# St Joseph Catholic Church



### The Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

— Isaiah 60:1



# The Epiphany

OF THE LORD

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

# Welcome to Visitors & New Members

You are welcome to worship with us at any time. If you are new to the Randolph County area, may we invite you to register as a member of the parish Registration forms are available in parking lot vestibule or by calling the office.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacramento de la Reconciliación

Saturday/Sabado 1:00pm-3:00pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION/ ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA FIRST FRIDAY/ PRIMER VIERNES 9AM- 5AM

#### Mass Schedule/ Misas

Saturday/Sabado: 4:00 PM English

6:00 PM Spanish

Sunday/ Domingo 7:00 AM Español

9:00 AM English 12:00 PM Español 4:00 PM Español

Weekly Masses/ Monday and Friday 8:15 AM

Misas entre semana Wednesday 6:00 PM

Thursday 7:00 AM

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#### From the Pastor's Desk / Del Escritorio del Padre

The New Year has dawned on us with a lot of Joy that results from the Peace and Love brought to us by Jesus at Christmas.

With a sense of relief we are grateful to the Lord for the year 2021 that just left us . A sense of relief that we survived the threat of the virus and its variants when people closer to us could not.

There are many reasons for this gratitude. In spite of the restrictions due to COVID, our faith community has grown steadily. Our concerted effort for the capital campaign is nearing record success due to everybody's generous cooperation. The possibility of a new church is within reach. The hurdles we face only make our faith stronger and perseverance in prayer more real.

So we all have a sense that this is a year of success for individuals and for our parish community.

Wish everyone a Happy New Year, stronger in faith, fervent in prayer, and rejoicing in the Lord always.

God bless you all

El Año Nuevo ha amanecido en nosotros con mucha Alegría que resulta de la Paz y el Amor que Jesús nos trajo en Navidad. Con una sensación de alivio, estamos agradecidos con el Señor por el año 2021 que nos acaba de dejar. Una sensación de alivio por haber sobrevivido a la amenaza del virus y sus variantes cuando las personas más cercanas a nosotros no pudieron.

Hay muchas razones para esta gratitud. A pesar de las restricciones debidas a COVID, nuestra comunidad de fe ha crecido de manera constante. Nuestro esfuerzo concertado para la campaña de capital está llegando a un éxito récord gracias a la generosa cooperación de todos. La posibilidad de una nueva iglesia está al alcance. Los obstáculos que enfrentamos solo fortalecen nuestra fe y hacen más real la perseverancia en la oración. Así que todos tenemos la sensación de que este es un año de éxito para las personas y para nuestra comunidad parroquial.

Desee a todos un Feliz Año Nuevo, más fuertes en la fe, fervientes en la oración y siempre regocijándose en el Señor.

Dios los bendiga a todos

A rather liberal priest was teasing one of the women of the parish, asking, "How do we know the Wise Men weren't Wise Women?" She answered, "If they were, they'd have brought bottles, diapers, and a bassinet, instead of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

The gifts, of course, are symbols of who Jesus is: a king who is both God and human. And I wonder what our gifts to the Lord say about our faith in him. Remember the song about the little drummer boy, who had no gift to bring but his ability to play the drum? It can remind us that a person who gives all they have, no matter how little it seems, is the most generous.

So what do we bring to the newborn King? I can give my time by coming to church for the feast of Epiphany and actually paying attention. Just making the effort to listen to the words of scripture, to hear what God may be trying to tell me, could be a great gift. Or I could bring someone in our family, or a friend, who doesn't go to church very much.

Now let's not forget the meaning of "epiphany." In ancient times it meant the appearance or manifestation of a divine being. Maybe a way to celebrate the Epiphany is to reflect on how God has been made known to me. Simple things, like a hug from a friend or an answered prayer, or major events like a wedding, the birth of a child, or a funeral, can all be ways to experience the Lord. The Wise Men received the gift of an epiphany by following a star. May the light of Christ lead you to him also.

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#### **WEEKLY OFFERINGS:**

Christmas & Weekend of <u>12/26/2021</u>

Offertory: \$5,138.00

#### MASS SCHEDULE: Week of 1/2/2022

Mon 1/3 8:15am

Wed 1/5 6:00pm †Alex Alcaraz by Familia Alcaraz Duran

Thurs 1/6 7:00am

Fri 1/7 8:15am Nancy Lopez by Alma Rosa Enciso

Sat 1/8 4:00pm

<u>6:00pm</u> Accion de Gracias by Familia Perez Santaolaya

Sun 1/9 <u>7:00am</u>

9:00am

12:00pm †Nepomuseno Alejo

by Maria de Jesus Leon

4:00pm Alejandro Salinas

by Familia Salinas Romo



Saturday 1:00PM-3:00PM



#### BIRTHDAY LIST

- 1/3 Juan Flores, Angeliza Gonzalez, Ana Gonzalez, Jesus Gutierrez, Sandra Miranda, Daniel Ramirez, Alejandro Salinas, Felix Santos
- 1/4 Michael Benefield, Rene Hernandez, Maribel Moreno, Christian Pacheco, Aaron Rebollar, Arlet Rodriguez, Ricardo Ruiz
- 1/5 Xochilt Amaya, Eric Benitez, Jean Dawson, Diego Gomez, Dustin Herrera, Andres Sanchez, Brian Stutts
- 1/6 Yesenia Banuelos, Manuel Carrillo, Carlos Gonzalez, Malia Kinney, Diana Martinez, Benito Murillo, Roxane Reyes, Diego Perez, Victor Rodriguez
- 1/7 Betsy Aleman, Sonia E Cortez, Domingo Duarte, Marlene Garcia, Mateo Martinez, Diana Mendez, Ronaldo Murillo, Juan Ramirez
- 1/8 Jennifer Balderas, Liliana Hernandez, Jennifer Melendez, Jusimar Patricio
- 1/9 Brian Bautista, Jason Lopez, Jesus Morales

Have a Very Blessed Birthday

#### 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 mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

#### READING OF THE WEEK

Monday: 1 In 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;

Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 In 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;

Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;

Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;

Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b;

In 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11;

Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4,

24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or

Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Epiphany of the Lord;

**National Migration Week** 

Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Wednesday: St. John Neumann

Thursday: St. André Bessette

Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Friday

Julian Calendar Christmas

#### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — ¡Levántate y brilla, Jerusalén! La gloria del Señor amaneció sobre ti (Isaías 60:1-6).

**Salmo** — Se postrarán ante ti, Señor, todos los pueblos de la tierra (Salmo 72 [71]).

**Segunda lectura** — El misterio de que los gentiles son coherederos, socios en la promesa en Jesucristo, se ha dado a conocer a los hombres (Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Evangelio** — Vinieron unos Magos de Oriente preguntando: "¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que ha nacido?" (Mateo 2:1-12).

#### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Sal 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;

Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Martes: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4, 7-8;

Mc 6:34-44

Miércoles: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 10, 12-13;

Mc 6:45-52

**Iueves:** 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 14,

15bc, 17; Lc 4:14-22a

1 Jn 5:5-13; Sal 147:12-15, 19-20; Viernes:

Lc 5:12-16

Sábado: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b;

In 3:22-30

Domingo: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 o Is 40:1-5, 9-11;

Sal 29 (28):1-4, 3, 9-10 o

Sal 104 (103):1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Hch 10:34-38 o Tit 2:11-14; 3:4-7;

Lc 3:15-16, 21-22

### LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACION

Domingo: La Epifanía del Señor;

Semana Nacional de Migración

Lunes: El Santísimo Nombre de Jesús

Martes: Santa Isabel Ana Seton Miércoles: San Juan Neumann

San André Bessette **Iueves:** 

Viernes: San Raimundo de Peñafort:

Primer viernes

La Natividad del Señor en el

calendario juliano

#### ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

#### La Epifanía del Señor

(Misa del día)

Señor Dios, que en este día

manifestaste a tu Unigénito a las naciones,

guiándolas por la estrella,

concede a los que ya te conocemos por la fe, que lleguemos a contemplar la hermosura de tu excelsa gloria.

Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo

y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

#### Pregunta de reflexión:

¿Qué puedo hacer esta semana para conocer mejor a Dios?



#### CAMINO HACIA DIOS

En nuestra celebración de la Epifanía, dos temas entrelazados están presentes en las lecturas de hoy. Dios está comenzando algo nuevo, y Dios reúne a toda la humanidad a participar. Para Isaías, la luz brillante de Dios, manifestada en el pueblo de Israel, atrae y convoca a personas de muchas naciones a Jerusalén. En la carta a los efesios, la gracia de Dios hace a los gentiles coherederos y en el Evangelio de Mateo los hace coparticipes. Mateo cuenta la historia del cumplimiento de las promesas de Dios a Israel por medio del nacimiento de Jesús, y simultáneamente guiando a los extranjeros a compartir esas mismas promesas. Con el nacimiento de Jesús, Dios eligió a un pueblo determinado, en un tiempo y lugares específicos, para entrar directamente en la historia de la humanidad. Las lecturas de hoy enseñan que Dios lo hizo para reunir a todos los pueblos, a todas las culturas, en la unidad con Dios. Al igual que los magos, estamos siendo llevados a un viaje hacia Dios, convirtiéndonos en coparticipes de la obra de Dios. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

#### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

#### The Epiphany of the Lord

(At the Mass during the Day)

O God, who on this day

revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations

by the guidance of a star,

grant in your mercy

that we, who know you already by faith,

may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever.

#### **Reflection question:**

What can I do this week to come to know God better?

Behold, the star
that they had seen
at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped
over the place
where the child was.

Matthew 2:9

#### JOURNEY TOWARD GOD

In our celebration of the Epiphany, two interwoven themes are present in the readings today. God is beginning something new, and God gathers all of humanity to participate. For Isaiah, God's bright light, manifested in the people of Israel, attracts and summons people from many nations to Jerusalem. In the letter to the Ephesians, God's grace makes the Gentiles co-heirs and co-partners in the gospel. Matthew tells the story of the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel through the birth of Jesus, and simultaneously leading foreigners to share in these same promises. With the birth of Jesus, God chose a particular people, in a particular time and place, to enter most directly into the human story. Today's readings teach that God did this in order to gather all people, all cultures, into unity with God. Like the magi, we are drawn into a journey toward God, becoming co-partners in God's work.

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#### + Sacraments +

\*\*Sacrament of Baptism—Baptism is a highly sacred event and deserves careful and complete readiness. Please contact the church office (336-629-0221) to register for the Baptism Preparation Class, which is done on a regular basis. Parents must be registered and participating members of our parish community

\*\*Sacrament of Marriage - Couples should contact the Pastor (336-629-0221) at least 6 months prior to the wedding date for necessary preparation.

\*\*Ministry of the Sick— Please call the church office (336-629-0221) to inform us of an illness or hospitalization of a

family member. Federal Privacy Law prohibits the hospital from giving room numbers, so we must have prior knowledge of a patient's room number before we



visit the hospital. The Sacrament of Anointing is done upon request prior to surgery or a illness.

\*\*Prayers for our Military—please call the office (336-629-0221) to notify us of their Military Status

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Out of respect for the Liturgy in which we partake, please turn off or mute all cell phones and pagers as you enter the Sanctuary of Our Lord. If your Children are acting up, please take them to the cry room in order not to disrupt the liturgy for others.



Calling all young men ages 10-18. Are you looking to grow in your faith, learn to become a community leader, or help your community and church all while having fun with other Catholic young man? Well, the Columbian Squires are looking for new members. The Columbian Squires is part of the Knights of Columbus family. For more information please have a parent contact Grand Knight Jason Kroeger at 336-301-4418

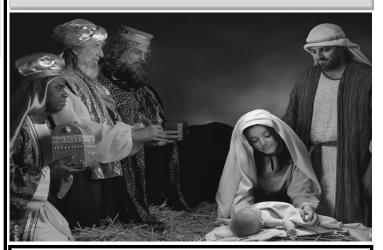
#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

\*The Knights are looking for new members to join their brotherhood. For more information please contact Grand Knight Jason Kroeger at 336-301-4418.



#### **COLUMBIETTES:**

The St. Joseph Columbiettes – Auxiliary 10891 would like to extend an invitation to all the ladies of the parish to join our organization. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact the church office. A current Columbiette will return your call.



# PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS & THEIR FAMILIES

Please take a moment to pray for our parishioners needs, Illness, persona problems and our young men serving our country:

Christopher Gardner, Lillian Hazelwood, Colleen Greene, Flora Smith, Gary Hutchins, Jose Espiallet, Monica Smith, Patrick Guarion, Raphael Guriel, Josefina Arellano, Laurie Wills, JR Newsome, Mary Matthews, Sara Dunmeyer's daughter,



Donald Hills, Robert Barker, Mary Poremba, Sharon Derosi, Chester Devarney, Ernest Devarney, Albert Trapani, Luis Saavedra, Don Troup, Phyllis Morrison, Harry Chriscoe

<u>Military:</u> Adolfo Angel Vasquez, Matthew Bryant, Angela Salinas Ruiz, Manuel Salinas Ruiz

<u>Seminarians & Religious:</u> Jose Palma, Kevin Martinez, & Jessica Palma

John Neumann was born in Prachatice in Bohemia (now the Czech Republic) on March 28, 1811. He studied theology in the seminary of Budweis. Zealous for the missionary life and to lead souls to Christ, he decided to leave his homeland to dedicate himself to the European immigrants in America, who were deprived of spiritual support. Neumann was ordained a priest by the bishop of New York in June 1836, and gave himself to the pastoral care of people in the vast area around Niagara Falls.

Wanting to live in a religious community that corresponded more to his missionary vocation, in January 1842 he entered the Redemptorists. A tireless missionary, Neumann busied himself in particular with the German immigrants, first in Baltimore, then in Pittsburgh.

Having filled the role of vice-provincial superior of the Redemptorists from 1846-49, he became the parish priest of St. Alphonsus Church in Baltimore. In 1852, at the age of 41, he was named bishop of Philadelphia.

Neumann had a strong effect on the religious life of the United States by founding Catholic schools and promoting devotion to the Eucharist. He founded a new religious institute—the Third Order of Saint Francis of Glen Riddle. The School Sisters of Notre Dame likewise regard Neumann as their secondary founder, their "Father in America." In just seven years, he built 89 churches, as well as several hospitals and orphanages. As a bishop, Neumann was untiring in visiting his vast diocese.

On January 5, 1860, at the age of 48, he died suddenly of a heart attack on a Philadelphia street. Neumann was beatified during the Second Vatican Council on October 13, 1963, and was canonized on June 19, 1977. In the homily on the occasion of Neumann's canonization, Pope Paul VI summarized the activity of the new saint: "He was close to the sick, he loved to be with the poor, he was a friend of sinners, and now he is the glory of all emigrants."



St. John Neumann is invoked as a patron of sick children and of immigrants.

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**JANUARY 2, 2022** 

They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:11



#### LITTLE MINUTES

Little drops of water,
little grains of sand;
make the mighty ocean
and the pleasant land;
so the little minutes,
humble though they be,
make the mighty ages
of eternity.

Julia A. Fletcher Carney

#### RECYCLING

The Youth Group is collecting aluminum cans, tin cans, and other metal items for recycling to support the Youth Group activities. Please leave your items by the shed in the corner of the parking lot. Thank you in advance for separating the cans into separate bags for aluminum and steel. Steel items like old fry pans, basketball hoops, poles, tools, shovels, tire rims etc. can be turned in for cash. Please donate. Thank you.

### RECICLANDO

El Grupo de Jovenes es recogiendo latas de aluminio, latas de comida o cualquier otro metal para apoyar las actividades del Grupo Juvenil. Por favor deposite los articulos que usted tenga a la esquina de la casita. Gracias a los que poneen en bolsa separadas el alumino y el acero. Articulos de acero como sartenes biejos, erramientas, palas etc.. Se convierten en efectivo. Porfavor Done. Muchas Gracias.

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