



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
January 3, 2010
Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come, the glory of the
Lord shines upon you.

— *Isaiah 60:1*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22 -- 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19 -- 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
- Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29 or Ps 104; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
 Jan. 4-10, 2010



- Monday**
8:00 am Ramon Suarez† - Joe & Gloria Alaniz
- Tuesday**
 8:00 am Beatrice Garcia† - Family
- Wednesday**
 6:30 pm Teofila “Adela” Zapata† - Zapata Family
- Thursday**
 8:00 am Sonny Pena Family - Dwight Perez Family
- Friday**
 8:00 am Rene Trinidad Rodriguez - Chano Rodriguez
- Saturday**
 6:00 pm Jose Homero Cavazos† - Cavazos Family
- Sunday**
 8:00 am Charlie & Lois Hickey† - Paul Hickey
 9:30 am Angie & Adrian Lopez† - Lopez & Flores
10:00 am Fernando Castro† - Steve & Judy Jaksik
12:00 pm Frank Pena† - Family
 6:00 pm Daniel Velasquez† - Dwight Perez Family

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Christmas Envelope Collection	\$8,969.25
Christmas Loose Collection.....	\$1,617.03
Children’s Collection.....	\$109.87
Envelope Collection 12/27/09	\$14,142.00
Loose Collection 12/27/09.....	\$651.80
Children’s Collection.....	\$107.56
Other Fees.....	\$97.00
Total	\$25,694.51

ST. MARY MISSION

Christmas Envelope Collection	\$238.00
Christmas Loose Collection.....	\$101.40
Envelope Collection 12/27/09	\$287.00
Loose Collection.....	\$18.30
Total	\$644.70

Dear Friends,



Thanks for coming to Holy Mass on this first week-end of 2010. May the Lord bless you and your family with health, peace, and all that you need for an enjoyable and happy New Year. I sincerely thank all who gave sacrificially of their time, talent and treasure during the past year and I pray that everyone will be involved in giving their very best during the coming year. As Matthew Kelly tells us in his book “Rediscovering Catholicism” we all need to work hard at becoming the “best version of ourselves” in order to be show God that we really love Him. We all need to remember that we only live once and we should strive to do our best in the vocation that God has given us by Baptism and our own decisions.

On the first page of the new calendars, which you received before Christmas, you will notice a picture of Lighthouse, an anchor and a windmill and the following words: “Each new year gives us the opportunity to renew our commitment as disciples of Jesus. We understand that all gifts are entrusted to us by God. We commit ourselves to return these gifts with increase. As stewards we offer our lives in service.”

The theme of Phil Lenahan’s January”Faith and Finances” addresses the importance of “Balancing Tithing, Saving, and Debt Reduction in a Down Economy” and he wrote the following: “An economic downturn can upend the best economic plans, but even during rough times, the principles you should use to set priorities for giving, saving and debt reduction remain the same. What are these principles?”

1. Recognize that all we have ultimately comes from the Lord and belongs to him (Dt. 10:14).
2. Be generous with the Lord as a way of thanking Him for the many gifts He has given you. The world says pay yourself first, but Scriptural principle is to pay God first (Pr. 3:9).
3. Have a plan and work the plan (Lk. 14:28-30).

In addition to paying the Lord from your first fruits, it’s a good idea - even during tough times - to give to a level that makes you stretch a bit. It’s called Sacrificial Giving, and the Lord honors such gifts, no matter the amount , because they are given out of love.

Before deciding how much to give, save, and apply to debt repayment, make sure you place all of these, along with the rest of your expenses into an annual spending plan. Without an effective plan, you’ll find yourself playing a shell game with your money, feeling as though you are making progress one moment, only to be caught off-guard by unexpected bills at another moment.

A well designed plan helps you see the big picture, allows you to make appropriate allocations between giving, saving and debt reduction, and provides a realistic understanding of the resources available for other categories. “God love you..”

Have a Happy and Peaceful New Year.
 Your friend,

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This Week at St. Peter Church

MONDAY: Mass 8 a.m.. Feast of St. Elizabeth Seaton

TUESDAY: Rosary 7:30 a.m. Mass 8:00 a.m. Feast of St. John Neumann ; Bible Class resumes at 8:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY: Novena & Rosary 6:00 p.m. Mass 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY: Mass 8:00 a.m. Feast of St. Raymond of Penafort; Julian Calendar Christmas; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting 7-9 p.m. RCIA Meeting 7-9 p.m.

FRIDAY: Rosary 7:30 a.m. Mass 8 a.m.

SATURDAY: Confessions 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass 6:00 p.m.

GOOD NEWS FOR YOUTH

CHOIR PRACTICE for H.S. is every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. and on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. in the church. Come join us in singing praise to the Lord.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH Coat & Blanket drive will be coming to an end next week. There is still time to donate your slightly used coats and blankets to those less fortunate.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR practice Wednesday, 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. All Children are invited.

CCD CLASSES RESUME - Sunday, January 3, 2010.

SIGNING OF THE SENSES FOR ALL SAC PREP 2 STUDENTS - JANUARY 9 & 10th. A special ceremony to be held at each of the weekend Masses. Come as a family to any Mass. No special seating required. During Mass the parents and their student(s) will be invited to come forward for a special ritual. The purpose of this Rite is to present and welcome your son/daughter, as a Candidate for First Holy Communion, to the Parish Community.

NEXT BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARENTS AND GODPARENTS THIS THURSDAY, JAN. 7, FROM 7-9 P.M.

Parents who have been active members of our parish for at least three months are eligible to attend these classes in St. John Religious Education Center. Please call our office at 241-3249 to register and for more information.

A VOCATION VIEW. Many adults never grow up. They continue to traipse across the earth looking for a shining star. Tell them who lights up your life, O Christian!

CONGRATULATIONS to Elias & Maria Angelina Trevino. They had their marriage blessed in St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles Church on Thursday, December 24, 2009.

Upcoming Events

PLEASE SUPPORT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY BBQ BY BUYING TICKETS TODAY. The profit from this benefit BBQ will be donated to our own Tom Matula and his wife Diana to help with the medical expenses involved in their granddaughter Sophia's six month hospital stay in Houston. Plates of BBQ Chicken, Rice & Beans only cost \$7.00 per plate. Serving 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. at the BBQ pit.

PARISH COUNCIL TO MEET ON MONDAY AT 7 P.M. This is our first meeting of 2010 and all elected and appointed members are urged to attend, advise and vote on important upcoming renovations and events. All parishioners are welcome to attend this Advisory Board Meeting.

LAST CALL FOR PARISH MINISTERS TO ATTEND "MINISTRY DAY CONFERENCE" AT AMERICAN BANK CENTER THIS COMING SATURDAY. Over 60 of our Ministers have already registered and if you wish to attend this 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Conference and hear excellent speakers, you must fill out a form and give it to us today of call our office at 241-3249 by Monday evening.

SMALL FATH SHARING GROUPS TO BEGIN "LONGING FOR THE HOLY" NEXT WEEK. You may still join one of the groups for this exciting 12 session program which will be held on different nights in host homes with trained leaders. Call our office at 241-3249 or Paul Hickey at 241-8662 to register or for more information.

MINI-RETREAT AND CONCERT TO TAKE PLACE HERE ON JANUARY 30-31. We are pleased to announce that Lorraine Hartsook, the Canadian award winning singer/song writer/public speaker, will conduct an afternoon Retreat for all adults entitled: "Our Catholic Call - Are we ready to go?" on Saturday Jan. 30 from 1-5 p.m. There will be three talks, singing, breaks and time for reflection. On Sunday evening, Jan. 31st Lorraine will hold a Country and Western Family Concert in our Church at 7:15 p.m. There is no charge for either event but please spread the word and bring a friend or two.

OUR FIRST "CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME" SERIES FOR 2010 IS SET TO BEGIN ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18 AT 7:15 P.M. These once a week sessions are designed to assist people who are eager to return to the Church and the Sacraments but have some questions and need more information. Deacon Al Cicora, a returned Catholic himself, is in charge and you may register yourself or a friend by calling our office at 241-3249. There is no charge.

GET READY FOR 'FAITH COMES BY HEARING' WHICH WILL START IN OUR DIOCESE ON ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17. Bishop Carmody invites all parishioners to listen to the New Testament during the holy season of Lent and this can be accomplished by listening to a MP3 dish or a Bible Stick for 28 minutes a day. More information in upcoming bulletins.