



Journey of the Magi

~ James Jacques Joseph Tissot ~

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Day	Date	Scripture Reading - continued
Thurs	Jan 8	1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Ps 72:2, 14, 15bc, 17 Lk 4:14-22a
Fri	Jan 9	1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Lk 5:12-16
Sat	Jan 10	1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6a, 9b Jn 3:22-30



Bible Reflection
 Bible Reflection classes will resume on January 6, 13, 20, 2009 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm.



Newly Baptized Members
 Welcome to our parish the newly baptized -
 Marlene Yain Reyes, Emily Gonzalez
 Vianey Roldan, Aida Yulissa Mendoza,
 Twins -Manuel Mendoza, Jr. & Isabel
 Mariah Mendoza, Xavier Rene Lopez,
 Taryn Bussinger

Mass Intentions - January 3, 2009 - January 9, 2009

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	Jan 3	5:00 pm	St. Paul Parishioners
Sunday	Jan 4	9:00 am	St. Paul Parishioners
		11:00 am	St. Paul Parishioners
(Mass in Spanish)	-----	12:30 pm	St. Paul Parishioners
Monday	Jan 5	12:00 pm	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	Jan 6	12:00 pm	Holy Cross Religious
Wednesday	Jan 7	12:00 pm	†Herman Ripcosky
			†Mike Kuzemchok
Thursday	Jan 8	12:00 pm	†Ana Marie Piraino
Friday	Jan 9	12:00 pm	†Pat Borowicz

St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) - Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

Rest in Peace

†Pat Borowicz
 †Santiago Espinosa
 †Gertrude (Ruegg) Rutledge
 Our sympathy and prayers go out to the families of Ms. Borowicz, Mr. Espinosa, and Ms. Rutledge.



Pray for the Sick

Please Pray for the Sick in our parish, especially Bill Torpey, JoAnne Morris, Rose Lubek, Raymond Jacques, Soledad Ceballos, Fred Law, Sgt. Michael Lambert, Maria Luisa Flores, Capt. Rob Ylledes, Irma Lagunas, B. J. Malott, USMC Sgt. Major Payne, Olga Natera, Janet McCubbin, Kent F. Parks, Jr., Eduardo Chapa, Mary Meshbane, Brenda Reese, Sonia Garcia, Jesus Medel Castaneda, Socorro Richard Leos, Erika Jimenez, Cambry Cutter, Ana Creamer, David Rivera, Mike Adams, Case Grammer, John Kuhar, & Adrienne Moore.

Stewardship

Your support helps St. Paul to be a good steward. St. Paul Parish is called to:

- Care for its Parishioners in joy and in sorrow.
- Fulfill its commitment to carry out God's will through teaching, preaching, and by example.
- Strive to Enrich the ways in which God works in our lives.

By giving to St. Paul, you put your resources in God's hands.



Stewardship - The figures for the Period December 20 – December 21, 2008
 "Your Stewardship is the source of our growth."

Weekly Tithing Budgeted	\$10,000.00
Weekly Tithing Income Received	\$ 8,410.72
Under Budget	\$ -1,589.28
Number of Parishioner's Envelopes Used	185
Children's Envelopes	\$ 20.61
Number of Children's Envelopes Used	13
Number of Envelopes	\$ 146.00

Thank you for your continued generosity & support.



There are 18 seats available for trip to the Basilica of Our Lady of San Juan on February 28th & March 1, 2009. The cost is \$70.00 that includes round trip bus fare & hotel. Payment is due by January 31, 2009. Please make checks payable to Frances Aguillo. Any questions, call Brenda Hester @ 415-4850.

Scripture Reading for the Week of January 4, 2009

Day	Date	Reading
Sun	Jan 4	Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:2-7, 8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12
Mon	Jan 5	1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Ps 2:7-8, 10-11 Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 †John Neumann, death in 1860, missionary from Bohemia; CSSC, bishop of Philadelphia; known for his holiness and learning; promoter of parochial schools; authored two German catechisms; first American bishop canonized.
Tues	Jan 6	1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:2-4ab, 7-8 Mk 6:34-44 †Blessed Brother André Bessette, CSC; orphaned at age 12; known as a healer and the "Miracle Man of Montréal" where he founded the Oratory of St. Joseph to whom he was dedicated and fostered devotion; over one million people paid their respects at his death in 1937.
Wed	Jan 7	1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:2, 10-13 Mk 6: 45-52 †Raymond of Peñafort, O. P.; patron of lawyers.

The Holy Father's Intentions

General Intention: That the family may become more and more a place of training charity, personal growth, and transmission of the faith.

Mission Intention: That the different Christian denominations, aware of the need for a new evangelization in this period of profound transformations, may be committed to announcing the Good News and moving toward the full unity of all Christians in order to offer a more credible testimony of the Gospel.

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 4, 2009

Epiphany

*As with gladness men of old,
Did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onwards, beaming bright,
So, most gracious God, may we
Evermore be led to thee.
As with joyful step they sped
To that lowly manger-bed,
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heaven and earth adore,
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek thy mercy-seat.
As they offered gifts most rare
At that manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee our heavenly king.
Holy Jesus, every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds thy glory hide.*

Youth Ministry

Bob Dugas, Director

The 51st annual Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC) will take place at the Convention Center in Waco, Texas, January 16-18, 2009. DCYC will be educational with workshops and keynotes. DCYS will also be inspirational with opportunities for deeper conversion, such as Reconciliation, Adorations, and Liturgy of the Hours, etc. This year's theme is "The Calling". It will focus on God's calling to holiness and service. It is a theme that clearly ties into vocations. At DCYC there will be keynote presentations by a priest, a religious, a married couple and a single person. All will share how they respond to God's calling through their vocation. DCYC is an event that can help transform our communities by transforming the lives of our teenagers.

Children and Family Ministry

Debbi Saunders Email: dsaunders2002@aol.com

Protecting God's Children Workshop -- The Diocese of Austin is committed to Ethics & Integrity in Ministry. To protect our children & volunteers, we ask all who serve our children & vulnerable adults, to attend a workshop, complete an application & go through a criminal background check. Thank you for your ministry here at St. Paul. The nearest "**Protecting God's Children**" Workshops currently scheduled and open to the public are:

Saturday, January 17, 2009, 9:00 am - Noon
Emmaus Parish, Lakeway

Monday, January 19, 2009, 6:30 - 9:30 pm
St. Thomas More Parish, Austin

Marriage Preparation

Couples planning to marry should contact their priest or deacon at least six months prior to their wedding date in order to begin the marriage preparation process.

Knights of Columbus (KOC) Free Throw Championship - The KOC Free Throw Championship is open to all boys & girls in the community, ages 10-14. Eligibility is determined by the age as of January 1. Event will be held Tuesday, January 13th at 6:30 pm at Bedichek Middle School Gym. For more information, call Kevin Russell @ 573-3820 or email jkross@austin.rr.com.

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

"Human beings do not survive well as disembodied egos. Abortion creates an acute separation reaction that, on a variety of levels, divides women and men from each other, their aborted children, their families, their community, and God. Post-abortion healing is effective because it restores connections and reconstructs the value of one's traditions and inner beliefs. Through healing, despair gives way to hope, isolation gives way to connectedness, and hatred of others and self gives way to the capacity and desire for authentic, self-giving love." *Therese Burke, Forbidden Grief: The Unspoken Pain of Abortion*

If you or someone you know has experienced an abortion, we can help. Please call Project Rachel at 1-877-WE CARE 2.

Oppose the Freedom of Choice Act: The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) again before Congress (S. 1173, H. R. 1964). FOCA is a radical bill. It creates a "fundamental right" to abortion throughout the nine months of pregnancy. No governmental body at any level would be able to "deny or interfere with" this right, or to "discriminate" against the exercise of this right "in the regulation or provision of benefits, facilities, services, or information." For the first time, abortion would become an *entitlement* the government must condone and promote. For more information as well as resources available go to the website - <http://www.usccb.org/profile/issues/FOCA/index.shtml>. If you do not have access to the web and need printed resources, please contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities and Chaste Living at marie-seale@austindiocese.org or (512) 949-2487.

January 7 - 11, 2009 - Seminary Sprint is a discernment road trip to visit seminaries and religious communities. It is for college-age Catholic men open to discerning God's call in their lives. Registration is \$100.00 and is required, but any donation is acceptable. Contact Fr. Mike Sis @ fr-mike-sis@austindiocese.org or call (512) 949-2405.

The 2nd Annual Diocesan-wide Martin Luther King Day Eucharistic Celebration:

Celebrant	Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond, Bishop
Theme	Keeping the Dream Alive - Honoring the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
When	Sunday, January 11, 2009
Time	10:00 am
Location	Holy Cross Catholic Church 1610 East 11 th Street, Austin, Texas
Reception	Immediately following Mass

Single, Catholic men (ages 18 & older) interested in discerning their vocation in life are invited to informal monthly dinners with others who are considering the possibility of the seminary & the priesthood. Each evening will include dinner, prayer and a discussion of aspects of discernment and priesthood. The next meeting will be held January 15th from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at the Borromeo House@ 905 Duncan Lane in Austin. For more information, contact Father Mike Sis at fr-mike-sis@austindiocese.org or (512) 697-2405.

Pro-Life Saturday in Austin, January 24, 2009

7:00 am Prayer Vigil at South Austin Planned Parenthood
201 East Ben White Boulevard

10:00 am Rosary for Life led by teens and young adults while elementary school students re-enact each of the joyous mysteries at San Jose Catholic Church, 2435 Oak Crest.

10:30 am Diocesan Pro-Life Mass celebrated by Bishop Gregory Aymond at San Jose Church. All priests of the Diocese are invited to concelebrate. Other Diocesan seminarians will be joining us. The parish of San Jose will serve lunch for a nominal fee in the Parish Hall after Mass

1:00 pm Gathering for March for Life at 4th and Guadalupe

1:30 pm March for Life down Congress Avenue to the Capital

2:00 - 3:00 pm - Rally for Life on the South steps of the Capital