

# Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church

## The Epiphany of the Lord Jan. 1-2 2022

1st Reading: Is 60:1-6, 12-14 Psalm 72; 2nd Reading: Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Gospel: Mt 2: 1-12

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



### GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Mt. 4:12-17, 23-25

Tues. Mt. 6: 34-44

Wed. Mt. 6: 45-52

Thurs. Mt. 4, 14-22

Fri. Lk. 5: 12-16

Sat. Jn. 22: 22-30

**Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.. Ps. 128**

This is the famous story of the un-named astrologers, magi, whose number has come down to us as three because three gifts were presented to the Christ-child on the occasion of their visit. The story, unique to St. Matthew, is full of theological meaning. First, Matthew insists that the child is father to the man. As a man, this Jesus will disturb all Jerusalem, and the chief priests and scribes will be summoned and he will be done to death. The same pattern of response is discernible in this story of the child Jesus. Jesus is Immanuel, "God with us," proclaimed so at the beginning and at the end of his gospel by Matthew [see 1.23 and 28.20]. But, while Jesus as God-with-us is most comforting, his presence demands response. He presents challenge. The negative response at the end of the gospel is anticipated in the negative response at the beginning. The long shadow of the cross already stands over this child. Second, these astrologers are not Jews, but they have arrived "from the east." They are Gentiles. When these "un-chosen" Gentiles find the child with his mother, "they prostrated themselves and did him homage." They acknowledged God-with-us, and worshiped him. When New Testament characters are un-named, their anonymity is purposeful. Its purpose is to invite us into the narrative. They are un-named so that we might find our name in them. We too are non-Jews, Gentiles, and we too are invited to discover where the child is. We too prostrate ourselves and do him homage when he truly becomes for us in our own lives Immanuel, God-with-us. His becoming Immanuel for us takes practice and time, time spent in regular conversation and colloquy, time of prayer. Deacon Owen Commings 2003 OCP.

## Mary Mother of God

On Jan 1st on the "octave" (eighth day) of Christmas, on which we honor Mary in a special way



as "Mother of God." *As we celebrate this great feast of the Mother of God, we are ultimately being asked to join Mary in contemplating the gift of*To call Mary the *Theotokos*, the "God-Bearer," is to celebrate the unique role that she has played—and continues to play—in God's plan of salvation. And as we honor the *Theotokos* in our celebration of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, on January 1, we also celebrate the Octave Day of Christmas, recalling the circumcision and naming of Jesus on the eighth day after his birth (cf. Luke 2:21).

The iconic Christmas image of Mary holding her infant Son embodies the mystery of the Lord's birth, as it brings together the human and divine elements of the Incarnation. And yet, in honoring Mary as the Mother of God, we are also invited to consider another image: the Mother cradling the body of her murdered Son. The same arms which held the Prince of Peace in a stable in Bethlehem received body of the crucified Savior of the world on a hill outside of Jerusalem. The Son of this Mother is the true source of peace among nations, within families and communities, and in the deepest recesses of our hearts.

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FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Mass at 12 noon  
Eucharistic Adoration  
from 12:30 - 5:30 pm

5:30 pm Rosary (Bilingual)  
6:00 pm Blessing with the  
Blessed Sacrament



## Saint of the week: Jan. 4th St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

(1774-1821) Raised Episcopalian in colonial New York City, Elizabeth married William Magee Seton, a merchant. The couple had five children. William died in 1803 in Italy, where Elizabeth learned about Catholicism from the family who gave her hospitality. Wars had bankrupted the family's shipping business. After becoming a Catholic in New York in 1805, the now-poor Elizabeth was abandoned by old friends, but accepted the offer of a Baltimore priest to open a school for girls there. In 1809 she founded the U.S. Sisters of Charity, whose schools and orphanages grew in number. She became the first native-born U.S. saint in 1975 and is the patron of converts.

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### La Epifania del Señor

1era. Lectura: Is 60, 1-6; Salmo: 71; 2da. Lectura: Ef 3, 2-3a 5-6;  
Evangelio: Mt 2; 1-12

*Abrieron sus cofres y le ofrecieron regalos: oro, incienso y mirra.*

no son judíos, pero han llegado "desde el este". Son gentiles. Cuando estos gentiles "no elegidos" encuentran al niño con su madre, "se postraron y le rindieron homenaje". Reconocieron a Dios con nosotros y lo adoraron. Cuando los personajes del Nuevo Testamento no tienen nombre, su anonimato tiene un propósito. Su propósito es invitarnos a entrar en la narrativa. No tienen nombre para que podamos encontrar nuestro nombre en ellos. Nosotros también somos no judíos, gentiles, y también estamos invitados a descubrir dónde está el niño. Nosotros también nos postramos y le rendimos homenaje cuando verdaderamente se convierte para nosotros en nuestra propia vida en Emanuel, Dios con nosotros. Llegar a ser Emmanuel para nosotros requiere práctica y tiempo, tiempo dedicado a conversaciones y coloquios regulares, tiempo de oración.

La famosa historia de los astrólogos sin nombre, magos, cuyo número nos ha llegado a tres porque se le presentaron tres obsequios al niño Jesús con motivo de su visita. La historia, exclusiva de San Mateo, está llena de significado teológico. Jesús es Emanuel, "Dios con nosotros", así lo proclamó al principio y al final de su evangelio por Mateo [ver 1.23 y 28.20]. Estos astrólogos

**Talk: Contemplative Prayer**  
**"An Inner Call from God to Surrender"**  
**By. Fr. Frank Musculino**

**Friday Jan. 14th at 6pm Parish Hall.**



### New Year's Prayer

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

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### Mass Schedule

#### Week Days:

**Wed-Fri:** 12 noon.

#### Weekend

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:30 pm

**Sunday:** 9:00 am & 11:15 am  
5:00 pm Spanish

### Reconciliation Schedule

Saturday: 3:30 pm and by Appointment

### Office Hours

Wednesday-Friday  
10 am – 12 pm; 2 – 4 pm

## Parish Ministries

**Pastoral Council:** Dede Woodhead, *Chair*,  
Alondra Klemek, *Vice Chair*, Jeff Hawkins, *Secretary*,  
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### Faith Formation:

#### First Communion:

Marilyn Margadinho. Supply Teacher: Pat Gray

#### Confirmation:

Alondra Klemek (2nd year)— Brisa Cabrera (1st year)  
Supply teacher: Tess Arthur.

RCIA / Adult Faith Formation: John Condon, Brian Kelly

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**Liturgical Environment:** Gail Quinnan

**Coffee Hospitality Ministry:** Rosemary Ellis

### PERSONAL PRAYER

The church is open Wednesday-Sunday 10am-400 pm.  
At the heart of silence is prayer. At the heart of prayer is faith. At the heart of faith is life. At the heart of life is service. St. Teresa of Avila



**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church**



On Friday January 14th at 6:00pm father Fr. Frank will give a special presentation on "Contemplative Prayer: An inner call from God to surrender". All are invited, feel free friend to bring a friend.

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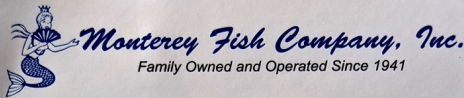
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