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Making God known and loved,
 humbly and joyfully,
 sharing our gifts, spreading the Gospel,
 celebrating the Sacraments,
 trusting Jesus using *The Little Way of St. Therese*



*When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Harod,
 magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem.*

On the feast of the Epiphany, we hear of Magi from the east come to Jesus bringing him gifts. These first visitors to Jesus, as St. Matthew tells us, are Magi. The title “Magi” was not always held in high regard. Often Magi were associated with magic and sorcery, for example in Exodus 7-8 refers to them as magicians of Pharaoh.

In the gospel, however, St. Matthew portrays them more favorably as they respond to Jesus bringing gifts and paying Him homage. Their openness to God’s grace through an encounter with Jesus changed their life, they came to realize that they could not go back to the way things used to be, so “they departed for their country another way” (Mt. 2:12). This is a stark contrast to King Harod, the chief priests and the scribes that will encounter Jesus later in His ministry. The contrast between these two groups foreshadows the unqualified message of Jesus throughout the gospel, “repent, the Kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Mt. 4:17).

On this feast of the Epiphany, let us ask Jesus to inspire in us by the grace of the Holy Spirit to see one another through God’s eyes and to do for one another as Jesus does for us; so that, we may hear his voice saying, “amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Mt. 25:40).

May you have a blessed week!
 Fr. Michael



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| <u>Daily Mass Schedule</u> Monday—Friday 7:00 a.m. 1st Saturday 7:00 a.m. | <u>Weekend Mass Schedule</u> Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday 8:00 a.m.(Livestream to YouTube) & 11:00 a.m. | <u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u> Saturday 3:00—4:00 p.m. Or by appointment | <u>Office Hours</u> Monday -Friday 9:00 a.m.—Noon & Monday-Thursday 1:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m. |
| <u>Liturgy of the Hours—Morning Prayer Monday—Friday 6:30am</u> | | | |
| Eucharistic Adoration in St. Therese Chapel: Tuesday—Friday; 7:30am to 6:00pm. Rosary & Benediction begin at 6:00pm | | | |

Ministry Schedule for January 13th & January 14th**Saturday, January 13th 4:30 pm**

- Lector – Kathy Bleichrodt
- Altar Servers - Josh Costello, Manalo Brothers
- Sacristan - Ron Diodosio
- EMHC— Rose Wertz, Dave Bleichrodt, Vince Perez
- Porter - Connie Roman

**Sunday, January 14th— 8:00 am**

- Lector – Kim Dernovsek
- Altar Servers - Nate Hawkins
- Sacristan - Michele Prado-Landreth
- EMHC— Deacon Carl, Doug & Barbara Berg
- Porter - Carl Amato

Sunday, January 14th 11:00 am

- Lector – Angie Lundgren
- Altar Servers - Carlo Skilling
- Sacristan - Al Pearson
- EMHC— Tom & Isabel Starnes, Vernal Sanchez
- Porter - Rich Bassi, Mary Sandoval

**EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING 2024**

Taking a piece of blessed chalk the following prayer is said by a priest, or by the head of the home or senior member of the family, at the main entrance to the house. All family members should be present.

Let us Pray:

Hear us, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, and send Thy Holy Angel from heaven to watch over, cherish, protect, be with, and defend all who live in this house. We call upon Thy Saints: Caspar [Gaspar], Melchior and Baltazar, to protect this family and this home from every harm and danger, and we place the marks of their holy names on the doors of this home to remain there as a constant reminder to us and to all who enter here that this house is truly a house of the Lord.

(now write with chalk over the door:)

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O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and companionship, narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the Tempter's power. O God, make the door of this house the gateway to Thy eternal Kingdom. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, Thy Son. Amen.

Baptism**Schedule for 3-session baptismal classes:**

Next sessions scheduled for:

Saturdays January 6th, 13th & 20th, 2024

9:00am – 10:30am

OR

Wednesdays January 10th, 17th & 24th, 2024

6:00pm—7:30pm

Contact Mary Sandoval in parish office with questions, or email: baptism@sostpueblo.org

The regular meeting of the Shrine Council of Catholic Women will NOT have a regular January meeting..

INSTEAD

The quarterly meeting of the Pueblo District CCW will be held at the Shrine on January 18th.

More information will be in next week's bulletin.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK Jan 8—Jan 14**

Monday: Is 42:1-4,6-7; Ps 29:1-2,3-4,9-10; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 SM 2:1,4-7,8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2&5,7-10; - Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11,14-15,24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a; Ps 21:2-3,4-5,6-7; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19,10:1; Ps 21:2-3,4-7; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10,19; Ps 40:2,4,7-8,9-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20; Jn 1:35-42

FAITH FORMATIONNET Retreat

Net retreat is open to ALL middle and high school children in the parish.

Children in the Confirmation II classes are required to attend a retreat before receiving the Sacrament. The retreat that is being offered is the NET retreat:

Friday Jan 12th – 3 pm – 8 pm

And or

Saturday Jan 13th – 9 am – 3 pm

Cost - \$25

Location: The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Registration deadline is Jan 8th.

Registration forms were sent out in December. If you are in need of one, please contact Charlotte.

NET Youth Retreat

Sacramental Parent Meeting

We will hold a brief Sacramental parent meeting after drop-off on January 14th for those who have a child(ren) who will be receiving a Sacrament this spring. Please plan to stay.

Children's Mass

The Children's Mass this month will January 21st

Lector/Reader: Alice M

Bulletin distributors:

Gift Bearers:

Please let me know if your child would like to partake in the any above-mentioned ministries.

January Faith Formation Schedule:

January 7th – no class

January 8th – NET retreat applications due

January 12th – NET retreat “Love one Another” 3pm – 9 pm @ the Cathedral (middle and high school)

January 13th – NET retreat “Identity in Christ” 9 am – 3 pm @ the Cathedral (middle and high school)

January 14th – Classes resume – Sacramental Parent meeting (First Eucharist & Confirmation)

January 21st – Class

Children's Mass

Youth Group at the Shrine (middle and high school aged children) 12:15 pm – 2:15 pm

January 27th – OCIC Family Formation (Baptism) 9:00 am – 11:00 am in Parish office

January 28th – Class – (Knights of Columbus Breakfast)

Lord Jesus, we need Your healing touch! There are areas of infirmities in our bodies, and diseases weakening people we love. The pain isolates and shrinks us.

Today, Lord Jesus, we place our physical pain and the hurt of family and friends before You, reaching out as young St. Therese of Lisieux did, for the healing power and peace that only heaven can give.

With hope and gratitude we seek Your healing touch.

Adult Formation with Deacon Carl

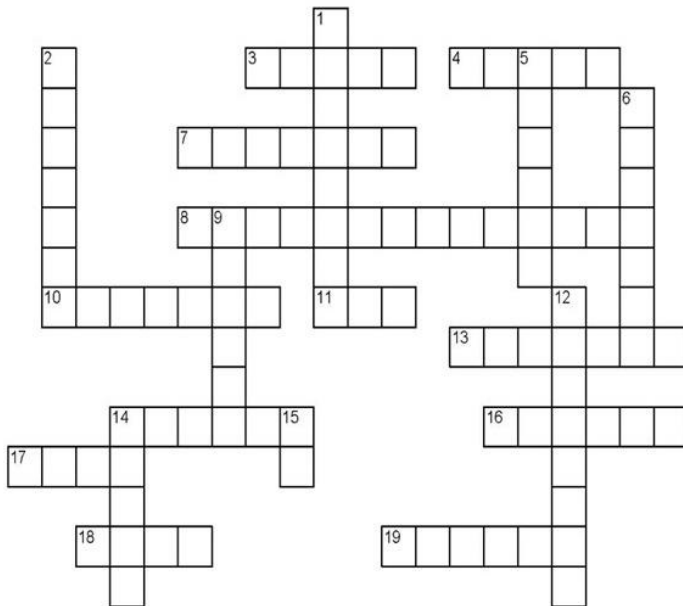
Sunday 9:30am—10:30am

in the Hospitality Room

Resumes January 7, 2024

Everyone is Welcome!

BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-23

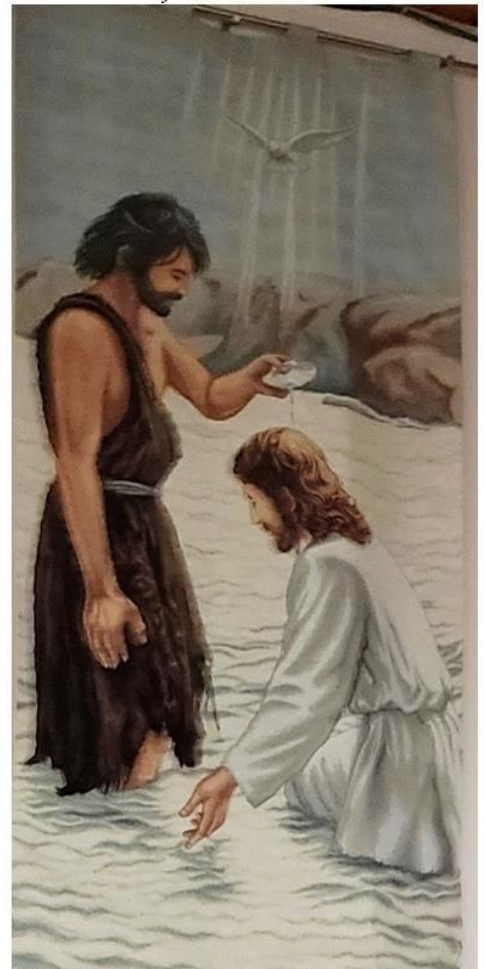


Across

- 3 "And a _____ from heaven said..." (Matthew 3:17)
- 4 What was used in baptism?
- 7 To bring to completion (Matthew 3:15)
- 8 Who baptized Jesus? (Mark 1:9) Three words
- 10 Region where Jesus came from to be baptized (Matthew 3:13)
- 11 Were other people also being baptized? (Luke 3:21)
- 13 A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well _____." (Matthew 3:17)
- 14 In what river was Jesus baptized? (Mark 1:9)
- 16 Where did the voice come from? (Mark 1:11)
- 17 "You are my Son, whom I _____." (Mark 1:11)
- 18 Which Gospel writer, who tells this story, does not mention when the baptism took place?
- 19 Who descended on Jesus like a dove? (Luke 3:22)

Down

- 1 The baptism of Jesus marks the beginning of His _____ . (Luke 3:23)
- 2 What was Jesus doing when heaven was opened? (Luke 3:21)
- 5 How old was Jesus when He was baptized? (Luke 3:23)
- 6 Word meaning "to wash with water"
- 9 "At that moment heaven was _____." (Matthew 3:16)
- 12 What town did Jesus come from to be baptized? (Mark 1:9)
- 14 God's Son
- 15 Did John the Baptist think he should baptize Jesus? (Matthew 3:14)



DO YOU LISTEN TO CATHOLIC RADIO?
IT'S GREAT! 970 AM

Prayer for disaster relief

God of hope and mercy, we lift up to you all victims of natural disasters and those responding with assistance and aid. Protect all who are in any form of danger; provide practical help to those in need; strengthen the weary, console the grieving, heal the suffering; and bless those engaged in disaster relief efforts with safety and courage. Help all people of good will respond with compassion and generous hearts. Amen.

Offertory Summary (including online giving)
 Ordinary Time (12/33/2023-12/31/2023)
 Stewardship all Masses: \$8,926.80
 Thank you for your continued generosity.

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Cooperative Care Center's wish for the month of January is for: Canned Foods, Soup, Ramen
Put your donation in the food cart in the cloister. Thank You!