



MASS INTENTIONS:

JANUARY

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MASS SCHEDULE

M to F at 9:00AM

Also 10:00AM Span

Sat at 5:30PM

Sun at 8:00AM and

10:00AM (English) and

12:0PM and 2:00PM

(Spanish)

Adoration on Thursdays at

9:30AM to 8:00PM

Confession Sat at 4:00-

5:00PM but is always available as needed.

Fr. Cit's Column

The star. On December 21, the "Christmas star" appeared in the evening sky. It was a grandiose display of art. Honestly, I did not see it personally in the night sky of Molalla. I am not sure if there were sightings from our location. I saw pictures and video clips of it from different parts of the world. It was magnificent and beautiful. To scientists, it was rare and a phenomenon that occurs as natural as breathing. The only difference is it happens between long intervals that most of us will only see once in our lifetime, or probably twice. To church people, the event is an affirmation of faith. The star, which is the conjunction of the planets, reminds us of the Christmas star that led the magi to the manger where Christ was born. Whether they were guided by the bright light produced by the aligned planets or not, one thing is true, the light that guided them was the manifestation of the newborn King, Jesus.

The child born as man, according to the prophesies, is the light that will drive away the night. Referring to the dark state of evil, sin, and death, the birth of Jesus is a new dawn. Jesus himself will drive away the darkness by being himself the redemption of humanity. He is the light. Both symbolism and reality, the light, Jesus, brings all nations to the city of God, the people chosen by God to live in an ever enduring day.

How do we find the light? Like staring the in the evening sky, we also look for the light where there is a need for it, amidst the evening of our life. We do not stay there. Instead, we have to persevere in the day where light abounds. We leave the darkness of the night to the power that destroys it, the light.

As children of light, we do not choose darkness. If darkness tries to own us, we fight it off. We develop a value system that naturally rescinds the ploy of the prince of darkness, and that is called faith. Faith allows us to see the light more brightly than the light of darkness. When we are deceived by the light of darkness, there is no return. We do not go there. Instead, we try our best to stay faithful in the light. While it is dark around us, we keep our eyes gazed to the light until we find ourselves bathed in the light.-30-

La estrella. El 21 de diciembre, la "estrella de Navidad" apareció en el cielo de la noche. Era una grandiosa muestra de arte. Sinceramente, no la vi personalmente en el cielo de la noche de Molalla. No estoy seguro de si había avistamientos desde nuestra ubicación. Vi fotos y vídeos de ella de diferentes partes del mundo. Era magnífico y hermoso. Para los científicos, fue un fenómeno raro y que ocurre tan natural como la respiración. La única diferencia es que sucede entre intervalos largos que la mayoría de nosotros sólo veremos una vez en nuestra vida, o probablemente dos veces. Para la gente de la iglesia, el evento es una afirmación de fe. La estrella, que es la conjunción de los planetas, nos recuerda la estrella de Navidad que llevó a los magos al pesebre donde Cristo nació. Ya sea que fueran guiados por la luz brillante producida por los planetas alineados o no, una cosa es verdadera, la luz que los guió fue la manifestación del Rey recién nacido, Jesús.

El niño nacido como hombre, según las profecías, luz que alejará la noche. Refiriéndose al oscuro estado del mal, el pecado y la muerte, el nacimiento de Jesús es un nuevo amanecer. Jesús mismo alejará las tinieblas siendo él mismo la redención de la humanidad. El es la luz. Tanto el simbolismo como la realidad, la luz, Jesús, lleva a todas las naciones a la ciudad de Dios, el pueblo elegido por Dios para vivir en un día.

¿Cómo encontramos la luz? Al igual que mirar el cielo de la noche, también buscamos la luz donde hay una necesidad de ella, en medio de la noche de nuestra vida. No nos quedamos allí. En cambio, tenemos que perseverar en el día en que abunda la luz. Dejamos la oscuridad de la noche al poder que la destruye, la luz.

Como hijos de la luz, no elegimos la oscuridad. Si la oscuridad trata de poseernos, luchamos contra ello. Desarrollamos un sistema de valores que naturalmente rescinde la estratagema del príncipe de las tinieblas, y que se llama fe. La fe nos permite ver la luz más brillante que la luz de las tinieblas. Cuando somos engañados por la luz de las tinieblas, no hay retorno. No vamos allí. En cambio, hacemos todo lo posible para mantenernos fieles en la luz. Mientras está oscuro a nuestro alrededor, mantenemos nuestros ojos mirando a la luz hasta que nos encontramos bañados en la luz.-30-

BLESSING OF THE HOME AND HOUSEHOLD ON EPIPHANY

The traditional date of Epiphany is January 6, but in the United States it is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.

When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung. The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply, "Amen."

The leader greets those present in the following words: Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God forever.

R/. Blessed be God forever.

In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 19:1-9: Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to Luke: Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way.> When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham."

The intercessions are then said:

Leader: The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him.

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head. We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing. We pray:



R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory. We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

After the intercessions, the leader invites all present to say the Lord's Prayer.

The leader says the prayer of blessing with hands joined: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them (us) with the light of Christ, that their (our) concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/. Amen.

The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying: May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever. R/. Amen.

It is preferable to end the celebration with a suitable song, for example, "O Come, All Ye Faithful" or "We Three Kings."

—From Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers

The Epiphany of the Lord

JANUARY 3, 2021

“An outstretched hand, then, can always be enriched by the smile of those who quietly and unassumingly offer to help, inspired only by the joy of living as one of Christ’s disciples.”

—Pope Francis, World Day of the Poor 2020



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“As we begin the New Year, may we discover anew that faith demands worship. If we can fall on our knees before Jesus, we will overcome the temptation to set off on our own path.” (Pope Francis, Jan. 6, 2020)

On this Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, we remember that God came to earth for everyone, every nation, every people.

January is Poverty Awareness Month!

Poverty does not strike all demographics equally. For example, in 2018, 10.6% of men, and 12.9% of women lived in Poverty USA. Along the same lines, the poverty rate for married couples in 2018 was only 4.7% - but the poverty rate for single-parent families with no wife present was 12.7%, and for single-parent families with no husband present was 24.9%.

In 2018, the poverty rate for people living with a disability was 25.7%. That’s nearly 4 million people living with a disability—in poverty.

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C A L E N D A R

January 3-4, Sacraments prep and Catechism resume

Parish Mission and Vision

We are a Christian community from varied roots, united by God, guided by St. James the Greater, worshiping, evangelizing and helping each other toward holiness.

Somos una comunidad Cristiana de raíces variadas, unidas por Dios, guiada por Santiago el mayor, adorando, evangelizando y guiando mutuamente hacia la santidad.

We form our young, adults, and families to develop Christian values, that all may serve the church and community through faith.

Formamos a nuestros jóvenes, adultos y familias para desarrollar valores cristianos, que todos pueden servir a la Iglesia y a nuestra comunidad por medio de la fe.



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Chats with
Archbishop
Sample

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<https://vimeo.com/event/49426>

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Collection Update for December 26-27, 2020

Collection will be included in the next issue	
General Collection	\$
Expenses (weekly estimate)	<u>\$ 4 316.00</u>
Deficit	\$ 0

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