

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**Monday, January 8, 2024**

7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory
 12:30 PM Joao Barbosa
 7:30 PM Spanish Mass

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

7:30 AM The Unborn
 12:30 PM Fr. Bruno Arcenas

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

7:30 AM Candido Ribeiro
 12:30 PM Sally (Living) & Charles Patterson

Thursday, January 11, 2024

7:30 AM Kevin Boland
 12:30 PM Catherine Mannix

Friday, January 12, 2024

7:30 AM Victims of War
 12:30 PM Robert Glyn Harlett

Saturday, January 13, 2024

5:00 PM Joan Schenk
 Gaetano & Dominica Scarcella
 Olinda & Ernesto Marques
 Vicencio Viegas
 Ilda da Silva
 In honor of Our Lady of Fatima &
 Souls in Purgatory
 Rosa Oliveira Fernandes

Sunday, January 14, 2024

7:00 AM Isaura & Jose Goncalves, Jr. & Sr.
 8:30 AM Portuguese Intentions
 10:00 AM Antonio Oliveira Lopes
 11:30 AM People of the Parish
 5:00 PM Spanish Intention
 7:00 PM Tommy Esteban Pereira

PRIEST CELEBRANTS' SCHEDULE**Saturday, January 13, 2024**

5:00 PM Fr. Malcolm

Sunday, January 14, 2024

7:00 AM Fr. Ngozi

8:30 AM Fr. Tomaz

10:00 AM Fr. Ngozi

11:30 AM Fr. Malcolm

5:00 PM Fr. Tomaz

7:00 PM Fr. Malcolm

(Schedule is subject to change)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure

“They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” - Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday December 24th Actual Collection = \$9,690

Sunday December 24th Mail-In Donations = \$2,136

Sunday December 24th Electronic Donations = \$861

Sunday December 24th Total Collection = \$12,687

Attendance = 675

Sunday December 31st Actual Collection = \$8,636

Sunday December 31st Mail-In Donations = \$1,440

Sunday December 31st Electronic Donations = \$1,215

Sunday December 31st Total Collection = \$11,291

Maintenance = \$3,622

Attendance = 1,035

Christmas to date = \$45,237

Christmas flowers to date = \$2,373

Attendance = 1,967

2023
CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL
PROCESS OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*One Family - Journeying together in
 Communion, Participation and Mission*

**CMA Numbers for 2023**

Goal = \$95,900

Pledges = \$47,785

Payments = \$47,685

Donors = 179

Average = \$267

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



*Please Pray For
 The Deceased*



Anna Catalano



1 January 2024

Happy New Year from all the Corpus Christi Parish Staff!

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





Mineola Choral Society

Chorus and Orchestra

Dr. Meg Messina, Music Director & Conductor

presents

Winter Concert 2024 Of Earth and Sky

Sunday, February 4, 2024, 3 PM

Corpus Christi RC Church, 155 Garfield Avenue, Mineola NY 11501

The program features classical and contemporary works exploring our earthly humanity and the vastness of the sky. Accompanied by the Orchestra of the Society, the 70-voice chorus will perform Mozart's *Missa Brevis in G*, K140, Faure's *Cantique de Jean Racine*, John Rutter's song cycle *When Icicles Hang* and poetic settings by contemporary composers Eric Barnum, Morris Lauridsen, Gwyneth Walker and Elaine Hagenberg. There will also be a special performance by the *Mineola High School A Capella Singers*.

Tickets \$25 • Seniors \$20

Advance-Sale Tickets (before January 19) \$20

Students with student ID \$15 (Purchase at the door)

Call 516-294-1175

Tickets at \$25 may be purchased at www.mineolachoralsociety.org

Holiday Thank You from Parish Outreach



On behalf of all of us here in Parish Outreach, we would like to thank you for your immense generosity to our pantry during our Thanksgiving Blessing Bag and Christmas Giving Tree drives. Due to your generous response to these drives, we were able to provide food, hams, chickens, some turkeys and supermarket gift cards to our clients so that 250 people were able to have a substantial meal on their table during the holidays.

During these two drives, you, our wonderful parishioners, donated over \$7,500 in gift cards, cash and hundreds and hundreds of pounds of food, chickens and hams to help us provide for those who are suffering from food insecurity. Additionally, the donations you made at Thanksgiving and Christmas not only helped to feed our clients and their families now but will also be used to support them going forward throughout the winter and early spring.



Your support of our brothers and sisters in our community who are in need truly reflects your devotion to our parish and the embodiment of our parish motto ***“You Together Are My Body”***

Religious Education

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| Sunday, January 7, 2024 | 9:30 AM Gr. 1, 2, IC-2 10:00 AM Class Mass <i>Feast of the Epiphany</i> |
| Sunday, January 14, 2024 | 9:30 AM Gr. 3, 4 10:00 AM Class Mass |

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| | Junior Lectors | 10:00 AM Mass |
| Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024 | Michael Marketti and Luigi Sartori | |
| Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024 | Lisbeth McIntosh and Ana Pereira | |
| Sunday, Jan. 28, 2024 | Brendan Ludwig and Diana Lima | |

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| | <i>Twenty Minutes with the Director</i> | |
| <i>Sunday, January 14, 2024</i> | <i>Grades 3, 4</i> | |
| <i>Sunday, January 21, 2024</i> | <i>Grades 5, 6</i> | |
| <i>Sunday, January 28, 2024</i> | <i>Grades 7,8, IC-4</i> | |

Coloring Page





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

Connie Altvater, Aurora Antunes, Armandina Araujo, Vinnie Benedetto, Violeta Bernal, Anne Boland, Diane Bombardi, Erin Burke, Marie Byrnes, Jeanne Carroll, Michael Castalino, Frank de Carolis, Sue Citro, Christine Englund, Emmanuel Colon, Joann Cornacchioli, James Cunney, Jerry Daraio, Kate Donovan, Virginia Fallon, Laurie Fefta, Lilly Fuentes, Anne Gallagher, Kenneth Gallagher, Vanessa Gomes, Sue Krebs, Pat Kober, Diane LaBianca, Joseph LaBianca, Lorraine Liqury, Vincent Lodato, Christine Lucivero, Augustus & Camella Lodato, Jason Lopes, Thomas Mitchell, Susan O'Brien, Gabriel Palhete, Linda Pires, Dennis Radovic, Elizabeth Rose, JoAnn Russo, Mary Santucci, Robert Santucci, Ann Schwarz, Lisa Simeone, Lucy Elena Svirichi, Paul Tubito, Lorraine Verdade, and any other members of our parish who are sick at this time.



**Corpus Christi Council #2502
Annual Kids Free Throw Tournament
Friday Night January 19, 2024
7:00 pm at the Corpus Christi Gym**

Open to all Children 9 to 14 years of age. Must bring proof of age: either a passport or Birth Certificate.

THANK YOU

"The Knight of Columbus and the Columbiettes would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all who stopped by at our Food Drive on Sunday December 10, 2023. Because of your generousness we were able to collect between 500 and 600 pounds of food for the food pantries of Corpus Christi and St. Aiden's. Both pantries expressed their appreciation and gratitude for the donations that were provided. It will come in handy during this Christmas Season"



Our Vincentian vocation, is a calling from God. If you hear the call, it's for you. What matters most to our own salvation then, is not the call, but our answer to it.

God's call can come in many forms—a nagging feeling we cannot shake, and event in our lives that holds a deeper meaning, a scripture reading, in times of prayer and reflection. His call is not bound by our attention to it.

Even after having heard the call, we often question our fitness to answer. "Am I holy enough?", "Am I really a leader?", "Do I have the compassion, to be a home visitor?", "Can I teach Religious Ed?". "Can I be a Eucharistic minister"?

If God does call you, He will give you the graces you need to fulfill His will. We can list all reasons why we can't; obligations, shortcomings, or our self-doubt. God already knows all of this about us before calling us.

When Gabriel appeared before Mary to tell her she would bear a child by the power of the Holy Spirit, he was asking her to do some very difficult things. She believed she was to carry the Son of God, but would the people in her community see it that way? What would her betrothed think?, Was she capable of raising a child?. The angel made it clear that God had already given her all the gifts and graces she would need to do His will.

He knows what we can do, even if we don't, for the Lord's with us, He has given us the grace we need. Do not be afraid!

Are you hesitant to answer God's call because you doubt your own gifts? Why not come and join with our Vincentians and reach out to the needy in Mineola?

HAPPY & BLESSED NEW YEAR!

Español

EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR



EVANGELIO DE SAN MATEO 2, 1-12

Jesús nació en Belén de Judá, en tiempos del rey Herodes. Unos magos de Oriente llegaron entonces a Jerusalén y preguntaron: *“Dónde está el rey de los judíos que acaba de nacer? Porque vimos surgir su estrella y hemos venido a adorarlo”*. Al enterarse de esto, el rey Herodes se sobresaltó y toda Jerusalén con él. Convocó entonces a los sumos sacerdotes y a los escribas del pueblo y les preguntó donde tenía que nacer el Mesías. Ellos le contestaron: *“En Belén de Judá, porque así ha escrito el profeta: Y tú, Belén, tierra de Judá, no eres en manera alguna la menor entre las ciudades ilustres de Judá, pues de ti saldrá un jefe, que será el pastor de mi pueblo, Israel”*. Entonces Herodes llamó en secreto a los magos, para que le precisaran el tiempo en que se les había aparecido la estrella y los mandó a Belén, diciéndoles: *“Vayan a averiguar cuidadosamente qué hay de ese niño, y cuando lo encuentren, avisenme para que yo también vaya a adorarlo”*. Después de oír al rey, los magos se pusieron en camino, y de pronto la estrella que habían visto surgir, comenzó a guiarlos, hasta que se detuvo encima de donde estaba el niño. Al ver de nuevo la estrella, se llenaron de inmensa alegría. Entraron en la casa y vieron al niño con María, su madre, y postrándose, lo adoraron. Después, abriendo sus cofres, le ofrecieron regalos: oro, incienso y mirra. Advertidos durante el sueño de que no volvieran a Herodes, regresaron a su tierra por otro camino.



Mateo es el único evangelista que integra en su relato el acontecimiento que celebramos hoy: la llegada de los Magos a Belén. Nos dice que vienen de lejos, de Oriente, en un largo viaje, guiados por la estrella del Mesías, hasta postrarse ante el Niño.

Por qué se tomaron tantas molestias? No por mera curiosidad, sino porque buscaban algo, o mejor a alguien, que era importante para sus vidas. Su búsqueda era sincera, no así la de Herodes. Éste se sobresalta porque intuye la llegada de un poder que piensa que puede3 amenazar el suyo. Los humanos somos, como los Magos, buscadores de sentido. Nada hay en la tierra ni en los cielos, por gozoso y hermoso que sea, que satisfaga plenamente nuestro deseo de ser felices. Decía San Agustín, otro buscador incansable, *“que nos hiciste, Señor, para tí y nuestro corazón está inquieto hasta llegar a tí”*. Aunque nuestro caminar no es siempre rectilíneo, sino en ocasiones sinuoso y confuso; no es un plácido paseo sino un recorrido lleno de sorpresas y sobresaltos. A veces se hace fatigoso, atisbamos la luz de la estrella o retornamos a la oscuridad de la noche, incluso algunos que pueden orientarnos no son del todo sinceros con nosotros. Pero, al final la perseverancia tiene su premio, así como la lucidez para encontrarnos con Dios. La liturgia de hoy nos lleva al momento feliz en que los Magos, tras un largo viaje, encuentran a Jesús y le ofrecen el oro que merece como Rey, el incienso que reconoce su divinidad y la mirra que honra su humanidad. Es la confesión de la fe ante el misterio de nuestro Dios que se manifiesta ahecho hombre, hecho niño. Tras haberse revelado a María y a José, a los ángeles y a los pastores, se muestra hoy a los gentiles, a los que le buscan El Papa Francisco ha dejado escrito que *“una gran alegría invade a los Magos ante el Niño. No se dejan escandalizar por la pobreza del ambiente; no dudan en ponerse de rodillas a adorarlo”*. Participamos de esa fe reverente de los Magos en la Eucaristía.



Levántate, resplandece,
porque ha llegado tu luz
y la gloria del SEÑOR ha
amanecido sobre ti.

Isaias 60:1

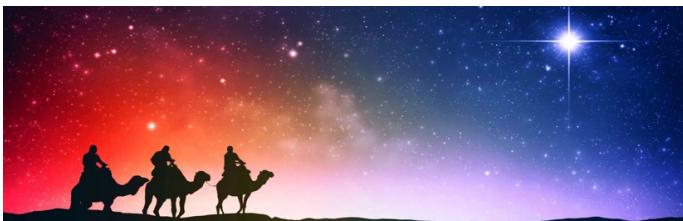
Português

EPIFANIA DO SENHOR



EVANGELHO DE SÃO MATEUS 2, 1-12

Tinha Jesus nascido em Belém da Judeia, nos dias do rei Herodes, quando chegaram a Jerusalém uns Magos vindos 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, com 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 dele, adoraram-no. 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.



Hoje celebramos a festa da Epifania, que significa aparição do Senhor. No Oriente, onde nasceu, esta festa tinha sido instituída não para recordar os Magos, mas o nascimento de Jesus, o Natal, a aparição da Luz. No Ocidente – onde o Natal era celebrado a 25 de Dezembro – foi acolhida no século IV e tornou-se a festa da manifestação da luz do Senhor aos pagãos e do chamamento universal de todos os povos à salvação em Cristo. O Menino do presépio é uma luz que se acende na noite do mundo e atrai a si todos os povos da terra. Neste Evangelho Mateus não pretende descrever uma visita de personagens importantes ao Menino do presépio, mas sim apresentar Jesus como o enviado de Deus Pai, que vem oferecer a salvação de Deus aos homens de toda a terra. Mateus descreve para leitores que conhecem bem o Antigo Testamento e que há séculos esperam ver aparecer a estrela de que fala uma misteriosa profecia contida no livro dos Números. Em Números 22-24 é narrada a curiosa história de Balaão. Balaão era um adivinho, um mago do Oriente, precisamente como aqueles que fala o Evangelho de hoje. Um dia, ele, sem querer, faz uma profecia: *“Eu vejo, mas não para já, contemplo-o, mas ainda não próximo: uma estrela surge de Jacob e um ceptro se ergue de Israel. De Jacob ele vai descer”*. Desde então os Israelitas começaram a esperar com ânsia o despontar daquele Estrela que não era senão o próprio Messias.



A primeira leitura anuncia a Jerusalém a chegada da luz salvadora de Deus. Essa luz transfigurará o rosto da cidade, iluminará o regresso a casa dos exilados na Babilónia e atrairá à cidade de Deus povos de todo o mundo.

INTENÇÕES PARA O DIA 14 DE JANEIRO

+João Paulo Cunha + Domingos Lage Cardoso
+Mario e Alice Adão + Joaquim Martins Carvalho
+João Rodrigues + Ana Rodrigues Nogueira
+Germano e Maria Glória Oliveira + Manuel
Fonseca + Maria de Lurdes Lima + Domingos e
Teresa Cardoso + família de Manuel Costa