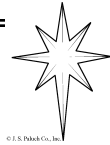




THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 8, 2012



Promise Fulfilled

Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Readings and Special Observances

(Jan. 9-15)

- Mon: (The Baptism of the Lord) (National Vocation Awareness Week) Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Acts 10:34-38 or I Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11
- Tues: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28
- Wed: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
- Thurs: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
- Fri: (St. Hilary) 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
- Sat: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:14-17
- Sun: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42



the sick: Timothy Maschler, Fr. Scott Hill, Charlotte Greathouse, Denise Scarberry, Maria Celedon, Laverne Fisher, Cherrie Waterman, Mary West, Robert Brennan, Kathleen Ashlock, Gerard Silva, Alex Martinez, Ron Federico, Mel Wigler, Lynn Brown, Lisa Terhorst., Rita Reardon, Margarita Mora, Joslyn Castillo, Floyd Cusumano, Bill Stoner, Fran Stoner, Bert Radecki, Mark Thomsen, Aaron Dickey and Tom Bader and Glenda Heald. May they know Christ's healing.



Meetings This Week

Parish Council– Today, Sunday, after the 9:00 am Mass in the hall. We will be discussing our Faith Formation Program and Council elections. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Liturgy Planning– Thurs., 9:45 am in classroom #4. Agenda items to include a review of our Christmas Season.

Finance Council– Next Sun., Jan. 15th, after the 9:00 am Mass.

Women's Club

The January meeting of the Santa Rosa Women's Club will be on Tues., Jan. 10th, at 11:30 am in the parish hall. Allen Reese, from Community Action Partnerships, will be our speaker. All women of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend. The meetings are intended as a time for nourishment for one another. Please use the sign-up sheet near the church entrance if you plan to attend.

 * **Thank You Irene!** *
 * The parish of Santa Rosa extends its *
 * gratitude to Irene Hammond who for the *
 * last ten years has been contacting and *
 * providing GREETERS for all the Masses. *
 * Thank you, Irene, for your time and work, *
 * for your gracious welcome and pleasant *
 * smile. And we thank all of you who *
 * responded to Irene's invitation...such a *
 * delight to find a warm greeting as we *
 * enter the Church. *

Calling All Men...

All men of the parish are invited to attend the first Men's Club meeting of 2012 on Tues., Jan. 17th, 6:00 pm in the hall. Chefs George Keenan and Bill Hughes will be preparing "baby back ribs". Please use the sign-up sheet near the church entrance if you plan to attend.



(Jan. 7-13)

Sat., 5:00 pm-

Int. Poinsettia Donors

†John Keller

Sun., 9:00 am-

†Dylan Hardman

†Bruce Hardman

Sun., 6:00 pm-

People of the Parish

Mon., 9:00 am-

Communion Service

Tues., 9:00 am-

Communion Service

Wed., 9:00 am-

Int. Poinsettia Donors

Thurs., 9:00 am-

Int. Poinsettia Donors

Fri., 9:00 am-

†Cornelia Carey

Marian Eucharistic Conference

This year's conference will take place at the Paso Robles Event Center Fairgrounds on Jan. 14-15. The theme is "Faith That Moves Mountains" with Bishop Richard Garcia in attendance. For more information please visit the conference website at www.ccmecc.org. or call (805) 239-1597.

National Vocations Awareness Week

The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Vocations Awareness January Week, from Jan. 9-14. The celebration heralds a week dedicated to prompting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education. This distinctive week gives Catholics an opportunity to renew prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.



Prayer for Vocations

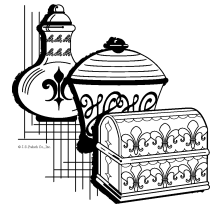
God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever AMEN.

Come and Learn the Whole Story

A special Bible study will be held every Thursday evening during February and March, looking at the Christmas story and so many other major moments in a new, historical perspective. "A Quick Journey Through the Bible" promises to give everyone a solid overview of the narrative and the spiritual purpose of the Bible. Please plan on attending Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the hall, beginning February 2nd.

Treasures From Our Tradition

Before long, people will be throwing Mardi Gras beads in the streets of New Orleans—purple, gold, and green. A few will be in on the secret: the colors of the beads are derived from the gifts of the magi. Gold for wealth, purple for power, green for good health. The gifts are also a key to the identity of the Christ Child: the incense for God; the gold for a king; the myrrh, fragrant burial ointment for one who comes to die.



Centuries ago, today's feast bore the heavy burden of celebrating all the manifestations of Christ's identity: the birth of Jesus, the coming of the magi, the baptism of the Lord, the wedding feast at Cana. It was too much for one day. Fortunately the one day has blossomed into a whole season of grateful celebration, stretching behind us into Advent, and ahead of us into the Baptism of the Lord and to Christ's coming again in glory. Tonight, be sure to light the Christmas lights, and gather at the crèche for a favorite carol and a prayer.

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Rosary and Daily Mass

The Rosary is recited at 8:30 am on Monday-Friday before the 9:00 am Mass or Communion Service. This is a wonderful way to begin your day and new year. Why not give it a try?

Parish Offerings

Plate Collection: (Dec. 31/Jan. 1) \$4,311.00

Facility Repairs: \$1,412.00

God Bless You for Your Support!