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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, January 5, 2025

From the Desk of the Pastor:

When pilots Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager made their historic flight in 1986 with their spindly Voyager aircraft, the whole world followed it with excitement. For nine days a sky-watch was kept, tracking their first non-stop global flight without refueling. Achievers and risk-takers like Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager have always fascinated us. Marco Polo journeying to India and China, Christopher Columbus coming to America, Admiral Byrd going to the South Pole, our Astronauts flying to the moon -- such adventurers have always aroused our admiration and our skepticism. It was no different at the time of the Magi in today's Gospel story. To the cynical observer, the Magi must have seemed foolish to go following a star. These astrologers had to be a little crazy leaving the security of their homeland to venture forth into a strange country ruled by a madman like Herod. Nevertheless, to the person with the eyes of Faith, the Magi had discovered an immense secret. They found not only the secret of the star, but the secret of the whole universe -- the secret of God's incredible love for his people. For the child they found was no ordinary child but the very Son of God become man.

Today's Gospel teaches us how Christ enriches those who bring him their hearts and offer their lives to Him. The adoration of the Magi fulfills the oracle of Isaiah (first reading), prophesying that the nations of the world would travel to the Holy City following a brilliant light, bringing gold and incense to contribute to the worship of God. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 72) includes a verse about kings coming from foreign lands to pay homage to a just king in Israel. Paul's letter to the Church of Ephesus (today's second reading), expresses God's secret plan in clear terms: "*the Gentiles are... copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.*"

Today's Gospel reminds us that if God permitted the Magi -- foreigners and pagans -- to recognize and give Jesus proper respect as the King of Jews, we should know that there is nothing in our sinful lives that would keep God from bringing us to Jesus. There were three groups of people who reacted to the Epiphany of Christ's birth. The first group, headed by King Herod, tried to eliminate him, the second group, priests and scribes, ignored him, and the third group, represented by the shepherds and the Magi, came to adore him.

Life Messages: (1) Let us make sure that we belong to the third group: a) by actively worshiping Jesus at Mass with the gold of our love, the myrrh of our humility and the frankincense of our adoration; b) by giving a new direction to our lives. Just as the Magi chose another route to return to their homes, let us choose a better way of life, abstaining from proud, unjust and impure thoughts, evil habits and selfish behavior; c) by becoming stars leading others to Jesus, as the star led the Magi to Jesus. Let us remove the darkness of the evil around us by radiating Jesus' love through selfless service, unconditional forgiveness and compassionate care. (2) Like the Magi, let us offer Jesus our gifts on this feast of Epiphany and every day: (a) Gift of our life by offering it on the altar during the Holy Mass and by offering it to God every morning as soon as we get up, and asking for the strengthening anointing of the Holy Spirit to do good and avoid evil during the course of the day. b) Gift of relationship with God by talking to Him in personal and family prayers and listening to Him through reading the Holy Bible every day. c) Gift of friendship with God by experiencing His presence in everyone we come into contact with and offering Jesus our humble service by serving him or her, and by getting reconciled to God every night asking His pardon and forgiveness for our sins and failures during the day.

Fr. Luke



Mass Schedule

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday
Rosary at 4:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Rosary at 9:30 a.m.
Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Rosary in Spanish at 12:00 noon
12:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Weekday Liturgies

Tuesday and Friday - Mass at 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
at 5:00 p.m. followed by Mass
Wednesday - Mass at 10:00 a.m.
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Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each Month 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. &
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
By appointment other times

Holy Day Masses

6:00 p.m. English
7:00 p.m. Spanish

Masses at Wellspring

Monday - Friday, 6:45 a.m.; Sunday, 5:00 p.m.



Thursday Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the church or by telephone conference call. Mass immediately follows. If you wish to join by telephone, call the church office for details.

Children's Rosary

The Rosary will begin at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays when Faith Formation classes are in session.

Location of Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

Two AEDs are on church property: one in the parish hall next to the women's restroom and the other one in the church foyer near the church entrance and bathrooms. Remember their locations, just in case you may need to retrieve one.

The administration and pastoral care of Prince of Peace Parish is entrusted to the Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales (M.S.F.S.), also known as Fransalian Missionaries, an international religious order with headquarters in Rome and the Provincial House in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information, visit www.fransaliansusa.com or www.wellspringcommunity.net.

Join us in prayer for the needs of our families and community.....

Pray for:

Lucile Cook, Adam Elliott, Steve Francis, Natalie Hayes, Fr. Joseph Jacobi, Judy LeBlanc, Diana Leonhardi, Maria Lezama, Shirley Long, Kamicia Lunceford, David Ratcliff, Orbelina Maradiaga, Julieta Marroquin, Dudley McKamie, Michael Miller, Marcela Montenegro, Donna Rocha, Fernando Rosales, Jr., Jewel Sanchez, Amalia Saucillo, Danny Smith, Shirley Stenklyft, and Manuel Yañez.

Mass Intentions

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| Sat | Jan 04 | 5:00 p.m. | Mario Catania+ |
| Sun | Jan 05 | 10:00 a.m. | Our Children & Youth |
| | | 12:30 p.m. | Father Pierre Delatte+ |
| Tue | Jan 07 | 12:30 p.m. | Pierre Bader+ |
| Thu | Jan 09 | 5:00 p.m. | Chinh Van Huynh+ |
| Fri | Jan 10 | 12:30 p.m. | John Joseph Mills+ |
| Sat | Jan 11 | 5:00 p.m. | Poor Souls in Purgatory+ |

Parish Giving

December 29, 2024

Collection Information was unavailable at the time of printing.

2nd Collection Jan 05 Emergency Fund
2nd Collection Jan 12 Helpers in Ministry

Mass Attendance

Mass attendance was unavailable at the time of printing.

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. Luke Kalarickal, M.S.F.S.
Deacons: Ruben Natera; Clarence Blalock
Acolytes: Rick Downey; Michael Morris
Felipe Segura; Alberto Robledo
Bookkeeper: Noelia Gonzalez
Office Assistant: Linda Rossler

Committee Chairs

Pastoral Council Chair: Theresa Cheatham
Finance Council Chair: Lou Napolitano
Maintenance Committee Chair: Rick Downey



Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Office closes for lunch between noon and 1:00 p.m.



Do not wish to be anything but
what you are and be that
perfectly.

St. Francis de Sales

News and Notes

Taking Down Christmas Decorations

Help will be needed to take down the church's Christmas decorations immediately after the 12:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday, January 5.

2025 Collection Envelopes and Calendars

Your box of 2025 collection envelopes and 2025 calendars are in the church foyer near the main church entrance. Please take yours today.

Faith Formation

Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at the regular time.

Safe Environment

Parental supervision of children keeps them safe, including when they are in church or on church grounds. If need be during Mass, escort your children to the restroom, wait for them, and return to your seat with them.

If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently being abused or is in danger, immediately report it to state/local law enforcement or the TX Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or txabusehotline.org. The Diocese of Tyler is committed to respecting the dignity of all persons and to helping anyone who may have been hurt or abused by a priest, deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the Church. Any current or past cases of abuse involving Church Personnel should be reported to civil authorities and also to the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (903) 266-2159 or vac@dioceseoftyler.org.

The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before each week-end Mass. Please be mindful of the need for silent reflection, both in the nave and in the church foyer, out of respect for the Rosary and in preparation for the Holy Mass. Everyone is advised to come and join the Rosary and receive its priceless benefits and graces.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1174-1821), Feast Day- January 4

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton was born in New York City. Her parents were wealthy & well-educated Episcopalians. They believed in helping the poor and taught Elizabeth to do so from the time she was a small child.

She married a successful businessman and had five healthy children. She found time to do important volunteer work and founded the Society for the Relief of Poor Widows.

By the time she was thirty years old, her husband lost his business, grew seriously ill, and died. Then two of her daughters died too. The loss of her loved ones brought Elizabeth closer to God and eternity.

During her husband's illness, encouragements from her Catholic friends brought her comfort. She saw how faithful her friends were to the Lord. She felt the desire to receive the Holy Eucharist. Elizabeth became a Catholic, but in doing so she lost the support of her wealthy family. She was now on her own with children to care for. With her new spirituality, she accepted & embraced God's will. She became a teacher and opened the first American Catholic school, followed by opening the first American orphanage. Elizabeth then founded the first American Order of nuns, the Sisters of Charity. Finally, she also became the first "born-in-America" to be canonized a saint!





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