

SAINT THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm;
from 2:00 to 5:00 pm; and from
6:00 to 8:00 pm (closed from
1:00 to 2:00 pm and
from 5:00 to 6:00 pm).

The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
is open 24/7. An electronic key is
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MASSES AND SERVICES

Monday-Saturday: 6:00 & 8:00 a.m.
Carmelite Cloister: 7:30 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.
Latin High Mass: 1:00 p.m.

Confessions: Wed: 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Sat: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Daily Rosary: Mon-Sat after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

First Friday: Mass and Confessions: 7:30 p.m.

Baptisms: Once a month on a Saturday

Weddings: Fill out an application (website or office) six months+ in advance

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Anointing of the Sick: Call the office to schedule an appointment.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(Grade School, Confirmation

for Youth & Adults,
RCIA, and Liturgical
Ministries): Call
the main office



FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY



While the hustle and bustle of Christmas ends for many people on December 26th, throughout Christian history Christmas lasts for twelve days—all the way until January 6 or until the second Sunday after Christmas. This feast marking the end of Christmas is called “Epiphany.” In the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church, Epiphany celebrates the revelation that Jesus was the Son of God. It focuses primarily on this revelation to the Wise Men, but also on Jesus’ Baptism in the Jordan and his miracle at the wedding at Cana.

In the Eastern rites of the Catholic Church, Theophany—as Epiphany is known in the East—commemorates the manifestation of Jesus’ divinity at his Baptism in the River Jordan. However, the meaning of the feast goes deeper than just the bringing of presents or the end of Christmas, says Fr. Hezekias Carnazzo, a Melkite Catholic priest and founding executive director of the Virginia-based Institute of Catholic Culture. “You can’t understand the Nativity without Theophany; and you can’t understand the Nativity without Epiphany.” The revelation of Christ as the Son of God—both as an infant and at His baptism—illuminates the mysteries of the Christmas season, he said. “Our human nature is blinded because of sin and we’re unable to see as God sees,” he told CNA. “God reveals to us the revelation of what’s going on.”

While the Western celebration of Epiphany (which comes from the Greek, meaning “revelation from above”), and the Eastern celebration of Theophany (meaning “revelation of God”), have developed their own traditions and liturgical significances, these feasts share more than the same day. “The Feast of Epiphany, or the Feast of Theophany, is a very, very early feast,” said Fr. Carnazzo. “It predates the celebration of Christmas on the 25th.” In the early Church, Christians, particularly those in the East, celebrated the advent of Christ on January 6 by commemorating the Nativity, the Visitation of the Magi, the Baptism of Christ, and the Wedding of Cana all in one feast of the Epiphany. By the fourth century, both Christmas and Epiphany had been set as separate feasts in some dioceses. At the Council of Tours in 567, the Church set both Christmas day and Epiphany as feast days on December 25th and January 6th, respectively, and named the twelve days between the feasts as the Christmas season. Over time, the Western Church separated the remaining feasts into their own celebrations, leaving the celebration of Epiphany to commemorate primarily the Visitation of the Magi to see the newborn Christ. Meanwhile, the Eastern Churches’ celebration of Theophany celebrates Christ’s baptism and is one of the holiest feast days of the liturgical calendar.

The celebration of the visitation of the Magi—whom the Bible describes as learned wise men from the East—has developed its own distinct traditions throughout the Roman Church. As part of the liturgy of the Epiphany, it is traditional to proclaim the date of Easter and other moveable feast days to the faithful—formally reminding the Church of the importance of Easter and the resurrection to both the liturgical year and to the faith. Other cultural traditions have also arisen around the feast. Dr. Matthew Bunson, EWTN Senior Contributor, talks about the “rich cultural traditions” in Spain, France, Ireland, and elsewhere that form an integral part of the Christmas season for those cultures. In Italy, La Befana brings sweets and presents to children not on Christmas, but on Epiphany. Children in many parts of Latin America, the Philippines, Portugal, and Spain also receive their presents on “Three Kings’ Day.”

By Adelaide Mena

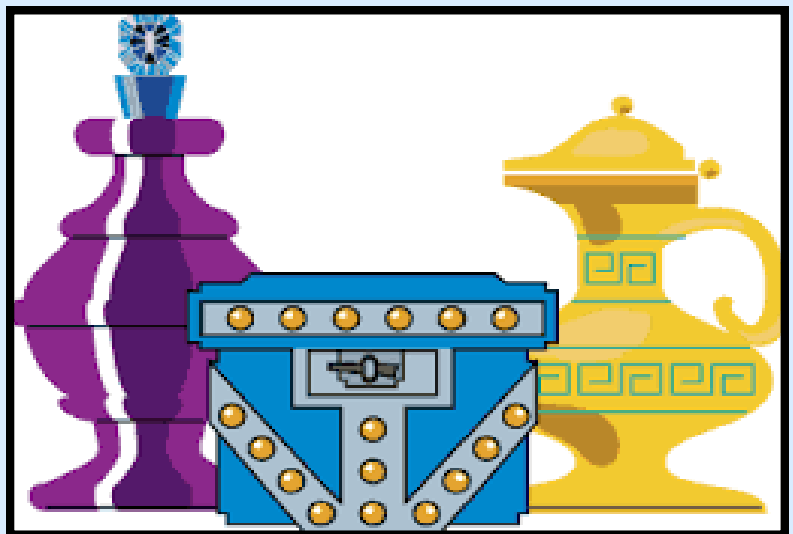
Meanwhile, in Ireland, Catholics celebrate “Women’s Christmas”—where women rest from housework and cleaning and celebrate together with a special meal. Epiphany in Poland is marked by taking chalk—along with gold, incense and amber—to be blessed at Mass. Back at home, families will inscribe the first part of the year, followed by the letters, “K+M+B+” and then the last numbers of the year on top of every door in the house. The letters, Bunson explained, stand for the names traditionally given to the wise men—Casper, Melchior and Balthazar—as well as for the Latin phrase “Christus mansionem benedicat,” or, “Christ, bless this house.”

These celebrations point to the family-centered nature of the feast day and of its original celebration with the Holy Family. The traditions also point to what is known—and what is still mysterious—about the Magi, who were the first gentiles to encounter Christ. While the Bible remains silent about the wise men’s actual names, as well as how many of them there actually were, we do know that they were clever, wealthy, and most importantly, brave. “They were willing to take the risk in order to go searching for the truth, in what they discerned was a monumental event,” he said, adding that the Magi can still be a powerful example.

Lastly, Bunson pointed to the gifts the wise men brought—frankincense, myrrh and gold—as gifts that point not only to Christ’s divinity and His revelation to the Magi as the King of Kings, but also to His crucifixion. In giving herbs traditionally used for burial, these gifts, he said, bring a theological “shadow, a sense of anticipation of what is to come.” Fr. Hezekias Carnazzo explains the significance of the feast of Theophany within the Eastern Catholic churches. “In our Christian understanding in the East, we are looking at creation through the eyes of God, not so much through the eyes of Man. In the feast of the Baptism of the Lord,” he continued, “there is special divine significance. With this feast day, God has come to reclaim us for Himself. Because of original sin, humanity has inherited ‘a human nature which has been dislocated from its source of life.’”

The feast of Theophany celebrates not only Christ’s conquering of sin through baptism, but also God’s revelation of Christ as His Son and the beginning of Christ’s ministry. “The baptism of the Lord, just like the Nativity, is not just an historical event: it’s a revelation,” Fr. Carrazzo said. To mark the day, Eastern Catholics begin celebrations with Divine Liturgy at the Church, which include a blessing of the waters of the baptistery. After the water is blessed, the faithful drink the water, and bring bottles of water to back to their homes for not only physical but spiritual healing. Many parishes hold feasts after the Liturgy is over.

In many Middle Eastern cultures, people also fry and eat “awamat,” dough that is fried until it floats, and then is covered in honey. During the Theophany season, priests also try to visit each home in the parish to bless the house with Holy Water that was blessed at Theophany.



BUS TO WEST COAST "WALK FOR LIFE"

Vox Vitae invites YOU to join them for the Walk for Life in San Francisco on January 25th!—less than three weeks from now! The Walk and its counterpart, the March for Life in Washington, DC, commemorate the anniversary of *Roe vs. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that stripped legal protection from unborn children on January 22, 1973. Since then, more than 60 million babies have been aborted in the United States. The Walk for Life is not a party. Rather, over 60,000 people gather together to remember the dead and resolve anew to work to end abortion. We remember also the wounded mothers, fathers, and other family members of the babies.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN to go to the 2020 Walk for Life (we'll have TWO buses!). Join us! You can register at VoxVitae.org at the Events page. Our tentative schedule on **Saturday, January 25, is:**



Please be a VOICE FOR LIFE! Register today!

Midnight - Check-in at St. Therese Church; **1:00 a.m.**—Depart; **7:00 a.m.**—Arrive in San Francisco; **7:30 a.m.**—Continental breakfast; **9:30 a.m.**—Mass at Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption; **11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**—Info Faire (Lunch can be purchased; bring your own lunch money!); **12:30-1:30 p.m.**—Speakers and rally; **1:30 p.m.**—Walk for Life; **4:30 p.m.**—Bus pick-up at Pier 1; **5:00 p.m.**—Protest at UCSF, the nation's abortion training headquarters and where they harvest organs from late-term babies; **5:30 p.m.**—Bus pick-up at UCSF; **6:00 p.m.**—FREE BBQ dinner at Our Lady Star of the Sea; **7:30 p.m.**—Bus pick-up at Our Lady Star of the Sea; **1:30 a.m.**—Arrive back at St. Therese Church on January 26.

The anniversary of *Roe vs. Wade* is an especially important time to demand legal protection for unborn babies.

BLOOD DRIVE THIS MONTH!

The Alhambra Knights of Columbus Council 2431 and St. Therese Church will host a Blood Drive on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.**, in the Parish Hall (benefitting the patients of City of Hope). Schedule your life-saving donation today! Either call our appointment line at 218-7171 or go online to www.idonateblood4hope.org (use Code: STAL). Although appointments are recommended, walk-ins are welcome. Please bring a valid photo ID or a passport to register. Donors must be in good health, with no cold or flu symptoms on the day of the Blood Drive. Each participant will receive one In-N-Out gift card after donating blood.



Each Saturday morning, volunteer Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring Our Lord to the Catholic residents of Brookdale Assisted Living facility in Alhambra. We are in need of additional volunteers to serve the Sick at this location. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Coordinator, Larry Regalado, at 788-6085.



Did you know...

a single blood donation can save up to 3 lives?

For any questions, please call the number listed above.

God bless you for caring!

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

"...for God loves a cheerful giver"
(2 Corinthians 9:7)

May God reward you! Below you will find the total collections for the last few weekends.

NOTE: The second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND each month is for our School (next is January 11 / 12).



Due to the holidays, this bulletin was printed before the weekends of December 21/22 and 28/29; therefore, those collection totals were not available at the time of publication.

November 23 / 24..... \$11,110.00
Nov. 30 / Dec. 1..... \$14,591.00
December 7 / 8.....\$33,519.00
December 14 / 15.....\$11,812.00

Check Users:
Please use a donation envelope in order to more easily credit your account.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



STRE (Kindergarten through 8th Grade, including Eucharist Preparation): Welcome back! Classes are in session today, **Sunday, January 5th.**

CONFIRMATION (High School): Classes for First Year (C1) are **TODAY, Sunday, January 5, at 9:00 a.m.,** and **Tuesday, January 7, at 7:00 p.m.** Classes for Second Year (C2) are **Sunday, January 26, at 9:00 a.m.,** and **Tuesday, January 28, at 7:00 p.m.**

RCIA: For those wishing to become Catholic or to complete your Sacraments, join us! Classes are held in the Parish Meeting Room on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Upcoming dates are **January 9, 16, 23, and 30.**

ST. VITUS DANCE ACADEMY

Attention: Students in Grades 5 through 12! Want to learn to dance? This class is perfect for beginners and experienced dancers alike! Ballroom styles will be covered, with a primary focus on East Coast Swing. In addition, students will be introduced to folk styles, such as Square, Contra, and English Country dancing. Through interactive lessons, students will learn how to connect rhythms from the music to their steps. At the completion of the classes, students will have learned a wide variety of dance steps, preparing them to confidently approach the dance floor on any occasion. As this class is cumulative, weekly attendance is recommended for the best class experience.



Classes will be held in the Parish Hall from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., on the following Fridays: **January 10, 17, 24, and 31.** Cost is \$5 per lesson (*paid monthly*). That's four lessons for \$20! Questions? Contact Jessica Standage at jcpianjo@yahoo.com or Michelle Sandberg at (323) 346-5012 (call or text).

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR JANUARY

Here are some more saints whose feast days are celebrated in the month of January. Find out how much you already know about them or be introduced to them for the first time. They are:

St. Genevieve

Bl. Thomas Plumtree

St. Julian of Cagliari

Ongoing Events/Meetings

BIBLE STUDY: Classes meet at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesdays** in the Parish Meeting Room **between September and June**. For more info, contact Debbie Robles at debrobles@me.com or at 679-6370.

CATHOLIC KARATE is for boys, girls, and men from 7 to 60. Learn self-defense, increased self-control, and confidence. For more info, contact John at SenseiJohnWrot@gmail.com.

CONSECRATION TO MARY: Follow-up group for those already consecrated to Jesus through His mother, the Mother of God. Meet at 6:30 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month. For more info, call Angela at (310) 701-8386.

DETENTION MINISTRY: If you're 21 or older, join us in visiting the youth (ages 8 to 18) in the Juvenile Detention Center in L.A. To sign up or for more info, call Sonia at (323) 724-6443.

EnCOURAGE: Standing fully by the teachings of the Church, we are a group of faithful Catholic parents who support one another and our loved ones with same sex attraction, through discussion, prayer, fellowship and sacrifice. Meet monthly in the LA Archdiocese with our chaplain in a safe confidential setting. For more info, contact your local chapter (EnCourage for **parents**: EnCourage.LosAngeles@gmail.com; OR **Courage LA for persons struggling with same sex attraction**: CourageCA.LosAngeles@gmail.com.)

FIRST FRIDAY MASS: Held every First Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: This group (originally formed in honor of Patricia Bordonaro) is for those grieving a loved one—no matter how long or for whom. We meet in the Parish Offices from **2:30 to 4:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month. The next meetings will be January 8 and 22.**

INTERCESSORS FOR PRIESTS PRAYER GROUP: Join us in the Avila Room in the Parish Offices to pray for priests every **Thursday at 8:00 p.m.** (following Benediction in the church). For more info, call Blanca at 281-7070.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: For Catholic men (18 or over) looking to strengthen their faith through serving the Church & community. Call the Alhambra Grand Knight, Frank Bodeman, at (888) 869-3124.

LEGION OF MARY: The object of the Legion is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation. Meetings are Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m., in the Parish Offices (Lisieux Room).

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: For info on Church teaching about openness to life, contact Jack & Katrina Crow at 292 -1906 or katrina.fcp@gmail.com for **English OR** Martha Lacayo for **Spanish** at 372-0808 or Martha.fcp@gmail.com. Introductory sessions to the Creighton Model FertilityCare System/NaproTechnology are normally on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Please contact one of them to register for the classes.

RISE MEN'S MINISTRY: All men who have made the challenge at www.MenRiseUp.org are encouraged to join us on **Saturday mornings for the Rosary at 6:45 a.m., followed by a video and discussion from 7:00 to 7:30 a.m.** in the Parish Meeting Room. For questions, contact Greg Keller at greglks@yahoo.com.

ROSARY MAKERS: Help make rosaries to be sent to Catholics in third-world countries. Sessions are held on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices. For more info, call Magda at (213) 300-7776.

ST. JOSEPH PRAYER GROUP: Come to the church every **Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.** to pray for peace and justice issues in our community and around the world. For more info, call Lucy at 281-3706.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious, January 4



Though her liturgical designation is "Religious," Elizabeth Seton was also a wife, mother, educator, and foundress. Born in New York City on August 28, 1774, into a wealthy Episcopalian family, Elizabeth married William Seton, whose untimely death in Italy, where the young family sought healing for William's tuberculosis, left her, at twenty-nine, a widow with five children. Inspired by the faith and charity of the Italian family with whom they stayed, Elizabeth embraced Catholicism, despite her family's disowning her and ceasing financial support. This woman of many firsts (and several vocations!) opened the first free Catholic school, beginning the American Catholic educational system, and founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. The tuberculosis that claimed her husband took also her oldest and youngest daughters and, finally, in 1821, at just forty-seven, Elizabeth herself. Another first: in 1975 she was canonized the **first native-born American saint**. Once asked to summarize her spirituality, she replied: *"Faith lifts the staggering soul on one side, hope supports it on the other, experience says it must be, and love says let it be!"*

Mass Intentions

Floral Dedications

**For the Week of
January 4 through January 11, 2020**

Saturday:

- 5:00 p.m.: Doris Marikian, RIP
- Sunday**
- *7:30 a.m.: Diane Bethea, RIP
- 7:30 a.m.: Parishioners
- 9:00 a.m.: Ralph Prather, RIP
- 11:00 a.m.: Cora Marie Shattuck, 1st Birthday
- 1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Arceli Evangelista, INT
- 5:00 p.m.: Gilberto Gomez, RIP

Monday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Candis Canzano & Bill Kaufman, INT
- *7:30 a.m.: Sr. Veronica, OCD, RIP
- 8:00 a.m.: Mariano B. Corradetti, RIP

Tuesday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Courtney Montoya, RIP
- *7:30 a.m.: Sr. Veronica, OCD, RIP
- 8:00 a.m.: Mariano B. Corradetti, RIP

Wednesday:

- 6:00 a.m.: George Ullrich, Jr.
- *7:30 a.m.: Julia Smith, RIP
- 8:00 a.m.: Mariano B. Corradetti, RIP

Thursday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Otto Lacayo, Jr., INT
- *7:30 a.m.: Maria Pimentel, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Jeannette Ferreira, RIP

Friday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Alvin Cailan, INT
- *7:30 a.m.: Rebecca Pimentel, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Leo Lacangan, RIP

Saturday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Arthur Gray, RIP
- *7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
- 8:00 a.m.: Mariano B. Corradetti, RIP

*Held at the Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road. Open to the public except on Sundays and holidays.



We will leave our poinsettias up through the Christmas season. However, you may call now to schedule your dedication (for a time after the Christmas season) in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of loved ones! Bouquets are \$50+ each. To arrange for a dedication, call Giovanna at 281-9049.

Outside the Parish

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HEROD AND THE EPIPHANY

Why impious Herod, vainly fear,
That Christ the Savior cometh here?
He takes no earthly realms away,
Who gives the crown that lasts for aye.
—Crudelis Herodes Deum