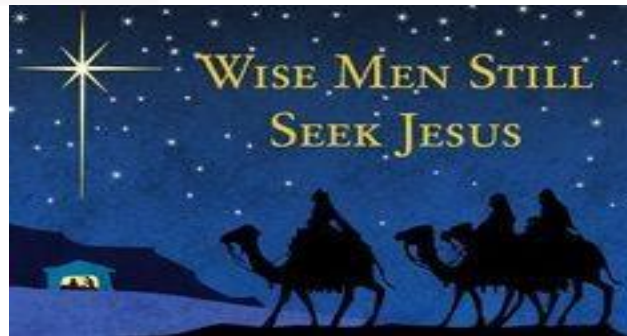


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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD January 5/6, 2019



### COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

- Jan. 4 – First Friday – Adoration following the 8:30 AM Mass
- Jan. 5/6 – The Feast of the Epiphany
- Jan. 11 – Pilgrimage to the Baptismal Site
- Jan. 12 – First Communion class resumes
- Jan. 12/13 – The Baptism of the Lord – **SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION**
- Jan 18 – 25 – Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Jan. 19/20 – The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)
- Jan. 22 – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of unborn children
- Jan 22 – 27 – World Youth Day in Panama
- Jan. 25 – Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul
- Feb. 1 - First Friday – Adoration following the 8:30 AM Mass
- Feb. 2 – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Blessing of Candles
- Feb. 2/3 – Blessing of candles and blessing of throats at both weekend Masses
- Feb. 3-5 – Papal Visit to Abu Dhabi
- Feb. 9/10 – **SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION**
- Feb. 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes
- February 16/17 – Renewal of Marriage Vows at both Masses*
- Feb/ 22 – Feast of the Chair of Peter
- March 1 - First Friday – Adoration following the 8:30 AM Mass
- March 4 – Novena of Grace to St. Francis Xavier begins
- March 9/10 – **SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION**
- March 12 – Canonization of St. Ignatius Loyola and St. Francis Xavier
- March 13 – **ASH WEDNESDAY**
- March 17 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent; Feast of St. Patrick
- March 19 – Feast of St. Joseph
- March 21 – Mother's Day in Jordan
- March 23 – First Confessions
- March 25 – Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord



Pope Francis'

MONTHLY  
PRAYER  
INTENTIONS

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.



If you are already starting to think about New Year's Resolutions – think about volunteering for one of the parish ministries. Lectors – Altar Servers – Care for the Poor Committee – (is Music and a small choir a dead issue?) – Liturgy of the Word for Children – and others. Think about it.

## OCTAVE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY

18-25 JANUARY

### A Prayer for Catholics in Their Homes, With Families, With Friends

+ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

“That they all may be one, as You, Father, in me and I in You; that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that You have sent me.”

**V.** I say to you, you are Peter;

**R.** And upon this rock I will build my Church.

-- Each day, meditate about and ask God's favor for the intention indicated: --

**January 18:** For the union of all Christians in the one faith and in the Church.

**January 19:** For the return of the Eastern Orthodox Christians to communion with the Holy See.

**January 20:** For the reconciliation of the Anglicans with the Holy See.

**January 21:** For the reconciliation between European Protestants throughout the world and the Catholic Community.

**January 22:** That Protestant Christians in the Americas, Africa, and Asia may be one, and reconciled in Christ with Catholicism.

**January 23:** That lapsed Catholics will return to the Gospel and to the Sacraments of the Church.

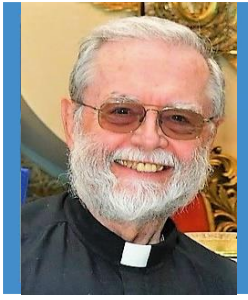
**January 24:** That the Jewish people come into their inheritance in Jesus Christ.

**January 25:** That missionary extension will extend the Gospel and knowledge of Christ with credibility and fidelity.

--Each day, conclude with this prayer: --Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, who said to Your Apostles: Peace I leave you, My peace I give to you; regard not our sins, but the faith of Your Church, and grant unto her that peace and unity which are agreeable to Your Will; Who live and reign forever, one God, world without end. Amen.

# ORDINARY TIME

If we look closely we will be able  
to find God in the ordinary of our lives.



# RAMBLINGS

## OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!** It's my last chance, until later this year. The Christmas Season goes until January 6<sup>th</sup>, so it is proper – and fun – to continue to use this special greeting for this special time of the year.

But New Year's Day has come and gone, and the ritual of the "New Year's resolution" is behind us. I won't ask what your resolutions are. Or were, in case they are already history. I will note that the list I made in 2015 is still mostly valid, in that it contains items I would really like to do, and that I haven't done fully enough to cross off the list. The one about losing weight I have been successful with, but it never comes off the list – it is a constant part of daily life.

As are so many items. True for our spiritual lives as well. "Love your neighbor." Sometimes very difficult but always on the list. I suspect we each have spiritual items on our list that always remain, week after week, confession after confession, year after year. The key, of course, is not that we have demolished that weakness or solved that problem; the question is, "Are we improving?" This side of death, we will never reach perfection. (Theologians are divided about whether we will ever reach perfection, or if perhaps heaven is an infinity of improvement.) We don't know anything about heaven, but we have a pretty good idea about life on earth. And we do believe with great confidence that God is more interested in our effort, our intention, than the degree to which we succeed.

So begin the year with celebrations and joy, with faith and trust, and above all, with confidence. God made us; God loves us; and we know the extent to which God has gone in order to provide us with a route to salvation. He sent His only Son, knowing full well what was going to happen to him. All thing considered, that is a pretty extravagant present.

Let us continue to pray for one another.

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Facebook: Go to Parish Group and ask to be admitted to the group. You will be.

On behalf of the Jesuit Fathers, the Jesuit Center and Sacred Heart Parish – to all those who had Christmas gifts for us, for all those who have contributed to generously to our work, for those who have worked with us in so many ways, both at Mass and outside of the physical Church – for those who are our friends, our supporters (again, in so many ways), for those who have been praying for us:



*Everyone in the parish is being remembered in my Christmas Novena of Masses, and of course, at each Mass during the weekend.*

**Fr. John**



## Possible Calendar Items for the Next Months

Here are some suggested items and dates for celebrations at Mass or other events in association with the Parish. If you think there is something left out, if you see possible conflicts, all suggestions and reflections are welcome. There are some things that are firm – First Confessions on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, and First Communion on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Liturgical dates like Ash Wednesday and Easter are also firm. We will try to build receptions in the church all around special events, and those will be announced once the other items are set. So please let Fr. John know if you see date that has a problem.

*February 16/17 – Renewal of Marriage Vows at both Masses*

*February 18 – Ask Fr. John*

*February 25 – Celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> – Father John Sings (Again!)*

*March 9 – Children’s Mass at Sweifieh*

*March 17/17 – 1st Sunday of Lent; Mass in Latin in both churches*

*March 23/24 – Mass of Anointing of the Sick at both Masses*

*April 8 – Ask Fr. John*

*May 11 – Children’s Mass at Sweifieh*

*June 1 / 2 – Farewell Mass and blessings for those leaving*

There are no small pilgrimages or trips. Suggestions are welcome. There are no days of recollection or Sunday morning Masses scheduled for Lent, because the response in the past has been weak.

**ADVENT BASKETS** – You may bring your baskets/cans to any Mass, or to the Jesuit Center. We would like to have all the Advent Basket cans by January 6 if possible. If that’s not possible, please get them turned in so we can use your gifts for others.

According to our records the following cans have not yet been turned in:

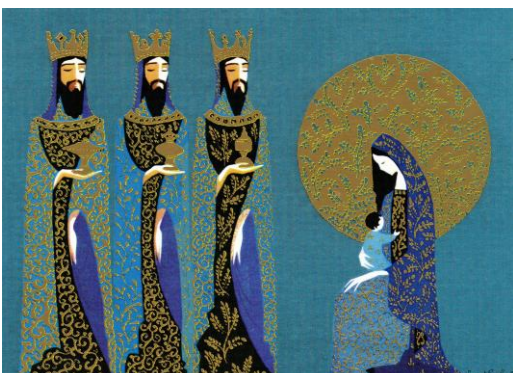
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## **WE NEED SOME HELP!!**

We are having great difficulty finding the right pots for our heating project. About 8 inches high (a little over 20cm) and 8.5 wide at the open top (21.6 cm), with a hole and made of clay. We have experimented with different shapes and have found nothing that works as well. We would like to start with 175 but so far, we have found nothing. Any concrete help would be greatly appreciated. We have visited a number of garden stores but they either have nothing but plastic or think clay (or clay and concrete) and they don’t do the job.

Many thanks.



## **ORDINARY TIME**

- Celebrated in 2 parts
- First: between Christmas and Lent
- Second: between Easter and Advent
- Celebrate life and teachings of Christ
- Seasonal color: green