

# JANUARY 2, 2022 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



## ST. PANCRATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### JOURNEY TOWARD GOD

In our celebration of the Epiphany, two interwoven themes are present in the readings today. God is beginning something new, and God gathers all of humanity to participate. For Isaiah, God's bright light, manifested in the people of Israel, attracts and summons people from many nations to Jerusalem. In the letter to the Ephesians, God's grace makes the Gentiles co-heirs and co-partners in the gospel. Matthew tells the story of the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel through the birth of Jesus, and simultaneously leading foreigners to share in these same promises. With the birth of Jesus, God chose a particular people, in a particular time and place, to enter most directly into the human story. Today's readings teach that God did this in order to gather all people, all cultures, into unity with God. Like the magi, we are drawn into a journey toward God, becoming co-partners in God's work.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

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

**Second Reading** — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

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**MASSSES:** WEEKDAYS: 6:30 AM,  
SATURDAY: 8 AM, 4:30PM  
SUNDAY: 6:30, 8, 9:30 (SPANISH), 11 AM

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** SATURDAY: 3:30-4:30 PM

**DEVOTIONS:** MIDDAY PRAYER & CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY  
DAILY AT 12PM VIA LIVESTREAM

**ADORATION:** MONDAY - FRIDAY 5PM TO 7:15 PM

**ROSARY:** MONDAY - FRIDAY 6:15 PM



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**Month of December 2021**

Sunday	Church	School	Family Ministries
December 5 Contributions	\$11,082.00	\$122.00	\$570.00
December 12 Contributions	\$17,263.19	\$380.00	\$257.00
December 19 Contributions	\$9,824.75	\$1,036.00	\$120.00
December 26 Contributions	\$	\$	\$
Faith Direct - December 4	\$7,935.00	\$290.00	\$165.00
Faith Direct - December 15	\$6,918.00	\$177.00	\$57.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY</b>	<b>\$53,022.94</b>	<b>\$2,005.00</b>	<b>\$1,169.00</b>

<b>Goals for December</b>	<b>\$65,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
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**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Online safety review for the new year**  
 Take some time this month to review your family's online safety. Make sure you have strong passwords in place, and that your security settings are updated. Check where you have passwords stored as well – children who are tech savvy can easily access inappropriate materials on smart TVs and devices where passwords do not have to be entered. Consider installing accountability software on any devices that your children access. Software like Covenant Eyes or other options can keep your child from visiting any inappropriate or forbidden sites. For more tips, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Revisit Online Safety Practices" at [lacaatholics.org/did-you-know](https://lacaatholics.org/did-you-know).

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
*At the Mass during the Day*

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations

by the guidance of a star,  
 grant in your mercy

that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.





**Red Cross Blood Drive  
St Pancratius Catholic Church**

St. Pancratius Hall  
3519 St. Pancratius Place  
Lakewood, CA 90712

**Sunday, January 2, 2022  
7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

 A graphic for the Cancer & Serious Illness Group. It features a rainbow logo at the top right and a white awareness ribbon at the bottom left. The background is light pink with decorative orange dashed patterns.
 

**CANCER & SERIOUS ILLNESS GROUP**

Join us Monday January 10th at 6:30pm! We meet the second Monday of every month. All are welcome (including spouses, care-givers, friends & relatives). We encourage you to bring a poem, scripture reading or anything that brings you comfort. These faith-based meetings are held at the Tanner Residence 5530 Wagner Ave, Lakewood. Contact Diane if you have any questions 562-896-2405.

*Save the Date*

**OneLife LA  
January 22, 2022**



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PRAYER:

## *Epiphany House Blessing*

ON ENTERING THE HOME,

LEADER (PRIEST, IF PRESENT, OR FATHER OF THE FAMILY) : PEACE BE TO THIS HOUSE.

ALL: AND TO ALL WHO DWELL HEREIN.

ALL: FROM THE EAST CAME THE MAGI TO BETHLEHEM TO ADORE THE LORD; AND OPENING THEIR TREASURES THEY OFFERED PRECIOUS GIFTS: GOLD FOR THE GREAT KING, INCENSE FOR THE TRUE GOD, AND MYRRH IN SYMBOL OF HIS BURIAL.

ALL PRAY: THE MAGNIFICAT. DURING THE MAGNIFICAT, THE ROOM IS SPRINKLED WITH HOLY WATER AND INCENSED. AFTER THIS IS COMPLETED,

ALL: FROM THE EAST CAME THE MAGI TO BETHLEHEM TO ADORE THE LORD; AND OPENING THEIR TREASURES THEY OFFERED PRECIOUS GIFTS: GOLD FOR THE GREAT KING, INCENSE FOR THE TRUE GOD, AND MYRRH IN SYMBOL OF HIS BURIAL.

LEADER: OUR FATHER. . .

AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

ALL: BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.

LEADER: ALL THEY FROM SABA SHALL COME

ALL: BRINGING GOLD AND FRANKINCENSE.

LEADER: O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER.

ALL: AND LET MY CRY COME TO YOU.

LEADER: LET US PRAY. O GOD, WHO BY THE GUIDANCE OF A STAR DIDST ON THIS DAY MANIFEST THINE ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON TO THE GENTILES, MERCIFULLY GRANT THAT WE WHO KNOW THEE BY FAITH MAY ALSO ATTAIN THE VISION OF THY GLORIOUS MAJESTY. THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD.

ALL: AMEN.

LEADER: BE ENLIGHTENED, BE ENLIGHTENED, O JERUSALEM, FOR THY LIGHT IS COME, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD IS RISEN UPON THEE—JESUS CHRIST BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY.

ALL: AND THE GENTILES SHALL WALK IN THY LIGHT AND KINGS IN THE SPLENDOR OF THY RISING, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD HAS RISEN UPON THEE.

LEADER: LET US PRAY.

BLESS, + O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, THIS HOME, THAT IN IT THERE MAY BE HEALTH, PURITY, THE STRENGTH OF VICTORY, HUMILITY, GOODNESS AND MERCY, THE FULFILLMENT OF THY LAW, THE THANKSGIVING TO GOD THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. AND MAY THIS BLESSING REMAIN UPON THIS HOME AND UPON ALL WHO DWELL HEREIN. THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD.

ALL: AMEN.

AFTER THE PRAYERS OF THE BLESSING ARE RECITED, EACH ROOM OF THE HOME IS SPRINKLED WITH EPIPHANY WATER AND INCENSED. THE INITIALS OF THE MAGI ARE INSCRIBED UPON THE DOORS WITH THE BLESSED CHALK. (THE INITIALS, C, M, B, CAN ALSO BE INTERPRETED AS THE LATIN PHRASE "CHRISTUS MANSIONEM BENEDICAT" WHICH MEANS "CHRIST BLESS THIS HOUSE".)

EXAMPLE: 20 + C + M + B + 22

**Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,**

Today, we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. The word epiphany means a special revelation. The Solemnity of the Epiphany celebrates the event when Jesus, still in his infancy, was revealed as the Savior of the world to the Gentiles. The Magi, or Astrologers, who were people who studied the stars, came to Israel from a foreign nation and an epiphany happened for them in which Jesus was shown to them to be not only the Savior of the Jews, but of all peoples. No one was to be left out of the salvation Jesus came to offer to the world.

Epiphanies can happen in our daily lives, too. For example, once there was a guy named Bill who was married to a woman named Ellen. Their marriage of 32 years had been one of constant arguing. Then, one day, they were in a terrible car accident. Bill survived with minor injuries, but Ellen almost died. As Bill sat by her hospital bed day after day during her long recovery, he had an epiphany. He realized that he had been the cause of most of their arguments because of his aggressiveness and stubbornness. He also realized how much he had failed to appreciate Ellen. He knew that he needed to become a different kind of husband.

There may be epiphanies in store for us in 2022. May we not be like King Herod who was jealous and insecure; he wanted not to do homage to the newborn king, but to get rid of him so that he would not interfere with his power. May we be open to God's interference in our lives by any epiphanies that He may offer us to reveal to us what we really need to know.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. John (associate pastor)

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**Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,**

Hoy, celebramos la Epifanía del Señor. La palabra epifanía significa una revelación especial. La Solemnidad de la Epifanía celebra el evento cuando Jesús, todavía en su infancia, se reveló como el Salvador del mundo a los gentiles. Los magos, o astrólogos, quienes estudiaban las estrellas, vinieron a Israel de una nación extranjera y una epifanía sucedió para ellos en que Jesús se les manifestó como no solo el Salvador de los judíos, sino de todos los pueblos. Nadie iba a ser excluido de la salvación que Jesús vino a ofrecer al mundo.

Las epifanías pueden tomar lugar en nuestras vidas diarias, también. Por ejemplo, una vez hubo un hombre que se llamó Memo y estuvo casado con una mujer que se llamó Elena. El matrimonio de ellos hubo sido uno de siempre peleandose. Entonces, sucedió un día que estuvieron envueltos en un fuerte accidente de carros. Memo sobrevivió con solo lesiones menores; sin embargo, Elena casi se murió. Mientras Memo se sentaba al lado de la cama de Elena en el hospital durante su larga recuperación, tuvo una Epifanía. Se dio cuenta de que en la mayoría de sus peleas como pareja, el fue la causa por su agresividad y su terquedad. Se dio cuenta también cuanto el hubo fallado en apreciar a Elena. El supo desde entonces que necesitaba convertirse en un tipo diferente de marido.

¿Hay epifanías que el año nuevo de 2022 tiene guardadas para nosotros? Ojalá que no seamos como el rey Herodes quien estaba muy celoso e inseguro. No quiso ir a dar homenaje al rey recién nacido; al contrario, quiso acabar con él para que no pudiera interferir con su poder. Ojalá que nosotros permanezcamos abiertos a la interferencia de Dios en nuestras vidas para que pueda revelarnos lo que de veras necesitamos saber.

Atentamente en Cristo,  
P. Juan (vicario parroquial)





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