

Epiphany

Of The Lord



Sunday, January 2, 2022

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Daily Mass: M - F 8am
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5pm
Sunday Masses: 8am, 10am & 6:30pm
Holy Days: 8am & 7pm
Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:45pm - 4:30pm

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THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:00am

Wednesday, January 5

RCIA via Zoom: 3pm

Wednesday Supper: 4pm - 5:30pm

Lunch distribution at the church gates.

Saturday, January 8

Vigil Mass 5pm

Sunday, January 9

Masses: 8am, 10am & 6:30pm

Coffee hour after the 8am & 10am Masses

FACE COVERINGS MUST BE WORN AT MASS.

Livestream the 10am Sunday Mass

on our MHR Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/mhrsf



Collection Week of December 19

5pm -	\$364.00
8am -	\$475.00
10am -	\$990.00
6:30pm -	\$874.00
Misc. -	\$1,460.00
Online giving -	\$1,728.37
Total -	\$5,891.37
Budgeted -	\$4500.00

Thank you for your amazing generosity!

JANUARY 3 - 9

Monday: 1Jn. 3:22-6:6, Mt. 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1Jn. 4:7-10, Mk. 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1Jn. 4:11-18, Mk. 6:45-52

Thursday: 1Jn. 4:19-5:4, Lk. 4:14-22

Friday: 1Jn. 5:5-13, Lk. 5:12-16

Saturday: 1Jn. 5:14-21, Jn. 3:22-30

Sunday: Is. 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11,

Acts 10:34-38, Lk. 3:5-16, 21-22

Fr. Matt's Message - January 2, 2022

On Epiphany Sunday we travel along with the Magi as they undertake an extraordinary journey. Historians and Bible scholars suggest that it took two years to reach the little town of Bethlehem. And there the Magi “entered the house” and found the toddler, Jesus, “with Mary his mother,” doing most certainly what toddlers do, eating and sleeping and exploring and trying to put everything into their mouth and getting into all sorts of mischief. What was it about this sweet little child that made him different and led those wise seekers to travel such a great distance, present precious gifts, and bow down in worship before him?

The Magi are models of a radical faith and trust in the God who reveals his beloved child in nature itself. Jesus was revealed to them in the form of a star. “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.” Jesus, the light of the world was revealed by the brightness of a star.

Matthew names our seekers “Magi” which were a class of Zoroastrian priests from Persia (modern-day Iran). Scripture doesn’t tell us exactly how many there were or if they were only “wise *men*.” We only imagine there were three because that is how many named gifts were presented to Jesus. And though we might imagine Jesus as an infant, Matthew names him a “child” here. He was a toddler, probably around 2 years old or so.

The Magi represent for us those who are not a part of the “in” crowd. These foreigners, who do not know Jesus and who are not awaiting a coming Messiah, come to worship him before anyone else. They recognize in the signs of nature that something significant has happened, and they seek it out. Those who should know their own Scriptures missed something that Zoroastrian priests perceived.

What might we miss when the signs of goodness are right in front of our eyes?

We too are on a journey. We are guided, not by the light of a star, but by the light of faith. Let us ask the Lord to strengthen our faith. As we embark upon a new year, we pray that our eyes might be truly opened to see Christ more clearly as he is present right before us in our sister and brother.

May God bless us all with many moments of epiphany!

With love and prayers,

Fr. Matt



Epiphany Door Blessing

The gospel tells us that the magi found Christ “on entering the house”. The door to your home is a holy threshold. You can bless those who come in and go out by inscribing above the door in chalk the first two numbers of the year + C + M + B + the last two numbers of the year. Tradition tells us that the letters stand for the names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar. Adolph Adam points out that it may also mean “Christus mansionem benedicat” or “may Christ bless this dwelling.”

It is appropriate to bless your door in January – janua means “door” and the first month is the door to the new year.

20 + C + M + B + 22 After inscribing the doorway, say this prayer:

*“God in Bethlehem and Cana,
God of Jordan’s leaping waters,
In baptism you bring us
Into your family.
You wed us and embrace us
As your Beloved.*

*May we fill this place
With kindness to one another,
With hospitality to guests,
And with abundant care
For every stranger.*

*By the gentle light of a star,
Guide home all who seek you
On paths of faith, hope, and love.
Then we will join the angels in
proclaiming your praise:
Glory in heaven and peace on earth,
Now and forever. Amen.”*



Our Mass celebrants will remember the following intentions during the celebration of the Eucharist:

Saturday, January 1
5pm Eduardo Tanquintic †
Sunday, January 2
8am
10am MHR Parishioners
6:30pm Licerio Napao †
Monday, January 3
8am William Oakes †
Tuesday, January 4
8am Anthony Sweetman †
Wednesday, January 5
8am Remedios Yap †
Thursday, January 6
8am James Height †
Friday, January 7
8am Alex Cruz †

Mass Intentions are celebrated for those to remember a loved one, honor someone on an important date or celebrate a special occasion. To schedule a Mass Intention or sponsor the weekend altar flowers, please call the parish office at 415-863-6259 or email secretary@mhr.org.



Talia Alarcon, Jerry Anderson, Rudy Baclig, Bob Barcewski, Joyce Bednarek, Henry Berin, Jim Berkemeyer, Fr. Wayne Campbell, Jim Cathcart, Judy Chang, Joshua Daigle, Barbara Elliot, Vergilio De Leon, Shirley DeWan, Wallace Greene, Diane Hirasuna, Florence Kaloquin, Joanna Kennedy, Christine Kosche, Theresa Law, Michael Leonard, Jim Lonergan, Rita Ludeman, Warren Lubich, Bernie Maddox, Hugh Mallaney, Anna McKenzie, Jack McDermott, Marge Meyer, Armindo Oliveira, Michael Pichura, Marcello Pucci, Gloria Regan, Ermete Rebucci, Fr. John Sakowski, Gregory Dake Schultz, James Scott, Jan Skorupa, Annie & Nok Sojka, Richelle Slota, Mary Stevens, Jim Teddar, Randy Tichenal, Paul Tipp, Christine Lane Tracy, Mark Vogel, Andy Whelan, Jane Yung, Ryan Zuniga and †Richard Magary†.



COMMUNITY LIFE

Centering Prayer is meeting via Zoom on Monday evenings @ 7:00pm.
Email centering@mhr.org for login details.

Young Adults Meeting: Tuesday, January 4th at
7:30pm via Zoom: visit <https://www.mhr.org/events/>

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next to the Ellard Hall women's restroom.



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EMMANUEL TREE PROJECT

Many thanks to all who gave so generously to the Emmanuel Tree
Project. You have given joy to so many people.

God bless you and Happy New Year!

LIBRARY CORNER

The Parish Library will be closed through January 9
and will reopen January 16.



OUR PARISH COMMUNITY BIRTHDAYS

Lonny Israel, Denise Burton, Pete Toms, Juan Ramon
Davila, Greg Matracia, Steve Golden, Chuck Mercurio,
David Sundy and Fr. Donal Godfrey.



Christmas Flower Donations in loving memory of:



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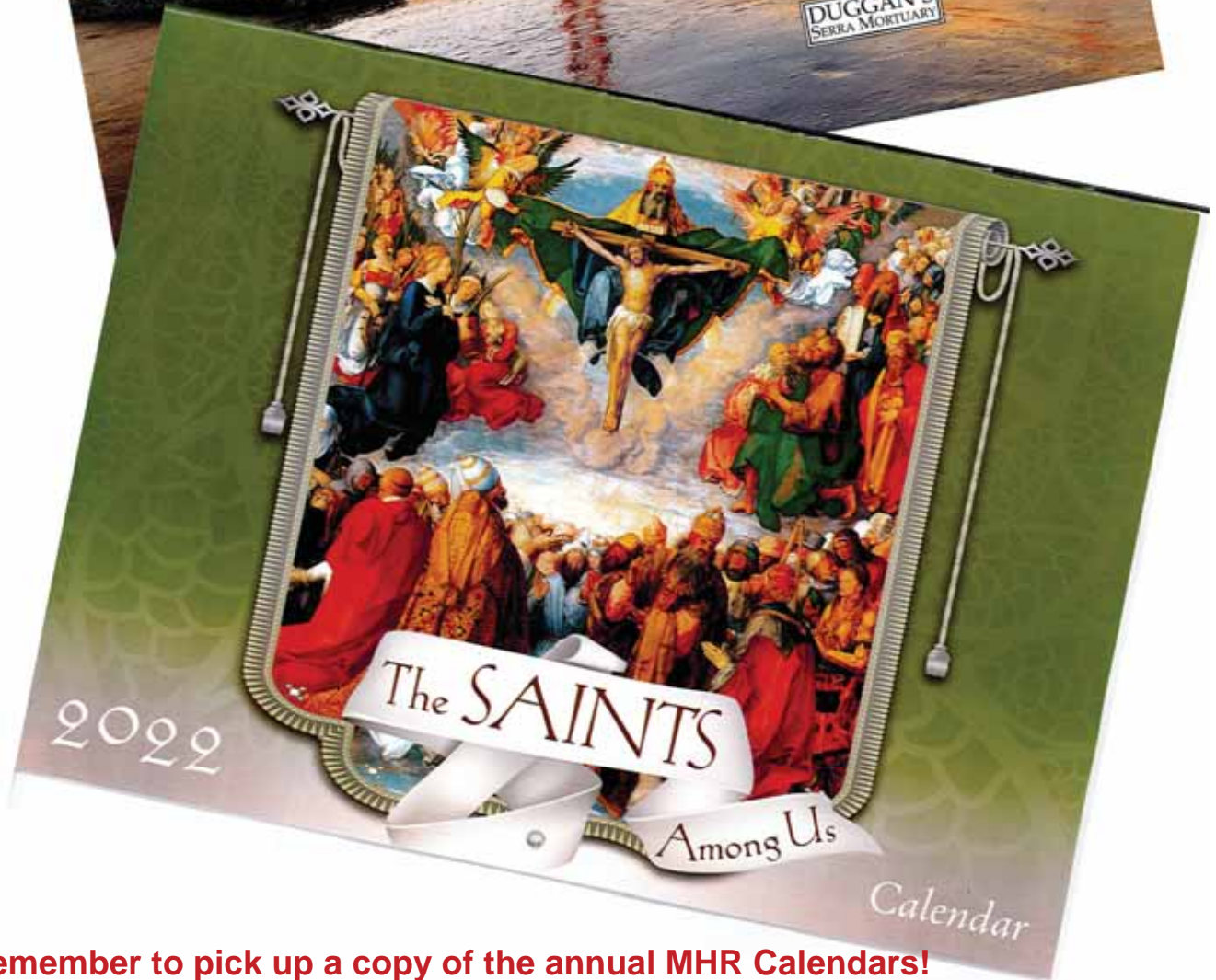
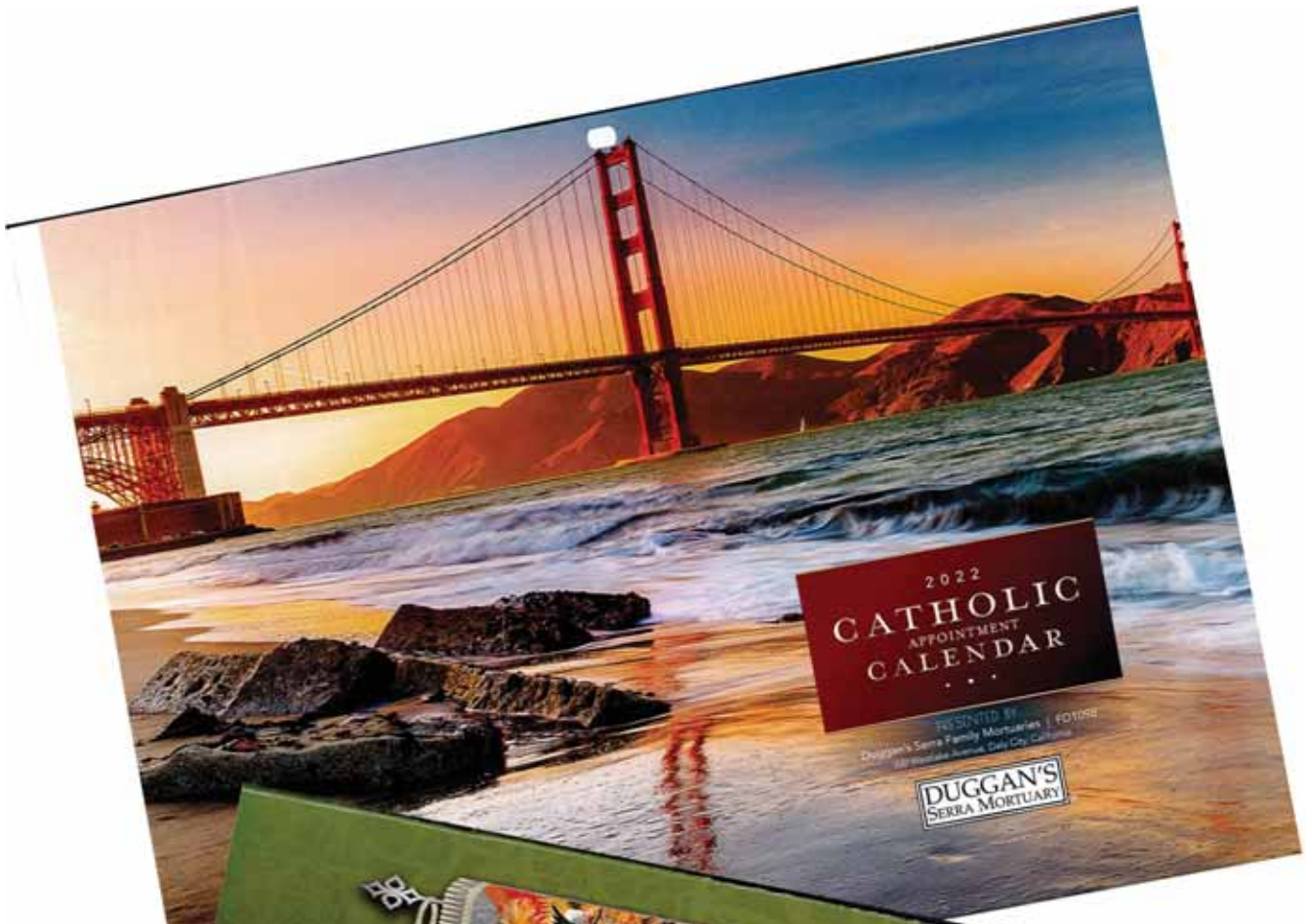
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A big MHR thank you to all those who donated to the Christmas Flower Fund.

If we missed any names, please let us know.

Happy New Year!





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