



SANTA CRUZ ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 2, 2022



*They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts of
gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

Matthew 2:11



HAPPY NEW YEAR to all

The New Year begins with the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. This year we are surprised that the Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated the very next day. The new regulation is that we now celebrate the Epiphany on the Sunday before the Baptism of the Lord, rather than on the traditional day of January the 6th. With the Sunday of the Baptism of the Lord, we begin the new Liturgical season of Ordinary Time, which continues for eight weeks until **ASH WEDNESDAY** on March the 2nd. Lent follows until **EASTER** on April the 17th and **PENTECOST** on June

the 5th. We then return to the long season of Ordinary time up to the first Sunday of Advent on November the 27th. It is suitable for us to look forward and get an overview of the entire Liturgical Year, worship the Lord Jesus with the Church and get a renewed perspective of His life and His Gospel of Salvation.

The coming of the 3 Kings - the 3 Magi's or the 3 Wise Men as we also call them - the feast of the Epiphany, reminds us that God has destined all nations to come and do homage to the Savior of the world. They bring Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh, but many women are not impressed by such royalty and state that if the visitors from the East were female, they would bring much more practical gifts, such as a casserole, a supply of diapers, and a few good blankets. Be that as it may, we need to ask ourselves, "What personal gift do I bring to the newborn Savior.?"

The monthly publication that many Catholics use for meditation, "the WORD among us," has some good suggestions on this question. They recommend that our Gold would be Obedience, making Jesus the Lord of our lives. Our Frankincense would be Praise of our God in every situation, happy or challenging. And our Myrrh would be a Surrender of ourselves to the Lord so that He will bring us safely home to our eternal destination.

We may agree or disagree. Yet, Epiphany is an appropriate time, especially if we forgot to give Jesus any gift on His Birthday, to ponder and decide what personal gift we might give to the Lord for this coming year. That will surely make our New Year a delightful and fruitful one.

~ *Fr. David Costello, O.C.D.*



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Homebound Eucharist

If you have a family member or know of a parishioner
in the Santa Cruz area in need of having the Eucharist
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**Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger
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Business Hours Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Closed for lunch 12:45pm - 1:45pm

Pastor: Rev. Stephen Watson, O.C.D.
In Residence: Rev. David Costello, O.C.D.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 1st

8:00am Johannes Teilmans/R.I.P.

5:30pm Phillip & Lucy Woo/R.I.P.

Sunday, January 2nd

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners

8:00am Tony Bedoya/R.I.P.

10:00am Fr. Cyprian Killackey &
Emilio Cornejo/R.I.P.

12:00pm Special Int./Pueblo High School,
Administration & Community

6:00pm Johannes Teilmans/R.I.P.

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8:00am Olga Valdenegro/R.I.P.

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8:00am Charlena Cornejo/Happy Birthday

Florence Schroeder/R.I.P.

8:00am Johannes Teilmans/R.I.P.

Parish Collection December 19th, 2021

Collection: \$ 5,400.76

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8 am Spanish at Capilla de Guadalupe (409 E. 31st Street)

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am, Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

Confessions: Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Baptisms: Call the parish office for more information / Llame a la oficina parroquial

Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance.

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Parish Administrative Assistant: Hada Reyes (520) 623-3833

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