

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Domine, fac me servum pacis tuae

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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday: 10:00am - 5:00pm

Friday: 10:00am - 1:00pm

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Sign-up only

Sunday Sign-up only

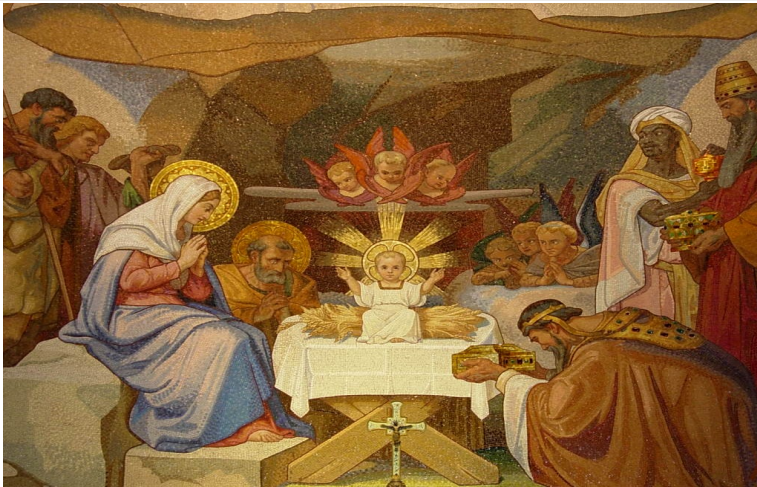
Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30pm - 4:15pm & 6:30pm - 7:15pm

Sunday 8:00am - 8:30am

Or by appointment

Sunday, January 3, 2021
The Epiphany of the Lord



May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!
Psalm 72:11

WELCOME

Father Cory Catron, Pastor
Deacon Lee Levenson, Deacon

Administrative Assistant:

Chris Gailey

wk: 336-246-9151

Pastoral Council:

Joanne Kuszaj—Chairperson

336-982-3054

Finance Council:

Rick LaBonte - Chairperson

336-877-2300

Choir Director:

Randy Revis

336-384-2835

Faith Formation:

Isabel Spencer (Coordinator)

336-877-0883

Home Bound Ministers:

Brings the Eucharist to the Homebound

Please call the church office

336-246-9151

Parish Commissions & Committees

Commission Chairperson:

Liturgy/Worship—Vickie Herman

336-877-5656

Parish Life—

Volunteer Needed

Community Life—Diane LaBonte

336-877-2300

Prison Ministry —

Knights of Columbus

Ecumenism-- Bernadette Zimmerman

336-846-4518

Building/Facilities—Mike Gailey

336-338-2488

Prayer Chain (prayer request):

Chairperson—Mary Rodgers

336-877-5399

Vicariate Hispanic Ministry Coordinator:

Sergio Lopez

336-529-3748

Baptism Prep Class, Spanish:

Jose Juan Robles

336-977-4612

For anointing of the sick, receiving the Eucharist while home-bound/in the hospital, hearing of your confession, or special prayers and/or visit from Father please call the church office.

St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery: Plots are available for purchase during office hours. Payment in full is required at purchase. Prices are: \$750/per full size plot; \$250/per urn size plot.

Weekend Masses: Due to the regulations of limited seating we are requiring that attendees to the Sunday Masses sign up prior to attending. Attendance will be limited to the current requirements of social distancing. To sign up for Mass please contact **Joanne at 336-982-3054 or jkuszaj@gmail.com**. Attendees are asked to wear a mask. Those not able to attend Mass are granted a dispensation.

Live Streaming the 9:00am Sunday Mass on the Parish YouTube Channel. You can find the channel by searching YouTube for "St. Francis of Assisi, Jefferson, NC". The Live Stream will begin approximately 1 minute before Mass. You do not need a Google or YouTube account to simply watch the video. At the conclusion of the Live Stream, the video will be archived and available on the parish YouTube channel within 12- 24 hours.

Weekday Masses: In accordance with CDC guidelines and direction of Bishop Jugis attendance is limited to within social distancing recommendations in the worship area.

Bulletin Deadline: Items for the bulletin must be submitted to the Church Office before 12:00pm on Wednesday.

Weekly Calendar

Tuesday, January 5

8:00pm - Spanish Choir Practice

Wednesday, January 6

6:00pm - Knights of Columbus Meeting

Thursday, January 7

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, January 10

10:00am - Baptismal Prep Class, Spanish

Ministry Schedule

Saturday Mass, January 9, 4:30pm

Lector: *Wayne C. **John E.

Greeter: Kathy L.

Usher: Jim L.

Sunday, January 10, 9:00am

Lector: *Kryn H. **Laura B.

Greeter: Anne B.

Usher: Luis de la C.

Altar Linens for January

January 1: Evelyn R.

January 8: Kryn H.

January 15: Evelyn R.

January 22: Kryn H.

January 29: Evelyn R.



Parishioners, Family Members and Friends in need of Special Prayer:

Lynn Marie Gregor, Marilyn Reihle, Kevin Gouge, Patrick Fulker-son, Logan Tyler Hollars, Refugio Calvillo, TC Huntsinger, Felicitas Bugarin Santos, Lynn Miller, Jane Faber, Meaghen Price, Paul Hughes, Arjean Mil-ler, Ron Carriero, Peggy Bieber, Martha Esser, Carol Phillips, Andy Stuhrenberg, John Moran, Peggy Schaf-fer, Frank Turnmire, Kristina Hoekstra. May God bless you!

Inclement Weather Policy: In the event of severe weather it is advised that common sense prevail. If the weather and road conditions are dangerous to travel please stay home. Closure of the office and cancellation announcements of Mass are set up to be announced on Ray's Weather.com and WSOC.

Please note that WSOC does not allow messages to be typed in, but instead are limited to generic options to choose from when posting weather notices. Due to this WSOC will only be used for weather notifications when cancellation of all activities—functions and Mass—are necessary. **The advice throughout is safety first and to not travel if conditions are hazardous.**



Mass Schedule and Readings

Monday, January 4, No Mass

Scripture: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6, Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a, Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 5, No Mass

Scripture: 1 Jn 4:7-10, Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 6, No Mass

Scripture: 1 Jn 4:11-18, Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13, Mk 6:45-52

Thursday, January 7, No Mass

Scripture: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4, Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17, Lk 4:14-22

Friday, January 8, No Mass

Scripture: 1 Jn 5:5-13, Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20, Lk 5:12-16

Saturday, January 9, 4:30pm (Sign up only)

Mass Intention: Parish Community

Scripture: 1 Jn 5:14-21, Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b, Jn 3:22-30

Spanish Mass, January 9, 7:30pm (Sign-up only)

Sunday, January 10, 9:00am (Sign-up only)

Mass Intention: Parish Community

Scripture: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11, Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6, Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9, Mk 1:7-11

Office Hours

The church office will be closed on Thursday, January 7th.

No Daily Mass

There will be no daily Mass this week while Father Cory is away on vacation.

**15th Annual MARCH FOR LIFE Charlotte
January 8, 2021**

The day will begin with a Mass for the Unborn at 9:00am at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church at 6828 Old Reid Rd. Charlotte, NC 28210. At 11:00am we will start to gather at the parking lot across the street from the Diocese of Charlotte Pastoral Center at 1123 S. Church St. Charlotte, NC. At 12:00pm we will march to Trade and Tryon where Fr. Noah Carter, Pastor of Holy Cross Catholic Church will preach. After the prolife testimonies we will pray the Most Holy Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Please join others to march and pray for an end to abortion and save babies lives!

See schedule details
at www.marchforlifefcharlotte.org.

Walk For Life



Financial Figures

Offertory December 27:	\$ 2,171.00
Offertory received this month:	\$ 14,098.00
Offertory needed in December:	\$ 21,940.00

Christmas: \$ 340.00

Building Fund December 27:	\$ 405.00
Building Fund received this month:	\$ 2,901.00
Loan Payment needed each month:	\$ 5,203.00

Building Debt (as of November 5, 2020):
Total owed \$ 409,685.00

The 2020 Diocesan Support Appeal

Our Fair Share:	\$ 18,937.00
Amount Given:	\$ 14,042.03
Amount Pledged:	\$ 690.00
Amount Needed:	\$ 4,204.97
Number of Donors:	48

Parishioners are strongly encouraged to mail in their offertory as bills still need to be paid. Checks can be mailed to the following address:

P.O. Box 634, Jefferson, NC 28640

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Epiphany

Epiphany is normally celebrated on January 6, although it can be celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and 8, as is done in the United States and many other countries. It may also combine the celebration of all three epiphanies ("showing forths") of Christ – His epiphany to the Magi at His birth, His epiphany to St. John at His baptism in the Jordan and His epiphany to the disciples and the opening of His public ministry by the miracle of Cana. However, its primary significance is the closing of the Christmas season with the celebration of the visit of the Magi to the manger (Matthew 2:1-12). The Messiah is thus shown to have come to all people, not just the Jews. The three kings represent the three major races: Melchior, an old white man with a long white beard, bearing the gift of gold for Christ's royalty; Caspar, young and of darker hue, carrying incenses for Christ's divinity; and Balthasar, a black man, offering myrrh for Christ's suffering and death. The names of the wise men are not given in the Bible, but were supplied by later story tellers to enrich the meaning and celebration of the Epiphany.

(Taken from EWTN.com)



A Christian Litany of Humility

O Jesus! meek and humble of heart, Hear me.

From the desire of being esteemed, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being loved, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being extolled, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being honored, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being praised, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being preferred, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being consulted, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being approved, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being humiliated, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being despised, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of suffering rebukes, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being calumniated, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being forgotten, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being ridiculed, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being wronged, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being suspected, Deliver me, Jesus.

That others may be loved more than I, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be esteemed more than I, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That, in the opinion of the world, others may increase and I may decrease, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be chosen and I set aside, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be praised and I unnoticed, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be preferred to me in everything, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

- Rafael Cardinal Merry del Val



Iglesia Católica San Francisco de Asís

Epifanía del Señor (Solemnidad)

Enero 3, 2021



Domine, fac me servum pacis tuae

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Ministerio Diocesano Hispano: Sergio López, 336-529-3748

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Horario de la oficina: De Lunes a Jueves 10:00am—5:00pm y Viernes 10:00am - 1:00pm

Misas de fin de semana: Contacto Isabel López, 336-620-3557.

Horarios de misa entre semana: Martes y Miércoles 12:00pm, Viernes 9:00am

Lecturas Bíblicas de enero 4 - 10, 2021

Lunes: 1 Juan 3:22-4:6, Salmo 2:7bc-8, 10-12a, Mateo 4:12-17, 23-25

Martes: 1 Juan 4:7-10, Salmo 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, Marcos 6:34-44

Miércoles: 1 Juan 4:11-18, Salmo 72:1-2, 10, 12-13, Marcos 6:45-52

Jueves: 1 Juan 4:19-5:4, Salmo 72:1-2, 14 y 15bc, 17, Lucas 4:14-22

Viernes: 1 Juan 5:5-13, Salmo 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20, Lucas 5:12-16

Sábado: 1 Juan 5:14-21, Salmo 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a y 9b, Juan 3:22-30

Domingo: Isaías 42:1-4, 6-7 o Isaías 55:1-11, Salmo 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 o Isaías 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6, Hechos 10:34-38 o 1 Juan 5:1-9, Marcos 1:7-11

Figuras del Ofertorio

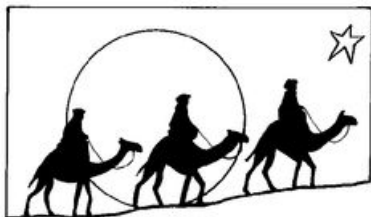
Ofertorio diciembre 27: \$ 2,171.00

Horario de oficina

La oficina de la iglesia permanecerá cerrada el jueves 7 de enero.

Sin misa diaria

No habrá misa diaria esta semana mientras el Padre Cory esté de vacaciones.



La Epifanía (6 de enero) es una de las fiestas litúrgicas más antiguas, más aún que la misma Navidad. Comenzó a celebrarse en Oriente en el siglo III y en Occidente se la adoptó en el curso del IV. Epifanía, voz griega que a veces se ha usado como nombre de persona, significa

"manifestación", pues el Señor se reveló a los paganos en la persona de los magos.

Tres misterios se han solido celebrar en esta sola fiesta, por ser tradición antiquísima que sucedieron en una misma fecha aunque no en un mismo año; estos acontecimientos salvíficos son la adoración de los magos, el bautismo de Cristo por Juan y el primer milagro que Jesucristo, por intercesión de su madre, realizó en las bodas de Caná y que, como lo señala el evangelista Juan, fue motivo de que los discípulos creyeran en su Maestro como Dios.

Para los occidentales, que, como queda dicho más arriba, aceptaron la fiesta alrededor del año 400, la Epifanía es popularmente el día de los reyes magos. En la antífona de entrada de la misa correspondiente a esta solemnidad se canta: "Ya viene el Señor del universo. en sus manos está la realeza, el poder y el imperio". El verdadero rey que debemos contemplar en esta festividad es el pequeño Jesús. Las oraciones litúrgicas se refieren a la estrella que condujo a los magos junto al Niño Divino, al que buscaban para adorarlo.

Precisamente en esta adoración han visto los santos padres la aceptación de la divinidad de Jesucristo por parte de los pueblos paganos. Los magos supieron utilizar sus conocimientos-en su caso, la astronomía de su tiempo- para descubrir al Salvador, prometido por medio de Israel, a todos los hombres.

El sagrado misterio de la Epifanía está referido en el evangelio de san Mateo. Al llegar los magos a Jerusalén, éstos preguntaron en la corte el paradero del "Rey de los judíos". Los maestros de la ley supieron informarles que el Mesías del Señor debía nacer en Belén, la pequeña ciudad natal de David; sin embargo fueron incapaces de ir a adorarlo junto con los extranjeros. Los magos, llegados al lugar donde estaban el niño con María su madre, ofrecieron oro, incienso y mirra, sustancias preciosas en las que la tradición ha querido ver el reconocimiento implícito de la realeza mesiánica de Cristo (oro), de su divinidad (incienso) y de su humanidad (mirra).

A Melchor, Gaspar y Baltasar -nombres que les ha atribuido la leyenda, considerándolos tres por ser triple el don presentado, según el texto evangélico -puede llamárselos adecuadamente peregrinos de la estrella. Los orientales llamaban magos a sus doctores; en lengua persa, mago significa "sacerdote". La tradición, más tarde, ha dado a estos personajes el título de reyes, como buscando destacar más aún la solemnidad del episodio que, en sí mismo, es humilde y sencillo. Esta atribución de realeza a los visitantes ha sido apoyada ocasionalmente en numerosos pasajes de la Escritura que describen el homenaje que el Mesías de Israel recibe por parte de los reyes extranjeros.

La Epifanía, como lo expresa la liturgia, anticipa nuestra participación en la gloria de la inmortalidad de Cristo manifestada en una naturaleza mortal como la nuestra. Es, pues, una fiesta de esperanza que prolonga la luz de Navidad.

Esta solemnidad debería ser muy especialmente observada por los pueblos que, como el nuestro, no pertenecen a Israel según la sangre. En los tiempos antiguos, sólo los profetas, inspirados por Dios mismo, llegaron a vislumbrar el estupefante designio del Señor: salvar a la humanidad entera, y no exclusivamente al pueblo elegido.

Con conciencia siempre creciente de la misericordia del Señor, construyamos desde hoy nuestra espiritualidad personal y comunitaria en la tolerancia y la comprensión de los que son distintos en su conducta religiosa, o proceden de pueblos y culturas diferentes a los nuestros.

Sólo Dios salva: las actitudes y los valores humanos, la raza, la lengua, las costumbres, participan de este don redentor si se adecuan a la voluntad redentora de Dios, "nunca" por méritos propios. Las diversas culturas están llamadas a encarnar el evangelio de Cristo, según su genio propio, no a sustituirlo, pues es único, original y eterno.