

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 2012

All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.-- Psalm 72:11

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Jan. 7 5 pm

†Daniel B. Paredes— Mickey Paredes

Sunday at 8am Guadalupanas

†Ludivina Mendez—T.Mendez
†Gudalupe Trevino -T. Mendez
Sofia Garcia - Familia Ramirez
†Juan Silva— Wife & Family

10 am †Ryan Sanchez— Family

†Katie De La Cruz— -Daughter

12 pm ITG Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Marivel Olgin
ITG Holy Spirit-Elena Sanchez

Daily Mass at 8:15 am

Mon., Jan. 09th to Wed., Jan 11th

For the People of Our Community

Thurs., Jan. 12—No Service

Fri., Jan. 13— For our Community

**Sat., Jan.14—60th Anniversary
of Roger & Elida Garcia**

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Arturo Parra, Eddie Botello,
Richard Sweet, Margarita Ventura,
Lupe Rodriguez, Rosie Gallegos
And Robert G. Gallegos

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11;

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28;

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39;

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45; **Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12;

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17;

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

OFFICE CLOSURE

The rectory office will be closed on Monday, January 16th, in remembrance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, January 17th at 9am.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Wed., Jan. 11th there will be a Reconciliation Service for the CCD children at 6:30pm in the church. On Jan. 15, at 10:30 am in the cafeteria, there will be a meeting for all parents of CCD Children that will be celebrating Baptism. For more information on this please contact Mrs. Rodriguez at 433-2121.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTABILITY

Please look over the statement of accountability in today's bulletin. If there is something that you want explained, please contact the Parish Bookkeeper, Sylvia Luna or Fr. Rudy.

BRILLANTE ESTRELLA

Oh brillante estrella Que anuncia la aurora No nos falte nunca Tu luz redentora. --Villancico popular

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Have you visited www.stjohnberchmans.com lately? If not, you are missing valuable information. Do you have an organization event to post? If so, please contact the webmaster, Mr. Luna, by clicking the link to his email at the bottom of your organization page. The 2012 church calendar is also posted for your viewing, to make a request simply click the calendar link for the online request form, your request will go directly to the Bulletin Editor, Lydia Ramirez. Our website is a work in progress and needs your input.

THE VIGIL TEAM

We are in desperate need for more people to join our Vigil Team. When we have a funeral, these members are contacted and go out in pairs to pray the rosary at the funeral home for the deceased. This is a beautiful ministry that brings a lot of comfort to the grieving family. Please pray on this and if you find that you are interested in this ministry, please contact the Vigil Team Coordinator, Mrs. Rosie Gallegos at 432-5763.

ORDINATION OF DEACON OSCAR TELLO

Deacon Oscar Tello will be ordained priest on Saturday, January 21, 2012 at 10 am at San Fernando Cathedral. The rectory office will be closed for this celebration. As we all know, parking is limited downtown, if majority of the seats get reserved, at a \$ 3.00 donation per seat, the church bus will be used for this event. If you would like to reserve a seat, please come by the rectory office before Saturday, January 14, 2012.

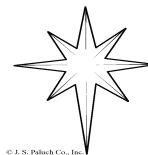
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The Little Drummer Boy



Magi from the east arrived

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



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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. This gift shows the Wise Men paying homage to Jesus' divinity. Oil, the gift of myrrh, is used to anoint the dying. It reminds us of Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. 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 pledging our obedience to him. Each day we can promise to live our vocation as best we can, to love those around us and forgive all who hurt us.

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



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The song "The Little Drummer Boy" reminds us that the best gift is not necessarily the most expensive one. Instead, it is the simple gift that only we can give.

Let Epiphany remind us to offer our lives to Jesus each day. Tom Schmidt, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

PROMESA CUMPLIDA

Isaías le recuerda al pueblo de Dios que la tierra será devuelta a su posesión, se alegrarán de ver a su gente regresar de la esclavitud del exilio y serán una luz para las naciones. En otras palabras, el pueblo de Israel será la vía para que el Salvador venga a todos aquellos que buscan a Dios con un corazón sincero. Esto trae consigo la alegría y el resplandor de la gloria de Dios a todo el mundo y para todas las personas en todas partes. A causa de la fidelidad del pueblo de Dios, y de la fidelidad de Dios para ellos, todos los pueblos serán hijos de Dios y se regocijarán en el cumplimiento de la promesa de Dios a Israel. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION Before long, people will be throwing Mardi Gras beads in the streets of New Orleans--purple, gold, and green. A few will be in on the secret: the colors of the beads are derived from the gifts of the magi. Gold for wealth, purple for power, green for good health. The gifts are also a key to the identity of the Christ Child: the incense for God; the gold for a king; the myrrh, fragrant burial ointment for one who comes to die.

Centuries ago, today's feast bore the heavy burden of celebrating all the manifestations of Christ's identity: the birth of Jesus, the coming of the magi, the baptism of the Lord, the wedding feast at Cana. It was too much for one day. Fortunately the one day has blossomed into a whole season of grateful celebration, stretching behind us into Advent, and ahead of us into the Baptism of the Lord and to Christ's coming again in glory. Tonight, be sure to light the Christmas lights, and gather at the crèche for a favorite carol and a prayer.--James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

8 de enero de 2012,

La Epifanía del Señor

Señor, Dios nuestro, que por medio de una estrella, diste a conocer en este día, a todos los pueblos el nacimiento de tu Hijo, concede a los que ya te conocemos por la fe, llegar a contemplar, cara a cara, la hermosura de tu inmensa gloria. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos. Pregunta de reflexión:

¿Qué puedo hacer esta semana para conocer mejor a Dios? Copyright J. S. Paluch Company, Inc.

St. John Berchmans Catholic Church
December 2011 Financial Statement

INCOME		December	YTD
Sunday Collections		\$ 19,778.76	\$ 133,926.08
Holy Day Collections		\$ 2,752.33	\$ 3,399.33
School Masses Collections		\$ 430.44	\$ 1,411.77
Capital Fund Collection		\$ 2,259.14	\$ 7,009.50
Donations - Parish Organizations		\$ 37.00	\$ 286.00
Donations - Gifts Bequests		\$ 10,372.86	\$ 15,134.09
Subsidy from Prince of Peace		\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
Religious Education	Fees/Fundraisers/RCIA/Adult Ed.	\$ 34.00	\$ 1,545.00
Youth Ministry	Confirmation & Life Teen	\$ 52.00	\$ 3,376.45
Funerals/Weddings/Debuts		\$ 525.00	\$ 2,885.00
Sacramental Certificates		\$ 25.00	\$ 222.50
Miscellaneous	Refunds/Transfers	\$ 535.51	\$ 5,663.65
Candles		\$ 333.00	\$ 2,464.63
HEB Cards		\$ 228.75	\$ 1,913.75
Dance 2011		\$ -	\$ 15,446.81
Turkey Bingo 2011		\$ -	\$ 5,675.59
Mass On The Grass 2012	Parish Festival	\$ -	\$ 557.00
Cruise 2011		\$ -	\$ 1,190.00
Interest Earned		\$ -	\$ 14.70
Formation House Rental		\$ 4,200.00	\$ 10,000.00
Good Search Engine	Internet Seach Engine - On Website	\$ 50.55	\$ 50.55
Total Income		\$ 41,614.34	\$ 214,672.40

EXPENSES			
Employee Salaries		\$ 5,911.17	\$ 39,440.56
Contracted Services	Rectory - Pest Control/Postage Meter Lease	\$ 342.97	\$ 1,039.98
	Church - Cleaning Service/Security/Filters	\$ 1,426.83	\$ 12,141.92
	School - Waste Management	\$ -	\$ 2,613.16
	Criminal Background Checks	\$ -	CR \$18.00
Insurance	Health — Clergy	\$ 650.00	\$ 4,408.76
	Auto — Clergy	\$ -	\$ 566.94
	Property & Liability — Workmen's Comp.	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 12,669.99
Employee Benefits	Priests Pension	\$ 546.00	\$ 3,276.00
	Lay Employees' Pension	\$ 300.00	\$ 2,200.00
	Employer's Payroll Tax	\$ 355.38	\$ 2,362.97
Supplies	Office — Rectory/Faith Formation	\$ 709.58	\$ 2,110.50
	Computer Hardware & Software	\$ -	\$ 3,169.94
	Postage — Rectory/Faith Formation	\$ 140.85	\$ 796.25
	General — Rectory/Church	\$ -	\$ 1,703.72
	Household	\$ -	\$ 1,302.37
	Food	\$ 441.60	\$ 1,940.61
	Religious	\$ -	\$ 107.25
	Flowers	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00
	Wine/Host — Reimbursed by the Guadalupana Society. Thank you for your continued support.	\$ 165.00	\$ 549.50
	Altar	\$ -	\$ 141.65
Liturgy	\$ 25.28	\$ 2,692.21	
Missalettes	\$ 150.00	\$ 625.00	

	CCD Textbooks & Resource Material	\$ -	\$ 2,501.73
	Maintenance Supplies	\$ -	\$ 274.89
	Religious Supplies	\$ -	\$ 107.25
	Copy/Duplicate/Print - Rectory/Faith Formation	\$ 57.60	\$ 1,502.02
Repairs and Maintenance	Repairs - Rectory/Church/Formation House/School	\$ 2,224.48	\$ 10,074.45
	Equipment - Church/Formation House/School	\$ 150.00	\$ 3,390.94
	Grounds Keeping/Landscaping	\$ -	\$ 5,072.50
Utilities	Water	\$ 1,297.11	\$ 4,516.88
	Electricity & Gas	\$ 3,130.27	\$ 29,813.57
	Telephone - Rectory/Faith Formation	\$ 218.17	\$ 1,022.93
	Internet & Cable	\$ 63.19	\$ 409.03
Continuing Education	Clergy	\$ -	\$ 600.00
	Retreats - Clergy/Religious	\$ 360.00	\$ 610.00
	Conferences & Workshops - Clergy	\$ CR 295.00	\$ -
	Conferences & Workshops - Lay	\$ 30.00	\$ 105.00
Vehicle	Personal Obsolescence	\$ 360.00	\$ 2,160.00
	Gas	\$ 189.42	\$ 902.02
	Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 159.28	\$ 639.00
Other Expenses	Dues & Subscriptions - Rectory/Faith Formation	\$ 149.00	\$ 303.78
	Advertising & Promotions	\$ -	\$ 337.00
	Hospitality/Socials - Rectory/Faith Formation	\$ -	\$ 665.07
	Tribunal Fees	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
	Broker's Fees - ramp	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
	Bank Charges	\$ 201.95	\$ 301.35
Religious Programs	Baptism	\$ -	\$ 29.00
	First Communion	\$ -	\$ -
	Youth Ministry— Confirmation/Life Teen	\$ -	\$ 3,131.93
	RCIA	\$ -	\$ 97.50
Assessments/Diocesan	ASF	\$ 3,059.00	\$ 18,354.00
	PAS	\$ 65.00	\$ 390.00
Fundraising Expenses	Dance 2011	\$ -	\$ 8,068.74
	Candles	\$ 1,496.86	\$ 2,817.89
	Turkey Bingo 2011	\$ 516.55	\$ 1,849.55
	Total Expenses	\$ 28,132.54	\$ 196,762.80

Variance (+/-) \$ 13,481.80 \$ 17,909.60

2011 Turkey Bingo Financial Report

11/20/2011

Income	Amount
Donations	\$406.18
2nd Collections	\$807.39
Ticket Sales	\$2,242.00
Specials	\$1,472.78
Concession	\$659.50
Beverages	\$358.93
Income Total	\$5,946.78

Expenses	Amount
Bingo License	\$25.00
Petty Cash	\$650.00
SJB Cafeteria Usage/Cleaning	\$150.00
Turkeys - Baskets - Food Items	\$799.54
Concession	\$176.49
Beverages	\$48.52
Expense Total	\$1,849.55

Income	\$5,946.78
Expense	-\$1,849.55
Net Profit	\$4,097.23

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTABILITY

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact the Parish Bookkeeper, Mrs. Sylvia Ann Luna, Monday - Friday from 9 am to 1 pm or contact Fr. Rudy at 434-3247.

