



CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Stewards of God's Gifts

January 4, 2026 | Epiphany of the Lord

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY | DOMINGO

8:00 am	English
10:00 am	English*
12:00 pm	Español*
2:00 pm	Chinese*
4:00 pm	English
6:00 pm	Español

**Livestream available.*

Monday—Friday

Lunes—Viernes

12:10 pm

ADORATION

ADORACIÓN

Wednesday & Thursday

Miercoles y Jueves

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

(hours subject to change if needed)

RECONCILIATION

RECONCILIACIÓN

Monday—Friday

Lunes—Viernes

11:30 am—12:00 pm

Saturday | Sabado

4:00 pm—5:00 pm

CATHEDRAL HOURS

Monday—Friday

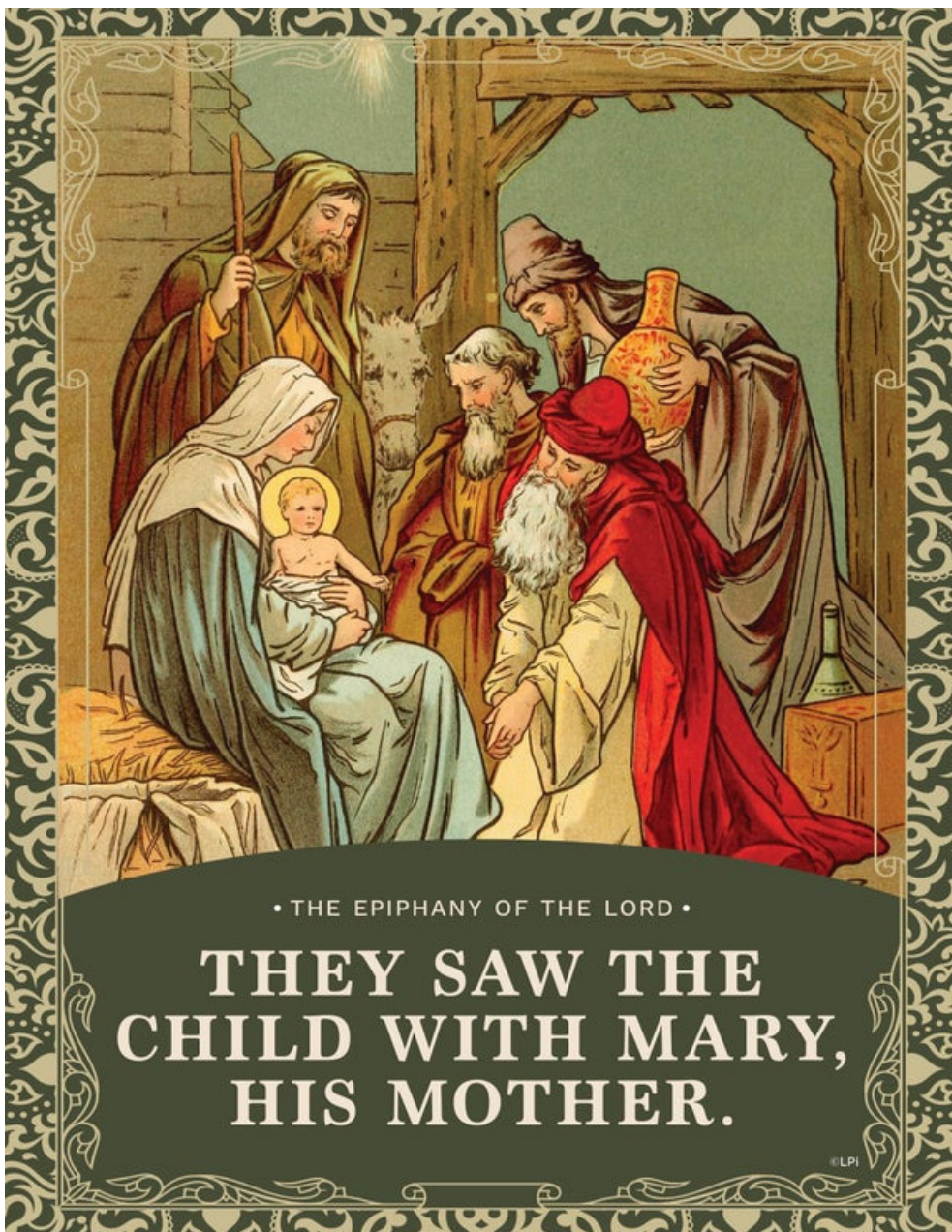
10:00 am—4:00 pm

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday

9:00 am— noon & 1 pm—4 pm



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Events and Information

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DONUT SUNDAY

Today, January 4, join the **ACTS Ministry** after 8am and 10am Masses for a donut and coffee mixer in the Lower Level.

DOMINGO DE DONUTS

El 4 de enero, únete al **Ministerio ACTS** después de las misas de las 8:00 y las 10:00 para disfrutar de un café con donuts en el nivel inferior.



KEEP THE FLAME ALIVE

With Father O'Reilly

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm via Zoom

If you've been thinking about joining, now is the time. We will begin a new study in January.

Contact Donna: flamealive22@gmail.com

MANTENGA LA LLAMA

Con Padre O'Reilly

Miércoles, 7:00 pm vía Zoom

Si has estado pensando en unirte, ahora es el momento. Comenzaremos un nuevo estudio en enero.

Contacto con Donna: flamealive22@gmail.com



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11:30 am to 12:00 pm

Saturday 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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Lunes - Viernes

11:30 am to 12:00 pm

Sábado 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

ADORATION (hours subject to change if needed)

Wednesday & Thursday

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

ADORACIÓN (horario sujeto a cambios si es necesario)

Miércoles y Jueves

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

THE HOLY ROSARY

1st and 3rd Wednesdays 6pm

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EL SANTO ROSARIO

1er y 3er miércoles, 6:00 pm

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HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION

Friday, February 6 — First Friday of each month immediately following the 12:10 Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

HORA SANTA DE LA REPARACIÓN

Viernes, 6 de febrero — Primer viernes de cada mes inmediatamente después de la Misa de las 12:10 en la Capilla del Santísimo Sacramento.

COMPLIMENTARY SUNDAY CATHEDRAL DOCENT TOURS

English at 9am & 11am and **Spanish** at 1pm

Chinese at 3pm, 4th Sunday

Meet by the Baptismal font.

Docents share how our beautiful and important works of art symbolically express spiritual beliefs intrinsic to our Catholic Faith.

VISITAS GRATUITAS POR LA CATEDRAL CON DOCENTES LOS DOMINGOS

En **español** a la 1 pm; **inglés** a las 9 am y a las 11 am

Chino a las 3 pm, 4° domingo

Encontrarse cerca de la fuente bautismal.

Los docentes comparten cómo nuestras bellas e importantes obras de arte expresan simbólicamente las creencias espirituales fundamentales a nuestra Fe católica.

Eventos e información

You may find the full readings at <https://bible.usccb.org/>

The Epiphany of the Lord / January 4, 2026

1st Reading Question

Isaiah prophesies a coming of age when the glory of the Lord would shine upon Israel and their hearts would throb with joy. Can you share an experience that brought you deep joy and happiness?

2nd Reading Question

Paul tells the Ephesians that the Holy Spirit revealed to him that all believers in Jesus (Jew and Gentile alike) were coheirs and members of the same body. Have you ever felt like an outsider who was welcomed by others?

Gospel Question

In the story of the birth of Jesus, Matthew contrasts the fear and concern of King Herod with the joy and praise of the Magi. What feelings does the season of Christmas evoke for you?

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The journey of the Magi reflects how treacherous our Christian life on earth can be. Always, evil works against us — Satan lays traps. He sows confusion. May we, like the Magi, recognize the will of God as our guiding star. ©LPi

Puede encontrar las lecturas completas en <https://bible.usccb.org/es>

Día de la Epifanía del Señor / 4 de enero de 2026

Pregunta de la 1ª Lectura

Isaías profetiza una mayoría de edad en la que la gloria del Señor brillaría sobre Israel y sus corazones palparían de alegría. ¿Puedes compartir una experiencia que te trajo una profunda alegría y felicidad?

Pregunta de la 2ª Lectura

Pablo les dice a los efesios que el Espíritu Santo le reveló que todos los creyentes en Jesús (judíos y gentiles por igual) eran coherederos y miembros del mismo cuerpo. ¿Alguna vez te has sentido como un extraño que era bienvenidos por otros?

Pregunta del Evangelio:

En la historia del nacimiento de Jesús, Mateo contrasta el miedo y la preocupación del rey Herodes con la alegría y la alabanza de los Reyes Magos. ¿Qué sentimientos te evoca la temporada navideña?

VIVE LA LITURGIA: INSPIRACIÓN PARA LA SEMANA

Las noticias del Mesías inquietaron a Herodes. Vemos claramente su ansiedad en el Evangelio de hoy. Después de todo, esto es lo que Cristo ha venido a hacer. Ha venido a sacudir las cosas. ¿Estamos preparados para ser inquietados? ©LPi

Mass Intentions & Observances

SUN 1/4

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 AM: PEOPLE OF THE PARISH S.I.

10:00 AM: MARIA I. GRIFFITH +; EDDIE

JORDAN JR +; WILLIE ROBERTS +

12:00 PM: JOSE CUELLAR +

4:00 PM: BRYANT MONROE +

6:00 PM: ADRIANA CORREA S.I.

MON 1/5

SAINT JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP

12:10 PM: PAUL CHANG +

TUE 1/6

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

12:10 PM: VICTOR AMADOR S.I.

WED 1/7

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

12:10 PM: ROSARIO PURUGGANAN +

THU 1/8

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

12:10 PM: MARIA ROKOMASI S.I.;

DAVID KRIST S.I.

FRI 1/9

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

12:10 PM: EMILIANO M. EMILE ESGUERRA +

S.I. = for special intention

+ = for repose of the soul

Mass Intentions

Please email:

vramos@cathedralsacramento.org

or call 916-444-3071, ext. 10

Events and Information

FUNERAL MASS FOR DICK JONES



The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament mourns the passing of Dick Jones, a beloved parishioner whose faithful presence and generous service enriched our community for many decades.

The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on **Friday, January 16 at 9:30 a.m.** at the Cathedral.

Dick shared his faith through devoted involvement in OCIA, 8am Ushers, Offertory Counting, and the Brown Bag Lunch Ministry, touching countless lives with kindness and humility. Please keep Dick's family and loved ones in your prayers.

May he rest in the peace of Christ.

25th Annual Feast of Santo Nino Saturday, January 10 at 2:15 pm



The Filipino American (Fil-Am) Ministry invites you to celebrate this Feast with a Mass and a Sinulog procession plus blessing of Santo Nino images. Reception follows at the lower level Mercy Hall.

Santo Nino reminds us that we are all

God's children. Pope Francis encouraged us to cherish our identity as God's children and protect the family. Come support our Parish community through prayer, celebration, and charity. All are welcome!

For questions, contact cathedralfilam@gmail.com

CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT in collaboration with ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH SACRAMENTO presents



CRAB FEED AND SILENT AUCTION Saturday, February 7 Doors Open at 6pm \$75.00—All You Can Eat!

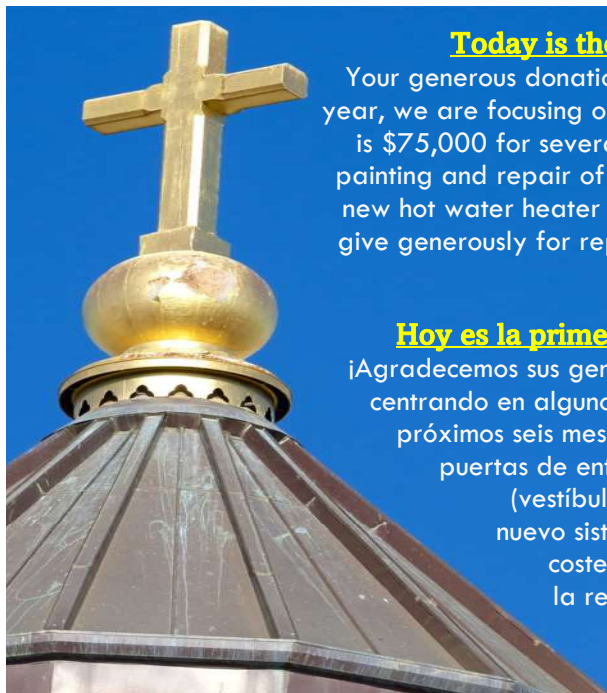
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Tickets also sold in the Cathedral vestibule after masses.*

Proceeds go toward the homeless and underserved communities in Sacramento.

Eventos e información

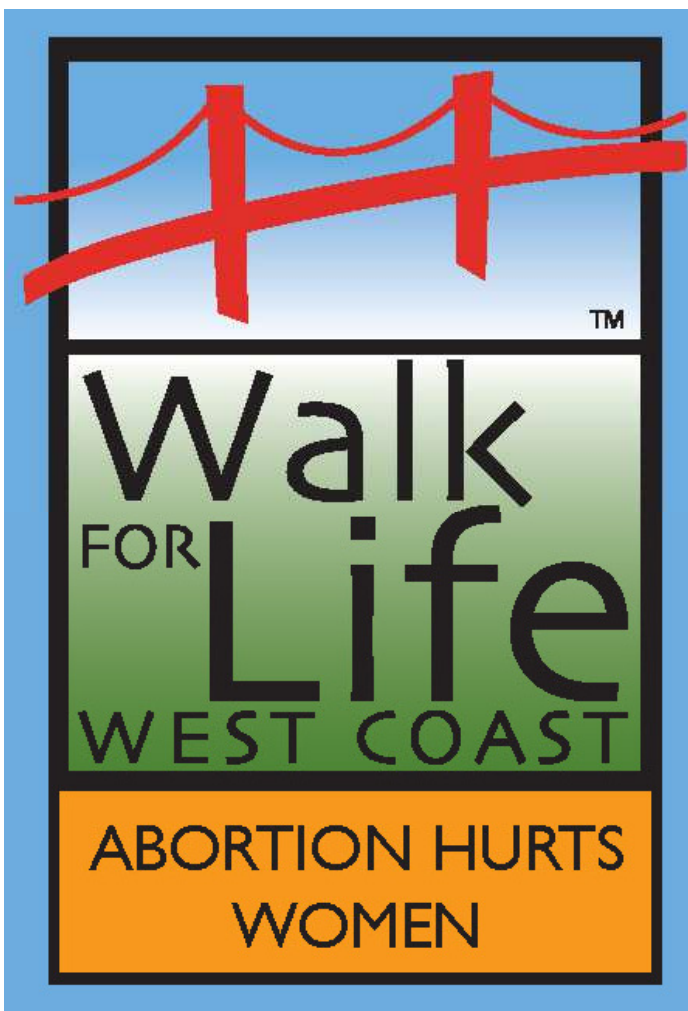


Today is the 1st Sunday collection for Repairs and Maintenance

Your generous donations in 2025 were appreciated! With the coming of a new calendar year, we are focusing on a few projects to brighten our place of worship. The six month goal is \$75,000 for several projects. Painting of the entrance doors and vestibule as well as painting and repair of lower Narthex (vestibule) will cost \$55,000. Plus we recently had a new hot water heater installed to keep our kitchen working for a cost of \$20,000. Please give generously for repairs and maintenance of our beautiful place of worship. Thank you and may God bless you.

Hoy es la primera colecta dominical para reparaciones y mantenimiento

¡Agradecemos sus generosas donaciones en 2025! Con la llegada del nuevo año, nos estamos centrando en algunos proyectos para embellecer nuestro lugar de culto. El objetivo para los próximos seis meses es recaudar 75 000 dólares para varios proyectos. La pintura de las puertas de entrada y el vestíbulo, así como la pintura y reparación del nártex inferior (vestíbulo), costarán 55 000 dólares. Además, recientemente hemos instalado un nuevo sistema de agua caliente para que nuestra cocina siga funcionando, con un coste de 20 000 dólares. Por favor, sean generosos con sus donaciones para la reparación y el mantenimiento de nuestro hermoso lugar de culto. Gracias y que Dios los bendiga.



The Respect Life Ministry invites you to participate in the 22nd annual West Coast Walk for Life in San Francisco on January 24 as a way to peacefully protest against abortion. Reserve your bus ride tickets today by calling or texting Veronica Avina at 916-205-0713 or Liliana Balderrama at 916-912-8256. Donations are always welcome to support a person who can't afford the bus ticket or mothers in need.

El ministerio de Respeto a la Vida le invita a participar en la Caminata por la Vida anual #22 en San Francisco, el 24 de Enero, como una forma de protestar pacíficamente en contra del aborto. Reserve su boleto ya por texto o llamada con Verónica Aviña al 916-205-0713 o con Liliana Balderrama 916-912-8256. Sus donaciones son siempre bienvenidas para ayudar a madres necesitadas o a personas que no pueden pagar su boleto de autobús.

Faith Formation & Evangelization



GospelWeeklies
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PILGRIM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Enero / January 4, 2026
During the Christmas Season
Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Christmas celebrates God's becoming one of us and one **with** us. Jesus comes as an infant, placed in the care of a struggling but loving family. The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord celebrates the **search** for God in the natural world. The Magi know the stars. Their search symbolizes the human search for God and for the purpose of human life. We can celebrate the revelation of Jesus as not only the glory of his own people, Israel, but the light to the nations.

The wise men (magi) made many sacrifices in their search for God. How do you see yourself thirsting for God like the magi?

What gift do you bring to Jesus?



La Navidad celebra que Dios se ha hecho uno de nosotros y uno con nosotros. Jesús viene como un niño, puesto al cuidado de una familia luchadora pero amorosa. La solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor celebra la búsqueda de Dios en el mundo natural. Los Reyes Magos conocen las estrellas. Su búsqueda simboliza la búsqueda humana de Dios y del propósito de la vida humana. Podemos celebrar la revelación de Jesús no solo como la gloria de su propio pueblo, Israel, sino como la luz de las naciones.

Los sabios (magos) hicieron muchos sacrificios en su búsqueda de Dios. ¿Cómo te ves a ti mismo sediento de Dios como los magos?



Connecting GOSPEL and DOCTRINE

**Jesus is God, and is one with us.
Jesús es Dios y es uno con nosotros.**



Relación entre el EVANGELIO y la DOCTRINA

At Christmas, we celebrate that "we have been made sharers in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share our humanity" (CCC, 526). In celebrating the Epiphany, we recall "the manifestation of Jesus as the messiah of Israel, Son of God, and Savior of the world. The Magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations" (CCC, 528).

Theotokos (THEH-oh-toh-kos)

A special Greek name for Mary that means "God-bearer" or "Mother of God". It is a big, important title from the early Church that tells everyone Mary has a very special role as the Mother of Jesus, the Son of God.

En Navidad celebramos que «hemos sido hechos partícipes de la divinidad de Cristo, que se humilló a sí mismo para compartir nuestra humanidad» (CIC, 526). Al celebrar la Epifanía, recordamos «la manifestación de Jesús como Mesías de Israel, Hijo de Dios y Salvador del mundo. La llegada de los Reyes Magos a Jerusalén para rendir homenaje al rey de los judíos muestra que buscan en Israel, en la luz mesiánica de la estrella de David, a quien será rey de las naciones» (CIC, 528).

Theotokos (THEH-oh-toh-kos)

Un nombre griego especial para María que significa «portadora de Dios» o «Madre de Dios». Es un título importante y significativo de la Iglesia primitiva que indica a todos que María tiene un papel muy especial como Madre de Jesús, el Hijo de Dios.

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8AM BOW OCIA Adults ----- NO FFF	Vespers 6:30 PM ----- OCIA Adults 7:00 PM	NO FFF --- Movie Night (6PM— tentative)	Faith Form. Office Closed	Faith Form. Office Closed	Faith Form. Office Closed	FFF Resumes ----- Welcome Back

Family Faith Formation and OCIA—Formation of Faith and of Sacraments for Children and Adults

Formación en la Fe y Evangelización

Mass Preparation
Sunday, January 11, 2026
The Baptism of the Lord

Summary of the Readings:

- **First Reading** – Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7: The Lord's chosen servant will bring justice quietly and gently. He will be a light to the nations, opening blind eyes and freeing prisoners.
- **Responsorial Psalm** – Psalms 29: Give glory to the Lord, whose powerful and majestic voice is over the waters. He is king forever and will bless his people with peace.
- **Second Reading** – Acts 10:34-38: Peter tells Cornelius and his guests that God accepts anyone who respects Him and does good, mentioning Jesus' message of peace and healing.
- **Gospel** – Matthew 3:13-17: Jesus gets baptized by John, despite John's initial hesitation. As Jesus emerges from the water, the heavens open, the Holy Spirit descends, and God declares Jesus as His beloved Son.

Reflect:

The Baptism of the Lord Year A reminds us who Jesus is and what He came to do. He walks into the Jordan River, not because He needs to, but to show us the way. This moment tells us that Jesus is ready to serve. He stands with us, not above us. As He comes out of the water, something amazing happens. The Holy Spirit comes down like a dove. God speaks from heaven and calls Jesus His beloved Son. This is the first clear sign that Jesus is sent by God to bring peace and healing.

- ♦ What does it mean to you that Jesus is the Son of God? How do you understand this?
- ♦ The Holy Spirit rested upon Jesus. How does the Holy Spirit influence your faith?
- ♦ With the words of the Father, "This is my beloved son (daughter) in whom I am well pleased." – how do you hear these words on a personal level?
- ♦ Pray Psalm 29



Preparación para la Misa
Domingo, 11 de Enero
El Bautismo del Señor

Resumen de las lecturas:

- **Primera lectura** – Isaías 42:1-4, 6-7: El siervo elegido por el Señor traerá justicia con tranquilidad y mansedumbre. Será una luz para las naciones, abrirá los ojos de los ciegos y liberará a los prisioneros.
- **Salmo responsorial** – Salmo 29: Dad gloria al Señor, cuya voz poderosa y majestuosa se eleva sobre las aguas. Él es rey para siempre y bendecirá a su pueblo con la paz.
- **Segunda lectura** – Hechos 10:34-38: Pedro dice a Cornelio y a sus invitados que Dios acepta a cualquiera que le respete y haga el bien, mencionando el mensaje de paz y sanación de Jesús.
- **Evangelio** – Mateo 3:13-17: Jesús es bautizado por Juan, a pesar de la vacilación inicial de este. Cuando Jesús sale del agua, se abren los cielos, descende el Espíritu Santo y Dios declara a Jesús como su Hijo amado.

Reflejar:

El Bautismo del Señor, Año A, nos recuerda quién es Jesús y qué vino a hacer. Él entra en el río Jordán, no porque lo necesite, sino para mostrarnos el camino. Este momento nos dice que Jesús está listo para servir. Él está con nosotros, no por encima de nosotros. Cuando sale del agua, ocurre algo asombroso. El Espíritu Santo descende como una paloma. Dios habla desde el cielo y llama a Jesús su Hijo amado. Esta es la primera señal clara de que Jesús ha sido enviado por Dios para traer paz y sanación.

- ♦ ¿Qué significa para ti que Jesús sea el Hijo de Dios? ¿Cómo lo entiendes?
- ♦ El Espíritu Santo descendió sobre Jesús. ¿Cómo influye el Espíritu Santo en tu fe?
- ♦ Con las palabras del Padre: «Este es mi Hijo amado, en quien tengo complacencia», ¿cómo interpretas estas palabras a nivel personal?
- Reza el Salmo 29



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OCIA SCHEDULE

SUN 04 JAN	8:00 am (BOW) Breaking of the Word
MON 05 JAN	6:30 pm Vespers 7:00 OCIA Monday in Mercy Hall



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It's a Wonderful Life!

The Conversion of George Bailey

By Katharine Tarvainen, member of St. Gregory the Great's writing group at the Word on Fire Institute

During the Christmas season, we are treated to a plethora of stories and films which show us how the joy of Christmas can convert even the blackest of hearts. Ebenezer Scrooge transforms from a miserly recluse into a regular Father Christmas, the heart of the Grinch grows three sizes, and all the reindeer who once teased Rudolph now hail him as a hero. It seems that no villain can resist the soul-changing magic of Christmas. What, then, are we to make of the Christmas conversion of George Bailey, the hero and all-around good guy in Frank Capra's 1946 film, *It's a Wonderful Life*?

Like Charles Dickens' Scrooge, George Bailey is over-worried about money, receives a supernatural intervention on Christmas Eve, and subsequently undergoes a miraculous conversion of heart. Unlike the selfish Scrooge, however, George has lived his entire life in service of his neighbors, often at great personal cost. So what brings George to the brink of both physical and spiritual death on Christmas Eve?

The majority of *It's a Wonderful Life* is spent in a flashback so George's guardian angel, Clarence, can get to know him better. Along with Clarence, we are invited to watch George's youthful exploits and, as he grows into a young man, hear his dreams of building "skyscrapers a hundred stories high." His hometown, Bedford Falls, seems almost idyllic, but the ambitious George can't wait to "shake the dust of this crummy little town off my feet and...travel the world."

But George never leaves Bedford Falls. Despite his childhood boast of someday having "a couple of harems, and maybe three or four wives," George marries one woman, has four children, and no harems. He builds affordable homes, only one or two stories high, and is respected and well-liked by his neighbors. It sounds like a pretty good life, yet George is frustrated.

At every step along the way, from his college ambitions to his honeymoon tour, George's own plans for adventure are repeatedly delayed by the pressing need to intercede in the crises of others. George does love his family and friends, but every sacrifice he makes is almost inevitably followed by a sulk as the start of his "real" life is put off yet again.

George is living out what Bishop Robert Barron calls the "ego-drama," in which "we are the directors, writers, and, above all, stars...with other people functioning as either our supporting players or the villains in contrast to whom we shine all the brighter." George is always willing to lend a hand to his neighbor, but he is doing so from a hero's viewpoint in which everything rests on his shoulders. If he doesn't fix it, who will? This sets up a paradox of pride: George is willing to give, but not to receive. While he instinctively knows the right moral choice, to lay down his life for his friends, over time this comes to feel less like love and more like a chore.

This is why, when his absent-minded Uncle Billy loses a substantial sum of money for their Building & Loan business, George falls into despair. He takes the burden upon himself, as is typical of him, and yet he can't fix this problem on his own. He doesn't have the money and asking his friends for help seems impossible. George has always been loved for what he can give (or so he may believe), but in this instance, he can give nothing.

In his hour of need, then, George goes to the one man to whom he has never given a thing: Mr. Potter, the "richest and meanest man in the county." For years, the miserly Potter has been envious of the Bailey Business & Loan and now sees his chance to finally shut it down. Potter not only refuses to loan George the money, but also gives voice to lies that take root in George's mind: with his small life insurance policy, he is "worth more dead than alive."

This leads George to a bridge where he seriously contemplates "throwing away God's greatest gift," his life. Thankfully, Clarence the guardian angel intercedes and George reluctantly agrees that his

suicide would not make anyone happier. Yet he still comes to the conclusion that "it would have been better if I'd never been born at all." Unlike other films with a "do-over" premise, George does not want to erase a particular action from his life, or go back to a certain point; he wants to erase his entire existence.

It can be tempting to view our lives as part of some great, cosmic Rube Goldberg machine, with each of us responding to and setting off actions beyond our control, for good or for ill. It's a *Wonderful Life*, however, shows us that we were not created merely to be useful little cogs in a cold machine universe. George already serves his neighbors in a variety of concrete ways, so if utility was the ultimate goal of his life, Capra could have ended his movie with George jumping off the bridge. Instead, the real turning point for George's life begins precisely when all of his apparent usefulness is used up.

Once his wish to have never been born is granted, George enters into a nightmare. Bedford Falls is now Pottersville and is rife with gambling dens and dance halls. Everyone George meets looks pinched, miserable, and often both materially and spiritually destitute. Perhaps Mr. Potter would consider this a "thrifty working class," but George's belief that Potter sees human beings as "cattle" seems closer to the mark. In Pottersville, human dignity is just another commodity that can be bought, sold, and discarded. "Each man's life touches so many other lives," Clarence muses, "And when he isn't around he leaves an awful hole, doesn't he?"

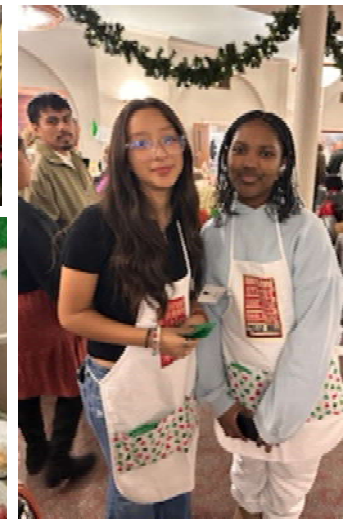
It is a great gift that George is allowed to see this "hole." Once his own "ego-drama" is no longer taking center stage, George can begin to see the far greater "theo-drama," which is "written and directed by God." As Bishop Barron explains, "On the great stage that is the created universe and according to the prototype that is Christ, we are invited to 'act,' to find and play our role in God's theater." When George's outlook is cleared of the false idols of personal wealth and fame, he can see that all of his disappointments and apparent failures were actually the most heroic moments of his life. Serving his friends and family did not keep him from his ultimate destiny, but was instead a crucial part of it. This, Barron says, is the great "liberating discovery" we can all have when embracing our roles in God's great drama: "we realize very clearly that our lives are not about us." As George flees the police and finds himself once again at that fateful bridge, he no longer cares about his own suffering, but seeks only to spare his loved ones from the hell of Pottersville: "I don't care what happens to me...Please, God, let me live again."

When George's prayer is answered, and he is once again in Bedford Falls, he is filled with an exuberant joy. He cries out with equal delight at finding his young daughter's flower petals in his pocket and discovering that his mouth is still bleeding from an earlier scuffle. He races through town calling out a "Merry Christmas" to every one he meets, even his nemesis Mr. Potter. Upon reaching his home, George finds the bank examiner and sheriff waiting for him. Rather than deflate his joy, this meeting seems to increase it: "Isn't it wonderful? I'm going to jail!" George, who has seen what it would be like to have absolutely nothing, not even life itself, now sees everything, including a split lip or prison, as a gift.

Mr. Potter's prediction that George's friends and family would "run [him] out of town on a rail," was wrong. Instead, George stands amazed as his neighbors press into the Bailey home offering their savings to help him in his time of need. Ironically, the sheer abundance of cash – far more than the eight-thousand dollars that was lost – serves to show how small a matter it has turned out to be in the grand scheme of George's life. As Harry Bailey raises a glass "to my big brother George, the richest man in town," it's clear that the riches George has gained are not to be found in safe deposit boxes or Mr. Martini's jukebox, but in the greatest gift he has ever been given: life. And it is indeed wonderful.

Festival of Trees

Another successful Festival of Trees event from December 6 and 7. The addition of the Children's Gift Shop and Jamaican food assisted in making this event memorable. Thanks to everyone who participated and contributed.



Parish Information/Información Parroquial



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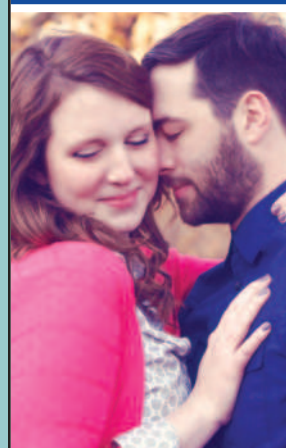
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