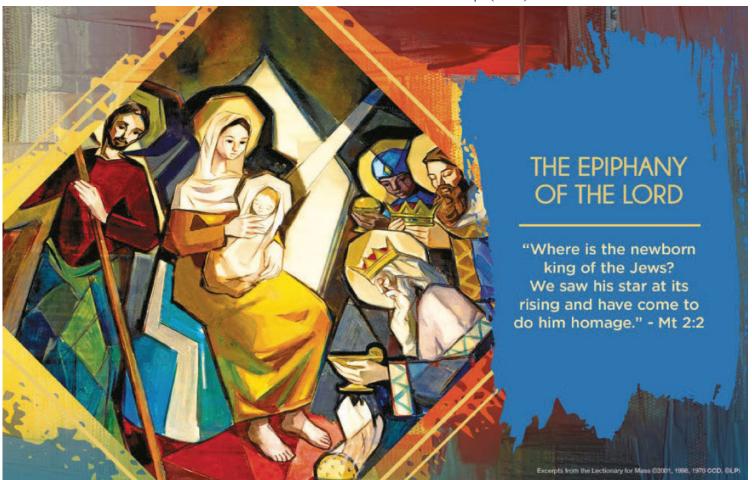


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**JANUARY 8, 2023** 

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80 Hayes Road

South Windsor, CT 06074 Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm Sunday Mass: 11:00 am

Weekday Mass: 8:00 am-Tuesday &

**Thursday** 

Confessions: Monday 6:00pm-6:45pm

Adoration & Holy Hour: Monday 6:00pm-7:00pm

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS, NEW MEMBERS, AS WELL AS ALL PARISH MEMBERS.





## WELCOME TO ST. JUNÍPERO SERRA PARISH

We extend a special welcome to new parishioners. We hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith-life will grow. We also hope you will share your special gifts with your parish family. Your presence, your talents and your prayers are always welcome. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Castro, after one of the Masses and also please formally register with the parish through our website at <a href="https://www.saintjuniperoserra.org">www.saintjuniperoserra.org</a> or by contacting the office.

### The churches are open for private devotions:

St. Francis of Assisi: Monday thru Friday 9:00am-4:00pm St. Margaret Mary: Monday thru Friday 9:00am-3:00pm, Saturday 10:00am-5:30pm

#### Pastoral Staff

Offices located at 80 Hayes Rd, Office Hours Monday-Thursday 9 am to 3 pm Friday: 9 am to 12pm | Phone: 860-644-2411 Fax: 860-644-5765

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## **Important Information**

**Baptisms:** Parents must attend a pre-baptismal class and sponsor certificates for the godparents must be received before a baptism can be scheduled. Please call the parish office to register.

**Prayer Line:** For prayer requests or to join the Prayer Line, please call Donna, 860-938-4864, Ida, 860-289-2826 or Mary, 860-644-0766.

Weddings: At least six months preparation is necessary. Please call Fr. Castro at x109

**Ministry to Those in the Hospital or Homebound:** Your parish priests, deacons and ministers are eager to help anyone who is unable to celebrate with us because of age, illness or handicap. There is no problem visiting private homes if we are notified. If you, or a relative living in the South Windsor Catholic Community would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or would like to receive Communion, please call the parish office so that we may be of assistance.

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SATURDAY VIGIL, January 7

4:00 p.m. Muriel Soucy by Son, Warren

SUNDAY, January 8

The Epiphany of The Lord

7:30 a.m. Lloyd Estey by Daughter, Lorrie 9:00 a.m. Fran O'Brien by Brennan Family 11:00 a.m. Louise Magaldi & Sylvia Lewis Szeredy by Chris & Jim Lewis

MONDAY, January 9

8:00 a.m. Denis Giroux by Family

TUESDAY, January 10

8:00 a.m. Joseph Minguy by Annamae Davis

WEDNESDAY, January 11

8:00 a.m. Michael Troiano, Jr. by His Children

THURSDAY, January 12

8:00 a.m. Betty Fournier by Beth Wade

SATURDAY VIGIL, January 14

4:00 p.m. Laurette D. Billig by Daughter & Family

SUNDAY, January 15

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Muriel Parille by Don Parille

9:00 a.m. J. Doris Marianella

by Marianella & Porcello Families

11:00 a.m. Sebastiano & Maria Milluzzo, Sister Luigina

Milluzzo & Rosanna Neri

by Santo & Alfina Milluzzo & Family

#### **SANCTUARY LIGHTS**

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for MOST ABANDONED SOULS OF PURGARTORY If you would like to have the Sanctuary Light burn at St. Francis of Assisi or St. Margaret Mary Church for the intention of a loved one, please call the parish office 860-644-2411.

Please remember in your prayers the following parishioners who are ill Thomas Russo, Giacomo Ghasa,

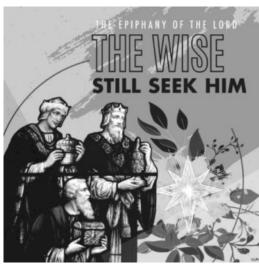


Scott Mosher, Anne Mosher, Rosemary Saad, Lydia Mele, Barbara Mansini, Tammy Cross, Mary Caswell, Linda Pratson,

Beth Jamieson, Helen Palmer, Teresa Foran, Marie Donnelli, George Rousseau, Charles Flick, Joyce Abrahams, Kay Vuono, Pat Hendrickson, Carmen Rosa Chilicki, Karen Cerrato, Bertha Brasfield, Mark Weyrauch, Robert Billig, Adam Johnson, Taina Marquez-Johnson, Luca and Nicolas Marquez-Johnson, Simone Tedford, Frances P. Medina, John Ferrante, Michael Chappell, Rebecca-Lynn Scullion, Dylan McBreen, Susan Degennaro, Lisa Feinstein, Sylvia Gonsalves, Louise Hynes, Ginette Collin, Laurie Gilligan, Joan Paterna, Linda Nott, Ron Krug, Roy Hauck. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.

### NEW WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday & Wednesday at SFA Tuesday & Thursday at SMM



The song "We Three Kings" details the gifts of the Magi, but do you k n o w what y o u ˈre singing? "Born king Bethlehem's plan, gold I bring to

crown Him again." This one is the most straightforward - gold symbolizes the Kingship of Christ. "Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom." Myrrh is an embalming spice. Already at Christ's birth, we have the symbolic reminder of his death. "Frankincense to offer have I. Incense owns a deity nigh." In many religious traditions, incense symbolizes prayers rising to heaven. In some pagan traditions, it is thought to help "call down" the deity. The gift of frankincense symbolizes Jesus' role as the Great High Priest, sanctifying the world through his sacrifice.

Who is influencing your life?

Whose voice are you allowing to shape who you are?

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WINTER SNOW POLICY

Weekdays: When school is canceled or delayed there will be NO Morning Mass.

Weekends: Please check our website, or Facebook page for possible cancellation.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood

Heavenly Father, You have created us for a definite purpose.

Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for each of us in this life, and to respond with a generous "Yes."

Make my parish, my home and my heart fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. May our young men respond to Your call with courage and zeal. Stir among them a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests.

We make our prayer for priestly vocations to You, Father, in the Holy Spirit,

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Christmas Flowers

Poinsettias that graced the sanctuaries this season will be given away only after the 9:00a.m. Mass at St. Francis and the 11:00a.m. Mass at St. Margaret Mary on Sunday, January 8.



Our newly formed bimonthly Men's Prayer Group to let God encourage a deeper personal understanding of his message to us. **Men's prayer group** 



will meet Thursday 1/12/2023. We'll be reading and discussing the following Sunday 1/15 Mass reading. Come join us! Bring your bible or a copy of Sunday's 1/15Mass reading. For more information contact Jozef Chilicki at jchilicki@cox.net

## THANK YOU

Thank you all for contributing to our Christmas giving effort. Your generosity allowed us to deliver over 200 Christ-

mas gifts and more than \$1000 in gift cards to our Lady of Sorrows Church in Hartford for the Feast of Three Kings.

Grocery bags for January will be distributed the weekend of 1/14 – 1/15/2023 and the January food collection will take place 1/21-1/22/2023. With your help we will provide food for local clients and families, Head Start families in Vernon, DCF families in Manchester and the Bristol Men's Shelter

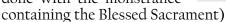
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We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain,

following yonder star...

Saint Margaret Mary will have Adoration every Monday night from 6-7 p.m. Father Castro will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation while Jesus is exposed in the monstrance. He will finish the night with Benediction. (Benediction is a blessing done with the monstrance



Tantum Ergo

Down in adoration falling,
Lo! the sacred Host we hail;
Lo! o'er ancient forms departing,
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith for all defects supplying,
Where the feeble senses fail.
To the everlasting Father,
And the Son who reigns on high,
With the Holy Spirit proceeding
Forth from each eternally,
Be salvation, honor, blessing,
Might and endless majesty. Amen.

Acquire the habit of speaking to God as if you were alone with Him, familiarly and with confidence and love, as to the dearest and most loving of friends. Speak to Him often of your business, your plans, your troubles, your fears — of everything that concerns you. Converse with Him confidently and frankly; for God is not wont to speak to a soul that does not speak to Him.

#### St. Alphonsus Liguori

"O Mary, Mother of Jesus Christ, and our dear Mother! O all ye holy angels, who, by your adoration in our churches, make up for the little love which your God and our Savior receives from men, obtain for us the grace to comprehend a little the love of Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament."

#### St. Margaret Mary

"Sanctify yourself and you will sanctify society."

#### St. Francis Of Assisi

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#### **STEWARDSHIP**

Total Offertory including Online Giving: 12/25/2022 Weekly Collection \$16,914.00 Christmas Collection \$9,034.00

These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.

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## LITURGICAL LIFE

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Faith and Fear

When I was little, you could tell I believed in the destructive power of the monsters who lived beneath my bed because I would never let my ankles anywhere near the bottom of the mattress. (It's common knowledge that bare ankles are premium monster bait — ask any child you know).

You can often tell what a person believes by what they fear.

But here's the thing: belief isn't always enough. It's obvious that Herod believed in Christ's power because of how terrified he was by it and by the room he made in his life for the possible impact of the Messiah. In fact, if belief was the only measure of orthodoxy, you could stand most modern Christians next to Herod and he would tower above them.

Remember, there's something just as bad as disobeying God: discounting Him. I know I am guilty of that in a thousand small ways each day. In the person I ignore or the opinion I sneer at. In the unkind words I let roll from my tongue. In the prayers of thanksgiving that I don't say because I am "too busy."

I believe in God, but I do not fear Him — mostly because my very modern understanding of the concept of "fear" would lump God in with those monsters beneath my bed.

But what if we understood fear in a more traditional sense — awe, reverence, and wonder? "All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him." -

When Herod heard the news of the coming of the Messiah, it compelled him to do something. Not the right thing, mind you, but something. It moved him into action.

So, then, it should move us all.

We saw his star at its rising, and have come to do him homage. — Matthew 2:2

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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#### WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

#### Question:

How are the feasts of the baptism of Jesus and the account of the wedding feast of Cana related to the Epiphany celebration?

#### Answer:

The Epiphany season focuses on revealing Jesus to the world. Following the Christmas celebration, the liturgical year lays out a series of manifestation points in which Jesus is made publicly known. From its very beginning, the Christian community highlighted three events in the life of Jesus. These are the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the wedding feast at Cana.

The Epiphany discloses Jesus to the world of the Gentiles, represented by the magi from the East. The accounts of Jesus' baptism reveal his identity and mission, along with exposing him to those to whom he was sent to minister. The miracle of turning water to wine at the wedding feast of Cana, unique to John's Gospel, is the first public sign that Jesus performs, thus manifesting his public identity and his powers.

Today in the Roman Church, these are usually celebrated on three successive Sundays: Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord which is usually the next Sunday, and the wedding feast of Cana, which is proclaimed on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time in lectionary year C.

These feasts connect around the concept of epiphany, public manifestation of Jesus to the world. They help us get to know more intimately who Jesus is and what he is about. Spend some time delving more deeply into your understanding of who Jesus is. Continue to cultivate these "epiphany" moments in your life.

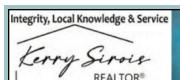
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night. Our next meeting will

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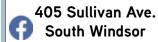
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