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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 6th, 2013; The Epiphany of the Lord Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6, Matthew 2:1-12

Masses, 8:30 a.m. (English)
10:30 a.m. (English)
12:30 p.m. (Spanish)
3:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Monday, January 7th, 2013; 1John 3:22-4:6, Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Masses, 9:00 a.m. (English)
6:30 p.m. (Spanish)
Confessions, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 8th, 2013; 1John 4:7-10, Mark 6:34-44

Masses, 9:00 a.m. (English)
6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Wednesday, January 9th, 2013; 1John 4:11-18, Mark 6:45-52

Masses, 9:00 a.m. (English)
6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Thursday, January 10th, 2013; 1John 4:19-5:4, Luke 4:14-22

Masses, 9:00 a.m. (English)
6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Friday, January 11th, 2013; 1John 5:5-13, Luke 5:12-16

Masses, 9:00 a.m. (English)
6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Saturday, January 12th, 2013; 1John 5:14-21, John 3:22-30

Vigil Mass, 5:30 p.m. (English)
7:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Confessions, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 13th, 2013; Baptism of the Lord Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11, Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7, Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Masses, 8:30 a.m. (English)
10:30 a.m. (English)
12:30 p.m. (Spanish)
3:00 p.m. (Spanish)



The Epiphany of the Lord



Magi "from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.'"

-Matthew 2:1-2

More of the richness of Christmas: The love of the Holy Family, the physical birth of Christ, the wonder of His incarnation, the fulfillment of prophecy, the dawning of a New Covenant, the announcement of Christ in public, and many more realities are part of the Christmas season. It took the Church several years to present celebrations through which we might be able to explore some of these interconnected mysteries.

This weekend we celebrate Epiphany. "Epiphany" refers to a manifestation of something divine. With a meaning this broad, "epiphany" has been used throughout the ages to celebrate a lot of different things. It began as a celebration of the angels announcing Christ's birth to the shepherds, sometimes it was used to celebrate Christ's birth itself, other times it referred to Christ's baptism which was his public "coming out" into the world. Some in the Early Church also connected Epiphany with Christ's first miracle, the changing of water into wine at Cana. Similarly, the date of Epiphany ranged from November to January. Gradually Christmas was more associated with Christ's physical birth and Epiphany came to be more connected with the visit of the Magi. Yet the informal customs of Epiphany include elements of all of what Epiphany used to celebrate. For example, drawing on Epiphany's old connection with Christ's actual birth, Epiphany marks the end of the Twelve Days of Christmas. It's as if Christmas Day extended twelve days with Christmas and Epiphany on either end. Some cultures offer gifts on Epiphany because that's when the Magi brought their gifts to Jesus. Another example of Epiphany including a variety of Christmas Season themes, Luke's Gospel comments that Christ's entry into the world is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for ... Israel (2:32)." Along these lines, Christ coming into the life of newly baptized Christians is symbolized by lighting the baptismal candle. Given Epiphany's early connection with Christ's baptism and Jesus coming into the world in general, light and candles have been used to celebrate Epiphany. Some Christians gather on Epiphany to hear the Word with lit candles in hand. Other Christians, particularly Orthodox Christians, focus on a different symbol, the waters of baptism, and bless the waters on Epiphany.

Another informal tradition is to bless houses on Epiphany. It calls to mind the gifts or good will the Magi brought to the

Holy Family and the great blessing the Magi found in Jesus. Today this blessing of houses includes using chalk to write above a doorway the symbols "20+G+M+B+13". The crosses call to mind Christ's cross, the "20" and the "13" mark the year, the letters G,M, and B reflect one view as to the number and the names of the Magi: three persons named Gaspar (sometimes Caspar), Melchior, and Balthazar. Actually the Gospels don't tell us how many Magi there were and their names are little more than legends. Even so, the symbol of three Magi point toward the blessings Christ came to give and the blessings we willingly share this holy season.

Our Vatican II sessions will continue January 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Dominguez Room. Part of what Vatican II encouraged was a look at the Early Church and in this spirit one of our parishioners, Ken Bayer, will examine Jewish temple rituals at the time of Jesus and the Apostles. This kind of background brings light to several New Testament passages.

New Year's resolutions for the parish include our two principal pastoral goals: (1) Enhance unity which can be done by greater participation or stewardship in the parish and through a willingness to be "slow to wrath (James 1:19)" as well as the being slow to judge (Matthew 7:1-5). (2) Construct and pay for our new church. Many other things are included in these goals, yet these two goals provide a doorway or a way in which to enter the other things needed for a Catholic life.

National Vocation Awareness Week runs from January 13 – 19 this year. Like much else, religious vocations have words and phrases that seem to have different meanings from the rest of the world. Here's a look at some of those ideas:

- Diocesan – a geographical division within the Church is called a diocese after the old Roman word for geographical parts of their empire. Each diocese has a bishop and around the bishop the local Church forms. Bishops within their dioceses ordain priests for the purpose of service within the diocese. These diocesan priests form the majority of priests in most dioceses. Some dioceses ordain permanent deacons and larger dioceses may sponsor congregations of religious sisters. For more information on diocesan vocations, please contact Deacon Ricardo Arias at 1-801-328-8641.
- Rather than focus on service within a particular diocese, members of religious orders share a common spirit, way of life, and focus. This common spirit or way of life, or charism, directs the way members of religious orders serve. For instance, the Dominicans focus upon ministry to college students. Other examples of religious orders include Franciscans, Paulists, Jesuits, Benedictines, and many, many more. Bishops invite religious orders to serve according to their charisms in dioceses.
- Apostolic – a religious order usually engaged in active ministries like caring for the sick or teaching.
- Chapter – a meeting of religious order members to discuss and decide upon policy, leadership, and the direction of the community.
- Contemplative religious orders live in greater solitude than apostolic religious orders. Contemplative orders spend

most of their day in work and prayer.

- Cloistered religious orders are separated from the rest of the world. It's possible to have a contemplative and cloistered religious order.
- Monastic religious orders are between apostolic and cloistered communities and these orders focus on communal life, work, and prayer.
- Discernment is prayer and reflection so as to decide something such as a vocation.
- Formation is a process of educational and spiritual development. Ideally formation is ongoing and is for all Catholics. When discussing vocations "formation" usually refers to the period of time when someone first enters diocesan service or the religious community. It's the time of seminary for priests.
- Postulants are people actively discerning membership in a religious community.
- Novices are people in the initial stages of joining a religious community
- Profession – when one formally enters a religious order by taking vows, usually vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Diocesan priests take vows of chastity and obedience.

Responding to the Connecticut school shootings: A joint statement by three committees of the U.S. Conferences of Catholic Bishops stressed the need for "gun control, improved services for the mentally ill and a critical examination of the violence in today's movies, videos and television shows." One of the committees, Communications, is chaired by Bishop Wester.

The joint statement "urged U.S. legislators to support measures that control the sale and use of firearms and make guns safer. [It] also called on sensible regulations of handguns and limited access to assault weapons." The bishops further called upon "entertainers, particularly film producers and video game creators, to recognize the extent of violence in movies, television programs and video games, which ... have 'desensitized all of us.' The bishops said the tragic shooting also points to the need for society to 'provide health services and support to those who have mental illnesses and to their families and caregivers.'"

"A statement by the Leadership Conference of Women Religious similarly noted how the school shooting calls for gun control and efforts to change the culture of violence in the entertainment industry to prevent further tragedies."

-The quotations given above are from <http://www.catholicnews.com/data/stories/cns/1205354.htm>

St. Patrick's Parish in Salt Lake City is organizing a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Jordan, and Egypt. This trip is scheduled for the first two weeks of April, 2013. For more information, call Larry at 1-801-344-1436 or e-mail him at larrytito@msn.com.

COLLECTION, December 24-30

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Loose Checks	\$1227.00
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Christmas	<u>\$5447.00</u>
Total	\$10228.00
New Budget	<u>\$ 6162.00</u>
Above Budget	\$ 4066.00

Second Collection Building Fund	\$3168.00
Christmas	<u>\$ 220.00</u>
Total	\$3388.00

Legion of Mary Raffle	\$ 507.00
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MASS INTENTIONS SUNDAY, January 6th

8:30 AM Parishioners
10:30 AM Faithful Departed
12:30 PM Ints. Salvador Cardenas
3:00 PM + Librada Miranda

MONDAY, January 7th

9:00 AM + Bud Miller
6:30 PM Faithful Departed

TUESDAY, January 8th

9:00 AM + Corine Hummel by Jean Hummel
6:30 PM + Jose Ortiz

WEDNESDAY, January 9th

9:00 AM + Rev. William Flegge
6:30 PM + Martin & Juan Cruz

THURSDAY, January 10th

9:00 AM Those in Poverty
6:30 PM Souls in Purgatory by Guadalupe Aguado

FRIDAY, January 11th

9:00 AM Ints. Helen Gurule
6:30 PM + Josefina Bañuelos

SATURDAY, January 12th

5:30 PM Ints. Joe Granados
7:00 PM + Juan & Ignacio Lopez

Utah Valley University will celebrate Martin Luther King Day by inviting one of Dr. King's speech writers, Dr. Clarence Jones, to speak at the Grande Ballroom in the Sorensen Student Center at 10:00 a.m. on January 24. This event is open to the public and includes free admission and parking.

Job opening at the Diocese: The Diocese is looking for a Receptionist/Secretary to provide receptionist support for the Chancery Building and clerical support for the Office of Stewardship and Development. Send resume to Dolores Lopez, Director of Human Resources at dolores.lopez@diocslc.org, fax to 1-801-328-9680 or mail to 27 C St., Salt Lake City, UT 84103.

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