



ST. ANTHONY

Catholic Church

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JANUARY 5, 2024



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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Our Mission / Nuestra Misión

Our community follows Jesus by praying, loving and serving God.
Nuestra comunidad conoce y sigue a Jesús rezando, amando, y sirviendo a Dios.
St. Anthony, pray for us. / San Antonio, ruega por nosotros.

SACRAMENTS

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm	Eng
Sunday	8:00 am	Eng
	10:00 am	Eng
	12:00 pm	Esp.
	2:00 pm	Esp.
	5:00 pm	Esp.

Daily Mass Times

Daily	8:30 am	Bilingual
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Esp.
Friday	6:30 pm	Bilingual

Confession/Confesión

Saturday 3:30pm to 4:30pm,
Thursday 6:30 pm
or by appointment.

All other Sacraments

Please call the office for more information.

CLERGY

Fr. Rafael Hinojosa,
Parochial Administrator

Fr. Juan Carlos Ponce,
Parochial Vicar

Deacon Alberto Cruz

Deacon Emeritus Joe Tovar

Deacon Emeritus Alan Layden

PARISH OFFICE

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday
(Lunes, Miércoles, Viernes)

9AM to 12PM and 1PM to 6PM

BULLETIN

Submissions to the Sunday Bulletin

Deadline by noon on Monday, six (6) days prior to the desired Sunday of publication. Send files to parish@stanthonyoakley.com.

WEBSITE

All church ministries are invited to share their upcoming events or news to our website. Send your info to parish@stanthonyoakley.com

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Sunday's Collection—Totals for December 29, 2024

	PLATE	ONLINE
1st Collection	Not Available yet	\$1,777.38
2nd Collection	Not Available yet.	\$290.90

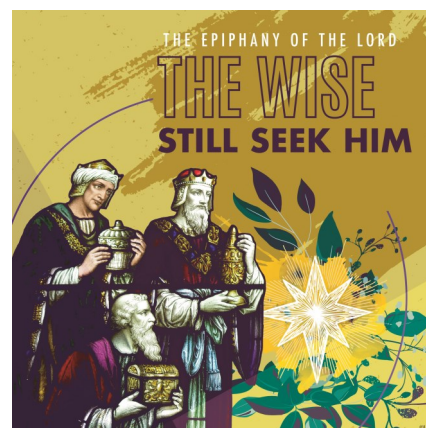
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Second Collection Schedule

January— 5	Diocesan Assesment— Evaluación Diocesana
January— 12	Diocesan Seminarian— Seminaristas Diocesanos

St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) St. Anthony Conference

If you need assistance, or like to volunteer or donate, contact the St. Vincent de Paul St. Anthony Conference at 925-325-7424. We provide various forms of assistance which may include food, clothes, furniture, housing assistance, and referrals to other professional agencies. **(Food Pantry) Open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday from 8:30AM to 10:00AM.** / *Si necesita ayuda, o desea ser voluntario o donar, comuníquese con la Conferencia de San Vicente de Paul San Antonio al 925-325-7424. Brindamos diversas formas de asistencia que pueden incluir alimentos, ropa, muebles, asistencia para vivienda y referencias a otras agencias profesionales. (Despensa de alimentos) Abierto el segundo y cuarto sábado de 8:30 am. a 10:00 am.*



FAITH FORMATION COORDINATORS

Call the Parish Office, (925) 625-2048
for more program information or
to register.

Baptism, Parish Secretary
CCD, Jajahira Gallardo
EDGE, Emma Arcayena
Youth Confirmation,
Esperanza Casillas

Christian Initiation: For Adults (English)

Michael Maeda

For Adults (Español),

Dea. Alberto y Claudia Cruz

For Children,

Alejandro y Veronica Mercado

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel:

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” (Mt 2:2)

Gospel Meditation

The Epiphany of the Lord

Have you ever wondered *why* the magi had gold, frankincense, and myrrh? Matthew’s Gospel tells us, “Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh” (Matt. 2:11). Why are these things their “treasures”? One possible answer is they were magicians and astrologers, and these three items were the tools of their questionable trade. In offering them to Christ, they demonstrate that they will cease using such items to predict or control life. They place this baby-king, the God of Israel, at the center of their lives, and not their own devices of control, manipulation and prediction.

Isn’t that what we need to do, too? Consider, for example, the magical power of money, symbolized by the magi’s gold. Seemingly whatever we ask of money, it does. It wields a god-like power over the world. It can predict the future by guaranteeing better outcomes for us — which is why it is such a tempting alternative to trusting in God. The problem is such absolute trust in money enslaves us to the economic forces that make money so powerful. In paying homage to Jesus with “gold” (i.e., tithing), we participate in his authority over (and therefore freedom from) the magical sway of money.

What things in your life do you use to predict or control your future? What in your life seems to give you power over the world? Those are your treasures. Are you tired of feeling enslaved to them? Find a way to open them and give them to Christ, and you will be freer.

— *Father John Muir (LPi)*

(PRACTICING)—CATHOLIC

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS *By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

The Answer

Have you ever had an epiphany?

I’ll confess that I’ve never spent much time reflecting on the term “epiphany.” In my head, there has always been a strict separation of church and state when it comes to this word. I think of the religious feast of the Epiphany, when we celebrate the magi’s encounter with the Christ Child, as totally distinct from our modern understanding of the ancient Greek word *epipháneia*, which means “manifestation” or “appearance.”

“I’ve had an epiphany,” I have said many times before, and what I mean is that I have come to a long-awaited realization. I have received the answer to a question which has perplexed me, perhaps troubled me. I now know what course of action I must take.

“Today is the Epiphany,” I say to my children when we make a king cake and bring the little magi figures to our Nativity beneath the Christmas tree (which will, after today, be put back into storage, for the Christmas season has come to its fulfillment).

And I’ve always thought I meant I was saying two very different things.

But today, I ponder the journey of the magi, one that must have often been treacherous and uncomfortable. I think about their meeting with Herod, a situation that certainly was fraught with tension and fear. And I imagine the feeling in their hearts as they approached the young Messiah and fell to their knees. I think of the peace they must have felt. The new, vibrant awareness of what their own purpose was.

It was an epiphany for them — a discovery of truth. An answer.

It should be the same for us.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Sunday, January 5

- 8:00 AM Cameron Martin †
10:00 AM Ana, Joseph Sr. & Joseph Jr. Nguyen †
12:00 PM Ancelma y Filemon Ortiz †
Andrea Lopez (B-day)
2:00 PM Jose, Ladislao, Dolores Melena †
Pedro Luis y Mauro Jose Reynoso (bienestar)
5:00 PM Carmen Sanchez †
Aracelia de la Rosas (B-day)

Monday, January 6

- 8:30 AM Francisco Lopez †
Felena & Jeremy McBroom (Anniv.)

Tuesday, January 7

- 8:30 AM Rogelio Silva †

6:30 PM

Wednesday, January 8

- 8:30 AM Gene Plate †
6:30 PM Jorge Calderon †

Thursday, January 9

- 8:30 AM Rose Galvan †

Friday, January 10

- 8:30 AM Luciana & Paciano Segundo †
Celia Verena (B-day)

Saturday, January 11

- 5:00 PM Leonard, James & Ed Thomas †



Please Pray For
Por favor Oremos Por

- Jaime & Juana Gomez
Angelo Jace Marayag
Sigfredo Alcaraz Jr.
Jurith Martinez
Johanna Jauregui
Jansen Magat
Rigoberto Hinojosa
Benito Parames
Alice Morales
Carlos Valdez Ayon

Our Men and Women of the military services.

St. Anthony's Prayer List
If you wish to add a loved one who is in need of our prayers, please call the Parish office at 625-2048, Names will be posted for a month.

Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

The news of the Messiah unsettled Herod. We see his anxiety clearly in today's Gospel. This is what Christ has come to do, after all. He has come to shake things up. Are we ready to be unsettled?

Observances for the week of
January 5, 2025

- Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday: St. André Bessette, Religious
Tuesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Wednesday:
Thursday:
Friday:
Saturday:
Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday through Friday: 9:30am to 6:30pm,
Friday: 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm
Scheduling Coordinator:
Linda Hipólito (925) 493-0976

EXPOSICIÓN AL SANTÍSIMO
SACRAMENTO

Lunes a Viernes: 9:30 am a 6:30pm ,
Viernes: 7:00 pm a 11:00 pm
Coordinadora del Horario:
Linda Hipólito 925-493-0976

Oración Semanal, Adoración & Meditación

LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO

Primera lectura:

¡Levántate, Jerusalén, resplandece! Ha llegado tu luz, la gloria del Señor brilla sobre ti. (Is 60,1)

Salmo:

Señor, todos los pueblos de la tierra te adorarán. (Sal 72)

Segunda lectura:

No se dio a conocer a los hombres en otras generaciones, como ahora se ha revelado a sus santos apóstoles y profetas por el Espíritu: que los gentiles son coherederos, miembros de un mismo cuerpo, y copartícipes de la promesa en Cristo Jesús por medio del Evangelio. (Ef 3,5-6)

Evangelio:

“¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que ha nacido? Hemos visto su estrella en el oriente y hemos venido a adorarlo.” (Mt 2,2)

Meditación del Evangelio

La Epifanía del Señor

¿Alguna vez te has preguntado por qué los magos tenían oro, incienso y mirra? El Evangelio de Mateo nos dice: “Entonces abrieron sus tesoros y le ofrecieron presentes: oro, incienso y mirra” (Mateo 2:11). ¿Por qué son estas cosas sus “tesoros”? Una posible respuesta es que eran magos y astrólogos, y estos tres objetos eran las herramientas de su cuestionable oficio. Al ofrecérselos a Cristo, demuestran que dejarán de utilizar tales objetos para predecir o controlar la vida. Colocan a este bebé-rey, el Dios de Israel, en el centro de sus vidas, y no sus propios dispositivos de control, manipulación y predicción.

¿No es eso lo que debemos hacer también nosotros? Consideremos, por ejemplo, el poder mágico del dinero, simbolizado por el oro de los magos. Aparentemente, todo lo que le pedimos al dinero, lo hace. Ejerce un poder divino sobre el mundo. Puede predecir el futuro al garantizarnos mejores resultados, por eso es una alternativa tan tentadora a confiar en Dios. El problema es que esa confianza absoluta en el dinero nos esclaviza a las fuerzas económicas que hacen que el dinero sea tan poderoso. Al rendir homenaje a Jesús con “oro” (es decir, el diezmo), participamos de su autoridad sobre el poder mágico del dinero (y, por lo tanto, nos liberamos de él).

¿Qué cosas de tu vida utilizas para predecir o controlar tu futuro? ¿Qué cosas en tu vida parecen darte poder sobre el mundo? Esos son tus tesoros. ¿Estás cansado de sentirte esclavo de ellos? Encuentra una manera de abrirlos y dárselos a Cristo, y serás más libre.

— Padre John Muir

CATOLICA - (PRACTICANTE) RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

Por Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

La Respuesta

¿Alguna vez has tenido una epifanía?

Confieso que nunca he dedicado mucho tiempo a reflexionar sobre el término "epifanía." En mi cabeza, siempre ha habido una estricta separación de la iglesia y el estado cuando se trata de esta palabra. Pienso en la fiesta religiosa de la Epifanía, cuando celebramos el encuentro de los Reyes Magos con el Niño Jesús, como algo totalmente distinto de nuestra comprensión moderna de la antigua palabra griega *epipháneia*, que significa "manifestación" o "aparición."

"He tenido una epifanía," lo he dicho muchas veces antes, y lo que quiero decir es que he llegado a una realización largamente esperada. He recibido la respuesta a una pregunta que me ha dejado perpleja, tal vez me ha inquietado. Ahora sé qué curso de acción debo tomar.

"Hoy es la Epifanía," les digo a mis hijos cuando hacemos una rosca de reyes y llevamos las figuritas de los Reyes Magos a nuestro Nacimiento debajo del árbol de Navidad (que, después de hoy, se volverá a guardar, porque el tiempo de Navidad ha llegado a su cumplimiento).

Y siempre he pensado que quería decir dos cosas muy diferentes.

Pero hoy, reflexiono sobre el viaje de los magos, uno que a menudo debe haber sido traicionero e incómodo. Pienso en su encuentro con Herodes, una situación que ciertamente estaba llena de tensión y miedo. Y me imagino el sentimiento en sus corazones cuando se acercaron al joven Mesías y cayeron de rodillas. Pienso en la paz que debieron sentir. La nueva y vibrante conciencia de cuál era su propio propósito.

Fue una epifanía para ellos, un descubrimiento de la verdad. Una respuesta.

Debería ser lo mismo para nosotros.

Parish Announcements, Anuncios Parroquiales

WALK for *Life* WEST COAST 2025



Saturday, January 25, 2025

Location: Start at St. Anthony for Mass and head to San Francisco- Civic Center Plaza



**It's an all day event
(approx. 7:30 am to 5 pm)**

Transportation provided by St. Anthony via Charter Bus



Rally

Rally starts from Civic Center Plaza walking down Market Street (2 miles). Walk ends at Embarcadero Plaza.

Cost

No cost to all who register with St. Anthony Church

Space is limited - First come first serve



*"How can there be too many children?
That is like saying the are too many flowers."*
St. Teresa of Calcuta



Registration

Register via QR Code



CAMINATA por la *Vida* WEST COAST 2025



Sábado, Enero 25, 2025

Ubicación: Comienza en la Iglesia de San Antonio con la Misa y se dirige a San Francisco - Civic Center Plaza



**Es un evento de
todo el día
(aprox. 7:30 am a 5 pm)**

Transporte proporcionado por la Iglesia de San Antonio a través de Charter Bus



Rally

Rally comienza desde la Civic Center Plaza caminando hasta Market Street (2 millas). La caminata termina en la Plaza de Embarcadero.

Costo

Sin costo para aquellos que se registren con la Iglesia de San Antonio

Espacio Limitado - Como vayan llegando se les asignará su lugar



*"¿Cómo puede haber demasiados niños?
Eso es como decir que hay demasiadas flores".*
Santa Teresa de Calcuta



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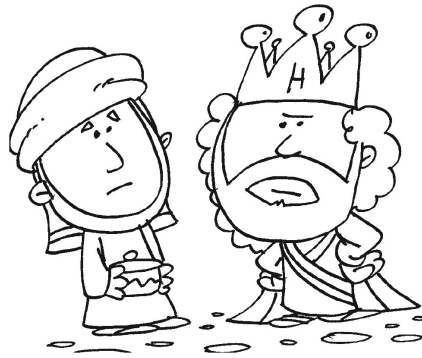
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KID'S CORNER

MISSION

I will do three favors to help someone in my family today.



GOSPEL

The Three Wise Men told Herod about a King being born. Herod was jealous. He did not want another king to be more powerful than he. Herod told them to come back and tell him where the baby was. They thought Herod was truly interested in Jesus. After they gave him their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, an angel warned them, "Go back a different way. Herod wants to kill the baby Jesus."

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel

wise men	king	Mary
child	star	gifts
born	worship	dream

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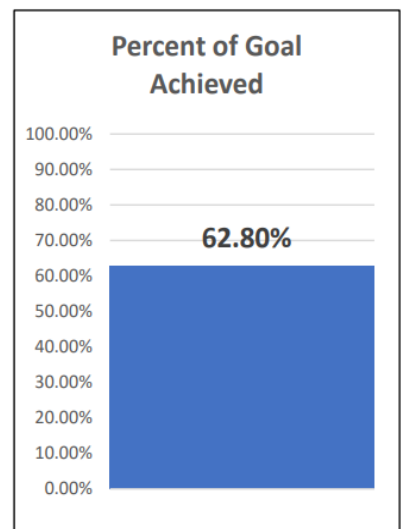


PRAYER

Lord, give me the power to help others, not harm them.

2024 Bishop's Appeal	
St. Anthony, Oakley	
Goal	\$21,100

Total Committed	Total Number of Gifts Received	Total Number of Donors
\$13,816.56	57	42
Total Receipts	Average Total Gifts by Donor	Average Gift Amount Received
\$13,251.56	\$328.97	\$242.40



“What was the favorite dessert of the king who brought gold?”



“Karat cake!”



The Magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to Baby Jesus. We remember them on Epiphany!

GLP!



La Escuela Bíblica de San Jerónimo Apóstoles de la Palabra les hace la invitación a todos a ser parte de esta escuela.

Todos los jueves a las 7 pm en Padua Salón 5.

Venga y conozca mas de Dios por medio de Su Palabra!!

Para mas Información puede contactarse con: Yulma Diaz al (925) 470-9367



Daily Rosary/ Rosario Diario
Only through live FB / Solo en vivo por FB 6:30 pm.

M., W. —English,
Martes, Jueves, y Sábado—Esp.
Viernes/Friday—Bilingüe/Bilingüe.
Sunday/Domingo—Before Mass/
Antes de Misa.

Join the Columbiettes

An organization of Catholic women, who are affiliated with the Knights of Columbus. They support different charities and participate in the community while working collectively with our Brother Knights to promote Faith and unity. Call Patty Loosli at (925) 348-6064

Únete a las Columbiettes

Una organización de mujeres católicas, que son afiliado a los Caballeros de Colón. Ellos Apoyan a diferentes organizaciones benéficas y participant en la comunidad mientras trabajan colectivamente con nuestros Hermanos Caballeros para promover la Fe y la unidad. Llame a Patty Loosli al (925) 348-6064

Holy Family Ministry

Join us every 1st and 3rd Thursday of Every Month.
Location: 1st Thursday at St. Anthony Parish Hall
3rd Thursday via Zoom.
Time: 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Please join our Mailing List at:
YAREDOLIVEROS@GMAIL.COM

Throughout the year we will also plan fun family activities so visit our page for updates!

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