

Church of the Resurrection

January 2, 2022



OUR VISION

The Resurrection Catholic Community sees itself as a family that derives its sense of communion from the joyful celebration of the Holy Eucharist, the Sacraments, and the commitment to care for one another's needs through faith sharing and the willingness to offer each one's time, talents and treasure in the spirit of true unity.

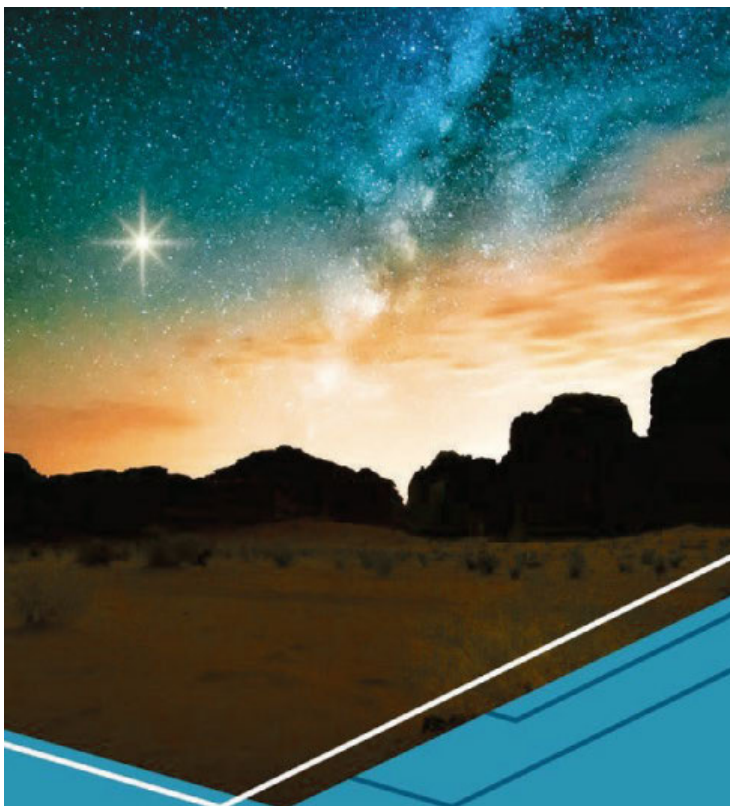
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Those living in the area and regular participants in the liturgy are asked to register as members of the parish. Simply attending Mass does not make one a registered member. To register just contact the parish office or pick up a form in the church entry.

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MY DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN CHRIST,

We are welcoming a brand new year: it is 2022! Happy New Year to all of you. We have another reason to be grateful that we have come this far in spite of all the challenges of the previous years. I know that everyone's mind is wondering what this new year has in store for us. I am sure that the first thing that comes to mind is this new variant of the virus which is called Omicron—and when will this pandemic ever end. As always, we have to look at the brighter side of things. Some experts believe that 2022 may see the end (or at least a “softening”) of the pandemic, hoping that Omicron will bring the milder version of the Covid virus and eventually weaken it. Therefore, let us all keep hoping for the best. Meanwhile, let us do our part in keeping one another healthy and safe.

Let us not cease to be grateful to God who continues to walk with us along the way. The Christmas season once again assured us that God is with us (He is Emmanuel) and will never leave us on our own. It is this assurance of His divine presence that should be our main principle in life, and the source of strength and hope for better days to come. Our experiences this past year were varied. Some people suffered losses: some had family members who passed away, or for some, financial/material losses. Recently, multiple tornadoes hit a few states in the country that caused loss of lives and huge damage to properties. Even more recently, a strong typhoon hit the Philippines again and devastated a huge swath of the Southern Region of the country, causing death to hundreds of people, and relegating thousands of families to even deeper poverty. As I am writing this, I read that many people have resorted to begging for food and water on the streets. Many churches that gave refuge to evacuees have also lost their roofs and so people are huddled in the corners, and they attend Holy Mass under their umbrellas. (It constantly rains in that area at this time of the year.) For sure, they struggled to feel the spirit of this past Christmas, and they must be wondering how to welcome the new year. Please include them in your prayers. It will be a long haul for most of them. (In case you are wondering, my diocese was spared from it this time, and my family members are safe and fine. Thank you for your concern.)

If there is something brighter that happened to us, it is the continued show of generosity and kindness by you, our dear parishioners, with your unwavering support for our parish. We thank you for not failing to send in your contribution for the upkeep of our church—whether by mail, by electronic means (E-offering or Automatic Card Payment), or by dropping envelopes, checks, or cash into the collection boxes. (In case some of you did not know, we do have wooden collection boxes in the Narthex or by the front office that you can use to drop your donation into as you leave the church.) The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVDP) is so thankful that you once again showed your love for the children who needed to be cheered up by your nice gifts for Christmas. We are so grateful, and we are proud of you. Please keep it up. Your goodness of heart brings hope and light to those people who are on the verge of giving up.

Let us welcome the New Year with joy and hope. Most of all, let us keep our faith and trust in our loving God. Let us continue on our journey, hand in hand as a community, knowing that God is always with us.

GOD LOVES YOU ALL VERY DEARLY.

In Christ,

FR. ROMY



 Mass Intentions

MONDAY JANUARY 3

8:00 Gene Letson †

TUESDAY JANUARY 4

8:00 Theresa Letson †

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 5

8:00 Fredwest family †

THURSDAY JANUARY 6

8:00 Paul & Agnes Sant †

Friday JANUARY 7

8:00 Doreen Sant †

SATURDAY JANUARY 8

8:00 Barbara McInnis †

5:00 Marjorie Anderson †

SUNDAY JANUARY 9

8:00 Parishioners

10:00 Judy Eller-Hoffner †

5:00 Dorothy Lynch †



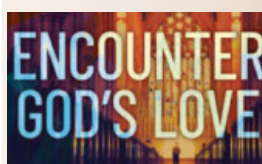
**Monday January 3rd,
after 8am Mass.**

**1st Friday Adoration—Jan. 7th, at 5pm
Reconciliation 5:15—Mass at 6pm**

Monday:	1Jn 3:22—4:6;Ps 2:7-8,10-12;Mt 4:12-17,23-25
Tuesday:	1Jn 4:7-10;Ps 72:1-2,3-4,7-8;Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1Jn 4:11-18;Ps 72:1-2,10,12-13;Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1Jn 4:19—5:4;Ps 72:1-2,14-17;Lk 4:14-22
Friday:	1Jn 5:5-13;Ps 147:12-15,19-20;Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1Jn 5:14-21;Ps 149:1-2,3-6&9;Jn 3:22-30
Sunday:	Is 42:1-4,6-7;Ps 29:1-2,3-4,3,9-10; Acts 10:34-38;Lk 3:15-16,21-22or, Is 40:1-5,9-11;Ps 104:1-2,3-4,24-25,27-28, 29-30;Ti 2:11-14;3:4-7;Lk 3:15-16,21-22

The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: “Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, “Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are



liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.”

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

Blessing of a home

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK—REMEMBER THOSE OF OUR PARISH WHO ARE ILL AND HAVE REQUESTED OUR PRAYERS

Stephen Damon , Alayna Mantaring, Romeo Celaya, Jane Carrasco, Donna Sabarese, Richard Sedillo, Lance Hawley, Boniface Benzinge

PRESIDER'S SCHEDULE**Saturday 01/8/2022**

8:00 am Fr. Kagumisa

5:00 pm Fr. Dionisio

Sunday 01/9/2022

8:00 am Fr. Dionisio

10:00 am Fr. Kagumisa

5:00 pm Fr. Kagumisa

**MASS SCHEDULE****WEEKDAYS:** 8 am (Monday—Saturday)**FIRST FRIDAY:** 6:00 pm**Saturday:** 5pm**Sunday:** 8am, 10am & 5pm**ADORATION****WEDNESDAY** 8:30 am—5:30 pm**FIRST FRIDAY** 5:00 pm—6:00 pm**CONFESSIONS****SATURDAYS** 3:45 pm—4:45 pm**FIRST FRIDAYS** 5:15 pm—5:45 pm**Parish office hours:****Monday—Thursday:** 8:30 am—4:30 pm**Friday:** 8:30 am—1:00 pm

Learn to enjoy every minute of your life. Be happy



now. Don't wait for something outside of yourself to make you happy in the future. Think how really precious is the time you have to spend, whether

it's at work or with your family. Every minute should be enjoyed and savored.

STILL SEARCHING

This is another early deadline, as I write about the Magi and Christmas has yet to happen this year.

We know the stories of Scripture were written many years after the events occurred. There was no one there to interview the Magi nor follow them with cameras, TV spots, social media or even cell phones. For a long time they were unknown. Eventually names were given to them, Casper, Melchior, and Baltazar and these initials were placed between the current year and put on our doors to bless our houses and remind us of the guests that came to visit the Christ child. Yes, they were searchers, searching for where the star in the sky might lead them. Yes, Scripture says they found the Child and brought him precious gifts. Did you ever wonder what their reactions might have been around the Holy Family? Did you ever wonder what actually happened to the gifts they brought—for they were precious gifts. They would have been special to any family that received them. Did the Holy Family take the gifts with them as they fled into Egypt? Did the Holy Family distribute them among the poor they encountered or to the families of all who lost their newborn sons under Herod's reign of terror? We will never know the answers to many of these questions. One author even says there was a fourth wise man who accompanied them in the beginning but got delayed. He eventually found Jesus at the walk of crucifixion and was said to be Simon of Cyrene—the one who carried the cross for Jesus. He had no other gift to bring but himself.

Today, we bring our gifts in various forms to the Christ present among us. We bring our gifts to Church each week (or now we often use e-offerings). We bring our gifts in service by the various ways we minister in our parish. We bring our gifts to our families by our love and concern. We bring our gifts to each other by helping the needy, by spreading joy and cheer. We bring our gifts to the world by how we care for the earth and all creation that God has given to us. We bring our gifts of support to those among us who are sick or dying. We bring our gifts of caring to those who have lost loved ones this year or who are still suffering the effects of the pandemic. There are a multitude of ways we bring our gifts.

For many people, this is a time of searching. Some are searching for a relationship with God. Some are searching for a church to belong to. Some are searching for family reunions after years of disputes. Some are searching for a reason to live, amid the ongoing effects of war, of drugs, of depression. Let us keep all the searchers in our prayers, that they may be led to the Christ, who is the same today and forever. None of us travel this road alone or should be traveling it alone. Let us pray for our Resurrection family and for the world.

May your search continue this Epiphany and this New Year.

Sr. Anne Marie

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*Fr. Dionisio, Fr. Kagumisa,
Sr. Anne Marie, Deacons and
entire Staff- We wish you a
blessed New Year!*



EPIPHANY



The measure of a life, however, is not whether we have spent our particular number of **allotted** days but whether in the spending of them we have lived life to the fullest as we went along.

YOUTH MINISTRY
Tracey Siedinski-Seyler 480-838-0207 Ext. 8122



Life Teen donated lots of food and gifts to our adopted SVdP family

Random Fact: The Eisenhower interstate system requires that one mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies.

Lord, when we seek answers,
When we seek assurances,
When we seek closure,
Help us to remember that we are seeking Your face.

Hope reminds us that there is nothing in life we have not faced that we did not, through God's gifts and graces—however unrecognized at the time—survive. Hope is the recall of good in the past, on which we base our expectation of good in the future, however bad the present.

Find us on our Youth Ministry social media pages!

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Liturgical Ministry Schedule for the Month of January will not be posted in the Bulletin. The schedule will be e-mailed and hard copies will be available in the Ministry Room.



St. Vincent de Paul has limited operations by phone only. Interviews will be done by phone for food bags that can be arranged for pickup by **APPOINTMENT ONLY**. Please call (480)-329-0968 Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm for more information. **PARISHIONERS:** if you find it difficult to pay for groceries, please contact us.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Marcus Damon**

How many different ways are there to say "Thank you?" We want to let you all know how fortunate we are to have you to help us make a wonderful Christmas for those less fortunate.



Father Romy, the support we get from you and your staff is incomparable, thank you for supporting our mission. We put up our Giving Tree the weekend of October 23/24 to allow time to get any hard to obtain items. To our amazement, most of the tags were taken that same weekend!

We served 20 families the morning of December 18th, consisting of 55 children: **22 boys** and **33 girls**. We received a total of approximately 209 gifts valued at **\$4,861.95** and monetary donations valued at over **\$2,000**.

I also would like to thank those who helped make this a successful Christmas Program: first of all, Jo Ann Colen, our Conference Vice President who tirelessly organized and arranged the gifts as they were brought in; the many parishioners, conference members and even friends and neighbors who participated in the gift wrap day on Thursday, 12/16; the Catholic Daughters and Life Teen groups adopted 2 deserving families. I am in awe of how our Resurrection family who gave of themselves for our community, you are all unbelievable.

Thank you once again for helping to make this year's Christmas program a success and we hope you had a Blessed, Happy New Year!

Hand carved in Bethlehem

Please stop by the tables of religious wares (nativity set, rosaries, statues, crucifixes, charms etc.) **January 8 & 9**, after all Masses.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Padre Kino #1932 would like to thank the Resurrection Community for their generosity in support of our chocolate cocoa bomb sale. The funds generated from our fundraiser will help us continue to assist our National projects, charities and Resurrection parish. The members of Court Padre Kino wish you and your family a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.



**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS COURT
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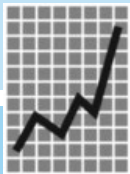


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