# Weekend of January 3, 2021 The Epiphany of the Lord

This new Mass schedule will stay in effect until the Covid-19 crisis is over. Thanks for your patience.

#### <u>Barona:</u>

Mass: Tuesday through Friday. Rosary at 7:45 AM, Mass at 8:00 AM. @ Shrine Sunday: Sunday 8:00 AM.@ Shrine Confessions: By appointment only Adoration: 1st Fri. of the month (8:00 AM). <u>Viejas:</u> <u>Sunday: Sunday, 10:30 AM. @ Church</u> <u>Confessions: By appointment only.</u> <u>Sycuan:</u> <u>Sunday: Sunday Mass 12:00 noon @ the Church</u> <u>Confessions: By appointment only</u>



Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, A. J. Samot, Angelo Samot, Donna Berardi, Daniel Vicaldo, Kash Osuna-Sutton, Anthony and Diana Pico, Dolly Albano, Ray Mayor, Mike Montes, Bobbie Turner, Helen Cadiente, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Agnes Ruiz, Deacon Bill Clarke, Rosario Ravasco, Minerva Mayor, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Alicia Castro, Debbie Gonzalez, Barbara Reeves, Nancy Rourke, Anthony Harut Haurutuynian, Bobby Curo, Abraham Pascual, Eugene "Gino" Vicaldo, Skylar Rosas, Richard Padua, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Joyce Martinez, Crispin Echiverri, Elvira Hapin, Elaine Necochea

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

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by livestreaming with Fr. Herman *Please note weekday Mass time change* Weekdays, Tues-Friday at 8:00 AM, Sunday Mass is livestreamed @ 8:00 AM Just go on Facebook under Herman Manuel

### Mass Schedule

Tuesday-Friday 8:00 AM Barona @ the Church Sunday 8:00AM - Barona @ the Shrine Sunday 10:30 AM - Viejas @ the Church Sunday 12:00 PM noon – Sycuan, outside of the Church

<u>Thursday, December 31</u> – New Years Eve Mass , Barona, 5:00 PM

<u>Friday, January 1, 2021</u> – New Year's Day Mass, Barona, 9:00 AM

*Friday, January 15, 2021* – Anniversary Mass for Robin Reed @ Barona, 10:00 AM

#### Epiphany Blessing

O God of light and peace, whose glory, shining in the child of Bethlehem, still draws the nations to yourself: bless us abundantly and dispel the darkness that shrouds our path, that, like the wise men, we may come to kneel before Christ in true worship, offer him our hearts and souls, and return from his presence to live as he has taught, now and forever and ever. Amen.

# **ZOOM CLASS with Brother Ed Nolan**

If you would like to join these Zoom classes, please send Brother Ed your email address at bktparish@aol.com and download the Zoom app on your device. GOSPEL OF MARK <u>When</u>: Thursdays, beginning January 7, 14, 21, 28, and February 4, 2021 <u>Time</u>: 4:00 PM

<u>LENTEN SERIES</u> The Meaning of Suffering, Death and Resurrection <u>When</u>: February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18 <u>Time</u>: 4:00 PM



#### Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh to the Newborn Babe A reflection on the Epiphany of the Lord

# Happy Epiphany of the Lord!

The feast of the Epiphany completes the Christmas celebration. It gives the universal character to the birth of Jesus. The Epiphany is about the newborn Savior. He is the Savior, not only of Israel, but of the whole world.

The kings – Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar – came to Bethlehem as pilgrims and returned to their lands as missionaries. Their pilgrimage of faith had begun and would bring them face to face with one king, Herod, who was corrupt and jealous, and another king, a helpless child lying in a manger. They expected to find the city rejoicing, but instead they encountered hostility and indifference. Before Jesus, the newborn king they offered gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh; gold to honor a king, frankincense to bless a priest, and myrrh to anoint a victim. They humbly prostrated themselves before the Lord Jesus and paid homage to the newborn king (Mt 2:11). In his sermon on Epiphany, St. John Chrysostom said, "If the Magi had come in search of an earthly King, they would have been disconcerted at finding that they had taken the trouble to come such a long way for nothing. Consequently, they would have neither adored nor offered gifts. But since they sought a heavenly King, though they found in Him no signs of royal preeminence, yet, content with the testimony of the star alone, they adored: for they saw a man, and they acknowledged a God."

Pope Benedict XVI reflected on the theme drawn from the Magi's pilgrimage to Bethlehem, "We have come to worship him.... It was to seek this king that they had set off on their journey: deep within themselves they felt prompted to go in search of the true justice that can only come from God, and they wanted to serve this king, to fall prostrate at his feet and so play their part in the renewal of the world.... They had come to place themselves at the service of this king, to model their own kingship on his.

That was the meaning of their act of homage, their adoration. Included in this were their gifts – gold, frankincense, and myrrh – gifts offered to a king held to be divine. Adoration has content and it involves giving. Through this act of adoration, these men from the East wished to recognize the child as their king and to place their own power and potential at his disposal, and in this they were certainly on the right path. By serving and following him, they wanted, together with him, to serve the cause of good and the cause of justice in the world. In this they were right."

As we begin this New Year, let us look at ourselves. Do our lifestyle, behavior and actions reflect the humility, simplicity, and kindness of God? "Let us come close to the crib. If you love riches, you will find the gold that the kings brought; if you are looking for smoke of honors, you will find that in the incense; and if you take delight in the delicacies of senses, you will find the delicious perfume of myrrh that pervades the stable. Be rich in love for this adorable Savior, respectful in the familiarity with which you relate to Him, and delight in the joy of experiencing in your soul so many inspirations and affections because you belong exclusively to Him" (Saint Francis de Sales). As you adore the King of Kings in the manger today, with what gifts will you present him?

