

Sunday Collections from December 21st through January 4th will be reported on January 11, 2009 due to bulletin publishing schedule over the Christmas holiday

GRACE ABOUNDS through your gratitude and generosity. Holy Spirit is blessed with many generous parishioners working together to meet the meet of an ever growing parish family.

Wills- Trust—Bequest

Remember Holy Spirit as you plan your estate. A percentage of your estate could benefit your parish for years to come. Please speak with Joyce Frichtel, Pastoral Coordinator for details.

Peace

If there is to be peace in the world,
There must be peace in the nations.

If there must be peace in the nations,
There must be peace in the cities.

If there is to be peace in the cities,
There must be peace between neighbors.

If there is to be peace between neighbors,
There must be peace in the home.

If there is to be peace in the home,
There must be peace in our heart.

Please Pray for our Military

Richard Dawson, Raul Ilizaliturri, Alex Boyce, L. Hart, Raul Butto, J. Dernberger, Shaun Boyce, Christina Vasquez, Jason Putney, James Rohland, Keith Ellison, Anthony Hebert, Santiago Saucedo, Edward Clark III, Patrick Lee, Josh West, Nicholas Vandegriffe, , Ashleigh Howard and Sarah Hellam



The Feast of the Epiphany

Epiphany means to “show forth.” We remember the ways in which Jesus was shown forth to all people; the adoration of the magi, the baptism of Jesus, and the water becoming wine at the wedding feast in Cana. It is a day of great rejoicing! In Mexico, this is the day that gifts are given, not at Christmas. Another special Epiphany tradition is the blessing of the home.

Epiphany Blessing of the Home

One Epiphany tradition is the blessing of the home. You may use the prayer below as your mealtime grace, or, you can make of the blessing a great procession through the home.

Before dinner, divide a cake into as many pieces as you have people. Hide a coin or a dry bean in one of the pieces. At the time of dessert, whoever finds the bean becomes the king or queen. Crown and dress the king or queen and let that person lead a procession to the front door. Take a piece of chalk and an evergreen sprig and a bowl of water.

Begin by praying the Our Father. Then the newly crowned royalty writes with chalk over the front door of your home:20+C+M+B+09

The numerals are those of the new year. The crosses stand for the four seasons. C-M-B are the initials of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Then pray the following blessing:

God of all time and space, may this home be filled with kindness to one another, with hospitality to guests, and abundant care for every stranger.

By the gentle light of a star, guide home all who seek you on paths of wonder, peace and charity, where we will join with the angels in proclaiming your praise: Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth now and forever. Amen+

Now move throughout the home sprinkling the rooms with water and singing “We Three Kings” and “Joy To The World.” the water is a symbol of the River Jordan and a reminder of our baptism. Then share the greeting of peace.

Readings for the week January 5, 2009

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4,6/ Mt4:12-17,23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/ Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4: 11-18/Mk 6: 45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4: 19- 5:4/ Lk 4: 14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5: 5 -13/ Lk 5: 12: - 16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5: 14- 21/ Jn 3:22-30

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

5:00 pm Mass
 7:30 am Mass
 9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass

Weekly Calendar

Monday, January 5

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, January 6

8:15 am Liturgy of the Word & Communion

9:30 am—Spirituality

10:45 am—Bereavement

7:00 pm Spanish Prayer Group

Faith Formation Resumes

Wednesday, January 7

8:15 am Mass

Faith Formation Resumes

Thursday, January 8

8:15 am Mass

Friday, January 9

8:15 am Mass

Please pray for the Sick of Holy Spirit

L. Dochnal, J & J. Hameister, N. Gleissner, J. Hillis
 C. Snively, M. Montello, M. McAtee, U. Ortega,
 E. Estrada, L. Gomes, G. Lopez, E. Espinoza,
 J. Ellison, J. Healey, R. Banuelos, G. Viso,
 J. Rickard, R. McIntosh, D. Burroughs, M. Pino,
 C. Desjarlais, C. Tan, D. Jubera, G. Wunchel, E.
 Stangel, A. Necochea, M. Swing, P. Hawkins, D. Peterson,
 A. Altig, R. Barajas, R. Davis, A. Howe

Lord, cure the bodies, nurse the souls and heal the hearts of all the sick.

Faith Formation Corner

All Faith Formation sessions meet this week at regular times and days.

**The Parish Office Christmas Hours**

The Parish Office will open on January 6th.

Renewing Hope, Seeking Justice

National Migration Week

January 4-10, 2009

This week of prayer reminds us of our obligation to bring hope to the hopeless and to seek justice for those who are easily exploited. The World Refugee Survey 2008 reports that there are more than 14 million refugees worldwide. Hundreds of thousands of innocent victims are ensnared in the evil of human trafficking every year. Many are forced into slave labor or become victims of sexual exploitation, both of which are forms of modern-day slavery.

We pray,

Mary Most Holy, you, together with St. Joseph and the Child Jesus, experienced the suffering of exile.

Today we entrust the men, women and children who live as refugees, to your maternal protection.

Grant us the grace to understand their journey and to ensure that one day soon, trafficking in human persons vanishes from the face of the earth. Amen +

BUILDING FUND**Pledge Drive**

2009

**Let's make the parish debt free
 by our 20th Anniversary,
 May 2011!**

Building Fund information and pledge cards are available at the church doors and in the parish office.