

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2018



As we conclude our Christmas Season with the Solemnity of the Epiphany, may the light of the Prince of Peace change us forever!

Mon: Mark 1:7-11

Tues: Mark 1:21-28

Wed: Mark 1:29-39

Thurs: Mark 1:40-45

Fri: Mark 2:1-12

Sat: Mark 2:13-17

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

“Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.”

The season of Christmas culminates with the great Solemnity of Epiphany. Light bursts forth into the world! But not all people rejoice in the light or wish to be seen in the light. King Herod is disturbed. He has heard that the One who will rescue and liberate his people is to be born in Bethlehem and that strangers come to do him homage for they have seen his star rising! This day of great joy and celebration for the poor, the refugee and immigrant, the sick, the outcast and marginalized, is a day of fear for the powerful.

In this season of dreams, angels and stars—messengers of light and truth—we are drawn to make decisions on where we stand in the world and who we stand with as followers of the Child of Light, the Son of Justice and Prince of Peace. The three foreigners are given a dream and told to go home by another route. Having seen the glory and goodness of God these strangers from afar know the truth. And they become light for all nations! We, too, are to live in the light of our Savior. May we give him homage and live in his light!

National Migration Week



The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Migration Week from **January 7-14, 2018**. National Migration Week has been celebrated for nearly 50 years. The theme this year is **“Many Journeys, One Family,”** and is an opportunity for us to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees and survivors of human trafficking. National Migration Week culminates on the Vatican’s World Day of Migrants and Refugees, January 14.

Each of our families has a migration story—some recent and others in the distant past. Regardless of where we are and where we came from, we remain part of the human family and are called to live in solidarity with one another. We celebrate during the Share the Journey campaign, a global effort by the Church to show love to our migrant and refugee neighbors. In our contemporary culture, we often fail to encounter migrants as fellow children of God. For more information about this special week and to engage in the resources available, please see the website of U.S. Catholic Conference: www.sharejourney.org.

Many Journeys, One Family

National Migration Week 2018 Prayer



Good and gracious God,

We pray for all people who are migrating, particularly those who are forced from their homes or separated from their families, because of threats of violence and persecution.

We ask that you protect and keep them safe.

Although we come from different countries, and have our origins in different cultures, we were all created by you, and are made in your image, and therefore we all share an inalienable dignity that is deserving of respect.

Lord, we ask that you give us the strength to defend those who are marginalized, to give aid to those in need, to come to the defense of those who are poor and vulnerable, and to welcome those who are on the move into our homes and into our hearts.

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



**Parish Potluck for the Epiphany of the Lord
PLEASE JOIN US THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 7**



Please mark your calendars now and plan ahead to join us for a **special parish potluck** to celebrate the blessings of the Christmas Season on the beautiful Christmas Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, **Sunday, January 7 at 12:30 pm, following the 11:15 am Mass.**

Coffee and Donut Hospitality Ministry

We need help with our coffee and donuts following the 11:15 am Mass. If you are available to serve, please call Rosemary Ellis at 250-7738 for more information. Thank you!

Greeters/Ushers

We have a need for parishioners to serve as greeters and assist as ushers to help with the collection and offertory during the 4:30 pm and 11:15 am Masses. Please consider serving in this special ministry of hospitality. Speak with Fr. Dennis if you are able to help out. Thank you.

OLMC Study Group

A parish study group has been meeting monthly for a year to read and reflect upon a book about Ignatian Spirituality. They will be meeting again on **Monday, January 8, 6 pm**, at the Corkscrew Restaurant to begin a new book, *My Life with the Saints*, by James Martin, S.J. New members are welcome! Please call Patricia Merrifield 809-4057 if you have questions.

New Social Outreach Ministry—A Hot Meal!

The needs of the homeless, as well as others going through difficult times here in Carmel Valley, has been a concern of our Parish Pastoral Council. We would like to expand our Social Outreach Ministry to include a possible once a month or so hot meal in the Parish Hall. Please contact Fr. Dennis if you are available to serve in this ministry.

Offertory Report 12/31/2017

Plate \$7,411; Building Fund \$110; Hope's Pantry/Social Outreach \$4,055; Other \$134; Total: \$11,710.

Mass Intentions January 6-12, 2018



Sat 4:30 pm +Mary Farber
+John Voegeli
Sun 9:00 am Aurora Alvarado
Sun 11:15 am +Johnny Osornio
Sun 5:00 pm +Liliana y Rosario
Wed 7:00 am Sick and homebound of the parish
Thu 7:00 am Refugees and immigrants
Fri 7:00 am Children and youth of the parish

ANUNCIOS ESPECIALES



Misa en Español: 5:00 pm

Bautismos, Bodas, Quinceañeras:

Favor de hablar con Padre Dennis

Confesiones: Los sábados a las 3:30 pm y por cita.

Coro: Ensayos a las 4:15 pm

Semana Nacional de la Migración

La Iglesia Católica en los Estados Unidos celebra la Semana Nacional de la Migración del **7 al 14 de enero de 2018**. El tema este año es **“Muchos viajes, una familia.”** Este tema nos invita a recordar que cada una de nuestras familias tiene una historia de migración, algunas recientes y otras en el pasado distante. Independientemente de dónde estemos y de dónde vengamos, seguimos siendo parte de la familia humana y estamos llamados a vivir en solidaridad con los demás. La semana es también una oportunidad para que reflexionemos sobre las circunstancias que enfrentan los migrantes, incluidos los inmigrantes, refugiados y sobrevivientes de la trata de personas. La Semana Nacional de Migración culmina con el Día Mundial de los Migrantes y los Refugiados, el 14 de enero.

Dios Bueno y Clemente, Oramos por todas las personas que inmigran, especialmente, por aquellas que son forzadas a dejar sus hogares o a separarse de sus familias debido a amenazas de violencia y persecución, pobreza y la necesidad de trabajo. Te pedimos que las protejas y las pongas a salvo. Todos hemos sido creados por ti y hemos sido hechos a tu imagen y semejanza. Amen.

Youth Corner (Matthew 2:1-12)



The Light of Our Lord shines brightly before us! May we walk in his light and bring his light into the darkness of our world. Together we share in the joy and hope that transforms us and brings peace, love and light to all of creation!

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parishioner

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9 am, 11:15 am, 5 pm (Spanish)

Weekday Masses:
Wednesday through Friday 7 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday through Friday
9 am – 12 pm; 2 – 4 pm

Pastoral Council:

Jeff Hawkins, *Chair*, Patrick Dowd, *Vice Chair*, Lori Jakubowski, *Secretary*, Tess Arthur, Concepción Jara, Alondra Klemek, Adele Margolis, Dede Woodhead

Faith Formation:

First Communion Year 1:
Lorena Cabrera, Esther Valdez
First Communion Year 2:
Christian Haun, Patricia Merrifield
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