

*Epiphany of the Lord*

*Epifanía del Señor*

*The star burned like a flame, pointing the way to God,  
the King of Kings; the wise men saw the sign and  
brought their gifts in homage to their great King.*

*La estrella ardía como una llama, señalando el  
camino hacia Dios, el Rey de Reyes; Los magos  
vieron la señal y trajeron sus regalos en  
homenaje a su gran Rey.*



*January 7, 2024*

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[closed for Lunch 1:00pm-2:00pm]

MASS SCHEDULE  
*Horario de Misas*

**Saturday | Sabado**

5:30pm

**Sunday | Domingo**

8:30am [Spanish]

11:00am

7:00pm [Spanish]

**Martes & Jueves**

8:30am [Spanish]

**Wednesday & Friday**

8:30am

ADORATION  
*Adoración*

**Martes & Miercoles**

9:00am-11:00am

**Holy Hour | Hora Santa**

Thursday | Jueves

5:00pm-6:00pm

**Confession | Confesiones**

Thursday | Jueves

5:00pm

**Divine Mercy**

**Divina Misericordia**

1st & 3rd Friday | Viernes

7:00pm (Chapel | Capilla)

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Micaela Rubio

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Deacon Rusty Gamez

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**Sacristans**

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Elvia Moreno

**Sanctus Young Adults**

Cleo Voight

**Ushers**

Janie Gonzalez

# Mass Intentions

## Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

†Alicia D. Mora

†Guadalupe Sosa

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

†Aurelia Olivia Flores

†Margaret Alva

†Virginia Mata

Sotero Reyes - Por Salud

11:00 a.m.

†Katy Bustamante

†Abel Esquivel

Azrael Rey Espinoza

Alicia Gamez - 93rd Birthday

Christian Velazquez - Birthday

Selina & Edgar Velazquez -

43rd Wedding Anniversary

7:00 p.m.

Feligreses de San Leonardo

**This week's Sanctuary Lamp  
is for the eternal rest of**

*Deceased loved ones of the parish*

**Eternal rest grant unto her/him, O Lord, and let  
perpetual light shine upon her/him. May her/his soul  
and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the  
mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen**



*Pray For...*

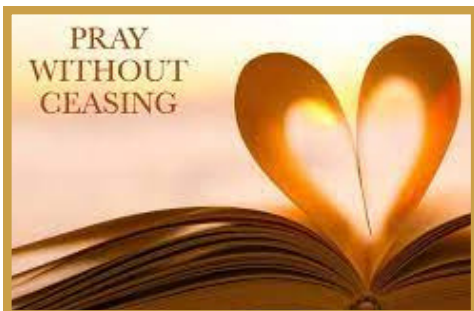
Bertha & Gabriel Canales, Andrea Cantu, Devyn Casias, Mary Cruz, Rosalie Croom, Baby Azrael Espinoza, Amelia Flores, Alice B. Gamez, David & Maria Garcia, Blanca Hernandez, Johnny Hernandez, Ruben Hernandez, Blanca S. Hernandez, Patricia Hernandez, Jose and Rosa Huerta, Roxanne Longoria, Juan Nava, Elvia & George (Tio) Orta, Rosario Perez, Gloria Perusquia, Sotero Reyes, Frank Rodriguez, Maria Valdez, Stephanie Zamago & family, Mary Ferry.

*Lord, look upon me with eyes of mercy, may your healing  
hands rest upon me, may your life-giving powers flow into  
every cell of my body and into the depths of my soul,  
cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness and strength  
for service in your Kingdom.*

*Amen.*

For special blessings  
such as wedding  
anniversary or birthday  
blessings please notify  
the parish office in  
advance.

Para bendiciones especiales  
tales como aniversario de  
bodas o bendiciones de  
cumpleaños, por favor  
notifique a la oficina parroquial  
con anticipación.



Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be the stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives. Amen

# Stewardship

## *A way of living*

Dios misericordioso y amoroso, entendemos que nos llamas a ser mayordomos de Tu abundancia, los cuidadores de todo lo que nos has confiado.

Ayúdanos siempre a utilizar sabiamente tus dones y enséñanos a compartirlos generosamente. Que nuestra fiel mayordomía dé testimonio del amor de Cristo en nuestras vidas. Amen.

Parish offering for Dec. 26, 2023 – Jan. 1, 2024

| Masses               | Attendance     | Total Offering    |
|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b>      | <b>81</b>      | <b>\$1,416.00</b> |
| <b>Sunday</b>        |                |                   |
| <b>8:30 a.m.</b>     | <b>215</b>     | <b>\$1,505.00</b> |
| <b>11:00 a.m.</b>    | <b>194</b>     | <b>\$2,213.00</b> |
| <b>7:00 p.m.</b>     | <b>No Mass</b> | <b>-</b>          |
| <b>Monday 1/1/24</b> | <b>-</b>       | <b>\$590.00</b>   |
| <b>Total</b>         |                | <b>\$5,724.00</b> |
|                      | <b>Coins</b>   | <b>\$8.72</b>     |
| <b>Online</b>        | <b>18</b>      | <b>\$976.00</b>   |
| <b>Grand Total</b>   |                | <b>\$6,705.72</b> |

*Thank You!*

To all the donors that helped the parish the week of  
December 31, 2023

May the Lord bless you abundantly!

*A todo los donantes que ayudaron a la parroquia la semana de 31 de diciembre de 2023.*

*¡Que el Señor los bendiga abundantemente!*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WEEK AT A-GLANCE

Sunday, January 7  
Faith Formation Classes

Monday, January 8  
No Meetings Scheduled

Tuesday, January 9  
Faith Formation Classes

Wednesday, January 10  
Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, January 11  
Holy Hour & Confessions  
5:00pm

Friday, January 12  
No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, January 13  
Guadalupeana Meeting  
10:00am Hall - Room #1

## Question of the Week

Have I had an epiphany, a sudden insight, after an experience where I've recognized an encounter with Christ? If I cannot recall one, can I imagine how it could happen?

¿Has tenido una epifanía, una luz repentina, después de una experiencia en que pudiste reconocer un encuentro con Cristo? Si no puedes recordar ninguna ocasión semejante, ¿pudieras imaginar cómo sería?



## Bulletin Announcements

Have an announcement request for the bulletin?  
Send in the announcement *a week in advance* to be published in the bulletin!

## St. Leonard's Mens ACTS Retreat Feb 8th - 11th, 2024 - Moye Retreat Center

Join us for this transformative weekend of spiritual renewal, prayer and fellowship among friends and members of our parish.

The Retreat begins Thursday evening, Feb 8th and ends on Sunday after our 11am mass.

Round trip transportation is provided. Cost is \$165 with a small \$50 deposit. Financial assistance is available. Register **NOW** at the Parish Office. For any questions please contact Richard Valadez 210-887-2619 or Daniel Zapata 210-973-4983

Gather in prayer for the protection of human life



Reúnanse en oración por la protección de la vida humana

## Respect Life Mass Misa Respeto a la Vida



Saturday | Sabado, January | Enero 21, 2024  
4:00 PM-6:00 PM San Fernando Cathedral

## Life Awareness



Religious Vocation Discernment Weekend

Come join us at Cordi-Marian Retreat Center

Don't spend your life wondering if you are called to the

*Priesthood or Religious Life.*

Come Join us at Cordi-Marian Retreat Center . . .

February 9-11



2024



Register Today!



Registration Required • Ages 18-40 • For more information contact:  
Archdiocesan Vocation office • [Vocations@archsa.org](mailto:Vocations@archsa.org) • 210 735-0553

2ND ANNUAL  
*Nativity  
Showcase*

Sunday, January 14, 2024 at 12:00pm  
in Parish Center  
*Domingo, 14 de enero de 2024  
a las 12:00pm en  
Centro Parroquial*



All are welcome to bring a Nativity to display for all to see. All Nativities will receive a special blessing from Fr. Servando

*Todos están invitados a traer su Nacimientos para exhibir para que todos la vean. Todos los Nacimientos recibirán una bendición especial del Padre Servando*

A powerful blessing that last the whole year.  
Una poderosa bendición que dura todo el año.

20 + C + M + B + 24

## CHALKING THE DOOR - EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

MARCAR CON TIZA LA PUERTA -  
BENDICIÓN DE LA CASA  
DE LA EPIFANÍA

The Epiphany blessing of chalk and home is an ancient tradition that not only places GOD at the entrance of your home, it places your entire family under his protection.

A traditional way of doing this is to take a piece of blessed chalk and inscribe above the entrance door to your home 20+C+M+B+24. The "20" being the millennium and century, "24" for the decade and year. The "+" between letter symbolize the cross of Christ. The "CMB" initials have two meanings: 1. For the Magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. 2. Also, the initials abbreviate the Latin "Christus mansionem benedicat" ("Christ bless this house"). **May God bless our homes in 2024!**

**Prayer:** 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 live here and all who visit. May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of Your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

La bendición de Epifanía de la tiza y el hogar es una antigua tradición que no sólo coloca a DIOS en la entrada de tu hogar, sino que coloca a toda tu familia bajo su protección.

Una forma tradicional de hacerlo es coger un trozo de tiza bendita y escribir encima de la puerta de entrada de tu casa 20+C+M+B+24. El "20" es el milenio y el siglo, el "24" es la década y el año. El "+" entre letras simboliza la cruz de Cristo. Las iniciales "CMB" tienen dos significados: 1. Para los Reyes Magos, Gaspar, Melchor y Baltasar. 2. Además, las iniciales abrevian el latín "Christus mansionem benedicat" ("Cristo bendiga esta casa"). ¡Que Dios bendiga nuestros hogares en el 2024!

**Oración:** Señor Dios del cielo y de la tierra. Revelaste a tu Hijo unigénito a cada nación mediante la guía de una estrella. Bendice esta casa y a todos los que viven aquí y a todos los que la visitan. Que seamos bendecidos con salud, bondad de corazón, mansedumbre y el cumplimiento de tu ley. Llénanos con la luz de Cristo, para que nuestro amor mutuo llegue a todos. Te lo pedimos por Cristo Nuestro Señor. Amén.



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ST. LEONARD'S  
New Facebook Page



**BASKETBALL THROW CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Saturday, January 27th  
Starting at 10:00am

St Bonaventure Catholic church  
1918 Palo Alto Rd. San Antonio, TX 78211

Sponsored: by St Bonaventure Knights of  
Columbus council #10712  
Contact: Fernando Revuelta 210-584-2425

## SAN ANTONIO MARCH FOR LIFE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

MARCH AT 1 PM  
RALLY AT 2 PM

MAIN PLAZA  
115 N MAIN AVE  
SA, TX 78205



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#SAMFL2024

REMEMBER THE BABIES LOST AFTER ROE V. WADE,  
AND REJOICE IN LIVES SAVED AFTER DOBBS.

EQUALITY BEGINS IN THE WOMB



CELEBRATE LIFE PROTECTED IN TEXAS

# GROWING IN FAITH



Baptism



Welcome

St. Leonard welcomes the newest members of GOD's family who were baptized last month. We are committed to nurturing their faith and guiding them on their spiritual journey. May their presence bring blessings and joy to the entire community.

San Leonardo le da la bienvenida a los miembros más nuevos de la familia de DIOS que fueron bautizados el mes pasado. Estamos comprometidos a nutrir su fe y guiarlos en su viaje espiritual. Que su presencia traiga bendiciones y alegría a toda la comunidad.

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 🐚 Yvette Marisol Calero      | 🐚 Liam Daniel Lemus     |
| 🐚 Avery Rose Chirinos        | 🐚 Oziel Miguel Martinez |
| 🐚 Kai Oliver Espinoza        | 🐚 Vyolette Yazlin Ochoa |
| 🐚 Christopher Emmanuel Garza | 🐚 Averie Jae Valle      |



Happy 55th Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. David Garcia



Thanks to St. Leonard's Mariachis for delivering wonderful choir music during the Christmas Mass. Gracias a los Mariachis de San Leonardo por ofrecer maravillosa música coral durante la Misa de Navidad.

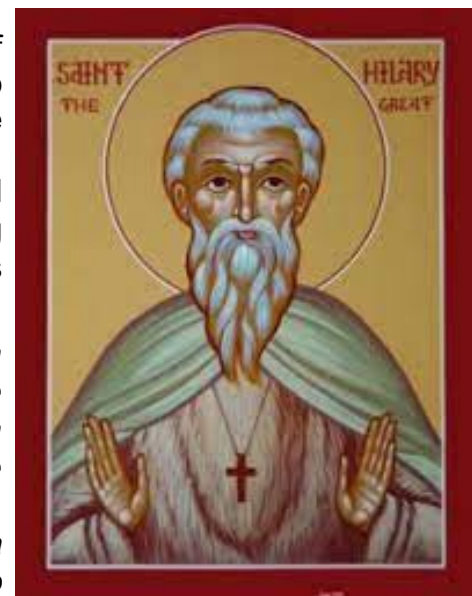
## SAINT OF THE WEEK ~ January 13

**St. Hilary** was raised a pagan, he was converted to Christianity when he met his God of nature in the Scriptures. His wife was still living when he was chosen, against his will, to be the bishop of Poitiers in France. He was soon taken up with battling what became the scourge of the fourth century, Arianism, which denied the divinity of Christ.

This staunch defender of the divinity of Christ was a gentle and courteous man, devoted to writing some of the greatest theology on the Trinity, and was like his Master in being labeled a "disturber of the peace." In a very troubled period in the Church, his holiness was lived out in both scholarship and controversy.

*San Hilario fue criado como pagano, se convirtió al cristianismo cuando conoció a su Dios de la naturaleza en las Escrituras. Su esposa aún vivía cuando él fue elegido, contra su voluntad, obispo de Poitiers en Francia. Pronto se dedicó a luchar contra lo que se convirtió en el flagelo del siglo IV, el arrianismo, que negaba la divinidad de Cristo.*

*Este firme defensor de la divinidad de Cristo era un hombre gentil y cortés, dedicado a escribir algunas de las más grandes teologías sobre la Trinidad, y fue como su Maestro al ser etiquetado como "perturbador de la paz". En un período muy turbulento en la Iglesia, su santidad se vivió tanto en la erudición como en la controversia.*



St. Hilary  
Pray for us



# Gospel

# Reflection

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

La visita de los Reyes Magos ocurre inmediatamente antes de la historia de la huida de la Sagrada Familia a Egipto. El evangelio de Mateo cuenta una versión del nacimiento de Jesús diferente a la de Lucas. Del nacimiento real de Jesús, Mateo nos dice poco más que: "Cuando Jesús nació en Belén de Judea, en los días del rey Herodes. . . La historia del censo se encuentra sólo en el Evangelio de Lucas, pero sólo escuchamos sobre la visita de los Magos en el Evangelio de Mateo.

Sabemos poco sobre los Reyes Magos. Vienen de Oriente y viajan a Belén, siguiendo un signo astrológico, por lo que creemos que son astrólogos. Suponemos que hubo tres Reyes Magos según el nombre de sus tres dones. El Evangelio no dice cuántos Reyes Magos rindieron homenaje a Jesús. En el Evangelio de Mateo, representan la búsqueda de un salvador por parte de los gentiles. Como los Reyes Magos representan al mundo entero, también representan nuestra búsqueda de Jesús.

Hemos llegado a considerar los regalos que traen como un presagio del papel de Jesús en la salvación. Creemos que el significado de los dones es cristológico. El oro se presenta como representante de la realeza de Jesús. El incienso es un símbolo de su divinidad porque los sacerdotes quemaban la sustancia en el Templo. La mirra, que se utilizaba para preparar a los muertos para el entierro, se ofrece en anticipación de la muerte de Jesús.

La palabra Epifanía significa "manifestación" o "mostrar". Históricamente, varios momentos de los primeros años de vida y ministerio de Cristo se han celebrado como "epifanías", incluido su nacimiento en Belén, la visita de los Magos, su bautismo por Juan y su primer milagro en Caná.

## *Readings for the week*

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**Monday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11

**Tuesday:** Sm 1:9-20/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