



**CHURCH  
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*January 3, 2021  
The Epiphany of the Lord*

**CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Daily Mass: 8:30AM

Sunday: 10:30 AM

Drive thru Communion: 11:30 AM

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:00 PM and By Appt



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**Parish Office Hours:**

9:30AM -12:00PM – 12:30PM - 3:00PM

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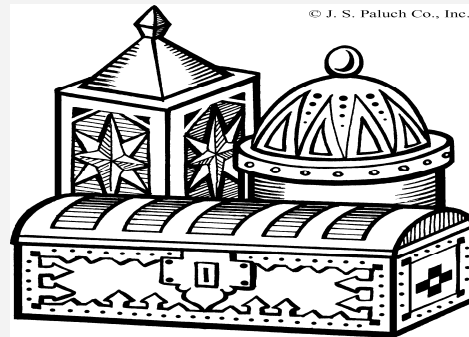
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School Office Hours: 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**2021 Calendars**

Calendars for 2021 are available in the church office and in the back of the church.



**Financial  
Report**

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Week of December 20, 2020  
\$7,371.46

Week of December 27, 2020  
Unavailable

***Assumption Parish Mission Statement***

Assumption Parish is a culturally diverse and vibrant Catholic community which strives to grow as followers of Jesus Christ. We do this by accepting the challenge to build a Christ-centered community that draws on the wisdom of our seniors and the energy of our youth. We are committed to Catholic education at various levels. We are nurtured by inspired Liturgy, active and enriching faith formation programs, and inclusive family ministry, all of which enable us to share our gifts of time, talent, treasure and vision with our parish family and surrounding communities.

## *A Word from the Pastor*

Happy New Year and I hope a much better and less stressful one at that.

2021, I hope, will be one of peace and calm in our nation and our communities as we strive forth in the new year as a battle tested people. Many of us suffered through this pandemic and some continue to do so. Many have lost loved ones during this time and many have come together stronger in their relationships with family and friends. This past year for myself was an eye-opening period in my life, so I can only write my own experiences during this very unusual time. But I am sure many will relate to what this time has been for me and my family. It is hard to describe in words what one goes through when tragedy strikes; a loved one takes ill or dies and we find ourselves in a situation where we question those things we have come to believe. Is there a God and why is He allowing this to happen? This is a legitimate and human reaction to those things happening around us. As human beings we are confused and at a loss when we lose someone dear to us and with that, we question our faith and what this life is all about. For Aquinas, love for God granted by God himself is the very center of the Christian faith, the source of its perfection: "Charity is called the form of faith in so far as the act of faith is perfected and formed by charity." Charity solicits believers to know of God and his works—i.e., everything that exists. For myself, it is always good to question our faith, to go deeper in our understanding of who God is and our relationship with Him. For to understand God we must understand the faith we profess. Sometimes in our questioning of why things happen we look deeper in ourselves, to try and understand why we must go through these trials and tribulations in our lives. Everyone in the world from the beginning of time has gone through some sort of sorrow that they must combat. At all times, "God is our comfort in the midst of suffering" (2 Corinthians 1:3–7). 11. "We are invited to join [Christ] in emptying ourselves for the sake of others so that we might also share in his glory" (Philippians 2:5–11). 12. Scripture, for myself, is always a source of comfort and a tool to deepen my faith. Faith is not an easy thing to acquire, like anything that is worth understanding requires us to search for an answer that sometimes may not come when you want it. "So it is and will be with us, when we are in the midst of some great suffering that we

sense has been approved by God. ... In Christ Jesus, Who understands what it is like to go through that same suffering, there is wisdom, help and hope". Let us together as a community make 2021 a great year. Let us together pray for each other, our nation, and our world. As St. Paul writes, "we are one body in Christ." God bless and Happy New Year.

## The Epiphany of the Lord Little Drummer Boy

Did you know that the only reason we say that there were three wise men is that they brought three gifts? The Bible never says their number or their names. The gifts tell us about the givers. And these special gifts--gold, frankincense, and myrrh--tell us much.

When one king visited or sent an ambassador to another, he would give a gift of gold to show that he acknowledged the kingship of the other. So the first gift of the wise men tells us they recognized Jesus as King. The second gift is a type of incense, which was used in Jesus time to worship God. So this gift shows the wise men paying homage to Jesus' divinity. The gift of myrrh is oil used to anoint the dying. It reminds us of Jesus suffering and death on the cross.

So what gifts do we have for Jesus? Maybe we can take a hint from the wise men. If we acknowledge Jesus as king, maybe a better gift than gold would be to pledge our obedience to him. Each day we can promise to live our vocation as best we can, to love those around us, and forgive those who hurt us.

A better way than burning incense to pay homage to Jesus' divinity is to take time to pray throughout the day. Some people are able to attend daily Mass, others spend time in adoration before the Eucharist, or even a few minutes of their lunch break to say the rosary.

As for the gift of myrrh, we can give Jesus the crosses we bear each day. When we accept suffering in our lives, especially that caused by our sins, we give ourselves to Jesus as he gave himself for us on the cross.

The song "Little Drummer Boy" reminds us that the best gift is not necessarily the most expensive. Instead, it is the simple gift that only we can give. Let Epiphany remind us to offer our lives to Jesus each day.

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**JANUARY 2—JANUARY 9, 2021**  
*\*We Remember at the Eucharist\**

<b>Saturday 2</b>	
8:30a.m.	Those who have died in service of Country
<b>Sunday 3</b>	
10:30 a.m.	Richard Palia+
<b>Monday 4</b>	
8:30a.m.	Pat Gilmore+
<b>Tuesday 5</b>	
8:30a.m.	Vincent (Living)
<b>Wednesday 6</b>	
8:30a.m.	Rita Higgins+
<b>Thursday 7</b>	
8:30am	Mina Ricco+
<b>Friday 8</b>	
10:0am	Joe Zeyen+
<b>Saturday 9</b>	

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a  
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30  
 Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;  
 National Migration Week  
 Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
 Tuesday: St. John Neumann  
 Wednesday: St. André Bessette  
 Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;  
 Julian Calendar Christmas

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**St. Vincent DePaul**

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn King and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.  
 The Society of St. Vincent DePaul knows that the spirit of the Magi is alive within the Assumption Parish. We are overwhelmed with the generosity of all those travelers that came through Candy Cane Lane bringing gifts of food, toiletries and socks for those in need.  
 Thank You!

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance,  
 please call our Help-Line 510-352-6079.

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Attention: Martha

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Message:

Please send 150 bulletins