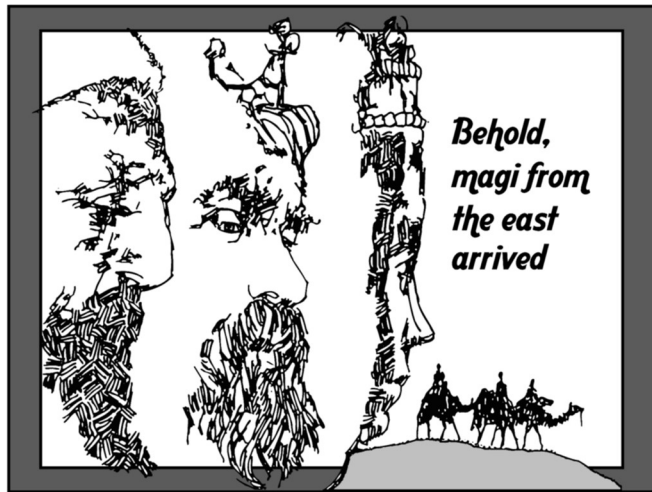


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They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. — *Matthew 2:11b*

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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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).

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READINGS FOR THE 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 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
 Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Pray for ...

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week: For those suffering illness, infirmity, and those in need of our prayers...

Flo Meyers, Dick Boyd, Amanda Bell, Jack Abe, Ruben Sanchez, Esmeralda Rodriguez, Rosa López Ulloa, Oliver Lanier, Albert Antuna, Michael Cardoza, Valeria Oregel and Mom

For the souls of the following recently departed, that through the mercy of Christ, they may rest in peace...

Phyllis Patane, Betavee Hand, Joseph Breceda, Margorie Dean stiles, Rose Meyers, Reynard J. Thomas, and Mary Ann Brayton

The names on these lists will be on for two weeks ONLY

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	
5:00 p.m.	St. Isidore's Parishioners
7:00 p.m.	Manuel Mendez (Salud), Rosa Lopez Ulloa (Salud)
SUNDAY	
8:00 a.m.	Sue Barber†
10:00 a.m.	Jessie Muñoz†, Félix Arellano†, Charles Likes†, Silvia Manzanales (healing), Chris & Maggie Pendilla (Birthday)
12:00 p.m.	Abel Torres (Intención Especial), Maria Zambrano Mendoza†, Rosa López Ulloa (Salud)
2:00 p.m.	Felipe Martin Orozco†, Rosa López Ulloa (Salud)
5:00 p.m.	Phil McCaulley (Health)
7:00 p.m.	Rosa López Ulloa (Salud)
Mon. 8:30 a.m.	St. Isidore's Parishioners
Tue. 8:30 a.m.	St. Isidore's Parishioners
Wed. 8:30 a.m.	Ted Moroni†
Thurs. 8:30 a.m.	St. Isidore's Parishioners
6:30 p.m.	
Fri. 8:30 a.m.	St. Isidore's Parishioners

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This year, in the United States the celebration of the Epiphany falls on January 8, but the traditional date for the Epiphany is January 6. The date we know as January 6 was established as the solstice in Egypt in 1996 BC, but the Egyptian calendar lost a full day every 128 years. Twenty centuries later the actual solstice had migrated to December 25. People still kept January 6 for the solstice celebration, but December 25, matching nicely with the Roman pagan feast of the Unconquered Sun, launched an extended solstice holiday. By the time of the early church, the whole period of twelve days was celebrated just about everywhere.

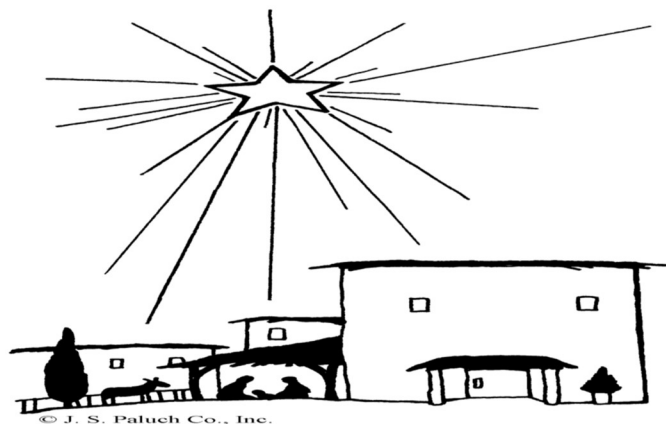
Christians began to celebrate Christ as the true light of the world in four themes: the Nativity, the manifestation to the Gentiles, the baptism of the Lord, and the wedding feast at Cana. That was entirely too much for one day to handle. A twelve-day season was ready to be adapted, so Christians borrowed from the pagan calendar for their own season of light. Thus early Christian celebrations of the Christmas season extended from one date for the solstice, December 25, to the older date, January 6. The darkest time in the Northern Hemisphere could now be filled with the Christian observance of the arrival of the Light of the World.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

EPIPHANY

Solemn things of mystic meaning: Incense doth the
God disclose; Gold a royal Child proclaimeth; Myrrh
a future tomb foreshows.

—Roman Breviary, Epiphany; Prudentius, fourth century



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The Pastor's Corner

We are now two weeks away from the extraordinary prayer gathering known as the Walk for Life West Coast. Now in its 13th year, this massive procession through the heart of San Francisco has swelled in numbers from about 7,000 in its inauguration in 2005 to over 50,000 last year.

For us in the heart of the northern California valley, this opportunity to gather in prayer with brothers and sisters from throughout the Golden State as well as Nevada, Oregon, Washington and even further afield represents a primary manifestation of our faith in the power of intercession.

As Catholics, we believe that our greatest power comes through prayer. Certainly our words and deeds are powerful demonstrations of God's life at work in us, but to connect directly with God unleashes his dynamism in this world: prayer allows God to work powerfully in our lives.

And the Walk for Life West Coast calls us to pray for the most urgent of needs facing us. Our State, our nation, our people can only be free, can only flourish if we remove the repudiation of life found in our addiction to abortion.

Now that 44 years have elapsed since we decided by edict that we have power over the life and death of our littlest, it seems that even the lingering pangs of conscience are fading from our society. God can only bring grace to us if we are open to encounter with him. As we have steeled our hearts to be able to crush the vulnerable, his blessing remains sealed out from our lives.

As a parish, as a Church, as the people of America, we could introduce profound healing and renewal by praying for a conversion of hearts, pleading with God for the repentance that would reopen our hearts to his grace. As we celebrate Epiphany today, the extraordinary moment of the light of the Christ child breaking into our darkened world, we can pray that this child's light would drive out the shadows from our hearts.

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PARISH NEWS

We are getting together to say...



for all your hard work!!

You're invited to attend a
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
January 23 | 6:00pm
St. Isidore's Parish Hall

Please RSVP by January 19th by calling the Parish
Office at 530-673-1573 or email
gmartinez@stisidore-yubacity.org
We hope to see you there!!

Knights of Columbus Annual Crab/Steak Feed
Saturday January 28, 2017
In The Parish Hall
Doors open at 6:00 pm

All you can eat Crab \$50.00
Steak \$50.00
Crab/Steak Combo \$60.00

All meals include shrimp cocktail, assorted appetizers, pasta, fresh French bread, Caesar salad, coffee and dessert. A full cash bar and raffle prizes are available. This event helps fund support to St. Isidore Church and School, Diocese Seminarians, Community projects, St. Vincent de Paul Food Locker, Parish Website, RCIA Program, and much more. Tickets on sale after Mass every weekend until January 22nd or until sold out. No tickets sold at the door. Reserved tables available for groups of 6 or more.

On behalf of the Simbang Gabi ... "Thank you" to all who celebrated, and joined the 9-day Novena/Mass. We are most grateful to our beloved Pastor, Fr. Avram Brown! Thank you also to Fr. Matt Blank and Fr. Roland Ramirez, who also served the early dawn masses at 5:00 a.m.

To Deacon Eldon, Jim Walsh, Steven Wood, Altar servers, Youth Choir, Youth Lectors, dedicated people who prepared the food, set-up/clean-up committee, the Carolers, gift donors, parishioners, friends, relatives of St. Isidore who made the Christmas season so beautiful and awesome!

May we continue to live our Catholic faith, share our gifts, talents, and treasures to the rest of the parish community and by helping and loving one another. Thank you for all your love and support.

God bless us all.

Simbang Gabi 2016

REST (Regional Emergency Shelter Team)

REST, we are in our 7th season. REST will be providing homeless winter shelter services for 18 weeks. Our season began in the 1st week of December and will run through the 1st week of April. If you are interested to learn how REST works and would like to lend a hand. Volunteer Training is scheduled for Monday, January 9th, 6:30 to 8:30 PM. At Cornerstone Church at 700 Washington Ave in Yuba City at the corner of Washington and Clark Ave.

Contact -Valerie at (530) 218-1985 or Joe Saavedra at (530)755-8458. Visit our website for more information at <http://www.restyubacity.org/>

"Come unto to Me all who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest" Matthew 11:28.

Thank you,
Joe Saavedra

Disciples of Jesus and Mary Information Meeting

You are invited to an information meeting for the Disciples of Jesus and Mary (DJM) on January 13th, 2017 at 6pm in the "front hall" at St Joseph Catholic Church in Marysville.

The purpose of DJM is to offer all people an on-going training program. This program enables all to grow spiritually and to work effectively in the world. It draws material from the Gospels, the teachings of the Church, and spiritual authors. The program founded by Fr. Santan Pinto, S.O.L.T. offers how to discover your plan of life: the plan of life, found in the Heart of the Father, who He created you to be. The plan of life process helps us to recognize the way the Lord has been forming us throughout our entire life. Please call Dale Walker at 530-300-6763 for more information

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OUTREACH NEWS

The Sunday bulletins are needed to disseminate important & necessary information. If you have anything to be placed in our bulletin, please send an e-mail to bulletineditor@stisidore-vubacity.org by the end of every TUESDAY. If you do not have access to the e-mail above, please drop it off at the office by the end of every TUESDAY. We also need advertisement to offset printing expenses. Please help us look for ADVERTISERS.

PANTRY NEEDS:

THIS WEEK: Canned Fruit

NEXT WEEK: Peanut Butter

St. Vincent de Paul

We have some urgent needs for St. Vincent de Paul:

- We are in need of beds for our client
- Paper bags
- Travel sized personal care items

Thank you for all that you do on behalf of the needy in our community!

Divine Mercy Group

Come join us as we learn about Divine Mercy. We pray the chaplet and discuss and share a Mercy topic. Our meetings are the third Monday of the month, Jan 16 at 6:30PM in the Conference Room of the Hall. Call Cathy at 755-1536 for more information.

13th annual West Coast Walk for Life 2017

www.walkforlifewc.com/

The 13th annual West Coast Walk for Life in San Francisco will be Saturday, January 21st. Won't you join us and experience the blessing of being among thousands taking a stand for LIFE. "Women deserve better" is the slogan of this PEACEFUL demonstration. Four buses, sponsored by Yuba Sutter Right to Life, will leave St. Isidore Church at 9:00 am on Saturday, January 21st and return around 7:00 p.m. Call Maureen 673-1437 for more information or to reserve a place on a bus. The cost is \$30, but limited financial help is available for large families.

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



FAITH FORMATION

WE NEED YOU!

The CCD family Mass is the 3rd Sunday of each Month of our school year. (December, January, February March, April) We as Catholics need to give of our time and talents to the Lord.

So we are asking 5th grade through high school students in CCD to give of your time and talent to volunteer to be readers (also known as lectors) for 10AM 3rd Sunday CCD Family Mass. Requirements, baptized Catholic and a good reader.

First we train you! We meet ahead of time and go over the readings. Then we practice at the ambo (lectern) on how to read. On Sunday morning we will be at the ambo with you. You will not be alone! This takes about 1 hour. We need two readers for the one Mass each month. Call Mary Henson 530 415-9743 for more information.

PERPETUAL ADORATION NEWS

Dear Adorers and Visitors to Perpetual Adoration, please remember to sign up your name on our Adoration log upon arriving to Adoration. On the left side of the binder, let us know that you are in the Church visiting the Blessed Sacrament, if you are not a regular Adorer. As usual, we welcome your prayerful commitment to devoting ONE HOLY HOUR per week with Our Lord JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. Sign up NOW! Everyone is Welcome! Make this your New Year Resolution! What a Wonderful Way to Start this New Year!



Thank you for your prayers and good wishes.... Let's Keep Adoring.

The Adoration Ministry.

DIOCESAN WIDE EVENTS

Camp Pendola is Hiring for Summer 2017

Applications for summer 2017 positions at Camp Pendola are now being accepted. Camp Pendola is looking for energetic people to work with children ages six to seventeen in a Catholic outdoor setting. Staff positions begin in early June and finish the 2nd week of August. Staff lives at Camp Pendola for the summer and must be at least 18 years old. Positions include counselors, kitchen staff, health center staff, and program staff. For more information and apply go to www.pendola.org/employment

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Win a week at Camp Pendola – Celebrating God's Creation

Enter to win a free week at Camp Pendola! Camp Pendola invites all 4th - 8th grade students to Celebrate God's Creation by entering the Summer 2017 Camp Pendola Essay Contest. Using the quote from Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, 228, write a 500-word essay about where you have experienced God in nature. All entries are due by February 8. Go to www.pendola.org or call (530) 389-2780 for more information.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND: Invest in your future! – Come experience an atmosphere where you as a couple can concentrate exclusively on one another and prepare for your lifetime of marriage while free of pressures and interruptions of daily life. For information on our 2017 and 2018 weekends, please visit our website at www.sacee.org or email us at leadership@sacee.org.

Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat Feb. 17 - 19, 2017

"God will never forgive me for this..."

Those who choose abortion are our daughters, sons, husbands, wives, sisters, brothers, relatives, friends & members of our parish communities. The impact and pain of abortion hurts - even years after the experience. If you, or a loved one have been hurt by abortion, this weekend is for you! Come and experience God's healing love and forgiveness in a safe, nonjudgmental environment. Open to men and women. The cost is \$175 per person and financial assistance is available to anyone who needs it. Call Paula Segno or send an email for more information. (916) 733-0161 or projectrachel@scd.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR CONFIRMATION CONFERENCE 2017

On March 4 & 5, 2017 at Christian Brothers High School, the Catholic Diocese of Sacramento will host a huge, dynamic, and exciting conference for all those youth preparing to receive the awesome Sacrament of Confirmation! "Fired Up" is intended for 7-12th graders who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2017. This is an excellent opportunity to connect your school/parish Confirmation program with the larger diocesan Catholic community, and it will include Bishop Jaime Soto and Bishop Myron Cotta! Registration is now open at www.confirmationconference.com

Pro-Life Mass with Bishop Soto

On January 23 Bishop Jaime Soto will celebrate the 12:10 pm mass at the Cathedral in reparation for the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that made abortion legal in the United States. Please join our Bishop in asking God to convert the hearts of all Americans, most especially pregnant mothers, physicians, judges and legislators. For more information, contact Steve Patton, 916-733-0133, spatton@scd.org

Pro-Life Youth Program: Choose Life 2017

On January 23 at the Cathedral, the Diocese of Sacramento will offer **Choose Life**, a pro-life educational program for middle and high school youth. Attendees will 1) witness a live large-screen ultrasound, 2) find out what being "Pro-Life" vs. "Pro-Choice" really means, 3) learn how to speak and listen compassionately about abortion, and 4) get practical ideas to make a difference. Attendees from past years describe the experience as informative, moving, energizing and even entertaining. While the 10 am to noon morning program is limited to selected Catholic School students, the evening program from 7 – 8:30 pm is for any middle or high school student. There is no cost, but pre-registration is requested to help us with planning. More information at <http://scddec.org/respect-life>

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Week Ending Date Current Month		January Offertory Received	January Offertory Budget
01/01/17		\$15,336.00	\$15,000.00
01/08/17			14,000.00
01/15/17			13,000.00
01/22/17			14,000.00
01/29/17			13,500.00
Total		\$15,336.00	\$69,500.00
December 2016 Offertory Received	December 2016 Offertory Budget	Jul-Dec. 2016/17 Offertory Received	Year-to- Date Offertory Budget
\$81,371.74	\$71,500.00	\$387,833.59	\$362,000.00

*Thank you for your generosity; please
continue to support our parish community
and the school.*

The second collection this weekend is for St. Isidore School. Thank you for your continued support to our Parish School.

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Services & Prayer Directory

Bulletin Editor: call the Parish Office 673-1573, or email bulletineditor@stisidore-yubacity.org. **Deadline is Wednesday morning.**

Mass Announcements: Submit to Parish Office by Tuesday preceding weekend, or use online form: <http://www.stisidore-yubacity.org/pulpitbulletinform.Htm>

- **Communion for the Sick and homebound:** Call Parish Office, 673-1573 ex.36.
 - **Divine Mercy:** Meets 3rd Mon @ 6:30 p. m. in the Conference Room. Cathy, 673-1573
 - **Knights of Columbus:** Bill Daugherty, (530) 713-3050
 - **Legion of Mary:** Mon 9:15 – 10:30 a. m. in the church. Both men and women are invited to attend.
 - **Novena and prayers to Our Mother of Perpetual Help:** Wednesday's after 8:30am daily Mass.
 - **Religious Education:** Rita Ramos, 673-1573 or fatihformation@stisidore-yubacity.org
 - **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA):** Adult Baptism, Confirmation & First Communion. Helen Gomez: RCIACoordinator@stisidore-yubacity.org
 - **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, Adapted for Youth and Teens (RCIA Adapted):** For youth 7 and above who have not been baptized or not baptized Catholic. Helen Gomez: RCIACoordinator@stisidore-yubacity.org
 - **Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (RICA):** Spanish-Bautismo Confirmacion, Comunión de adultos. Llamar a Diácono Rubén Rojo, 673-1574.
 - **Marriage Preparation:** Call Paige Westlake, 530-673-1573 or pwestlake@stisidore-yubacity.org
 - **YLI:** Leslie Lee, (530) 713-9996
 - **Youth Group:** Clemente Polines: 530-218-8771.
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- **A Woman's Friend:** Pregnant? Don't know where to turn? Call 741-0556
 - **Prayer Blanket Ministry:** To receive a blanket at no charge, visit the parish office. For more information, to volunteer, or to donate, call Kathy Anderson 713-7022.
 - **Child Care:** Available in the Little Lambs Nursery (located in the Preschool) Sunday mornings 9:30 a.m. to 1 p. m., children 0 to 5

- **Cuidado de Niños:** Abierto a las: 9:30 a. m. — 1:00 p. m. Niños edades 0-5. Lugar Escuela Pre-escolar
- **Cursillos:** Hilario Rivera # 790-7640. Reuniones son el segundo y cuarto Viernes del mes.
- **Engaged Encounter:** 916-987-0747
- **Food Locker/St. Vincent de Paul:** 671-5154
- **Grupo de Oracion:** Miércoles a las 7 p. m. José Luis Ruiz #844-7126.
- **Grupo Familiar:** Para matrimonios católicos. Lunes a las 7 p. m. Salvador y Elisa Vargas, 695-8762.
- **Immaculate Heart Radio:** 1620 AM
- **Marriage Encounter:** 893-2348 or 891-0426
- **Prayer Chain:** Serious illnesses or critical situations: 673-0556
- **Natural Family Planning:** Call Parish Office for referral
- **Rachel's Vineyard:** For those suffering emotional or spiritual pain from abortion, 888-HOPE-790
- **Respect Life/Yuba-Sutter Right to Life:** 1st Wed every month @ 7 p. m. in the Brinde Room; Maureen, 673-1437
- **Troubled Marriage:** 800-283-5952/ www.retrouvaille.org
- **Website:** Mike Pugh, webservant@stisidore-yubacity.org
- **Chamorro Ministry:** (530) 673-1573
- **Filipino Ministry-** (530) 673-1573
- **Encuentro Matrimonial-** Maria y Pablo Rodriguez 530-216-3884
- **Guadalupanas -** Cora Garcia 671-4269
- **Perpetual Adoration Ministry-** Teresa Pimentel 530-645-7122

Additional contacts are found on the parish website's "Contact Us" link

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Catholic Bible—available in the Church on Mary's side for \$10 each. Each family must have a Bible! Catechism is also available in the Church on Mary's side for \$20.

OUR WARMEST WELCOME TO ALL

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian Fellowship to all who celebrate with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the Parish. To register, please complete and place in the collection basket, or mail to the Parish Office.

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