Wise Men Still Seek Him.

Epiphany of the Lord – January 7, 2018
Please visit us at www.johnthebaptist.org.

Father Humberto Márquez, Pastor
Father Daniel Ciucci, Parochial Vicar
Mass Times
Weekdays:  6:30 a.m. and 8:15 a.m.
Misa en Español:  Jueves 6:00 p.m.
Saturday:   5:00 p.m.
Sunday:    7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
           and 4:00 p.m.
Misa en Español:  12:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

First Saturday of the Month
8:30 a.m. Mass

Reconciliation
Thursday:  4:30 p.m.
Friday:    7:00 a.m.
Saturday:  3:30 p.m.
Also by appointment.

Anointing
Please call 303-776-0737 for an appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration
Monday:    9:00 a.m. - 8:45 p.m.
Tuesday:   9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday:  9:00 a.m. - 8:45 p.m.
To inquire about or sign up for Adoration, please contact Dorothy Sanchez at 303-485-6326, or Benita Valencia (en español) at 720-224-6290.

Children’s Adoration
Thursday:   3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
All children and their parents are welcome. Please call Dorothy Sanchez at 303-485-6326 for more information.

Planning a Wedding?
Please contact our parish office by calling 303-776-0737 at least eight months in advance of your planned wedding date.

On vacation and looking for a Catholic Mass?  Please visit www.catholic-mass-times.com for a Mass near you.
**All Hearts Afire**

**Stage 1, Part 2**

**The Sacred Heart**

Join us for a ten-week session.
The rosary begins at 6:30 p.m.
The retreat follows from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
This retreat is based on the popular book by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, with insights from great saints like Therese of Lisieux, Faustina Kowalska, and Mother Teresa; and has all the tools you’ll need to “become a saint, a great saint, and quickly.”

For information, questions, or registration, contact Julie Medearis - 720-840-0974, or jmedearis@gmail.com, or Brian and Kristine Dodd – 303-667-8352, or ksdodd.06@gmail.com

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**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible**

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

If you would like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith, then join us for Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study, you will also help to bring about a profound renewal in our parish as we grow closer to Christ. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible helps you uncover meanings with a clever narrative approach and ingenious color-coded Bible timeline. Our first study session will begin on Tuesday, January 9th in Benedict Hall from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. For more information, please contact Pauline at 303-651-0109, or Betty at 303-772-0620.

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**Why Do We Do That?**

**Catholic Traditions Explained**

Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

Epiphany means “manifestation,” or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6th. In the United States, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6th. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting Him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew’s infancy narrative differs from Luke’s account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph’s long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From His very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany.

How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact?

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**Stuebenville of the Rockies**

Fr. Humberto and Fr. Daniel are leading youth in grades 8-12 to the Steubenville of the Rockies Conference, a high intensity, prayerful youth conference that is aimed to equip your child to tackle the challenges of high school

WHERE: DIA Crowne Plaza

WHEN: June 22-24

COST: $225 ($195 for the retreat and $30 for other SJB activities related to weekend) *Scholarships available.

CONTACT INFO: frdanielc@johnthebaptist.org

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**What is Formed.org?**

Experience the Transforming Power of the Holy Spirit this New Year!

The Holy Spirit has been given to us not as a possession to be tamed or controlled, but rather as a Person that will lead us to the Heart of God. In this fourteen-part series, Father Dave Pivonka T.O.R. guides you into a deeper relationship with the Person of the Holy Spirit with the hope that you might experience the mercy, healing, peace, and presence that He brings. Watch The Wild Goose by logging in at Formed.org. Our password is THGJPP.
In Our Gift Shop...
Daily devotionals are a great way to start your day. Stop in and chose one from our large selection.

St. Anne’s Mission Rosary Guild
St. Anne’s Mission Rosary Guild will be having a meeting on Thursday January 11th at 12:45 p.m. in St. Catherine’s Room. If you have any questions, please call Theresa Bracke at 303-776-8525.

Receive a Daily Text
Want to know what’s going on in Flocknotes this month? Father Daniel has recommended reading The Power of Silence, (https://youtu.be/N4rjVG1OH70) available in our Gift Shop. Every month, we’re going to be taking quotes from a particular book or work so there is a continuous line of thought or theme. Quotes can be meaningfully contemplated without reading the book, but the book is an amazing way to enrich your faith.

Announcing a new channel: Text “Noon” to 84576 to receive a one-sentence reflection from the Magnificat publication every midday to refocus.

From The Power of Silence:
“In a time when technology penetrates our lives in so many ways and materialism exerts such a powerful influence over us, Cardinal Robert Sarah presents a bold book about the strength of silence. The modern world generates so much noise, he says, that seeking moments of silence has become both harder and more necessary than ever before.”
Fellowship for Our Community
Please be sure and join us in Benedict Hall on the following dates:

January 7th:
Burrito Sunday
Coffee and Donuts

January 14:
Delicious Meals

January 19th:
T.G.I.F.

January 21st:
Parish Breakfast
Coffee and Donuts

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Our St. John’s Hispanic community invites you to share a Delicious Meal in Benedict Hall after ALL Masses
Breakfast may include pancakes, eggs, ham, potatoes, toast, juice, and coffee.
Lunch may include enchiladas, tacos, grilled chicken, gorditas, and salads.

Join us with your family. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Delicious Meals from our Hispanic Ministry

Breakfast burritos from the Grace Notes Bell Choir

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Celebrate Life March - January 13th
The Celebrate Life March is a celebration of life at every age and every stage. Here is what’s going on:

Mass at 7 Downtown locations
Annunciation (Spanish) 11:00 a.m.
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (English) 11:30 a.m.
Celebrant: Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila
Holy Ghost (English) 11:00 a.m.
Our Lady of Guadalupe (Spanish) 11:00 a.m.
Celebrant: Bishop Jorge Rodriguez
Sacred Heart (Spanish) 11:00 a.m.
St. Elizabeth of Hungary (English) 11:00 a.m.
St. Joseph (Spanish) 11:00 a.m.

Rally at 1:00 p.m. at the west steps of the State Capitol in Denver
Our MC: Chris Stefaniak, Real Life Catholic
Music: Matt Miller
St. John Vianney Seminary Choir

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For additional information, please contact Alexa Forster at 720-799-9299 or e-mail aforster@ccdenver.org.
Adoración Eucarística
Lunes: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Martes: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Jueves: 9:00 a.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Horario de Confesiones
Jueves a las 4:30 p.m. y el Sábado a las 3:30 p.m.

Adoración para los Niños
Jueves 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Clases de Bautismo
Clases de bautismo en español serán el Segundo Jueves de cada mes a las 7:00 p.m. en el salón Benedicto. Es necesario registrarse para la clase en recepción. Antes los bautizos serán cada 1er y 3er Sábado de cada mes a las 10:00 am. Cualquier pregunta puede llamar a Susana 303-776-0737, ext. 113 o catecismo@johnthebaptist.org.

El Grupo de Jóvenes: Se reúne todos los jueves a las 7:00 p.m. en el Martin Hall. Para más información comuníquese con Samantha Macias 303-720-4207.

El Grupo de Mujeres: El grupo de mujeres se reúne los martes a las 6:00 p.m. en la capilla. Para más información comuníquese con Evelia 720-882-6585, o Gaby 303-968-4476.

El Grupo de Hombres: Se reúne todos los miércoles de 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. en el salón de los llorones. Para más información comuníquese con Adán Villa al 720-629-5841.

PDV-Grupo de la Renovación Carismática: Se reúne los sábados a las 6:00 p.m. en el Salón Carismático. Para más información comuníquese con Conchita al 720-327-7782.

Vivir La Liturgia
Jesús vino para todos. Nadie tiene una llamada exclusiva para Cristo y su nacimiento no solamente transcinde el tiempo y el espacio, sino también las fronteras de la tierra. Cada ser humano es un hijo de Dios. Los judíos y los gentiles al igual que todos los coherederos, compañeros y miembros del mismo cuerpo. Esta percepción o epifanía es lo que celebramos hoy. También expresa nuestra esperanza en que un día en todas las naciones de la tierra se reconozca y adore a Jesucristo. El mensaje de Jesús de paz, justicia, reconciliación y amor es para que todos lo oigan y lo comprendan.
Live the Liturgy
Jesus came for everyone. No one has an exclusive claim on Christ and His birth not only transcends time and space but earthly boundaries as well. Every human being is a child of God. Jews and Gentiles alike are all coheirs, partners, and members of the same body. This insight or epiphany is what we celebrate today. It also expresses our hope that one day every nation on earth will recognize and adore Jesus Christ. Jesus’ message of peace, justice, Reconciliation, and love are meant for everyone to hear and understand.

Gospel Meditation
“Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” What a wonderful example the Magi give us in their visit to the infant Jesus! First of all, they demonstrate profound faith in God’s word, spoken through the prophet Micah: “And you, Bethlehem, from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel” (cf. 5:2). Embarking on a long and difficult journey, they trust that they will find this newborn king of the Jews in Bethlehem as the prophecy announced.

On their arrival at the home of the Holy Family, the Magi also give us an example of profound humility. These important men, to whom kings look for guidance and advice, do not hesitate to bow down, to “prostrate themselves” and give homage to a tiny babe. Putting their own position out of their minds, they reverently worship the infant Lord even as He sits on the lap of his mother. The generosity of these three “kings” is also evident as they open their treasure boxes and give to the poor child the richest of gifts. Traditionally, we understand the gold to symbolize the earthly kingship of Christ, the frankincense to represent His divinity, and the myrrh to stand as a symbol of the anointing He will receive upon His death.

Finally, the wisdom of these men is evident in their decision to return to their country “by another way.” Understanding the threat that King Herod posed to Jesus, they followed a plan that would help keep the divine child safe even though it meant inconvenience to themselves.

Faith, humility, generosity, and wisdom. These gifts are the real legacy of the Three Kings. Today, let us ask God for the blessing of having these gifts in our lives.
Liturgical Colors

As we continue on into the new Liturgical year, we are reminded that color plays an important role in our Catholic worship. The colors of a priest’s vestments help us know that certain celebrations are at hand. The colors used have specific meaning as the faithful move through the liturgical year (which begins with Advent) or honor a special occasion or sacrament. Liturgical colors are used on sacred vestments, but they also can be used on banners, altar frontal, the ambo, and sometimes the veil over the chalice. Liturgies celebrated during the different seasons of the liturgical year have distinctive music and specific readings, prayers, and rituals. All of these elements work together to reflect the spirit of the particular season.

When we understand the colors of the year, we can also learn something about Church history. The first person to systematize the Roman Catholic color scheme was Pope Innocent III, pontiff from 1198 to 1216, who originally named four liturgical colors: white, red, black, and green. The current six liturgical colors, which include rose and violet/purple, were codified in 1570 with the promulgation of the Roman Missal after the Council of Trent. Dioceses in Spain and Mexico, and other nations of Spanish heritage, have been given permission to use the color blue for Marian feasts, including the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Blue also is granted to some Marian shrines.

Father Daniel and our altar servers (pictured above) demonstrated the colors of the chasubles during a 10:30 a.m. Mass last month. A chasuble is a sleeveless outer vestment worn by a Catholic priest when celebrating Mass, typically ornate and having a simple hole for the head. Our good news is that parishioners are volunteering to sponsor new vestments to build a collection of dignified vestments for the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. Slowly the liturgical colors will be amplified.

Purple or violet: Used during Advent and Lent, these colors symbolize penance, preparation, sacrifice.

White and gold: Most appropriate use is for Christmas and Easter to symbolizes purity, joy, light, and glory. White or gold may also be used for Holy Thursday; the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity; the feasts of Our Lord (excluding those relating to His passion), the Virgin Mary, the angels and the saints who are not martyrs; and the feasts of All Saints, St. John the Baptist, St. John the Evangelist, the Chair of St. Peter, and the Conversion of St. Paul. White is used at nuptial Masses and baptisms, and may be used at funerals.

Green: The color of vestments used during ordinary time, which begins next Sunday. Green symbolizes hope, life, and anticipation. Ordinary time is a season focused on the Lord’s three-year public ministry, His teachings and miracles, and is a reminder that the mission of the church is to share the hope and life of Christ with the world.

Rose: An optional color on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent, rose may be worn as a sign of anticipated joy.

Red: For on feasts of the Passion of Jesus and for the Holy Spirit, representing red tongues of fire, in addition to being worn for the feasts of martyred saints, who shed their red blood for Christ.

Black: Symbolizes death and mourning. It may be used at funeral Masses, the feast of All Souls, or the anniversary of the death of a loved one. Following Vatican II, white is the preferred color since it reminds us of the Resurrection and our baptism.

https://www.catholicnews.com/Faith/What_do_liturgical_colors_mean_/

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 6, 2018
8:30 a.m. †Gerald John Sturbaum
5:00 p.m. †Robert LeFever

Sunday, January 7, 2018 - The Epiphany of the Lord
7:00 a.m. ♥Paul Magallanes and Family
8:30 a.m. ♥Nick and †Marge Bono
10:30 a.m. Priest Intention
12:30 p.m. ♥Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
4:00 p.m. †Hazel Terry
6:00 p.m. †Gilma Rodriguez

Monday, January 8, 2018
6:30 a.m. †Adelida Valencia
8:15 a.m. †JoLynn Michelle Huerta

Tuesday, January 9, 2018
6:30 a.m. †Gene Sandoval
8:15 a.m. ♥Mary Dang

Wednesday, January 10, 2018
6:30 a.m. ♥Fr. Brian Morrow
8:15 a.m. †Fred Klein

Thursday, January 11, 2018
6:30 a.m. †Colin Kaiser
8:15 a.m. ♥Michael Dang
6:00 p.m. †Jose Jaramillo

Friday, January 12, 2018
6:30 a.m. ♥St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
3:30 p.m. ♥Fr. Brian Morrow
8:15 a.m. ♥St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
6:00 p.m. †David Casas

Saturday, January 13, 2018
5:00 p.m. Karus Family

Sunday, January 14, 2018 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 a.m. ♥Michael Warhola
8:30 a.m. ♥Robert Bender
10:30 a.m. ♥Marilyn A. Hartman
12:30 p.m. Priest Intention
4:00 p.m. ♥Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
6:00 p.m. †David Casas

Readings for the Week of January 7th
Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
[cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abed [cf. 1]/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abed [cf. 1]/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1, 10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Questions of the Week
Matthew 2:1-12 - How does the visit of the Magi fulfill the prophecies of Isaiah heard in the first reading?
Isaiah 60:1-6 - The prophet Isaiah foresaw a day when all nations would proclaim the praises of the Lord through the people of Israel. How did Isaiah envision this happening?
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 - Paul spoke to the Ephesians about God’s salvation now offered to all people through Jesus Christ. Why do you think some people find this idea threatening?

For the weekend of December 23-24

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Karen Gorman, Preschool Director

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**For the weekend of December 23-24**

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St. John’s Tithe to Charity $3,846.00

**Scrip Program**

Gross Sales from last week $9,235.00

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St. John’s Tithe to Charity $268.00

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**Select Events for Our Parish**

**Sunday, January 7:**
- Burritos, coffee and donuts, after all morning Masses, Benedict Hall
- RCIA, 8:00 a.m., St. Teresa
- CREED, 9:00 a.m., Campus
- Youth Ministry, 5:00 p.m., St. Michael

**Monday, January 8:**
- Breaking Open the Liturgy, 8:30 a.m., Nursery
- Spanish Religious Education, 6:00 p.m., Campus
- Boy Scouts, 7:00 p.m., St. Michael

**Tuesday, January 9:**
- Morning Bible Study, 9:00 a.m., Benedict Hall
- Altar and Rosary Society, 12:00 p.m., Chapel

**Wednesday, January 10:**
- Scripture Class, 9:00 a.m., Benedict Hall
- Spanish Religious Education, 6:00 p.m., Campus
- Blue Army, 7:00 p.m., Chapel

**Thursday, January 11:**
- Spanish Baptism Class, 7:00 p.m., Benedict Hall
- Spanish Confirmation Class, 6:00 p.m., Campus
- St. Anne’s Rosary Guild, 12:45 p.m., St. Catherine