



Stewardship: It's not just about money

What a blessing to be a member of a community, for each member shares in the good done by all.

St. Vincent DePaul

HELP US MEET OUR MONTHLY GOAL OF \$8,500.00

November: \$1,967.00

December: \$1,758.00

12/3 \$294.00 IC: \$75.00 12/10 \$425.00 RR: \$165.00 12/17 \$141.00

12/24 \$333.00 12/25 \$231 **12/31 \$334.00 Washer & Dryer: \$350.00 Balance: \$729.73**

The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

Sin Is A Refusal to Love

In one option of the penitential act at Mass, we confess to sinning:

"in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do."

The Effects of Sin

In the creation story found in the **Old Testament Book of Genesis**. Adam and Eve experienced harmony with self, God, each other, and creation until the serpent entered the Garden and they committed sin. In genesis 3 (see verses below), we see the effects of disobeying God.

Alienation From Self

After Adam and Eve sinned, their eyes "were opened, and they knew that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths" (7). Shame and uneasiness replaced openness and confidence.

When we sin, the nakedness of trust is replaced by a cloak of defensiveness. No matter how attractive and pleasurable sin may seem, it has a diminishing and disintegrating effect on our inner selves.



Alienation From God

They "hid themselves from the Lord God among the trees of the garden" (8). Fear and distance replaced the trust and intimacy they previously had with God.

Uncomfortable in God's presence, **they hid.**

(Continued Next Week)



StJude

CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday, January 7th, 2024: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



"Where is the Newborn King of the Jews? We saw

His Star at it's rising and have come to do Him Homage."



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Rooted in Christ and our Catholic Tradition We:

Strengthen One Another through

- The Word, The Eucharist, and Shared Prayer

Ongoing Education of Our Children & Families,

Share Ourselves & Our Gifts by

- Welcoming Others
- Offering witness to the Gospel through service to the larger Tuba City Community.

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January 7th, 2023

The Epiphany of our Lord

IS 60:1-6; PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; EPH 3:2-3a, 5-6; MT 2:1-12



Today, we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord. The Gospel account of the three magi traveling to meet Baby Jesus is one that we know well. Yet, when we pause to reflect on this moment when these men met Christ for the first time, we recognize that there is much to be said for us still today.

When the magi entered the house, it says, “they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.” Clearly these men knew that they were in the presence of their King. They also came bearing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, which symbolize Christ’s kingship, divinity, and humanity.

Christ is still manifesting Himself to us today. We enter God’s house weekly, and we are in His presence. When we meet Him, do we offer Him our gifts — our time, talent, and treasure? As Christian stewards, we are called to respond with love, reverence, and gratitude.

Let us prepare our hearts to receive Christ’s many manifestations in our lives. We just need a grateful disposition to receive them.



St Vincent De Paul Society

is still in need of officers and members for the Tuba City Conference. If you have any questions contact Leonard Begay.



UPCOMING LECTOR SCHEDULE:

Sun. January, 7th: Sonia Rojo

Sun. January, 14th: Cardelle Mix

ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS:

- **Sunday January 14th**, there will be a special collection for **Latin America**
- **Special Appeal:** We are still asking for donations to help in offsetting a washer and dryer purchase .
Balance: **\$729.73**
- **Fr. Faustinus** will return on Jan. 27th

The future is not in our hands. We have no power over it. We can only act in the present. We will leave it to God to make the plans for the future., because yesterday is already gone, tomorrow has not come yet and we only have today to let him know, love and serve. So let’s not worry about the future, about tomorrow, but live the present moment intensely, with complete trust in God.

-Mother Teresa

Give Jesus a big smile each time your nothingness frightens you. Just keep the joy of Jesus as your strength-be happy and at peace, accept whatever He gives or takes with a big smile.

-Mother Teresa



MASS SCHEDULE/READINGS/MASS

INTENTIONS:

Mon. Jan. 8th: No Mass
Isaiah 55: 1-11 & 1st John 5: 1-9 & Mark 1: 7-11
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Tues. Jan. 9th: No Mass
1st Samuel 1: 9-20 & Mark 1: 21-28

Wed. Jan. 10th: No Mass
1st Samuel 3: 1-10, 19-20 & Mark 1: 29-39

Thurs. Jan. 11th: No Mass
1st Samuel 4: 1-11 & Mark 1: 40-45

No Holy Hour

Fri. Jan. 12th: No Mass
1st Samuel 8: 4-7, 10-22a & Mark 2: 1-12

Sat. Jan. 13th: No Mass
1st Samuel 9: 1-14,17-19;10:1 & Mark 2: 13-17
MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY/ HILARY, BISHOP

Sun. Jan. 14th: Mass 11am
1st Reading: 1st Samuel 3: 3b-10, 19
2nd Reading: 1st Corinthians 6: 13c-15a, 17-20
Gospel: John 1: 35-42
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

CONFESSIONS: Saturday: By appointment. Contact the office.

