Sacred Heart Catholic Church The Epiphany of the Lord January 8, 2023 Making and Strengthening Disciples of Jesus

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate the visit of the Magi and, hopefully, learn something that is applicable to our lives. We might notice, for example, that the Magi first look up, then go, and finally give. What would that mean for us?

Look Up!

The Magi seem to have been focused on more than their daily grind. Rather than be concerned only with their immediate needs and desires, they are looking up, looking outward, looking beyond themselves. The Psalmist has people like this in mind when he writes, "My soul looks for the Lord more than sentinels for daybreak..." (Psalm 130:6). What about us? What is our daily focus?

Go!

Once they see the star and have some hint as to its meaning, they set off. They do something. How many times have we thought about doing something - volunteering, embracing stewardship, reading our Bible, having a consistent time of prayer - only to end up on our mental (and maybe physical) sofa doing nothing. Do the Magi encourage us to take that first, perhaps difficult, step?

"May 2023 be a year of looking up, going, and giving for all of us."

Give!

The Magi give. First, they give of their time. We don't know their exact homeland, but their journey would not have been a quick one. Second, they give of the resources necessary to make the trip, and third, they give to Jesus. Looking back at 2022, did we give of our time, talent, and treasure? Or, to ask the harder question, did we give of those things at the level God calls us to?

It might help to also consider King Herod who is, in many ways, the opposite of the Magi. Herod is self-centered on many levels and is not likely to notice anything that does not directly affect him. And he's not interested in going anywhere. Herold could have accompanied the Magi and used his resources to make sure the Magi found the baby Jesus. He chose instead to stay put and protect the status quo.

Finally, Herod's massacre of the innocent babies in Bethlehem is the opposite of giving. He is a taker and orders the slaughter to keep the kingdom for himself.

I can't image that any of us want to be Herod and yet we must admit we sometimes do more taking than giving. It would be nice to be like the Magi and we have a new year ahead to follow their example. May 2023 be a year of looking up, going, and giving for all of us.





Fr. Kevin

Weekly Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 7 8:00 a.m. **†**Rose Waje 4:00 p.m. **†**Eileen Johnson 6:00 p.m. For our parishioners

<u>Sunday, January 8</u> 7:30 a.m. Terri Tirabassi 9:30 a.m. Tony Belcastro 11:30 a.m. **†**Ena Carswell-Vergaea

Monday, January 9 8:00 a.m. **+**Nancy Cramer

Tuesday, January 10 8:00 a.m. **†**Michael Costello

Wednesday, January 11 8:15 a.m. **†**Ann Pagano 6 p.m. For the recently departed

<u>Thursday, January 12</u> 8:00 a.m. Helen Greenbaum and Marlenge Gregorski

Friday, January 13 8:00 a.m. Judith Cardone

Saturday, January 14 8:00 a.m. **†**Judith Cardone 4:00 p.m. For our parishioners 6:00 p.m. **†**Armando Lujano

Sunday, January 15 7:30 a.m. **†** Danny Peterson 9:30 a.m. **†** Holy Souls in Purgatory 11:30 a.m. **†**Pope (Emeritus) Benedict XVI

<u>Sanctuary Candle</u> The sanctuary candle burns in honor of Helen Greenbaum and Marlenge Gregorski

Our Stewardship

Christmas

Offertory: \$30,847.00 2nd Collection: \$930.00 His Heart: \$1,770.00 Other: \$222.00 **Total: \$33,769.00** Attendance: 1,519 Dec. 31 - Jan. 1 Offertory: \$11,164.00 2nd Collection: \$804.00 Solemnity of Mary \$1,258.00 His Heart: \$1,334.00 Other: \$3,575.00* First Offering \$869.00 Total: \$19,004.00 Attendance: 834

*includes a year-end donation for replacing the school windows

Second Collection

This week's second collection is for our Maintenance Fund.

Thank you, from Bayside Terrace



To Patsy and member of the Catholic Church, We, the residents of Bayside Terrace, heartily thank you for all our Christmas presents and most of all, [for] supporting us so often throughout this past year. You are our only contact, and it means so much to us.

Sincerely, Pat Huff and Bill Calhoun

Watch your mail!

The diocese will soon be mailing information on the 2023 Catholic Ministry Appeal. We hope you'll take the time to review it and renew or make a new pledge this year.

Note: If the address on the return envelope seems odd – a different state – please know that it is correct. The diocese has employed a service to process the pledges.

Livestream Mass



Your gifts help us to provide beautiful liturgies both for those who can attend Mass and those who can't. A parishioner shared this picture of their family participating in our Christmas Eve Mass from Rockford, Michigan. The weather prevented them from attending a local parish and so they turned in to ours!

A Christmas message from our twinning parish

St. Mary of the Angels Church Franciscan Friars 3501 N. Miro Street New Orleans, LA 70117-5899 504-945-3186

22 December 2022

Fr. Kevin Yarnell Sacred Heart Catholic Church 7809 46th Way North Pinellas Park, FL 33781

Dear Fr. Kevin and parishioners:

Christmas Greetings to our twinning partner Sacred Heart Catholic Church:

In this Christmas message we have some positive news to share.

Last October we were blessed to have a crew of roofers who arrived to install a new roof on our church. We waited almost one year since Hurricane Ida for this welcome event.

December 10th was a great day in the life of St. Mary of the Angels Church. After two years of not having our Christmas Social due to Covid restrictions, there was a lot of energy and desire to get out and celebrate together. As a result, there was a large crowd of church members and friends who turned out for our Christmas Social and Raffle Fund Raiser. It was a joy filled event for family and friends and a time to be grateful to God for surviving Covid. Amen.

Also, with the lifting of Covid restrictions, our SMA Bereavement Committee returned to monthly support group gatherings of parishioners who had lost loved ones recently or in the past. It is quite an inspiration to witness the sharing and the peace so helpful in the lives of our parishioners.

You are welcome to come and visit SMA and New Orleans anytime and we remember our sister twin churches in our Sunday Mass intentions.

Christmas Blessings and Peace-filled New Year 2023!

Fr. Joe Hund, ofm Friar Joe Hund, ofm

Our Current Liturgical and Devotional Schedule

Weekday Mass

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, & Sat: 8am Wed: 8:15am & 6pm *(Rosary prayed before morning Masses at 7:25am)*

Weekend Masses Saturday Vigil 4pm and 6pm *(Spanish)*

<u>Sunday</u> 7:30am, 9:30am *(live-streamed)*, & 11:30am *(Rosary prayed at 7am)*

Confessions

Wednesdays: 6:45-7:45pm (English) Saturdays: 2:45-3:45pm (English) Saturdays: 5:30-5:55pm (Spanish) (If you need more time with the priest in confession, please contact the parish office for an appointment)

Morning Devotions

Monday & Thursday at 9am (livestreamed): *Fr. Kevin provides some background and a short devotion on the saint of the day.*

Our Chapel is Open for Prayer Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri:8:30am-5pm Wednesday: 9am-8pm Saturday: 8:30am-4pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesdays: 6:30-8pm

First Friday Exposition: 8:30-10am, 6pm-9pm, Mass 9pm Exposition continuing until 8am Saturday

First Saturdays with Mary: 8:30-10am (includes Adoration)

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Tuesdays, after the 8am Mass

Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Thur., after 8am Mass

Santo Nino (Infant Jesus) Novena: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, after the 6pm Mass

Livestreamed liturgies and devotions can be found at sacredheartpinellaspark.com (look for the "Live" link at the top of the page) or on Facebook (SacredHeart Parish PinellasPark).

This Week at Sacred Heart

If you need information about a group or ministry listed, call the office. We'd be happy to get you connected to them!

Sunday, Jan. 8th: The Epiphany of the Lord!

- There are no Faith Formation classes today
 Faith Formation resumes Jan. 15th!
- Middle School Youth Group & Confirmation Session, 4-5:30pm, Parish Hall
- Senior High and Young Adult Discussion, 6pm, Parish Hall

Monday, Jan. 9th:

- Morning Devotions (livestreamed on Facebook), 9am; Learn a lesson from one of the Saints!
- Legion of Mary, 9am, Marian Room
- Beyond Our Walls prayer group, 5:30pm, chapel. Each week we pray individually for requests we receive throughout the week. Have a request? Cards are available in the narthex.
- Junior Legion of Mary, 6pm, Parish Hall
- Life Ministry Group, 7pm, Retreat House

Tuesday, Jan. 10th:

- Fr. Kevin's Bible study, 9-10:15am and 6-7:15pm
- His Heart Society: food and clothing distribution, 9-11am

Wednesday, Jan. 11th:

- Adoration 6:30-8pm; Confessions, 6:30-8pm
- Spanish Prayer Group, 7pm Retreat House
- Columbiette General Meeting, 7pm, Parish Hall

Thursday, Jan. 12th:

- Morning Devotions (livestreamed on Facebook), 9am; Learn a lesson from one of the Saints!
- His Heart Society: food and clothing distribution, 9-11am
- Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10am, Retreat House
- God's Housekeepers, 1pm (postponed from Jan 5th)
- Chosen video series and discussion, 6:30pm, Parish Hall

Friday, Jan. 13th:

• Men of St. Joseph, 7pm, Retreat House

Saturday, Jan. 14th:

• 2nd Saturday of Service, 9am, in front of the church

Sunday, Jan. 15th: The 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Readings: Isaiah 49:3-6; Psalm 40; 1 Cor1:1-3; John 1:29-34

The New Year is an opportunity to get involved! May we suggest...

The Chosen



Our Life Ministry group is sponsoring an opportunity to view the popular video series The Chosen. See the life of Christ presented in these video segments then participate (or just listen!) in a discussion that follows. The group meets on Thursdays at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.

High School Teens and Young Adults

We have lots of ideas of how you can get involved with the parish and your faith, but we don't know which ones would be interesting to you. Join us this Sunday evening, 6pm, in the Parish Hall. We'll cook some pizza and talk about some possibilities including service opportunities, short term study groups, and groups centered on a common interest or hobby.

Volunteer to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion



If you have a love of the Eucharist, this may be the perfect way to serve the parish and fellow parishioners. We are most in need of ministers to assist at our 7:30am and 11:30am Masses. Some training is required, and we have a session scheduled for Sat. Jan. 21st at 9:30am. Call or email to let us know if you can serve in this way. (Two people have already signed up!)

Men of St. Joseph



We are a men's spiritual group that meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month, 7pm in the Retreat House. Our goal is to help men to become spiritual leaders in our families and the parish by studying, learning our faith more deeply, and praying together, as well as developing friendships. We are a small group but are looking to expand with a few more men who want to grow in their faith. Come check us out! For more information contact Doyle 727-482-8449 or Tom 727-637-6398.

Life Ministry Group

Our Life Ministry Group is always open to new members. They have a meeting this Monday, 7pm, I n the Retreat House. Join your efforts with others who are interested in the whole range of life issues.

Morning of Reflection: Let's Color the World with Kindness!

Come and join us for a colorful morning of reflection on kindness and forgiveness, Saturday, January 21 8AM – Mass, 9AM - Morning of Reflection Sponsored by the local Columbiettes. (See the flyer in the narthex for more information)

Volunteer to be an Usher



Smiling faces and helpful hands are needed to greet parishioners and handle some background items. The importance of this ministry cannot be overstated and very rewarding. While a weekly commitment is easiest for us, we are happy to have those who can help only on some weeks. Talk to an usher or call the office for more information.

Website: sacredheartpinellaspark.com

Facebook: SacredHeartParish PinellasPark

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Parish Religious Gift Shop: Located in the church narthex Open: Sat.3:30-5:30pm Sun.8:30am-12:45pm

His Heart Society Outreach: 4661 80th Ave. N. Pinellas Park, FL33781 Food & Clothing: Tue. & Thurs. 9-11am Call (727)544-5445 for financial assistance

Sacred Heart School: 7951 46th Way N., Pinellas Park, FL 33781 Phone: 727-544-1106

The Feast of the Santo Nino, the Holy Child Jesus

We are pleased to, once again, celebrate the Feast of the Santo Nino, the Holy Child Jesus! This is our tenth year hosting the Novena to the Santo Nino and celebrating the concluding Mass (at our 11:30am Mass). We are truly blessed to be part of such an outpouring of God's graces amongst His people.

We are also blessed to have a permanent home here at Sacred Heart for the image of the Santo Nino de Cebu. It reminds us daily of the God's love for us and honors the strong faith, love and

devotion of our Sacred Heart Filipino-American Community and Friends.

I appreciate all those who have planned, led, and contributed to the novena evenings and this Mass. As we worship together, may that you receive the blessings of the Christ Child and share those blessings with everyone you encounter throughout the year.

A Bible verse for the New Year: Ephesians 4:22-24

"You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness."

Healing After Abortion for Men

The tragedy of abortion affects men as well as women. A national survey showed that, 71% of men have had an adverse effect after cooperating in some way with an abortion, often by feelings of anger, frustration, shame, or regret. Men impacted by abortion are invited to participate in a confidential and free healing series, sponsored by St. Catherine of Sienna Catholic Church. Meetings are virtual and will be held on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm from January 11th-February 15th. This is a free event for men only. The limit is 10 people.

To learn more, leave a message at (833)-403-4325 ext 701 or email programvolunteer@supportafterabortion.com. Resources are available at www.supportafterabortion.com

Our Parish Prayer List

June Abraham Sheryl Acunal Robert Anderson Genevieve Aziz Rita Bahler Mary Barbuti Kenneth Barcomb Audrey Bentley Ryan Buck Jr. Judy Cardone Melina Carmen Chase Maryloo Carrico Sean Casev Paul & Gail Catalona Bill Cauchon Kathy Chabot Joseph I. Chase Bonnie Crisafulli Rita Durish Christina Fabb Brooke & Brianna Farnsworth Anne Fiamengo Florence Garrido Ian Gossett James Guimond

Mary Haisch Jenny Holland Jean & Gary Hossman Amy Iketani Janet Jacob David Johnson Elija Johnson Elizabeth Jurado Deanne Karner Liam & Jeanne Kennedy **Dolores Kenney** Barbara Klasek Tony Lociech Anna Kumari Charlotte Laliberti Gail Larson Sharn Lundy Sheila Lutz Katie Malins Connie Marmaro Mary Masterson Mary Mattingly Mattie Mores Jeff Odajewski Diane O'Neill Antoinette Passero

Neil Petrocci

Daniel,Sylvia, & Stella Przywalny Nicole Rizzo Judy & Mark Rucker Maryanne Sirrianna Patricia Slaymaker Jeanne Slofkin Fred & George Sontheimer Helen Sullivan Norman & Leonette St. Germain Sherry Taylor Gloria Unger

Bold indicates new name added to prayer list.



Pope Francis January Prayer Intention

Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

To keep this list meaningful, we respectfully ask that requests to be included on the list be renewed every 4 weeks and that you provide a specific prayer intention. To respect the privacy of individuals, please submit requests only with the expressed permission of the person for whom you are requesting prayer. Send requests to frkevinyarnell@gmail.com



