

Readings and Mass Intentions



SUN, JAN. 4

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:2

8:00 a.m. Mass..Mildred Eckhart †

10:30 a.m. Mass.... Patricia Palafox

MON, JAN. 5 - St. John Neumann

1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

TUES, JAN. 6 - St Gertrude of Delft

1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Lk 4:18

WED, JAN. 7 - St. Angelo of Foligno

1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/
Mk 6:45-52

9:00 a.m. Mass

THURS, JAN. 8

1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc,
17/Lk 4:14-22a

9:00 a.m. Mass

FRI, JAN. 9

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15,
19-20/Lk 5:12-16

9:00 a.m. Mass

SAT, JAN. 10

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and
9b/Jn 3:22-30

5:30 p.m. Mass

Returning our Treasure in Thanksgiving
**Financial Information thru the week
of December 20th & 21st:**

Weekly Need:.....\$11,350.00
Weekly Actual:.....\$11, 558.61
Attendance:686

**Financial Information thru the week
of December 27th & 28th:**

*(Offering totals and attendance not
available at time of print)*

Church Debt Loan Balance:.\$731,925.93
Property Loan Balance:.....\$471,661.85
(as of 12/19/14)

Blessed Among Us

Sr. Rosemary Lynch

Franciscan, Peacemaker (1917-2011)

Rosemary Lynch, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity, spent her early life as a school teacher. Her life was transformed in 1960 when she was elected to serve her congregation in Rome. Through her subsequent travels around the world and her exposure to global poverty she came to understand her Franciscan vocation as a response to suffering and violence.

Returning to the U.S. in 1977 she joined a Franciscan Center in Las Vegas, working with refugees, prisoners, and the poor. Soon she became interested in the Nevada Test Site, where, in previous decades, hundreds of atomic weapons had been tested, whether in the atmosphere or underground. On Hiroshima Day she organized a vigil at the Test Site, the first of countless vigils and protests, some of which led to her arrest. The director of a Catholic social service agency where she worked said she must either give up her protests or quit her job. It was an easy choice for her. "For me to abandon my hours of prayer and fasting in the desert," she wrote, "would be a betrayal of my own conscience."

She easily befriended site workers and even the police officers that arrested her. They were not her enemy, she said. Her goal was wholesale conversion—turning not just from atomic bombs but disarming the violence in our hearts.

She died on January 9, 2011, at ninety-three, after being hit by a car.

"None of us can make peace. Peace is God's gift. But we can serve God's peace."—Sr. Rosemary Lynch

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 4, 2015

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation.



New Year's Resolutions

Setting a goal or several goals at the beginning of the new year can be stimulating, but it's the motivation to keep the resolution that is important. One can determine to pray more, read the Bible more, go to church regularly, or volunteer more, but these resolutions can fail without correct motivation. The incentive must come from within with purpose and a plan. Even though there might be a setback at times, the best thing to do is to immediately start again.

If this last year, you didn't practice relying on the Lord as much as you should have, there is no time like the present to make a New Year's resolution. In fact, why don't you say a short prayer right now—use these words if you like: "Dear God, I want the new year to be different for me." Now spell out in prayer some of the changes you'd like to see. And close this way: "Lord Jesus, I know that I'm going to need a lot of help for this. So right now I place myself in your hands. Help me to receive Your strength. Amen." Good. Now you've got a much better chance of a Happy New Year.



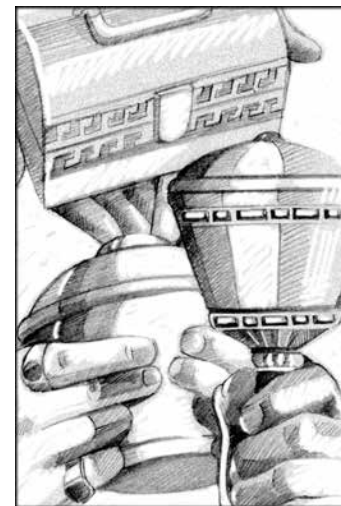
**Happy
New
Year!**

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Jan 4:	<i>Adoration for Vocations</i>	Jan 7:	<i>RCIA 7:00</i>
	9:00am	Jan 8:	<i>A.C.T.s Meeting 6:30</i>
Jan 5:	<i>Boy Scouts 7:00</i>	Jan 11:	<i>CCD and Confirmation</i>
Jan 6:	<i>Men's Group 6:30</i>		<i>Classes Resume</i>
Jan 7:	<i>Youth Group 6:30</i>		

Prayer for the Year of Consecrated Life

O God, throughout the ages you have called women and men to pursue lives of perfect charity through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. During this Year of Consecrated Life, we give you thanks for these courageous witnesses of Faith and models of inspiration. Their pursuit of holy lives teaches us to make a more perfect offering of ourselves to you. Continue to enrich your Church by calling forth sons and daughters who, having found the pearl of great price, treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



COMMUNITY NEWS



SAVE THE DATE...

A.C.T.s Men's Retreat
March 19-22, 2015



Free Living with Grief VITAS Seminar

Helping Adolescents Cope with Loss

January 22, 9:00am-1:00pm

(lunch will be provided)

For additional information and to register, call Kathy Campbell @ 817-870-7117

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HOLY REDEEMER'S PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

Please continue to remember and pray for all those listed in the prayer intention book and those listed below.

Remember in Prayer - Recuerde en Oración



Save the Date Diocesan Celebration for

The Year of Consecrated Life

Friday, February 6, 2015 @ 6:30pm
St. Patrick Cathedral



29th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Mass

Bishop Michael F. Olson/Celebrant
Fr. Anthony L. Chandler/Homilist
Saturday, January 10th, @ 5:00pm
St. Rita Catholic Church

Dear Padre

How do I teach my children about the works of mercy?

I've been trying to teach my children about the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Any suggestions?

It's easy to teach young children about the works of mercy as long as you keep it simple and call their attention to what they're doing.

When they set the table and pour drinks, tell them they're feeding the hungry and giving drink to the thirsty. When they bring homework to a sick classmate, they're visiting the sick. If they go to a funeral, they're helping bury the dead.

When they make up with their siblings after a fight, they bear wrongs patiently and forgive all injuries. Siblings who help each other with their homework are instructing the "ignorant." Children who soothe someone who's been hurt comfort the sorrowful. Praying for anyone, living or dead, is a spiritual work of mercy. Listening when someone confides in them is counseling the doubtful. Talking a friend or sibling out of doing something wrong is admonishing the sinner.

As your children get older, volunteer as a family with organizations that build homes for low-income families and help the children of prisoners.

Performing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, whether for each other or with each other, will bring you closer as a family as well as closer to God.

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