

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**Monday, January 9, 2023**

7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory

12:30 PM Joao Barbosa

7:30 PM Spanish Intentions

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

7:30 AM Candido Ribeiro (Birthday)

12:30 PM Anthony Tuzzolo

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

7:30 AM Aidan Carragher (Birthday)

12:30 PM Catherine Mannix

Thursday, January 12, 2023

7:30 AM May & Mike Guardino

12:30 PM Joan & Bud Larkin

Friday, January 13, 2023

7:30 AM Irene Krause

12:30 PM In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima
& Souls in Purgatory**Saturday, January 14, 2023**5:00 PM Isaura & Jose Jr & Sr Goncalves
Gaetano & Domenica Scarcella
Marie & Ray Roland
Maria Victoria Santos
Guilhermo Simoes
Elna I. Kearns
Maria Peneiras & Family**Sunday, January 15, 2023**

7:00 AM Lottie Solosky (35th Anniversary)

8:30 AM Portuguese Intentions

10:00 AM Dina Cafaro

11:30 AM People of the Parish

7:00 PM Eleanor DiBenedetto

PRIEST CELEBRANTS' SCHEDULE**Saturday, January 14, 2022**

5:00 PM Fr. Malcolm

Sunday, January 15, 2022

7:00 AM Fr. Malcolm

8:30 AM Fr. Milciades

10:00 AM Fr. Ngozi

11:30 AM Fr. Ngozi

5:00 PM Fr. Carlos

7:00 PM Fr. Malcolm

*(Schedule is subject to change)***STEWARDSHIP CORNER***Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure*

Today we remember the three wise men from the East who come to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gifts we bring — our time, service, and some share of what we earn for the work we do — are especially precious in His sight (Our Sunday Visitor, *ibid.*, page 8).

December 25th Actual Collection = \$7,234**December 25th Mail-In Donations = \$2,659****December 25th Electronic Donations = \$1,598****December 25th Total Collection = \$11,491****December 25th Attendance = 1,564****December Maintenance = \$4,925****Christmas Gifts as of 1/1/23 = \$51,918****Christmas Flowers as of January 1 = \$3,165****January 1st Actual Collection = \$7,112****January 1st Mail-In Donations = \$1,715****January 1st Electronic Donations = \$535****January 1st Total Collection = \$9,352****Attendance = 715****CMA Numbers for 2022****Goal = \$95,900**

Pledges = \$55,183

Payments = \$54,998

Donors = 321

Average = \$172

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



*Please Pray For
The Deceased*



**Carlos Manuel Queiros
John C. Callarota
Silvestre Martins Ramallete**

Pastor's Notes

In the liturgical life of the Church, today is one final time to say "Merry Christmas", as we celebrate the conclusion of this joyous season of the birth of Christ. Epiphany recalls the star in the sky over Bethlehem, guiding the Magi to bestow their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh on the Baby Jesus. As Pastor, I want to thank you as a parish family, for so generously bestowing the gifts of your love and contributions to our Church this Christmas. Despite the difficulties we have had with our envelope mailing company (and still do), nevertheless you found a way to continue your sacrificial giving, even in the midst of such challenging financial times. My gratitude goes up to God for all that you give to Corpus Christi!

This past week, the whole world witnessed the sad death and moving funeral services in Rome, for Pope Emeritus Benedict the 16th, after 95 years of life and love for Catholicism. In the long history of the church, we have never seen one Pope celebrate the funeral Mass of his predecessor; with the Holy Father Francis presiding over the body/soul of Holy Father Benedict. Both these good men of God held/hold the sacred titles of the Successor to St. Peter and the Vicar of Christ. Both Popes were/are humble servants of the Lord; choosing not to exalt themselves but lift up in glory the living, dying and rising of Jesus Christ. Even though many people try to impose political labels on them as being "conservative" and/or "progressive", both Popes had/have the wisdom and intelligence to rise above such trite titles; realizing more profoundly, what it means to be Christ-like to one another. Throughout the two millennium of Christianity, all 266 Popes have been guided by the Holy Spirit, which is why the Catholic Church has always survived and thrives.

As you can see in the church this weekend, we have finally begun the long-awaited process of cleaning/painting the ceiling/walls from years of smoke/soot/water damage. The exterior roof that we completed last summer is holding up well, with no leakage into the attic. So the interior work should be done by February, and already paid for by property insurance funds (\$103,000). I'm sorry we had to remove the beautiful Christian decorations, flowers and manger before the Epiphany end of the season. But it was necessary in order to begin the job asap in January, and finish by Ash Wednesday (22 February). Please be patient and prayerful with our work on God's House of Corpus Christi.

Yours in Christ,
Father Malcolm

P.S. Also, please begin your new year 2023 with a deepened commitment to the National Eucharistic Revival, by participating in our parish weekly Holy Hours: Mondays 8:00am-9:00am; Wednesdays 1:00pm-2:00pm; Thursdays 7:00pm-8:00pm. Exposition, Rosary Benediction!!!



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January 16, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ:

Each year, our nation celebrates National Religious Freedom Day on January 16th. In 1992, Congress authorized the President to request to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to join together to celebrate their religious freedom and to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities. Since 1993, each President of the United States has proclaimed January 16th to be National Religious Freedom Day.

January 16th has been designated National Religious Freedom Day because it marks the anniversary of the passage of Thomas Jefferson's *Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom* by the Virginia General Assembly on January 16, 1786. This statute was a precursor to the First Amendment of the United States Constitution which, as we know, enshrines the freedom of religion as a right which is guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. In his statute, Jefferson states that "all men shall be free to profess ... their opinion in matters of religion, and that the same shall in no wise diminish, enlarge, or affect their civil capacities."¹ He concludes that any attempt to repeal or limit this statute "would be an infringement of natural right."²

Dignitatis humanae, the Second Vatican Council's 1965 Declaration on Religious Liberty, echoes Jefferson's sentiments and states that "the right to religious freedom has its foundation not in the subjective attitude of the individual but in his very nature."³ Elsewhere, the Declaration notes that "it is wrong for a public authority to compel its citizens by force or fear or any other means to profess or repudiate any religion."⁴ The similarity between the sentiments of Jefferson and *Dignitatis humanae* should not surprise us when we realize that American bishops and churchmen, including Father John Courtney Murray, were instrumental in incorporating the American experience of church-state relations into the declaration on religious liberty.⁵

Despite the time-honored assertion of religious freedom as a right guaranteed to all Americans, we have seen in recent years numerous attempts to curb or narrow the scope of religious liberty and freedom of conscience. The current Federal Administration's advocacy of a so-called "Super Rule," which is now awaiting final promulgation, threatens to egregiously and unjustly force Catholic medical institutions to be involved in procedures which are contrary to Church teaching and natural law. These would include abortion, sterilizations, in vitro fertilization, and transgender

¹ W. W. Hening, ed., *Statutes at Large of Virginia*, vol. 12 (1823): 84-86.

² *Ibid.*

³ Second Vatican Council, *Dignitatis humanae*, December 7, 1965: AAS 58 (1966) 929-946, 2.

⁴ *Ibid.*, 6.

⁵ See Robert T. Kennedy, "The Declaration on Religious Liberty Thirty Years Later: Challenges to the Church-State Relationship in the United States," *The Jurist* 55 (1995) 487.

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surgeries, even on minors. As diocesan bishop, it is my obligation to uphold and protect Catholic moral teaching, and our Catholic institutions will not participate in anything that forces healthcare workers to violate their consciences or the dignity of the human person.

The recent passage of the Respect for Marriage Act marks another threat to religious liberty. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has rightly called the Act “misnamed.”⁶ A statement released by the USCCB, notes that the Act’s “rejection of timeless truths about marriage is evident on its face and in its purpose.”⁷ As the largest non-governmental provider of social services in the United States, the Church has a vested interest in ensuring the protection of religious liberty. The supposed protections for religious liberty in the Act are insufficient, and the USCCB statement concludes that if it is passed, “the amended Act will put the ministries of the Catholic Church, people of faith, and other Americans who uphold a traditional meaning of marriage at greater risk of government discrimination.”⁸

This year, January 16 also marks the date when our country honors the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King once stated that “the church must be reminded once again that it is not to be the master or the servant of the state, but the conscience of the state. It must be the guide and the critic of the state – never its tool.”⁹ As we celebrate National Religious Freedom Day this January 16th, let us pray for the preservation and protection of this God-given right:

Bless us, O heavenly Father,
in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.
Give us the strength of mind and heart
to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened;
give us courage in making our voices heard
on behalf of the rights of your Church
and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.
Amen.¹⁰

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

⁶ Timothy Cardinal Dolan and Bishop Robert Barron to Senators and Representatives, November 23, 2022. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington D.C.

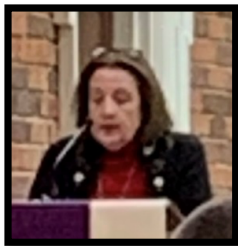
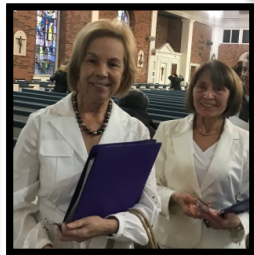
⁷ Ibid.

⁸ Ibid.

⁹ Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., “A Knock at Midnight” (sermon, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Cincinnati, OH, June 11, 1967).

¹⁰ See “Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty,” United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (2012), Washington D.C.





EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

CATHOLIC CHURCHES, 2022-2025, UNITED STATES

CORPUS CHRISTI HOLY HOURS

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION

MONDAYS : 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

WEDNESDAYS : 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

THURSDAYS : 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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Dr. Meg Messina, Music Director & Conductor

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VIVALDI'S Gloria

with

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Sunday, February 5, 2023, 3 PM

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

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Tickets purchased on-line are \$25 each.

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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, Erin Burke, Marie Byrnes, Jeanne Carroll, Michael Castalino, Arlene Cavanagh, Frank de Carolis, Sue Citro, Emmanuel Colon, Joann Cornacchioli, James Cunney, Jerry Daraio, Kate Donovan, Virginia Fallon, Laurie Fefta, Lena Fiorillo, Lilly Fuentes, Kenneth Gallagher, Vanessa Gomes, Robert Hartlett, Eileen Hendrickson, Frank Iaquinto, 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 Sivrichi, Beatriz Silva Pontes, Paul Tubito, Lorraine Verdade, and any other members of our parish who are sick at this time.



Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023
9:30 AM Gr. 3-4 (*Fitzgerald Hall*)
10:00 AM Class Mass

Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2023
First Communion Teacher Meetings
4:00 PM 2A Mrs. Rosier
5:30 PM 2B Ms. Emily DeSousa

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023
First Communion Teacher Meetings
5:00 PM IC-2, IC-3 Ms. Carmen
5:30 PM 2C Ms. G. Palumbo/Ms. M. Palumbo

Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023
First Communion Teacher Meeting
5:30 PM 2D Mrs. Cina Palumbo

Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023
9:30 AM Gr. 5, 6, IC-3 (*Safety Lesson*)
10:00 AM Class Mass

<h1>Altar Server Schedule</h1>			
Sat., January 14	5:00 PM	M.Palumbo	
Sun., January 15	10:00 AM	A.Baker/A.Baker	
	11:30 AM	K.Alvarez/A.Alvarez	

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul

Distressed financially or need food or clothing? Please call 516-746-1223.

A voice from heaven spoke: ‘You are my Son the Beloved; my favor rests on you.’

Our Lord’s baptism is a vital moment in our story of salvation, where he joined with humanity in the humble outreach to God, and where the Father and the Spirit are seen and heard to be there with him. Our gospel says that “the heavens were opened,” a powerful statement of the point of contact between heaven and earth. Later on, as Jesus completes his life- journey on Calvary, we read how “the veil of the Temple was rent in two,” a symbol that we are not completely free to enter the Holy of Holies. Today’s gospel has Jesus beginning a journey which each of us is asked to travel. It is a journey full of purpose, a journey of intent. We need a sense of purpose and pattern to our living. St Peter summarized the purpose and pattern of Christ’s life when he said, “he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.” We are each invited, personally, to make this purpose our own. -- Jim O’Keefe, President

<i>“Twenty Minutes with the Director”</i>	
<i>Sunday, January 15</i>	<i>Grades 5, 6, IC-3</i>
<i>Sunday, January 22</i>	<i>Grades 7, 8, IC-4, IC-6</i>
<i>Sunday, January 29</i>	<i>Grades 1, 2, IC-2</i>

Junior Lectors	
10:00 AM Mass	
Sunday, Jan. 15	Emma daCosta/Mark DaCosta
Sunday, Jan. 22	Shane Kelly/Luigi Sartori
Sunday, Jan. 29	Gabriel Wasserman/ Lily Wasserman



Beatriz Peneda, Corpus Christi Church & Daniel Campos, Corpus Christi Church

Español

EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR



EVANGELIO SEGÚN 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, avísenme 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 prostrándose, lo adoraron. Después, abriendo sus cofres, le ofrecieron regalos: oro, incenso y mirra. Advertidos durante el sueño de que no solvieron a Herodes, regresaron a su tierra por otro camino.



La fiesta de la Epifanía es un símbolo de la universalidad del Evangelio. Epifanía quiere decir manifestación. Mateo comienza y termina su evangelio calificando a Jesús de rey de los judíos. Se trata de un rey que nace y muere rompiendo todos los esquemas de las realezas mundanas: nace en un pesebre y muere en una cruz. En el momento de nacer Jesús, unos magos van en busca del “rey de los judíos”. Y en el momento de morir, Pilato ordena poner sobre la cruz un cartel con esa inscripción: “este es el rey de los judíos”. Los magos son una proyección de algo que sólo ocurrirá después de la resurrección de Cristo, a saber, que el evangelio será acogido por los no judíos, en línea con la última recomendación de Jesús a sus discípulos: “*Id al mundo entero, anunciad el evangelio a todas las gentes, no sólo en Jerusalén, sino también hasta los confines de la tierra*”. Los magos son aquellos que vienen de los confines de la tierra a adorar al niño, los magos son los extraños al pueblo judío, los que no son de la raza del niño, los alejados. También para ellos ha nacido el hijo de María. Y también a ellos ha llegado la buena noticia del Evangelio. Mateo termina su relato notando que, una vez que los magos se han encontrado con Cristo, regresaron a su país por otro camino. Si nosotros hemos encontrado con Cristo, volvemos a nuestra casa, a nuestro trabajo, a nuestras ocupaciones, pero ya no será lo mismo. Volveremos de otra manera, por otro camino, con un corazón y un espíritu nuevo.



El texto del libro del profeta Isaías adelanta el sentido de la fiesta de la Epifanía: el universalismo de la salvación de Dios. El profeta se vale de la imagen de Jerusalén, símbolo de la presencia de Dios, para afirmar que todos los pueblos buscarán a Dios. El Dios del profeta no es un Dios nacionalista y con ello cae por tierra ese nacionalismo religioso que muchas veces se ha usado para grandes despropósitos. Si el profeta se vale de Jerusalén, es porque el profeta no puede dejar de ser un judío en su mundo y en su cultura.

Português

EPIFANIA DO SENHOR



EVANGELHO SEGUNDO SÃO MATEUS 2, 1-12

Tinha Jesus nascido em Belém, nos dias do rei Herodes, quando chegaram 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, 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 touros, 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.



Mateus escreve o seu Evangelho nos anos 80 depois de Cristo. O episódio da visita dos magos ao menino de Belém não é uma descrição jornalística que conte a visita oficial de três chefes de estado estrangeiros à gruta de Belém. Mateus está interessado, recorrendo a símbolos e imagens bem expressivos para os primeiros cristãos, em apresentar Jesus como o enviado de Deus Pai, que vem oferecer a salvação de Deus aos homens de toda a terra. A narração é uma catequese sobre Jesus, apresentando duas atitudes que se vão repetir ao longo de todo o Evangelho: o Povo de Israel rejeita Jesus, enquanto que os magos do oriente (que são pagãos) o adoram. Mateus dessa forma anuncia que Jesus vai ser rejeitado pelo seu povo, mas vai ser acolhido pelos pagãos, que entrarão a fazer parte do novo Povo de Deus. A grande solenidade litúrgica da Epifania é a manifestação de Jesus que resplandece como luz para todos os povos.



A cidade de Jerusalém tinha sido destruída, reduzida a um monte de escombros. Estamos na época a seguir o Exílio e numa Jerusalém em reconstrução. A população está desanimada. Sonha-se, no entanto, com um futuro em que vai chegar Deus para trazer a salvação definitiva ao seu povo. Então, Jerusalém voltará a ser uma cidade bela e harmoniosa, o Templo será reconstruído e Deus habitará para sempre no meio do seu Povo. O profeta Isaias sonha com uma Jerusalém muito diferente daquela que os retornados do exílio conhecem; essa nova Jerusalém levantar-se-á quando chegar a luz salvadora de Deus. Esta primeira leitura é um anúncio do que vemos no Evangelho: Jesus é Luz do Mundo.

INTENÇÕES PARA O DIA 15 DE JANEIRO

+Domingos e Teresa Cardoso + Domingos Lage Cardoso + Carminda Calvão + Gracinda Oliveira +Aurora Almeida + Lucília Pereira + Emília Lima +Maria Victoria Santos + Antonio Fernando Pereira + Júlio Reis