

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 3, 2010



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## **HOLY** **REDEEMER**

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### **MASSES:**

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Weekdays: 8:00 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday

**Eucharistic Adoration:** First Fridays, after Daily Mass.—11:45 a.m.

Benediction at Noon

**Holy Days:** Please contact Parish Office

### **CONFESSIONS:**

Saturday: 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Holy Days: Please contact the Parish Office

**BAPTISMS:** Please contact the Parish Office

**BAPTISM CLASSES:** Please contact the Parish Office

**MARRIAGES:** By appt., 6 months in advance. Please make arrangements directly with the Pastor.

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**MASSES:** Sat. Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Weekdays: T, Th, Sat. at 8:00 a.m.

### **CONFESSIONS:**

Mondays -- 5:00—7:00 p.m.

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Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!  
Your light has come,  
The glory of the Lord shines upon you.  
— *Isaiah 60:1*

**RISE UP IN SPLENDOR**

This great feast of the Epiphany of the Lord opens with these words: "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem? Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you" (Isaiah 60:1). That reading goes on to describe a world covered with darkness. Even in that world, the prophet announces that the glory of the Lord will shine on Jerusalem. Many would agree that our world is covered with darkness—the darkness that war, terrorism, and famine bring. Today we announce that even in today's world, the Lord can scatter that darkness, if only we would welcome Epiphany's light. As we remember the visit of the magi to the manger, let us pray that one day our weary world will rise up in splendor—the splendor of peace and justice.

**PARISH NEWS**

Dear Holy Redeemer Church Members:

The City of Pasadena Adaptive Recreation program participates each year at Vito's Christmas Party. As an Adaptive Recreation Specialist, I know that our participants look forward to this wonderful party each year! During these difficult financial times, we appreciate the ongoing support of the Holy Redeemer Church, the pastor, Fr. Ed, and all the parishioners in opening your hearts to us each year. I know that this party provides a wonderful opportunity to be included in our community. We know that Grace Chase, Vito, and the Cannella Family have provided outstanding support in provision of this event. Thanks to everyone who provided the beautiful gifts! We also appreciated the Parish Hall being decorated on that day...thank you Holy Redeemer School staff and parent volunteers!

If you have any questions about our recreation programs, please do not hesitate to call me, Jackie Scott at (626) 744-7257, or [jackiescott@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:jackiescott@cityofpasadena.net). We have events throughout the year in cooperation with Ability First in Pasadena and we would love to have you visit us! Have a wonderful Christmas season and joyous New Year 2010!!

— Jackie Scott

**A LETTER FROM FR. TONY AMISSAH, SVD**

Dear Fr. Ed, Msgr. Jack, and all the Christians,

The year is slowly coming to an end and I look back at the different experiences that have gone on in my life and I deem it fit to share with you and to thank God for all His blessings. I may not have written to you regularly but I have regularly prayed and thought about you and your support for the mission for which I serve. This year which is coming to an end, we were blessed to have over forty children sponsored in school. You, Holy Redeemer and St. James, were some of the supporters and must count yourselves as supporting the universal call for education. Words cannot express my appreciation.

I started out with a small house garden to subsidize the school kitchen. The garden was a success since it was able to serve the vegetables for the school kitchen for the greater part of the year. It is my plan to start a bigger farm in the school compound in the coming year. I have visualized a farm with irrigation. I'll let you know when this plan works.

The Library/Administration Block is still on progress. Slowly but surely we are far advanced. We have managed to roof the structure and we have started the work of plastering the inside of the rooms. We are grateful to Ameerica, an organization from Spain who has supported with some tiles and other plumbing materials. I cannot just be quiet on the library books contribution from Holy Redeemer and St. James the Less, through the coordination of the Girl Scouts. And also for the great support both financially and spiritually by both parishes. I am truly indebted to all of you. On behalf of the school and of the children, I will like to thank you all.

In July I received a threat on an SMS text message, that if I do not stop all the development I will have my head cut off. This threat was frightening but this strengthened my prayer life and it gave me more zeal to work hard for God's mission. I informed the CID and they are still investigating who could have sent this threat. This has not hindered me from supporting these little ones in their education and for the development of the Mission. Whenever you fall on your knees to pray please remember me to God. I need that so much.

The new academic year begins in January and I will like to encourage you to continue to support this mission with its development. Your continuous support for this mission is what keeps it going. Your support can be addressed to Holy Redeemer where you will receive tax deductions.

I year ago you remember I lost my Dad. Painfully enough this year on December 6th, I got a message that my mum has passed away. It has been a very painful and sad time for me. She will be buried on the 30th of January. Kindly remember me in your prayers to remain strong. I do not intend to destroy your Christmas mood but I just want to let you know my pain. Thanks for your friendship and all. God bless. —Fr. Tony Amisshah, SVD

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year full of God's love and affection! "God is not finished with me yet". Fr. Tony*

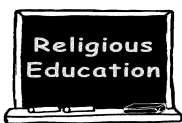
**DIGNITY AND LIFE SUNDAY, January 23-24, 2010**

**LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD**

The California Catholic Conference has chosen the Dioceses of Sacramento and Fresno, and the San Fernando Pastoral region of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles as places where a concerted effort will be made to sign up as many Catholics as possible as members of the statewide Catholic Legislative Network.

Two years ago the bishops of California decided that it was time to create a statewide legislative network (CLN) that would inform and engage parishioners in creating a more just and caring public policy in our state. Now the infrastructure is in place to substantially increase the number of network participants. The Catholic people in our region have the potential to have a powerful voice of gospel clarity and truth in the legislative process. Our concern for the unborn, the poor, the weak and defenseless has always been forcefully demonstrated through a myriad of charitable works. We now have the opportunity to bring a wealth of wisdom in this experience in a persuasive manner to our elected representatives at both the state and national levels!

You are invited to form a parish team to initiate and strengthen the moral voice of the Catholic Community in public discourse. Please join the culture of life and society of hope, as part of CLN, the Catholic Legislative Network. If you believe in promoting Life and Dignity, please contact Jim or Carol Lewis at (818) 957-5264, or the parish office (818) 249-2008, ext. 441. Watch the bulletin for more information, and thank you for your support!



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Happy New Year! R.E.P. classes resume Sunday January 10 and Tuesday January 12.

**JANUARY 15-17, 2010**

A "Beginning Experience" workshop will be held at the Holy Spirit Retreat Center, in Encino, for those who've experienced the loss of a spouse through death or divorce/separation. This weekend program helps a person move from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning with renewed hope. The Beginning Experience ministry is endorsed by the Los Angeles Archdiocese's Office of Family Life. Website is [www.beginningexperience.org](http://www.beginningexperience.org) For more information or registration, please call Brenda Mikhail (818) 352-5265 or email [brendamikhail@msn.com](mailto:brendamikhail@msn.com).



**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**  
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**SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON (1774-1821)**

**Feast Day: January 4**

Though her liturgical designation is "religious," Elizabeth Seton, her feast-day prayer reminds us, was also "wife, mother, educator, foundress." Born into a wealthy Episcopalian family, Elizabeth married William Seton, whose untimely death in Italy where the young family sought healing for William's tuberculosis, left her, at twenty-nine, a widow with five children. Inspired by the faith and charity of the Italian family with whom they stayed, Elizabeth embraced Catholicism despite her family's disowning her and ceasing financial support. This woman of many firsts (and several vocations!) opened the first free Catholic school, beginning the American Catholic educational system, and founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. The tuberculosis that claimed her husband also took her oldest and youngest daughters and finally, at just forty-seven, Elizabeth herself. Another first: in 1975 she was canonized the first native-born American Saint. Once asked to summarize her spirituality, she replied: "Faith lifts the staggering soul on one side, hope supports it on the other, experience says it must be, and love says let it be".

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Always Keep an Up-to-Date Photo of Your Child**

Picture this: A good photo could save your child's life. One of the most important tools for law enforcement in the case of a missing child is an up-to-date (take a new one every six months), good-quality photograph. The photograph should be a recent head-and-shoulders color photograph of the child in which the face is clearly seen. It should be of school-portrait quality, and the background should be plain or solid so it does not distract from the subject. When possible, the photograph should be in a digitized form and available on a compact disk (CD), as opposed to just a hard-copy. This minimizes the time necessary to scan, resize, and make color corrections before disseminating it to law enforcement. The photograph should have space for accurate, narrative description useful to identify the child, such as name, nickname, height, weight, sex, age, eye color, identifying marks, glasses, and braces. For more information, please visit [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com). For particular help you may contact our parish Safeguard the Children Committee by calling (818) 249-2008, ext. 223, or Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

**GOOD DISPOSITION**

A good disposition is a virtue in itself, and it is lasting; the burden of the years cannot depress it, and love that is founded on it endures to the end. — Ovid

**PARISH PRAYER LIST**

Jacob (age 3), Carol Friesen, Kathryn Ausburn, Larry Lewis, Albert Guthrie, Edward Pilgrim, Rebecca Cole, Rosemary Hegenbart, Carmel Richardson, Anne McPherson, Janice Klein, Paula Johnson, Colleen MacIntosh, Maria Bonino-Britsch, Sela Patterson, Bill McNerny, Kay Kates, Michael Franco, Angie Escobal, Robert Delaney, Tom Passafiume, Margaret Sinatra, Jolene Neal, Kathleen Robertson, Virginia Brennan, Eleanor Birney, Stacy Toyon, Judy Silva, Wendy Wayne, John Paluka, Jeanie Fjelstad, Teresa Rocha, Ed Gillin, Kerrigan Madden, Betty Myers, Mamata Pramanik, Bernadeen Sullivan, Katie Heydorff, Gil Bernal, Adam Voelker, Gregory Voelker, Teresita V. Bautista, Letty Gutierrez, Calixto Gutierrez, Ana Velez, Remedios Stanlee, Arcenia Go, Sarah Novak, Paula Sulit, Victoria Robman, Will Romo, Brian Cole, Rev. Magee, O.S.A., Joanie Walsh, James Pope, Esther Mimiaga, Pat Miller, Albert Mellican, Marion Marvin, Marie Castle, Robin Klesges, Ken Lau, Nancy Wheeler, Baby Ian Palamattam, Vincent McElwee, Evelyn McElwee, Florence Cannella, Teresa Zuniga Lau, Teresa Newlin, Eleana Zuniga, Mary Louisa Zuniga, Francis O'Neil, Marge & Tom Gilroy, Carol Mutchnik, Patricia Hausmann, Tom English, Millie Urso, Eithne Foley, Cora McConnell, Louise Lewis, Nikolas Haas, Aida Radovich, Jane O'Neil, and all others.

**MILITARY PRAYER LIST**

Dan Cortes, USMC Gunnery Sergeant, Jeffrey Salvador, U.S. Army National Guard, Christopher Falzone USMC, Brendon Terry USMC, Michael Richards, USMC, preparing for deployment to Afghanistan, Jessica Pena, serving in Iraq, Lance Corporal Zac Garcia, USMC, Brian Henderson, Capt. Michelle Sharp U.S. Army, serving in Korea, Staff Sgt. Louis Figueroa, Staff Sgt. Erica Thill, Staff Sgt. John Stedman, Kyle Jesse Marquez, Cesar Nader, Justin Hughes, Capt. Bryan Bogardus, Christopher Villagrancia, Brian Joseph Joo, Specialist, Brandon Buys, Carlos Brown, Christopher Skeeahan, Abraham Miranda, Mike McDonald, Michael & Kim Rufner, Raul Acevedo, Doug Zembeic, Byron Pangburn, Grant McGregory, Capt. Brian McDermott, U.S. Army. *To add a name please call 249-2008, ext. 441.*

**BEREAVEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM  
TO BEGIN ON JANUARY 11TH 2010**

Holy Redeemer Church is sponsoring a Bereavement Training Program to be held in the Parish Hall, on Monday evenings, beginning Jan. 11, 2010—Feb. 22, 2010, 7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m. including one Saturday on January 30th, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. This program is offered by the Catholic Cemeteries Department, Archdiocese of Los Angeles. If you are currently serving on our Bereavement team, or if you are considering becoming more involved, and would like to attend, this is a great opportunity to do so—*right in our own parish!* To find out more information, please contact Roxane Cornelius, Bereavement Ministry Coordinator at (818) 249-5017, (818) 398-7673, or email [johnrox@charter.net](mailto:johnrox@charter.net), and watch the bulletin.

**KINGLY GIFTS**

This day in many parts of the world is called Three Kings Day because of today's Gospel reading about the visit of the three kings or magi to see the child Jesus. The church's name for the day, Epiphany, is based on a Greek word that means "to reveal" or "make visible." Here, the child Jesus is honored not by his own people—and certainly not King Herod—but by strangers from afar. Only Matthew's Gospel tells their story. There are not many details about the magi, but pious legends have built up around them over the centuries. A modern version is the operetta *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, which used to be seen on television at this time of year. The Jewish hope for centuries had been that a Messiah, God's Anointed One, would be sent to the Jewish people to save them from their sins and deliver them from their enemies. But here we see that God reveals the Son not just to the Jews but to the Gentiles, people like us who are also seeking a Savior, one whom they recognize with joy. We have expected the Savior all through Advent; we have celebrated the wonderful gift of his birth during Christmas; and now, in this new calendar year, what gifts will we present to him in return? New Year's resolutions often include a decision to work off all those the extra pounds that we have gained from all our feasting and celebrating. That is all well and good as far as it goes, but why not resolve to do something extra for those you love and something more for the community in which you live? Show the love of God that is at work in your heart, or as Saint Francis of Assisi is thought to have said, "Preach the gospel at all times. When necessary, use words."

**LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW**

Kingly gifts . . .  
 . . . for God: Love God, receive the sacraments, pray, study God's word.  
 . . . for the Church: Serve in a parish ministry, contribute to the offertory, support the missions.  
 . . . for your community: Recycle, conserve natural resources, vote.  
 . . . for family and friends: Make time for children, keep an open door, relax together.  
 . . . for yourself: Eat good food, exercise, develop your abilities, and be thankful!

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Sun., Jan. 3**    **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
**8:00 a.m.**    **Karen Shelton (d)** Gary & Arlene Massimino  
**Walter Judson (d)** Karen Virginia Brennan (d)  
**10:00 a.m.**    **Ed Dunne (d)** Lucy & Family  
**Bert Romano (d)** His Family  
**Carol Baumgartner (d)** His Family  
**5:30 p.m.**    **People's Mass**
- Mon., Jan. 4**    **USA: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious**  
**8:00 a.m.**    **Ed Dunne (d)** Lucy Family
- Tue., Jan. 5**    **USA: Saint John Neumann, bishop**  
**8:00 a.m.**    **Mass at St. James the Less**
- Wed., Jan. 6**    **Christmas Weekday Blessed Andre Bessette, religious**  
**8:00 a.m.**    **People's Mass**
- Thur., Jan. 7**    **Christmas Weekday Saint Raymond of Penafort, priest**  
**8:00 a.m.**    **People's Mass**
- Fri., Jan. 8**    **Christmas Weekday**  
**8:00 a.m.**    **Cleotilde A. David (I)** Zapata Family  
**Livio Santillo (d)** Clara Santillo
- Sat., Jan. 9**    **Christmas Weekday**  
**5:30 p.m.**    **Debra Ann McAndrew (d)** Mom & Dad  
**Jolly Lee Young (d)** Zapata Family

**It is not enough for us to say  
 'I love God.'**

**I also have to love my neighbor.  
 In the Scriptures, St. John says that  
 you are a liar if you say you love  
 God and you do not love your  
 neighbor. How can you love God  
 whom you do not see, if you do  
 not love your neighbor  
 whom you see, whom you touch  
 with whom you live?**

**And he uses a very big word.  
 'You are a liar.'**

**It is one of those words that is  
 frightening to read  
 and yet it is really true.**

*— Mother Teresa*

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

- Sat., Jan. 9th**    5:30 p.m. M. Page #1; JM & JC #2/3; C. DeGyurky #4; B. Sullivan #5; M. Blackmun #6; T. Kirk lady #7
- Sun. Jan. 10th**    8:00 a.m. D. Kerrebrock #1; L. Walsh #2; A. Mann #3; Francisco S. #4; R. Seifert #5; T. Lousen #6; K. Judson #7  
 10:00 a.m. M. Baker #1; L. Dario #2;  
 J & B Bell # 3/4; J & M Morreale #5/6;  
 V. Castle #7  
 5:30 p.m. E. Martin #1; A. Frazee #2; K. Halford #3; J. Polito #4; M & MB Barnes #5/6; J. Morey #7

**ALTAR SERVERS**

- Sat., Jan. 9th**    5:30 p.m. J. Iacono, R. Quinto  
**Sun., Jan 10th**    8:00 a.m. K. Espe, J. Pruitt  
 10:00 a.m. R. & D. Sharkey  
 5:30 p.m. J. & E. Madden

**ALTAR SERVERS**

- Sat., Jan. 9th**    5:30 p.m. K. Carrillo, E. Carter, N. Johnson  
 K. Taix  
**Sun., Jan 10th**    8:00 a.m. L. Cascelli, D. Espe, W. Lombardo, N. Norkus  
 10:00 a.m. C. Bustillos, T. Hancock, G & I Wright, M. Musso  
 5:30 p.m. S., C., & M. Villasenor, Z. Toyon

**WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL THAT ARE INVOLVED IN MARRIAGE MINISTRY**

An eight-hour Foccus Training to become a facilitator will be held Wednesday, January 13th at the Immaculate Heart Retreat Center in Los Angeles in both English and Spanish. Foccus is a Premarital Assessment Instrument that is strongly recommended as part of the Premarital Assessment process. Cost of the training is \$150 per person; spouse may attend at no extra charge. Please contact Ian Hagan to register at: [IHagan@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:IHagan@la-archdiocese.org), or call (213) 637-7213.

**A NEW STATUE FOR HOLY REDEEMER**

If you regularly enter the church through the Montrose doors, you may have grown fond of the beautiful bust of the Suffering Christ, the small white sculpture that has been a part of Holy Redeemer Church for many years. Unfortunately, weather conditions and time brought about the eventual deterioration of the sculpture, and it could not be repaired. Parishioner and Usher Louis Grimaldi took action. He located and purchased a beautiful statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and with help from family members personally prepared and installed the new statue for us all to enjoy. We thank Mr. Grimaldi for this most generous gift to the parish. If you don't normally go through the Montrose doors, stroll around and take a look!