THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

On entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

— Mt 2:11
**SUNDAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalms** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrived, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews?” (Matthew 2:1-12).

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**DAILY MASS READINGS**

**Monday:** St. André Bessette  
1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday:** St. Raymond of Peñafort  
1 Jn 4:7—10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday:**  
1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;  
Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday:**  
1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;  
Lk 4:14-22a

**Friday:**  
1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday:**  
1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

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**PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS**

January 2020—Promotion of World Peace  
That Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

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**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

In gratitude to our Shrine donors for their donations for the purchase of poinsettias adorning the church & chapel, we remember their prayer intentions:

**Collauti Family (Intention)**  
Cezanne M. Tocchini (Thanksgiving)

**De Vincenzi Family (Intention)**  
+ John Berenguer

**Erna Egli (Intention)**  
+ Members of the Purdy/Read Family

**Caleb Sharma (Intention)**  
+ Mike English

**Maria Molina (Intention)**

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**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY**

Monday, January 20

The historic church, Porziuncola Nuova chapel and Shrine office will be CLOSED in observance of the holiday.

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**Blessing of St. Francis of Assisi**

“God bless you and keep you. May God smile on you, and be merciful to you; May God turn his regard towards you and give you peace. May God bless you.”

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**Holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form**

Shrine historic church at 6PM.

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**SHRINE SCHEDULE—WALK FOR LIFE**

January 25

Church & Porziuncola CLOSED in the morning

Please note there will be no morning Confession or 12:15PM Mass on Saturday, Jan. 25. We encourage our community to support the Pro-Life cause and our San Francisco Archdiocese by your participation:

**Celebration of Holy Mass,** 9:30AM @ Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough St, San Francisco

**Rally,** 12:30PM—1:30PM at Civic Center Plaza, S.F.

**Walk,** Begins 1:30PM, along Market Street ending at the Embarcadero Plaza
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO THE WORLDWIDE CAPUCHINS
from Fr. Roberto Genuin
General Minister
of the Capuchin Friars Minor

Dear Brothers,

(The Christmas 2019) occasion returns for me to send out my greetings; indeed, my best wishes with which I gladly address each and every one of you.

Several years ago, when I began my service as a Definitor in the Province of Venice, I immediately became aware that there were some things that could hinder our sincerest desire to embrace the Lord. Even then, I realized that the quest for prestige, the dream of power and the deception of money could all eat away at our desire to correspond with the Lord.

So, I think Christmas is a favorable time for us, truly a blessing, because it teaches us something in this regard.

A child has no need of prestige. He doesn’t look for prestige. He stands out by virtue of what he is, just by being there. He elicits the attention of everyone, not only of his father and his mother, Mary and Joseph, but the attention of others around him, from the shepherds to the Magi. He does this on his own accord, and doesn’t need prestige. A child cannot be on a quest for power, since for everything he depends on those who receive him and look after him. Even less, can a child understand something about or be the least bit interested in money or the economy. Therefore … without prestige, without power, without money.

Christmas is a great mystery because it stresses something else. God, in the child born at Bethlehem, speaks to us of the one thing that truly matters, that enriches the story, the global story, the story of each of us, the story within ourselves; that is, the gratuitous love of God. The gratuitous love of God for all, the gratuitous love of God for every one of us. If we accept the gratuitous love of God, we can free ourselves from the many things that unnecessarily weigh us down. Our joy will be able to grow and we will be truer witnesses to the fact that God loves us; he loves all humanity.

My wish is that all of my brothers around the world are happy because they received the Lord Jesus, because they accepted his gratuitous love. I wish for them to be witnesses to the message that God loves man.

To each of you, my brothers, I extend my best wishes for a Merry Christmas!
PERMANENT DIACONATE FORMATION INFORMATIONAL EVENING

The office of Formation for the Permanent Diaconate will hold informational evenings for men considering the possibility of serving the church as Permanent Deacons. The evening will include discussion of the ministry of the Deacon in the Church, the Formation program, and the application process.

Who should attend? Single and married men between the ages of 30 and 60 may apply for the program and are invited to the evening. However, married applicants must be married at least five years. All married applicants need the complete support of their wives in order to pursue the program; therefore, wives are encouraged to attend.

Attend any of three dates:

**January 8**, 7-8:30p, St. Isabella, 1 Trinity Way, San Rafael.
**Jan. 15**, 7-8:30p, St. Timothy, 1515 Dolan Ave. San Mateo.
**Jan. 22**, 7-8:30p, Archdiocese of San Francisco, One Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco

For more information please contact the Diaconate Formation Office, 415-614-5531
diaconateformation@sfarch.org

CATHOLIC RESOURCES

**RELEVANT RADIO**: San Francisco—Bay Area— KSFB – 1260 AM, plus now on 101.7 FM
Live Stream: www.relevantradio.com, Click **LISTEN LIVE** at the top of the webpage
TV MASS: Sundays at 6:00am on KTSF Channel 26 and KOFY Channel 20.

Archbishop Cordileone's New Video Channel:
Please visit: http://sfarchdiocese.org/home/archbishop/video-series-with-archbishop-cordileone

EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) Videos — Television, Online Live Streaming & Radio

VATICAN YOUTUBE CHANNEL https://www.youtube.com/user/vatican#p/a

BIBLIACLERUS http://www.clerus.org/bibliaclerus/index_eng.html
"This program offers Sacred Scripture, its interpretation in light of Sacred Tradition and the teachings of the Magisterium, with appropriate theological commentary and exegesis."

**CATHOLIC CATECHISM COMPENDIUM**

Any and all signs, posters, fliers, pamphlets, booklets, etc. must be submitted to the Rector for review, possible edit or revision, and necessary authorization before the desired materials can be properly posted, displayed or distributed on the properties of the *National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi.* Furthermore, any and all Solicitation, petition signing, and promotion of any and all entities outside of the Nat’l. Shrine itself is prohibited without prior approval of the Shrine Rector. It is also Shrine Policy that the removal, altering, and or discarding of any and all approved signage, posters, pamphlets, booklets, etc. will be by Shrine Rector authorization only. Any and all materials that do not abide by this Policy of the Rector: Fr. John De La Riva, OFM Cap., will be removed and confiscated.

*Please note: The St. Francis Church, the Porziuncola Nuova Chapel, and the Rectory residence together constitute the properties of the National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi.*