

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**Monday, January 4, 2021**

7:30 AM Catherine Stone
 12:30 PM Jose Cirne
 8:00 PM Spanish Intentions

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

7:30 AM Luis Aranibar
 12:30 PM Maria Barbosa Reis

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

7:30 AM John D. Palermo
 12:30 PM Bernadette Milek

Thursday, January 7, 2021

7:30 AM Nicolas Motto, Jr.
 12:30 PM Wilfredo Varela

Friday, January 8, 2021

7:30 AM Rev. Lawrence O'Leary
 12:30 PM Joao Barbosa

Saturday, January 9, 2021

5:00 PM Deceased Members of the
 Bowen Family
 Elizabeth Cox
 Vicencio Viegas
 Olinda & Ernesto Marques
 Ilda da Silva
 Maria Rosa Pedro
 Dr. Peter Calabretta

Sunday, January 10, 2021

7:00 AM Candido Ribeiro
 8:30 AM Portuguese Intentions
 10:00 AM Matthew Thompson
 11:30 AM People of the Parish
 5:00 PM Isabel Jimenez
 Henry Medina
 7:00 PM Vincent & Viola Romano

PRIEST CELEBRANTS' SCHEDULE**Saturday, January 9, 2021**

5:00 PM Fr. Malcolm

Sunday, January 10, 2021

7:00 AM Fr. Malcolm

8:30 AM Fr. Tomaz

10:00 AM Fr. Ngozi

11:30 AM Fr. Ngozi

5:00 PM Fr. Tomaz

7:00 PM Fr. Malcolm

(Schedule is subject to change)

Corpus Christi Mass on YouTube

This Sunday January 3rd, you can watch Fr. Malcolm celebrate the English and Portuguese Masses, & Fr. Tomaz celebrate the Spanish Mass. The English Mass will be on YouTube as of 7:00 AM on Sunday, the Spanish Mass will be available at 7pm & the Portuguese Mass will be available after 11am. Please type tgomide to watch the Mass in the language of your choice from the comfort of your homes or wherever you are. The masses will be posted to our Facebook page as well. Tell all your friends and family about it so they too can watch.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior? (Our Sunday Visitor, *ibid.*, page 16).

Dec. 27th Actual Collection = \$7,626

Dec. 27th Mail-In Donations \$4,313

Total Collection = \$11,939

Dec. 27th Attendance = 675

Maintenance Collection = \$2,962

2020 Christmas Gifts = \$43,196

Flowers = \$2,631

Attendance = 865





Pastor's Notes

I hope and pray that the Spirit of the Christ-Child came upon your souls and families this Christmas past, along with the new year of 2021 that we now celebrate. December 24/25 were certainly different this year in Church; with much lower Mass attendance because of the torrential rains, howling winds (thank God it wasn't snow and ice falling!!); and of course the ongoing pandemic fears.

Nevertheless, nearly 900 people braved the elements to come and adore our new-born Savior. Hundreds more watched one of our 3 online Masses in English, Spanish and Portuguese; so that in the comfort of their home and family, we could all remember the mystery of the Word made flesh in the Baby of Bethlehem. Indeed, Christmas is not just the one day; but extends as a season right up to the Baptism of Jesus on 10 January. In earlier times, the joy of the Nativity culminated on 2 February, with the Presentation of the Child in the temple 40 days after His birth,, at the hands of Mary and Joseph. Let us all pray with the Holy family that this new year of 2021 will bring our lives and world to a deeper faith in God, who overcomes all our fears and failures!

As your Pastor, I continue to marvel all year long at your incredible generosity and support of Corpus Christi, despite all the challenges we have faced. Your prayers and financial support, whether from the pews or from your couch, have been tremendous in keeping our Church going strong. Especially the Easter collections (when we were completely closed down) and the Christmas collections (when we were limited) proved to be great signs of your Catholic commitment to an even larger Church that has been struggling (our Diocese declaring bankruptcy in the Fall of 2020). We will continue to operate as a Body of Christ with financial transparency and honesty for the glory of the Kingdom of God!

Since I have been a priest for more than 30 years, I have always asked a young couple on Christmas Eve, if I could carry their new-born child in the entrance procession at Mass. They have always said yes, and I never had a child cry (nor did I ever come close to dropping one, God forbid!), sad to say, this year there were no babies in Church. Until...the last Mass on Christmas Day at 11:30am, a young husband, wife, and grandparents walked in with their 6- month first-born son Philip. At the final moment before entering to “O Come All Ye Faithful”, I asked, they smiled yes, and Philip radiantly represented the heavenly hope of all new-borns on Christmas!



Finally, on a rather personal note, I mentioned at some of the Christmas Masses that I will be going for heart surgery at St. Francis Hospital this January. I did not have a heart attack, nor a stroke, nor coronavirus. But much to my surprise, I did learn recently that I have a small hole in my heart that has been there since birth. Apparently, all babies in the womb have a cardiac hole, so that the mother can properly supply oxygenated blood to the unborn child. After birth, the hole closes on most new-borns, but not always. Some of you like me, may have been living a healthy life with this condition problem free. But now I need this simple surgery,(in and out, in one day) with the outstanding medical team at St. Francis. Please keep me in your heart and prayers. May God bless all our souls, living and deceased, this new year 2021!!!

Yours in Christ,
Father Malcolm



“Lunch with Jesus in Communion”**Coming New for Corpus Christi in the New Year 2021****12:30pm Mass daily, Monday through Friday**

Corpus Christi and St Aidan’s are not only connected by Willis Avenue. More deeply, we are united in the sacred gift of the Eucharist. Even though there are less priests to serve, we still want to make Christ in the Mass available to more people. Beginning on 4 January, St. Aidan’s will be ceasing their 12:30pm Mass, and continuing the 9:00am Mass (especially for the sake of the school children!). Corpus Christi will begin a 12:30pm Mass, while discontinuing our 9:00am Mass. We hope and pray that this will provide for a spiritual exchange of parishioners, in building up the Body of Christ in both E. Williston and Mineola!!

Yours in Christ;
Father Malcolm J. Burns

P.S. There will be no change in the weekend Mass schedule for both parishes.



Bishop Anjay Fr. Tomaz Fr. Rich
 Fr. Malcolm Fr. Ngozi Troy
 Deacon Brian Mrs. Anaischik Frannie
 Kenny Irene Mary Ann Rob Nuria
 Fatima Eddie Paula Jackie



The Solemnity of Mary

January 1, 2021
 (Holy Day of Obligation)

The Solemnity of Mary is the feast day honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary's motherhood in the wake of the birth of the baby Jesus Christ. On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's sanctioning of God's plan with her words, "Be it done to me according to thy word". Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace", the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace".

The Epiphany of the Lord

The Feast of the Three Kings
 January 3, 2021

The Epiphany, will be celebrated on the 3rd of January when we remember the Wise Men (also sometimes called the Magi) who visited Jesus and represent all the nations and peoples of the Earth who are drawn to the radiance of the Christ-Child.



Religious Education Update

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

Classes resume for Sections A-J

FHC **Teacher** Meeting

3:45 PM 2A-2L (*Mrs. Rosier*)

5:15 PM 2B-2M (*Ms. DeSousa*)

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

FHC **Teacher** Meeting

6:00 PM IC-2, IC-3 (*Ms. Carmen*)

Sunday, January 10, 2021

9:30 AM Gr. 3-4 (*Fitzgerald Hall*)

10:00 AM Gr. 3-4 Class Mass

Monday, January 11, 2021

7:00 PM First Holy Communion *Parent* Meeting in Fitzgerald Hall for these classes only:

2A-2L (*Mrs. Rosier*)

2B-2M (*Ms. DeSousa*)

2D (*Mrs. Gandarela*)

2P (*Mrs. Picarello*)

Kindly follow the directions requested on the invitational postcard.

***Twenty Minutes with the Director
resumes on...***

Sunday, January 10th Grades 3 and 4

Sunday, January 17th Grades 5 and 6

Sunday, January 24th Grades 7, 8, 9

**Sunday, January 31st Grades 1, 2, IC-2,
IC-3**

First Communion Outfits

The Religious Education Office will gladly accept *gently used or new* First Communion dresses and suits. Sizes 10 and 12 tend to be needed, but we will accept all sizes.

Please contact Mrs. Anaischik at 516-294-0631 or sanaischik@verizon.net



CMA Numbers for 2020

Goal = \$99,400

Pledges = \$51,658

Payments = \$47,443

Donors = 371

Average = \$139

Thank you to all the families who already have made a sacrificial gift. Please consider a yearly offering.



Please remember the sick in your daily prayers, including the following who have asked to be included in our list:

Connie Altvater, Armandina Araujo, Vinnie Benedetto, Violeta Bernal. Anne Boland, Erin Burke, Marie Byrnes, Jeanne Carroll, Michael Castalino, Arlene Cavanagh, Frank de Carolis, Sue Citro, Joann Cornacchioli, James Cunney, Anthony Donnelly, Kate Donovan, Virginia Fallon, Joanne Fitzgerald, Lilly Fuentes, Kenneth Gallagher, Vanessa Gomes, Robert Hartlett, Eileen Hendrickson, Maryann Iaquinto, Sue Krebs, Diane LaBianca, Joseph LaBianca, Vincent Lodato, Christine Lucivero, Jason Lopes, Pat Nicolosi, Susan O'Brien, Melissa Ogunsuyi, Gabriel Palhete, Linda Pires, JoAnn Russo, Mary Santucci, Robert Santucci, Lisa Simeone, Alice Squeri, Beatriz Silva Pontes, Paul Tubito, Lorraine Verdade, Phillip Washburn, and any other members of our parish who are sick at this time.



*Please Pray For
The Deceased*



**Jack Estevinho
Ann Phelan**

Español

EPIFANIA DEL SEÑOR



Epifanía que significa **manifestación**, es el nombre que lleva la Fiesta de hoy, porque en ella celebramos la manifestación de Cristo a los pueblos paganos a través de los Magos; otras dos le habían precedido: la primera tuvo lugar en el nacimiento mismo de Cristo, cuando Él se manifestó a María, a José y a los ángeles, quienes, al anunciárselo a los pastores los hicieron representantes de la manifestación a todo el Pueblo de Israel. En la solemnidad de hoy se celebra la manifestación de Jesús a todos los pueblos de la tierra que están representados por los Magos los cuales impulsados por unos signos extraordinarios, salieron de su país para rendir homenaje y adorar el recién nacido. Hay que añadir que la manifestación de Cristo tendrá su plenitud en la fiesta del Bautismo, cuando Dios-Padre proclamará solemnemente: *Éste es mi hijo amado, en quien me complazco* (Mat 3, 17). En el pasaje evangélico nos hemos encontrado con unos importantes personajes venidos de lejanas tierras de Oriente, Magos los llama san Mateo, han llegado a Jerusalén y preguntan por *el Rey de los judíos que ha nacido y quieren adorarlo* (Mt 2,2). Ni el Pueblo judío, ni sus representantes religiosos se han enterado de nada, ni tampoco al parecer les interesa. Qué diferencia de actitud! Ahí están los Magos, paganos ellos, obedientes a una intuición misteriosa llegan hasta Jesús, lo reconocen como el enviado de Dios y *cayendo de rodillas lo adoraron; después, abriendo sus cofres le ofrecieron regalos: oro, incenso y mirra* (Mt 2, 11).



Primera Lectura: profeta Isaías (60, 1-6)

Levántate y resplandece, Jerusalén, porque ha llegado tu luz y la gloria del Señor alborea sobre ti. Mira: las tinieblas cubren la tierra y espesa niebla envuelve a los pueblos; pero sobre ti resplandece el Señor y en ti se manifiesta su gloria. Caminarán los pueblos a tu luz y los reyes, al resplandor de tu aurora.



Las lecturas de la Epifanía tienen como tema central la llegada y la manifestación del Mesías el gran Esperado y anunciado con numerosas referencias y símbolos por los profetas del Antiguo Testamento. Ahí está el profeta Isaías que, a la hora de anunciar la alegría de la vuelta de los desterrados de Babilonia eleva este grito: *Levántate, Jerusalén, porque llega tu luz; la gloria del Señor amanece sobre ti*. El profeta anunciará que vendrán desde tierras lejanas a ofrecer sus regalos a Jerusalén, trayendo oro e incenso, pasaje que inspirará la escena de los Magos que vienen a adorar al Niño.



Português

FESTA DA EPIFANIA DO SENHOR



EVANGELHO DE MATEUS 2, 1-12

Tinha Jesus nascido em Belém da Judeia, nos dias do rei Herodes, quando chegara a Jerusalém uns Magos vindo do Oriente. Onde está – perguntaram eles – o rei dos judeus que acaba de nascer? Nós vimos a sua estrela no Oriente e viemos adorá-Lo. Ao ouvir tal notícia, o rei Herodes ficou perturbado e, om ele, toda a cidade de Jerusalém. Reuniu todos os príncipes dos sacerdotes e escribas do povo e perguntou-lhes onde devia nascer o Messias. Eles responderam: Em Belém da Judeia, porque assim está escrito pelo Profeta: Tu, Belém, terra de Judá, não és de modo nenhum a menor entre as principais cidades de Judá, pois de ti sairá um chefe, que será o Pastor de Israel, meu povo. Então Herodes mandou chamar secretamente os Magos e pediu-lhes informações precisas sobre o tempo em que lhes tinha aparecido a estrela. Depois enviou-os a Belém e disse-lhes: Ide informar-vos cuidadosamente acerca do Menino; e, quando O encontrardes, avisai-me, para que também eu vá adorá-lo. Ouvido o rei, puseram-se a caminho. E eis que a estrela que tinham visto no Oriente seguia à sua frente e parou sobre o lugar onde estava o Menino. Ao ver a estrela, sentiram grande alegria. Entraram na casa, viram o Menino com Maria, sua Mãe, e, prostrando-se diante d'Ele, adoraram-n'O. Depois, abrindo os seus tesouros, ofereceram-Lhe presentes: ouro, incenso e mirra. E, avisados em sonhos para não voltarem à presença de Herodes, regressaram à sua terra por outro caminho.



Nós celebramos hoje a manifestação de Jesus a todos os povos, representados pelos magos provenientes de terras distantes. Eles seguiram a estrela até Belém, onde encontraram o Menino Deus e ofereceram-lhe presentes: ouro, incenso e mirra. Os magos representam a todos os povos da terra que procuram a presença de Deus. O nascimento de Jesus foi totalmente rejeitado por Herodes. Os sacerdotes do templo, os escribas, conheciam as escrituras, mas não estavam interessados na presença do Messias que acabava de nascer. O povo de Jerusalém está muito ocupado em tantas coisas e não tem tempo para encontrar o Salvador recém nascido. São os estrangeiros, os pagãos representados pelos reis magos que veem a estrela, deixam tudo e vão à procura do recém nascido Rei dos Judeus. Vamos adorar profundamente ao Pai, com os magos e com todos os que reconhecem e adoram o Senhor, oferecendo-Lhe também os nossos dons, que agora não serão mais ouro, incenso e mira, mas o próprio Jesus Cristo, imolado e recebido em comunhão no seu Corpo e Sangue.

INTENÇÕES PARA A SEXTA-FEIRA, DIA 8

+Daniel Pereira + Fernando, Rosalina & Domingos Pereira + Alvaro & Ilda Ramalhete

INTENÇÕES PARA O DOMINGO DIA 10

+ António e Helena Mendes + António e Claudina Pereira + Rosa Mendes Correia + Irmã Maria Macedo + Daniel Pereira + Jack Estevinho

AVISO IMPORTANTE

Vamos ter missa em português nas segundas e quartas SEXTAS-FEIRAS do mês. Não haverá mais missa na última SEXTA-FEIRA do mês, e sim na segunda e quarta SEXTAS-FEIRAS do mês.