Parish Pastoral Council	Bob Mayer	342-2139
Parish Finance Council	Jim Joyce	967-1229
PARISH SCHOOL		
St. Mel School:	Janet Nagel (Principal)	967-2814
St. Mel School Parents Club:	Contact the School Office	967-2814
St. Mel Youth Ministry:	Dominick Romano	Call Parish Office
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION		
R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):	Brenda McCollum	722-1965
Lighthouse Catholic Media	Mary Schaefer	988-3171
Marian Movement of Priests:	Claude Rashid	728-5739
Catholics Return Home:	Claude Rashid / Karen Fitts	728-5739 / 966-0184
Catholic Faith Formation (CFF):	Sara Donnelly	966-4314
Scripture & Religious Study:	Cheryl Hoffmann / or Karen Fitts	966-1830 / 966-0184
Parish Library open after weekend Masses:	Joanne Wagner	967-0190
LITURGICAL SERVICES		
Altar Servers:	Dave Murray	338-5011
Music Ministry Director		
Commentators:	Patrick Wagner	961-8652
Eucharistic Ministers:	Deacon Anthony Pescetti	704-0057
Ushers	Walt Schaff	961-4698
PRAYER ADVOCACY		
Charismatic Prayer Group	Karen Juten / Chris Juten	712-3706 / 715-1162
Fiat Rosary Group	Peggy Grass (Wed)/Marge Young (Tues)	962-9244 / 967-2540
Eucharistic Adoration Chapel:	Marge Della Villa / or Chris Guzman	967-0641 / 966-3266
"D. J. M." Disciples of Jesus and Mary	Mike Allison	834-6226
Divine Mercy:	Amy Lasat	342-2088
Legion of Mary (Day):	Joyce Savage	342-6179
SOCIETY OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE		
Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe:	Dolores Leon	337-1800
Prayer Chain:	Dolores Moniz	962-0571
Fraternity of Fatherhood:	Mike Allison	834-6226
Men's Cursillo Group:	Chuck Friedrich	635-7791
SOCIAL CONCERNS		
Annettes (St. Mel's funeral luncheon providers):	Parish Office	967-1229
Loaves and Fishes Volunteers:	Kathy Yanez	967-1229
Knights of Columbus #6066:	Jim Carlson	801-9373
St. Mel "Sip & Sup" Fellowship Dinner Program	Janet Donahue	663-7653
St. Vincent de Paul Society:	Craig Shaw	967-1229
Sacramento Life Center: Pro-Life Pregnancy Support:	Joanne Hammett	451-4357
St. Mel Pro-Life Group:		
Gabriel Project (crisis pregnancy assistance):	Kathy Knutson	967-1229
Fr. Richard Doheny Religious Education Fund:	Walt Schaff	961-4698
Bishop-Gallegos Maternity Home:	Mary Schaefer / or June Schott	988-3171 / 967-9158
PARISH ORGANIZATIONS		
Altar Society:	Parish Office	967-1229
Marriage Encounter:	John & Regina Ruport	987-5616
Boy Scouts #217:	Chris Herne / Bob Mayer	798-8493 / 342-2139
Cub Scouts	Chuck Brasfield	214-5730
Girl Scouts:	Jill Dutra	217-3990
KKIS:	Laura Lumenta	718-2718
OPUS DEI:	Deidra Chapman	944-1356 or 425-4904
M.O.M.	Jeanne Condon	349-6936
Children's Liturgy	Sara Lebeck / Serena Carleton	967-1229
Clara's House	Martha Rusnak	448-3976
Religious Articles:	Brenda McCollum / Dorothy Wagner	967-1229
Vocations Committee:	Ana DeHam	967-1229
Wedding Coordinator:	Karen Fitts	966-0184
Parish Center Coordinators:	Yolanda & Jim Carlson	966-3803
For Any Changes to Ministry List	Parish Office	967-1229

We welcome all new parishioners and ask that you complete this registration form and place it in the collection basket at Mass, or return it to the Parish Office.

Quick Registration St. Mel Catholic Church		Envelopes?	Yes	No
Last Name _____		First Name(s) _____		
Mailing Name (i.e. Mr. & Mrs. John Doe) _____				
Address: _____				
Street	City	Zip Code		
Phone # _____				
E-mail _____		CONTACT ME BY:	<input type="checkbox"/> PHONE	<input type="checkbox"/> EMAIL
Do you have any special request: _____				