

January 7, 2018
Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

“The Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.” (Ephesians 3:5-6). This was shocking news to the Jews who were followers of Jesus Christ. It took a long time for this to be accepted. This is the message contained in the story of the Gentile Magi. Christ is the light to all nations. Today we take this for granted but it was very difficult for the first Christians. It is easy to look back and see things clearly but when you are experiencing it as it happens, it is difficult. The refugee problem that we are experiencing today might be interpreted through the story of the Magi. Who today are our Gentiles?

The repair and protection of our stained glass windows is going well. The twelve windows in the chapel and the eleven windows plus the Rose Window in the front have been done. The scaffolding was removed before Christmas. An additional expense, \$2,700, was needed to repair the stone cross above the middle entrance to the church. As soon as the weather permits, we will work on the seven sanctuary windows and the eight nave windows on the south side of the church (six apostles plus St. Patrick and St. Bridget). Then we hope to do the north Rose Window and four windows below (four evangelists) plus the south Rose Window (over the small choir used by the Spanish Choir). Please continue to pay the pledge you made to the Renew+Rebuild Campaign. We cannot do this work without this money.

Collection : the collection for last Sunday, December 31, 2017 was \$5,282.

Food Collection: Thank you for your generosity in helping with our monthly food collection for the needy in our community; especially at this time of year.

The Epiphany of the Lord: Today’s readings reflect the joy of today’s event– the Epiphany of the Lord. Isaiah sings of the promise of post-exilic Jerusalem, receiving people and treasures from all nations, the author of Ephesians proclaims that in Christ Jesus we are all members of the same body, that Jew and Gentile alike have received the promise of salvation. The faraway magi in Matthew follow the star to Bethlehem and pay homage to the newborn king.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6: The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm;72: “*Lord, every nation on earth will adore you!*”

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6: The Gentiles are coheirs of the promise.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12: We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

January 2018:

13th Religious Education Classes 9:30-11:00

20th Religious Education Classes 9:30-11:00

27th Religious Education Classes 9:30-11:00

Mass Schedule for the week of
January 7, 2018 to January 14, 2018

Mass are daily at 8:15 and 12:05 in English and in Spanish on Thursdays at 7:00pm
Below are the Special Intentions for this week

Sunday, January 7, 2018:

7:30am For the Parishioners

9:00am Jesus Ruiz & Carlota Zuñiga

11:00am Celina Antao

Juaquina Tovar

Eduardo & Esther Rodrigues

Saturday, January 13, 2018:

12:05pm Fred DeFilippo

5:00pm JoAnn Mastronardi Guidice

7:00pm Brian Steven Lawrence

Mrs. DeFilippo

John & Josephine Mastronardi

Yesenia Antepara

Sunday, January 14, 2018:

7:30am For the Parishioners

9:00am Maria Reyes Ramirez

11:00am Sonia Torres

Her Children

Edgardo Torres