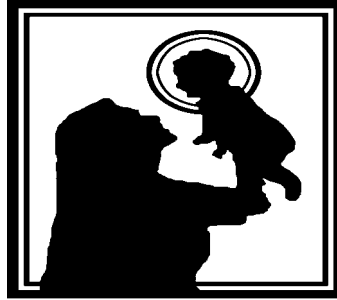

ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 7, 2007

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

-Isaiah 60:1



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LOOKING IN THE RIGHT PLACES

“Appearances can be deceiving,” as the saying goes. As we celebrate the *epiphania*, the “appearing” of the eternal Word of God on earth, this is still true.

What rapturous foresight must have filled Isaiah as he wrote the words we hear today. How, for four hundred years, they must have filled the hearts of the people of Israel with hope for the day when God’s glory would shine on them. How deceived some must have felt when the glory of God came to them in the lowliest and humblest of human lives.

We have many expectations about how the divine presence will appear among us. But we can also set ourselves up, through these expectations, to miss the divine glory when it truly appears. We get caught up in looking for the star, forgetting that the star is not the divine sign, the babe is. It may take a persistent journey for us to come upon the true appearance of God’s glory in our lives: Jesus Christ.

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Epiphany Open House

TODAY January 7, 2007, Feast of the Epiphany, the parish staff is inviting all parishioners to an **Open House** at the Rectory. After every Mass on Sunday please come to the rectory to enjoy sweet breads, finger foods, hot chocolate and good company.

Liturgy Workshop, Jan. 11th, Save the Date!

Everyone is invited to a special presentation on the Liturgy, **Thursday, January 11th at 7 pm** in the Church. Diana Macalintal, Associate for Liturgy, Diocese of San Jose, will be offering a workshop on the Sacred Liturgy, as well as tips in Music, Art & Environment, and Technology. Please join us for this time of enrichment!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the next few weeks, if you were to stroll around Prague or Budapest or Kraków, you might see curious graffiti scratched in chalk over some doorways:

“20 + C + M + B + 07.” The families dwelling behind those doors have celebrated the Epiphany door blessing. They have gathered before the feast-day meal, probably after Mass, and the head of the family has traced the sign of the cross on the piece of chalk. Standing on a ladder, the leader traces the numbers for the new year, and the letters C M B for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for “May Christ bless this house.” The letters also point to the names that tradition has assigned to the mysterious magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar—although scripture tells us nothing of their number, their country, or their names.

The blessing speaks of journeys ended and journeys begun at the doorway, and prays that all journeys be as satisfying as was the magi’s. It prays that the house beyond the door have the quality of love and peace that the magi marveled at when they at last arrived in Bethlehem. In some countries where the Soviet Union tried to impose a harsh atheism, the vigor of this household custom survived all efforts to erase Christian customs. In the years of struggle, the chalked blessings were a pervasive sign of defiance, and now in the light of new freedoms, they are a sign of the resilience of our tradition and the fulfillment of the magi’s quest for meaning and peace.

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Anniversary Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral

There is still time to register for the 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary (or more) Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral. The Mass will take place on February 3, 2007 at 10:00 AM. The deadline to register is January 26, 2007. The forms are available at the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS FROM 1/06 TO 1/13

Saturday	5:15PM	Mary Enost† Manuel & Ana Freitas† Bessie Jackson†
	7:00 PM	Parishioners
Sunday	7:30 AM	Christopher Wibeto† Harry & Ada Bergh†
	9:00 AM	Carmen Avila† Virginia Solano†
	10:30 AM	Maria & Francisco Correia† Anita & Leandro Montiel†
	12:00 PM	Adolfo Alvarado, Sr.†
	7:00 PM	Jose Escobar† Norma Timbol†
Monday	7:45 AM	Eduino T. Correia†
Tuesday	7:45 AM	Tony Lawrence†
Wednesday	7:45 AM	Eduino T. Correia†
Thursday	7:45 AM	Tina Simon-Sp. Int.
Friday	7:45 AM	Jose Nunes† Manuel Luna†
Saturday	5:15 PM	Mary Enost† Leticia Z. Cruz† Bessie Jackson†
	7:00 PM	Parishioners

We pray for all the sick in our parish, Steve Souza, Theresa Tovar, Adeline Soares, Elisa Cadena, Buddy Melchor, Jose Salazar, and for those who have died, especially, Leonor Granada, and those listed in our Book of Prayer.

"Ushers, Greeters, Commentators, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers: Pick up your new schedules for January 6 through April 1, 2007 in the Sacristy. Check the label for your family name to ensure you get your personalized copy. "

The Council for Lay Ecclesial Ministers is preparing a morning of prayer followed by a reception for the parish staff and Lay Ecclesial ministers in the parish. Thursday, March 15, 2007 at 9:30 AM at Lucy Parish in Campbell. Please call the Parish Office if interested.

Priests vs. Seminarians Basketball Challenge

The Seminarians of the Diocese of San Jose have challenged the Diocesan priests to a basketball game!! The game will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 2, 2007 at Archbishop Mitty High School, 5000 Mitty Way in San Jose. Adult tickets are \$10.00 and student tickets are \$5.00. All proceeds from the game will help send our Seminarians to World Youth Day 2008, joining the youth and young adults of our Diocese. To request tickets online please go to: <http://www.dsj.org/dsj/buildform.asp?id=38>. God bless you and please pray for vocations!

Sunday Collection

12-24-06= \$17,337.40

Christmas Collection = \$25,535.10

Flower Memorials in Honor of:

*Marie Cardoza
Antonio Freitas
Joaquin Vargas
Gloria Vargas
The Simon and Lestrapes Families
Maria Sunseri
Maria Diokno*

Annual Santo Nino Fiesta

January 20, 2007

Sinulog and Karakol processions start at 11:30 AM at

St. Joseph Cathedral. In the evening dinner/dance at St. John the Baptist in Milpitas. Tickets- \$25 per person. For information call 729-7228 or 281-7032.

A Taste of Mardi Gras

Sunday February 18, 2007 at 5:30 PM at The Drying Shed, 402 Toyon Avenue. Tickets \$40.00 per person. For more information call Jackie Walker at 882-0949. Dancing and Fund-raising for our Sister Parish St. Alphonsus in Mississippi.

Applications for St. John Vianney School Gr. K-8

Applications for the 2007-08 school year at St. John Vianney School are available now at the school office and on the school website: www.sjvsj.org.

Completed Application packets must be submitted in person at the time of the Open House, January 29th and January 30th, or February 7th between 4:30PM and 6:30PM in the school library. The Application Processing Fee of \$50 is due at the time of application packet submittal.

St. John Vianney School, mindful of their mission to be witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities. St. John Vianney School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, age, sex, or disability in the administration of educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.

St. John Vianney School admits children whose educational needs can regularly be met through its instructional program.

Open House

Open House will be held on January 29th and 30th from 8:30 until noon. During these times parents (no children) can observe classes in session and meet with school parents and the Co-Principals. Application packets are available in the school office. Completed application packets can be turned on either January 29th, 30th, or February 7th.

If you have any questions, or need additional information or tuition assistance, please contact the school at 258-7677, 8:00-4:00PM, Monday through Friday.

8th Grade Electronic Waste Collection February 10th, 2007

We will be holding a fundraiser for SJV 8th Grade Graduation. Recycle all of your unwanted electronics such as: T.V.'s, Microwaves, Fax, Monitors, Printers, Speakers, Computers, DVD players, Stereo components, VCR's, Telephones, Keyboards and Mice. More information to follow in January. Save your old electronic-waste after Christmas and drop it off in the collection bins on February 10th, 2007. Thank you!

BUSCAR EN EL LUGAR CORRECTO

"Las apariencias engañan" dice el refrán. Al celebrar la *epifanía*, la manifestación del Verbo de Dios eterno en la tierra, el refrán sigue siendo cierto.

¡Qué sublime premonición debe haber sentido Isaías al escribir las palabras que hoy escuchamos! Por cuatrocientos años, cómo habrán llenado los corazones del pueblo de Israel con esperanzas de que llegaría el día en que la gloria de Dios se derramaría sobre ellos. ¡Que desilusionados deben haberse sentido algunos cuando la gloria de Dios les llegó en una vida humana de las más bajas y humildes!

Tenemos muchas expectativas de cómo la presencia divina va a manifestarse entre nosotros. Pero también podemos exponernos, por culpa de esas expectativas, a perder de vista la gloria divina cuando se nos aparece de verdad. Nos entretenemos buscando la estrella, y nos olvidamos que la estrella no es la señal divina, sino el bebé. Puede que tengamos que persistir en el camino antes de llegar a encontrarnos con la apariencia real de la gloria de Dios en nuestra vida: Jesucristo.

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NOTICIAS DE LA ESCUELA DE SAN JUAN VIANNEY

Solicitudes de inscripción para el año 2007-08 estarán disponibles en la oficina o en la red (www.sjvsj.org) desde el 2 de Enero. Ahorita hay cupo en los grados 1ro y 2do. Si quiere visitar la escuela, llame al 258-7677. También hay algunas posiciones de trabajo pagadas tales como: Desayuno (1.5 hrs) ayudar a prepara un desayuno simple y supervisar al grupo de niños. También se ocupa persona para supervisión de los estudiantes los Miércoles por la tarde. Necesitan también Asistente de maestro-medio tiempo para ayudar con matemáticas y con el programa de language (language arts) Grados 5to y 6to. Hable con Sister Michele Ann 258-7677.

DONACIONES PARA LOS POBRES

La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl sigue recibiendo sus donativos de comida enlatada, cereales, pastas y comida enpaquetada que no se heche a perder. Y si usted quiere hacer un donativo monetario, también es bienvenido. Dios les recompensará con el 100 por 1.

PRESENTACION DE BEBES

Presentaciones de niños(as) serán los Domingos primeros de cada mes. Lleguen temprano, por lo menos 20 minutos antes de Misa para que le hagan saber al sacerdote. Muchas gracias.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

La costumbre del bautismo infantil debe ser mucho más que un acto social o una tradición cultural, donde el ropón y los regalos son más importantes que la doctrina cristiana, y los padrinos se escogen no por su buen ejemplo sino por su cuenta bancaria.

Según los hechos de los apóstoles, familias enteras se bautizaban cuando el padre de familia decidía hacerse cristiano. Esta práctica de bautizar, no solo al nuevo creyente sino también a su mujer y a sus hijos, poco a poco, quedó solo en bautizar los niños del original creyente. El mundo en aquel tiempo era basado sobre la familia así como muchas culturas latinas de hoy.

El bautizo infantil nació en la Iglesia primitiva y al pasar de los siglos llegó a transformarse en un rito religioso muy importante en la catequesis del nuevo cristiano. El niño viste de ropita blanca que recuerda la presencia de Cristo en su alma, se le regala una vela que la invita a brillar con la luz de Cristo y se le da una madrina o un padrino que le enseñará a vivir en Cristo.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gtz, OFM, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch

NIÑOS Y NIÑAS DEL CATESISMO

Este Miércoles regresamos a clases.

Dios quiera que hayan tenido una feliz vacación y ya estén listos para seguir aprendiendo más de Dios y de nuestra Iglesia. Padres de Familia de niños del primer año, tenemos junta este Miércoles a las 6:30 pm.

INVITACION.

El Concilio Diocesano Para Ministros Laicos está haciendo una invitación a la Oración de la Mañana que se llevará a cabo el día 15 de Marzo a las 9:30 am en la Iglesia de Santa Lucy. En esta Oración, se reconocerá el servicio de varias personas que han servido a nuestra Iglesia como Ministros Laicos.

Por favor hagan planes para que nos acompañen a este evento y darle gracias a Dios por los beneficios que recibimos de estos hermanos y hermanas en nuestra Iglesia.

¡FELIZ AÑO NUEVO!

El Comité Hispano de San Juan Vianney

Les desea un feliz Año Nuevo 2007.

Y que el Niño Dios les haga realidad sus sueños y Buenos planes en este año que comienza.

La Parroquia de San Juan Vianney siempre está con los brazos

Abiertos para recibir a todos. BENDICIONES

CELEBRACION DE BODAS DE PLATA Y ORO

Las parejas que están celebrando o están por celebrar su aniversario de 25, 50 o más años, están invitados a la celebración que se llevará a cabo en la Catedral Basílica de San José el 3 de Febrero del 2007 a las 10:00 am. Se requiere que hagan reservación porque el espacio es limitado. Por favor regístrense con tiempo. Información con Sylvia Blanch al 983-0128. Las formas de inscripción las encontrarán en la oficina de la parroquia. La fecha límite es Enero 25, 2007.