

*January 8-15 2017  
The Epiphany of the Lord*

*Reflections for the Week*

*The way to perfect JOY is incredibly simple.*

*It is simply to put God first.*

*Peter Kreeft*

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**Today's Readings**

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!

The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrive looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

**Readings for this Week**

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38;

Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9;

Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12;

Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:14-20 and  
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;

Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8;

Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15;

Mk 2:13-17

**Please pray for the healing of  
Our parishioners and extended family**

Bob Donjacour~ special prayers for healing!  
Fr. Tom Burns, Msgr. Labib Kabti, Fr. Bill Brady,  
Msgr. Mickey McCormick (former Pastors at SJOG)  
Martha Araj Ayoub, Joe Humphreys, Pat Hoffman,  
Maureen and Don Francis, Mary Dunn, Mike Marty,  
Patrick Lee, Charlie Liteky, Jim McDonald, Josephine  
Small, Teresa Hyatt, Dalia & Estela Becerra and all  
our members who reside in assisted living & care fa-  
cilities.

*Gracious God, Please help the  
people hurting with any kind of  
emotional, spiritual or family issues .  
Amen.*

**Mass Intentions**

**January 6~12, 2017 (Friday to Thursday)**

Fri Tom & Barbara McGrath (special int) 12:10pm

Sat. Bob Donjacour and Family (Healing) 4:15pm

Sun. Bob Donjacour (Strength and Healing) 9:30am

Sun Patrick Biesty (Rest in Peace) 11:30am

Mon. 12:10pm

Tues. Claire Wilson Mabanag 12:10pm

Weds. Lawrence & Ann Buttlar (Living) 12:10pm

Thurs. Mary Sullivan (Rest in Peace) 12:10pm

Prayers for a Blessed New Year !

**Give the gift of a Mass Intention ~Life Blessings,  
RIP, Anniversary, Happy Birthday!  
Contact the office.**

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;

National Migration Week

Monday: The Baptism of the Lord

Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins

Friday: St. Hilary

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

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**THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM**

The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.

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**A Nonjudgmental Presence**

To the degree that we accept through Christ we ourselves have been reconciled with God. We can be messengers of reconciliation for others. Essential to the work of reconciliation is a nonjudgmental presence. We are not sent to the world to judge, to condemn, to evaluate, to classify, or to label. When we walk around as if we have to make up our mind about people and tell them what is wrong with them and how they should change, we will only create more division.

Jesus says it clearly: *"Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge; ... do not condemn; ... forgive"* (Luke 6:36-37).

In a world that constantly asks us to make up our minds about other people, a nonjudgmental presence seems nearly impossible.... But it is one of the most beautiful fruits of a deep spiritual life and will be easily recognized by those who long for reconciliation.



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**Anniversary Mass at Cathedral for National Marriage Week** Saturday, February 4, 10:00 am St Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco Ed Hopfner HopfnerE@SFArch.org 415-614-5680 anniversary-mass.info

The Archdiocese of San Francisco will offer its annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on February 4, at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption, at 10:00 am. We will honor wedding anniversaries for those celebrating sacramental marriages reaching "5-year" milestones (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, or more) in 2017. The principal celebrant will be the Most Reverend Carlos Sevilla, Bishop Emeritus of Yakima, Washington, and formerly a Bishop of San Francisco.

**Registration is required by January 27** at anniversarymass.info, and a donation of \$20 is requested. For more information, use the email or phone above.

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**Stand with Immigrants**

St John of God Sanctuary Committee invites you to learn how to accompany and help protect our immigrant friends and neighbors.

**Please come to our meeting**

Sunday, Jan. 15, 2017 11 AM  
Ben's Room : 390 Irving Street

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**UCSF Eucharist Ministers Needed**

This is the ministry that defines the St. John of God Community. To be the one, non-medical person many patients see each day, to say a prayer and offer the Holy Eucharist. This is a win-win! Training and guidance are offered. If you are interested, contact Pat O'Connor or Bob Gajewski for a guided tour. 415-564-0249

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*"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger ... And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb" (Luke 2:15-16, 21*

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**Celebrate Epiphany like the Wise did:**

Offer your gifts to a child  
Give your unwanted Christmas gift cards to Sanctuary and we will pass them on in your name to the Nueva Esperanza Project who help unaccompanied minors, those young people who have arrived here from Central America without family, to get housing, education and legal aid. There are 5 youths in San Francisco that we have been asked to help. Your cards will be "re-gifted" and allow them to get basic items they need. Please drop your cards into the offertory basket on 1/7-1/8/17.  
Sanctuary Committee

**Community & Collections**

St. Patrick's Seminary and University Jan 21-22, 2017

*Please join in our committee meetings!  
All are Welcome and your ideas well received!*

The **Liturgy Committee** meets the First Monday of the month through May/June, with dinner at 6:30 followed by the meeting proper at 7:15 PM

The **Parish Council** meets monthly on the third Monday at 7 PM, October through May/June.

*Feel like a singing a song? Join our choir!  
Great music for the Season! "...and believe me, there is no finer way to feel it!" -overheard*