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SATURDAY — 5:30PM

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE GOSPEL

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Epiphany comes from the Greek words, *epi phanos*, “to appear”. The Creator of the Universe reveals Himself to all nations. Jesus is not only the God of the Jews, but for the Gentiles as well. *“It was not made known to people of other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.”* (Eph3:5-6)

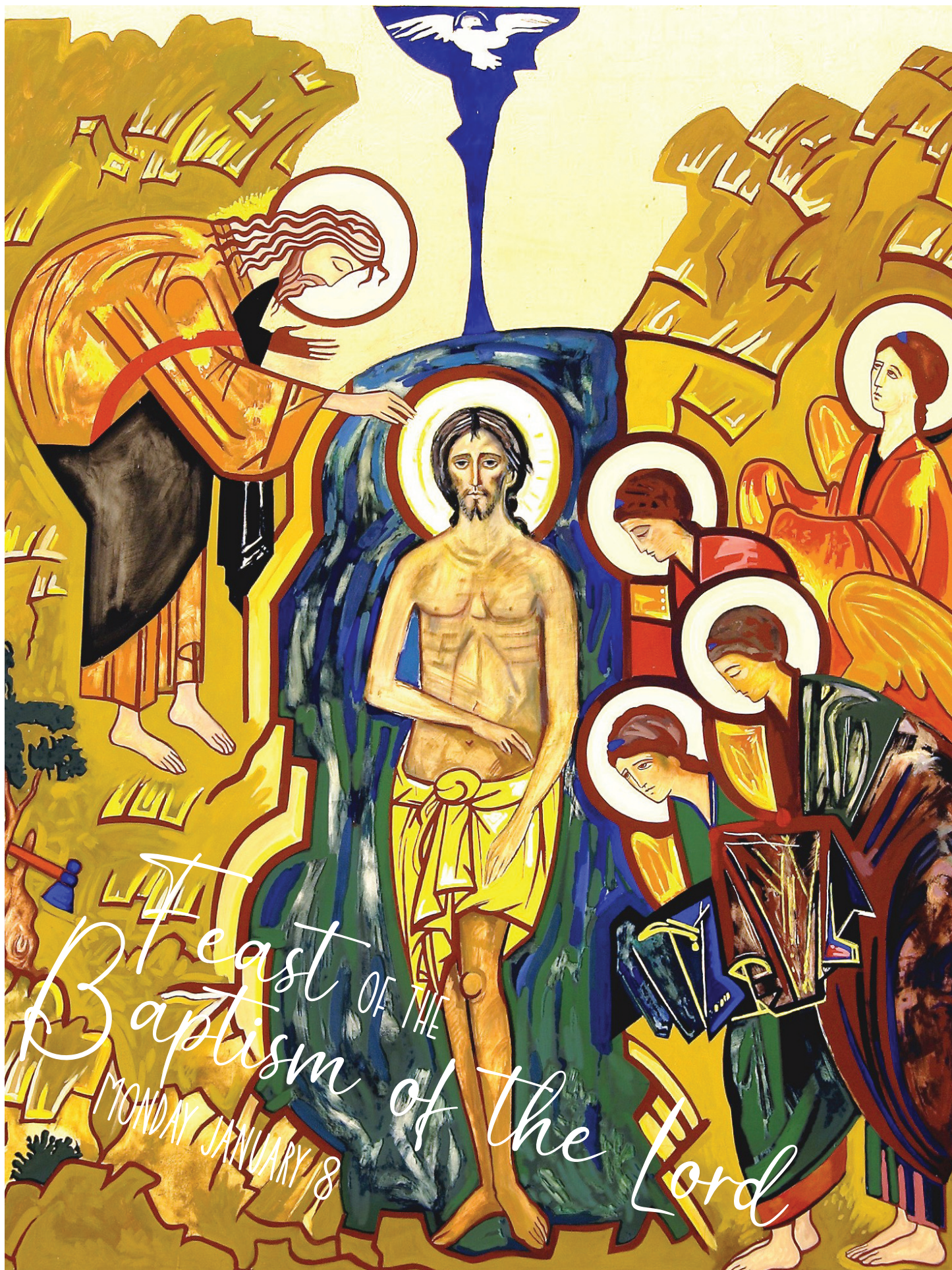
We know that the gifts of the Magi were extravagant. The ancients regarded gold as the king of metals. A gift, fit for the King of the universe. However, Jesus would not be a king who would have numerous and expensive earthly possessions. Jesus is a king who leads us by example – with a serving love.

Frankincense was often used by the ancients in their religious worship. The aroma and smoke, rising up toward heaven, spoke to them of divinity. Frankincense reminds us that Jesus was fully divine.

Myrrh was used by the ancients in burial preparation, including Jesus’s burial. Myrrh is symbolic of Jesus’s humanity. It reminds us that Jesus was fully human, like us in all things, except sin. He experienced the whole range of human emotions: joy, sorrow, frustration, fear, loneliness etc.

Just as the Magi offered gifts to Jesus, we do the same. We offer to Jesus the sacrifices made each day for those we love. We offer to Jesus our prayers, works, joys and sufferings. So, while we may not have extravagant worldly gifts to give to Jesus, when we follow his command: *“love one another as I have loved you”*, we give Jesus the best gift possible.





Spotlight

ON THE FEASTS OF THE CHURCH



Epiphany from the Greek for “Manifestation” is a Christian holiday commemorating the first manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi, and the manifestation of his divinity, as it occurred at his baptism in the Jordan River and at his first miracle, at Cana in Galilee. Epiphany is one of the three principal and oldest festival days of the Christian church (the other two are Easter and Christmas). Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Anglicans, and other Western churches observe the feast on January 6, while some Eastern Orthodox churches celebrate Epiphany on January 19, since their Christmas Eve falls on January 6.

The festival originated in the Eastern church, where it at first included a commemoration of Christ’s birth. In Rome, by 354 Christ’s birth was being celebrated on December 25 (Christmas), and later in the 4th century the church in Rome began celebrating Epiphany on January 6. In the Western church the festival primarily commemorates the visit by the Magi to the infant Jesus, which is seen as evidence that Christ, the Jewish Messiah, came also for the salvation of Gentiles. In the East it primarily commemorates the baptism of Jesus and celebrates the revelation that the incarnate Christ was both fully God and fully man.



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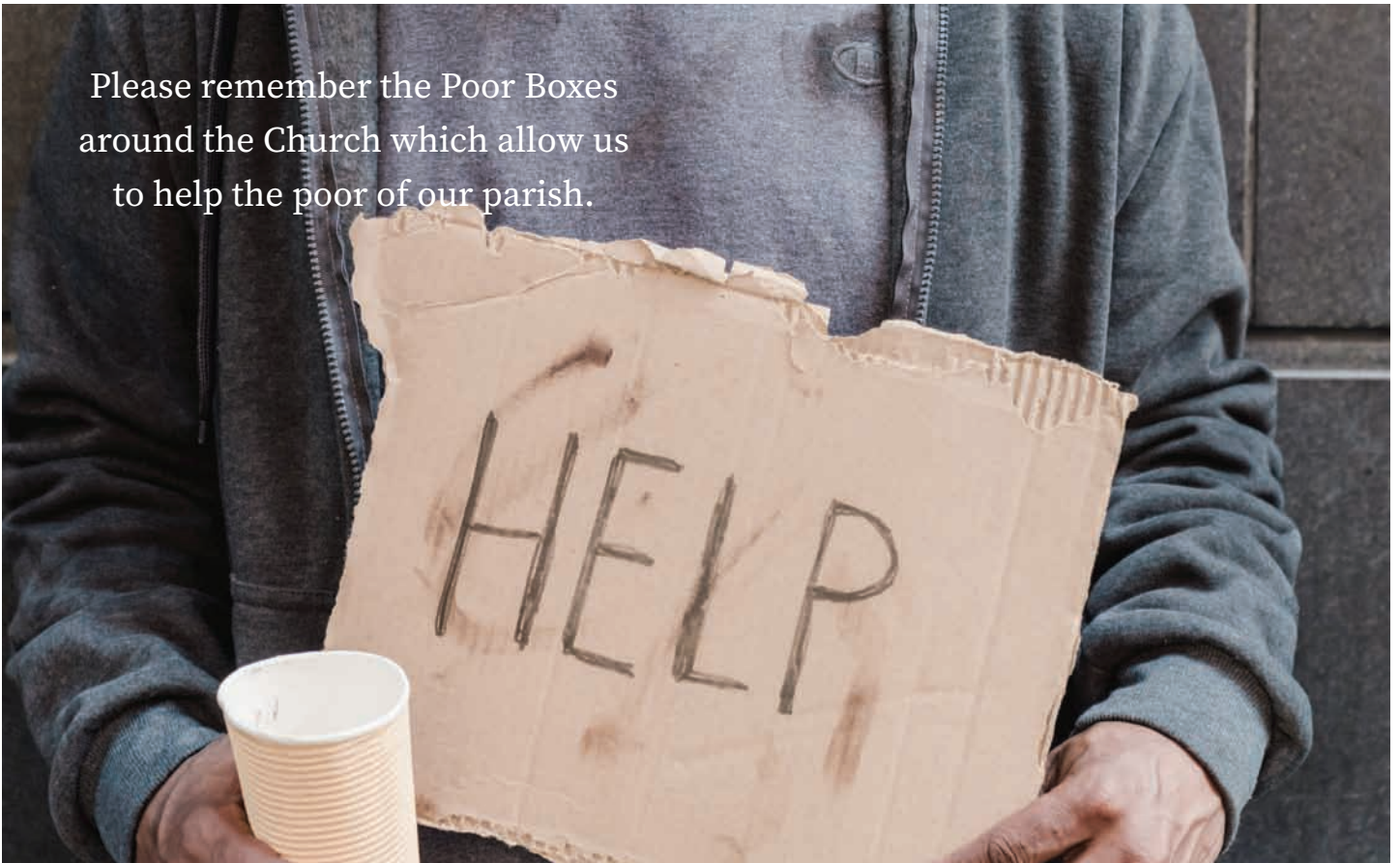
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PRAYER INTENTIONS AND SACRAMENTS

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 06, 2024

5:30 pm People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 07, 2024

8:00 am Dr. Joseph Seebode 14th Anniv.

10:00 am Anthony J. Barcas

12:00 am Ernest Anderko

MONDAY, JANUARY 08, 2024

7:00 am Marion Malik

8:30 am Dr. Thomas Bejgrowicz

TUESDAY, JANUARY 09, 2024

7:00 am Helena Angulski

8:30 am Elizabeth Anderko

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024

7:00 am Robert Angulski

8:30 am Casmir W. Angulski

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024

7:00 am Joyce Wawro

8:30 am Salvatore DiMaria

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024

7:00 am Irene Anderko

8:30 am Anne R. Ciechacki

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024

8:30 am Milan Zakovic

Christopher Albano

Rulino Q. Faller

Arnold Antanies

Intentions of Margaret Campbell

5:30 p.m. Campanelli Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

8:00 am People of the Parish

10:00 am Rita Sauer

12:00 pm Irene Anderko

WEEKLY MEMORIALS

TABERNACLE CANDLES

Intentions of all priests

ALTAR CANDLES

Intentions of the Malandro family

FLOWERS

Vincent Desiderio
17th Anniversary

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Helen Angelo, Willys J. Arbelo, Ricardo Bravo, Timothy Carroll, James Desiderio, Josephine DiMaria, June Fellmann, Hailey Galvez, Louise Helder, William Heyder, Laura Hudak, Cynthia Ingman, Karen Kaspern, Francis Kuczynski, Charles Le Poidevin, Emma Makowski, Mary Jo Makowski, John McGuire, Karen Miller, Helen Mullady, Joe Patton, Judith Pond, Joyce Rawlinson, Rudy Rohlik, Anne Svonavic, Daniele Wludyka

Please Note:

For privacy reasons and HIPAA regulations, names may only be added by **members of the immediate family** after they have received permission of the one who is sick.

In the event of serious illness or hospitalization, the rectory should be notified. Visits to the sick and shut-ins are made by the priests, deacons and ministers of the Eucharist. It is not necessary for someone to be "gravely ill" to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the last Sunday of every month, to register please call the rectory, go to our website, or scan the QR code.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Saturday, 1:00-2:00pm

Feel free to approach a priest after any mass or make an appointment by calling the rectory (908) 486-6363

MARRIAGE

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