

Holy Rosary Catholic Community

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*We saw his star in the East
and have come to worship Him.*

Welcome to Holy Rosary Catholic Community. We hope you enjoyed your Lord's Day Worship. May God bless you abundantly!



MASSES THIS WEEK

(8:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted)

Tuesday, Jan. 7	Edith Ricci
Wednesday, Jan. 8	Louis Hendricken
Thursday, Jan. 9	Louis Falco
Friday, Jan. 10	Marg Logel

Wed. Jan. 8 @ 10:30 a.m. there is also a School Mass.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

CHRISTMAS was truly a wonderful celebration of faith, family, joy and exultation for all worshippers who came to Holy Rosary Church. I wish to thank the many parishioners who made this so. The Parish Staff: Pam Cupido, Chris Gibbons, Mary Edmondstone; the Music Ministry conducted by Vicky Chen; to the Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers); Servers. I wish to thank Janet James and the Decorating Committee for a beautifully decorated Church and Narthex with special thanks to John Aguiar and Jose Pimentel for putting up the tree and wreaths. The Church both inside and out stood out as a reminder for the Feast of Christmas that we celebrated. The children who participated in the Christmas Eve Pageant were spectacular. Thank you Bonnie Sparks who directed the children and Peggy Cullen (organist). To everyone I extend sincere thanks and appreciation.

DIOCESAN MISSION CO-OP SOCIETY

A few years ago Msgr. Kroetsch ended the Diocesan Mission Cooperative involvement at Holy Rosary Church and invited parishioners to assist a missionary effort in Belize. I have decided to re-instate the Mission Co-op at Holy Rosary Parish effective in 2014. I believe that we have to be open to assist many places with our spiritual and financial help and the Diocesan Mission Cooperative Society makes that possible. We will continue to support Belize as best we can with our spiritual and financial assistance. I thank you for your support of the poor in Belize and throughout the world. God will bless us for our kindness to the hungry, homeless and forgotten.

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
January 5, 2014**



THE LIGHT OF FAITH

The first reading today is charged with the glory of the Lord. Everyone who can come to the holy city does come—whole caravans of people of all ages on foot and on dromedaries and camels.

This description of an irresistible light-filled city prepares us for the story of the magi. They are guided by their own lights—their study of astronomy and astrology—and by the light of a peculiar star. Their study tells them that an unusual event in the heavens is a sign of an extraordinary birth on earth. They mean to find out about this, and they set out with gifts worthy of a king. They are welcomed into an insignificant house in Bethlehem, offer gifts befitting a king, and receive the gift of faith.

Paul reinforces the great gift of faith available to the Gentiles, whom the magi represent. What they have seen has changed them, just as it changed Paul and all who heeded his proclamation. Like the magi and like Paul, we are invited to receive this life that is filled with the light of faith. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 2014

If you did not pick up your 2014 church envelopes in December, please call the office and arrange a time to pick them up.

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT – This way of giving for your regular Sunday collections is available for your convenience—just call Chris at the Church office to sign up. If you already use the pre-authorized method and would like a box of envelopes to use for the Special Collections, please contact Pam at the Church Office at 905-634-7441.



REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon the next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week! The Gospel for the Baptism of Our Lord is: **Matthew 3.13-17.**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Life hands us many epiphanies or "wake-up calls." A few years ago, a young couple adopted a two-year-old child in a morass of red tape, complications, and court hearings. At the baby's baptism, the priest suggested appending an "adoption blessing," wherein the new relationship was expressed and affirmed. There is a place in that rite for the child to speak, and instead the priest said, "Can you give Daddy a kiss?" Standing in the midst of his church, the young adoptive father suddenly welled up with tears as he embraced the child. Afterward, he explained that through all the hassles and legal struggles he never until that moment in church understood that he was the parent of this child. The ritual claimed them for each other, gave expression to their relationship that the legal documents never could, and firmly cemented this child into the heart of a community as everyone erupted into heartfelt applause. This assembly witnessed in a powerful way what happens in every baptism: the mystery of adoption, the free flow of grace, the overwhelming sense of God's presence at the heart of our life's journey. Rev. James Field, Copyright, J.S. Paluch Co.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Monday, Jan. 6 7:00 pm – CWL Bridge– Parish Centre
Tuesday, Jan. 7 1:00 pm – Seniors Bridge Group – Parish Centre 7:00 pm – CWL Executive Meeting – Parish Centre
Wednesday, Jan. 8 7:30 pm – Choir Practice – Parish Centre 7:30 pm – Men's Club Meeting – Heritage Room
Saturday, Jan. 11 6:00 pm – 2 nd Saturday Social – Parish Centre

SECOND SATURDAY SOCIAL



Our Second Saturday Social for January will take place on **Saturday, January 11th** at 6 p.m. Our movie this month, **Come to the Stable**, is a 1949 American film which tells the story of two French nuns who come to a small New England town and involve the townsfolk in helping them to build a children's hospital. It stars Loretta Young and Celeste Holm. Please join us for dinner and the movie.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Jan. 6	Rev. Neil Haight, OMI
Tues. Jan. 7	Rev. Joe Selvanayagam
Wed. Jan. 8	Missionaries
Thurs. Jan. 9	Rev. David Wynen
Fri. Jan. 10	Rev. Steven Murrin
Sat. Jan. 11	Rev. Msgr. Murray Kroetsch



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We thank you for your continued spiritual and financial support of Holy Rosary Parish. Thank you for your generous donations to Holy Rosary Parish at Christmas.

December 22nd Collections:

Regular Sunday Envelopes	Loose Collection	Pre-Authorized Debit (Reg. Sunday)
\$3,059.	\$335.	\$1,555.

December 25th – Christmas Collection: \$30,429.

December 29th Collections:

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