

Calendar

Monday

January 9

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1–4, 6–7 or

Acts 10:34–38

Mt 3:13–17

Tuesday

January 10

Weekday

Heb 2:5–12

Mk 1:21–28

Wednesday

January 11

Weekday

Heb 2:14–18

Mk 1:29–39

Thursday

January 12

Weekday

Heb 3:7–14

Mk 1:40–45

Friday

January 13

Weekday

Heb 4:1–5, 11

Mk 2:1–12

Saturday

January 14

Weekday

Heb 4:12–16

Mk 2:13–17

Sunday

January 15

*Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Is 49:3, 5–6

1 Cor 1:1–3

Jn 1:29–34

Dear Padre,

If God wants everyone to believe in him, why doesn't God offer undeniable proof of his existence? Surely more would join the Church if adequate proof were available.

Perhaps what is missing is the ability to perceive and understand the evidence before our eyes. In the *Catechism* we are taught that God “provides men with constant evidence of himself in created realities” (CCC 54).

Despite the evidence, however, God does seem to be hidden from the sight of some. Why might this be? Again, the *Catechism* offers an important truth: While faith is a grace, it is also dependent on the “free assent” of the human person to accept what God has revealed (CCC 150). Faith is a gift, but it is also a human act: “Believing is an act of the intellect assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by God through grace” (CCC 155; see *Summa Theologica*, II-II.2.9).

In the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19–31), Abraham declares to the rich man, “If they [his brothers] will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead” (16:31). So evidence of God's presence, the witness of the Church, and even the most persuasive arguments might not be enough to convince every person to come to faith.

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A Word From Pope Francis

“Religious man is a wayfarer; he must be ready to let himself be led, to come out of himself and to find the God of perpetual surprises.”

—On Faith (*Lumen Fidei*), 35



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 08, 2017



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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m.
to 9:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Both Before Mass and by Appointment.

Mass Schedule for this Week

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule

Sun 7:30 am Our Parish Family

St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat 4:00 pm +Althea Duncan

9:00am Our Parish Family

Mon 8:00am Doug Holquist

Tues 8:00 am Terry Walker

Wed 6:00 pm Spec Int

Thu 8:00 am +Fr Pete

Fri 8:00 am Spec Int

From Father Khoa's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

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

In our day and age, the star of Christmas has become a kind of decorative symbol that adorns manger scenes and Christmas trees. It suggests something good and bright and holy, a visual indicator that the "Light of the world" has appeared. But today, on the feast of the Epiphany, we recall that originally, this star was not just a pretty symbolic ornament. This star was a sign from God that intervened in the operations of the physical universe.

The Magi understood that this star was sent from God to indicate where his Son would be born. Of course it should not surprise us in this season of all seasons that God should choose to order the universe according to his purposes. Jesus has just been born of a virgin! God has just taken on human flesh. These events in themselves are extraordinary divine interventions miracles that defy the standard operation of things. Why shouldn't God choose to send a luminous star where he wants it, when he wants it? Why shouldn't he reveal his plan through the things that he created in the first place?

The beauty of today's feast is found, in part, in the fact that the Magi were able to recognize this sign from God. They waited for it, they saw it, and they rejoiced in it: "They were overjoyed at seeing the star." We too should be overjoyed in this season of God's special revelation to us. We may need the eyes to recognize it, but truly we have waited for a Savior, we have seen his appearance at

Christmas, and now it is time to celebrate! God is at work in our physical world. He has come here, now to save us. This is cause for rejoicing!

I hope that your New Year has gotten off to a good start. May God bless all of us!

— *THANK YOU* —

To all those who sent many cards, gifts and goodies to me over the holidays;

May God bless all of us!

...Fr. Khoa

End of Year Statements

If you desire an end of year offering statement, please email or call the Parish office and request one.

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:**

58Identifiable: **\$555.00**; Loose: **\$940.00**;
Total: **\$1,495.00**; Children: **\$8.50**; Solemnity
of Mary: **\$29.00**; Assumption: **\$20.00**
Calendar: **\$57.00**

OL OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP:

Identifiable: **\$45.00**; Loose: **\$462.00**; Total:
\$507.00.

****Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84.**

Thank you for your generosity.

Church Cleaning: Thank you everyone who helped cleaning the church last year. Marie Chasse and Michelle Lizana will clean the church on Jan 7 and 14. Thank you

Altar Society: meets **this Sunday.**

Parish Council: meets **next Saturday.**

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat Jan 07 5pm	Lanny Acosta	Rita Acosta , Mike Mays , Diane Mays	Austin S.	Mike August	Carolyn Lizana
Sun Jan 08 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Jan 08 9am	Lisa Cuevas	Nicki Quintini ., Susan Peleaz , Will Burke	Nick Conner	Lester Pat	David Crabtree Family
Sat Jan 14 5pm	Henrietta	Sharon Ladner , Kay Van Pelt , Doris Snowden	Austin S.	Doug Kermit	WC & Lennell King
Sun Jan 15 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Jan 15 9am	Valerie Ladner	Kim Wood, Carolyn Brewer , Robin Peterson	Will Carson	Garland Robert	Quintini Family

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.

Lizana Light: For more information, please contact Doris or Diane. Thank you.

Bereavement Committee: Please contact **Sharon Leimer** at 539-9928. Lasagna, green salad, rolls, and deserts will be provided for the funeral reception upon request. Thank you.

Knights of Columbus: For more info, please contact Thomas Moran 228-234-2572.

RCIA: Please contact **Henrietta Ladner**.

MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: You can have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living family and friends. Mass cards are available at the office.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560.

Bible Study: We study **Gospel of Luke**. Please join us. Classes are on **Wed at 6:30pm and on Thurs at 9am**. For more information, please contact **Ruth and Henrietta**.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE
Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding. Please contact us well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive info: one's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

CCD: If you have any questions, please contact Robert Lizana the DRE. Thank you.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:
Leslie Cuevas, William DeMello, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley, Victoria Moran, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, John Moran, Jerry Rutland, Regina Franke, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Debbie Bowen, Larry Shruff, Andrew Fillengame, Melissa Peterson, Breanna Ladner, Curtis (Cubby) Ladner, Gerald Barrilleaux, Albert Necaie, Margaret Northrop, Betty Howard, and Andrew.