

# Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

Austin Tx.

January 3rd, 2010



## From the Pastor Epiphany of the Lord

In this solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, we read in the gospel according to Matthew:

**“They (the magi, actually they were astronomers) prostrated themselves and did Him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh” (Mt 2:11).**

These gifts represent: Gold, because that Baby is a king. Myrrh, because He is a true man. Frankincense, because He is the Son of God. The Word made flesh, King of Israel and Son of God.

It was revealed to the magi that the “king of Israel” was born; so, they went to the “normal” place where they would find a king; they went to Herod palace. But Jesus was not there. Guided by the star that they have seen before, the magi found Jesus and his mother in a very humbled place.

Now, my question is: what is “the normal place” where we can find Jesus? If your answer is: in the Church, in my community, in my prayers; let me tell you, you’re right. But think that the Lord chooses humble people, places, and moments to show himself as the Lord and savior. Find Him.

**Friar. Francisco Munoz Villegas**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:



Michael Bourgeois	Mary R Guerra
Edna and David Smith	Linda Martinez
Adele Camacho	Maria Martinez
Vicente Sandoval Sr.	Roland Vela
Catherine H Sanchez	Narciso Saucedo
James Crum	Louise Kuhn
Mary Hernandez	Julian Hernandez
Frank Hernandez	Alice Chambers
Anna T Vasquez	Tara Penton
Gregorio Villalobos	Mary Vera
Julian Castro	Amanda Barrientez
David Rodriguez	

## MASS INTENTIONS



**SATURDAY 01/02**

**6:00PM**

†JESUS & †GUADALUPE CAMARENA

**SUNDAY 01/03**

**7:45AM**

SOCIEDAD SAGRADO CORAZON

**9:45AM**

†GUADALUPE ARROYO

**11:30AM**

†GUADALUPE AROYO

**6:00PM**

†JAZMIN DE JESUS VERGARA

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:



**Our military personnel  
who are serving our Country,  
especially those in Iraq or  
overseas:**

*SFC Michael E. Serna ,  
Master Sgt. Janie Jimenez , LTC  
Michael Goains ;  
SSgt. Paul Nanez;  
Staff Sgt; Melissa de la Torre  
Jeff Cox*

## Parish Stewardship

The Wise Men present an entirely different message than the shepherds. Like most of us, these were men with many blessings. They are praised in the Christmas story not just for coming to worship Jesus but also for bringing Him gifts. The lesson is that just going to church is not enough.

We also are expected to bring our gifts with us.

### Sunday Collection Totals for Sunday, December 19-20, 2009

Sunday Collection	\$6,574.41
Holy Christmas	
Envelopes:	\$112.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$192.00
Sunday Kitchen	\$761.72
Jovenes Mass	\$199.23

### Attention, Men of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church!! Announcing the next Men's ACTS Retreat-Scheduled for March 18-21, 2010.

ACTS was introduced in our parish in 2003. Since then, the lives of countless parishioners—men, women and youth, have been touched in a profound way by the ACTS retreat experience. ACTS stands for Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. These themes serve as the basis for an awesome, weekend-long presentation of God's love for us. In turn, retreatants return with a deeper love for God and each other, as well as a desire to become more involved in the parish community. Space is limited, so please act quickly to register for this important weekend event. For more information, please contact: Mauro (Mo) Renteria Director, ph. 775-8642, Joe Lopez Co-Director, ph. 785-1468 or Steve Ramirez Co-Director, ph. 627-7284

## READINGS

*For the Week of  
January 3rd, 2010*

**Sunday:** *The Epiphany of the Lord  
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a,  
5-6; Mt 2:1-12*

**Monday:** *Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton,  
religious  
1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Ps 98; Mt  
4:12-17, 23-25*

**Tuesday:** *Saint John Neumann, bishop  
1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 100; Mk 6:34-  
44*

**Wednesday:** *Blessed André Bessette,  
religious  
1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72; Mk 6:45-  
52*

**Thursday:** *Saint Raymond of Peñafort,  
priest  
1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Ps 2; Lk 4:14-  
22a*

**Friday:** *1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 72; Lk 5:12-16*

**Saturday:** *1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 72;  
Jn 3:22-30*

# The Epiphany of the Lord

## SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

Today is the beginning of National Migration week. Please join us in celebrating this week by reading the following letter and prayer (from the US Catholic Bishops) with your family.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I hope that you will join with the Church and celebrate National Migration Week, which will be held on January 3 – 9, 2010. This year we are again using the theme “Renewing Hope, Seeking Justice,” as it expresses an important motivation for the Church as she works with immigrants, refugees, trafficked persons and other people on the move.

Christians everywhere are called to reach out a helping hand to those who are suffering, alone and on the verge of despair. Likewise, we are obligated to work tirelessly against oppression and injustice everywhere, with the hope of helping to create conditions that will allow everyone to thrive.

### Prayer

Lord Jesus, when you multiplied the loaves and fishes, you provided more than food for the body, you offered us the gift of yourself, the gift which satisfies every hunger and quenches every thirst! Your disciples were filled with fear and doubt, but you poured out your love and compassion on the migrant crowd, welcoming them as brothers and sisters.

Lord Jesus, today you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war. Like your disciples, we too are filled with fear and doubt and even suspicion. We build barriers in our hearts and in our minds.

one Most Holy Trinity in whom we make our prayer:  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## OUTSIDE OUR PARISH NEWS

**St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School continues to accept applications for the 2010-2011 school year. All interested rising 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to apply. If you have any questions regarding the application process or would like to visit the school, please visit our website at [www.saviochs.org](http://www.saviochs.org) and go to the Admission page.**

### *The Home Rosary Group*

*It's a New Year and The Home Rosary Group invites you to join them on the First Monday of every month to pray the Rosary as a community in the Chapel immediately after the 5:30 Mass. Please join us on Monday January 4th @ 6:00 pm to celebrate and give thanks for a New Year. If you have any questions, please contact Jeannette Trujillo @ 791-1435.*

## OUR PARISH NEWS

### O.L.G. HS YOUTH

**Calling all HS Youth! Are ready to get away for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and praising our wonderful God? Come join HS youth from our parish and parishes in the Austin Diocese to Waco , TX , at this years DCYC Convention! The dates are January 29-31. Contact Suzie Plyler at 472-4210 or Natalie Rodriguez in the parish office, for more information. The cost is \$90.00 per person this includes meals and lodging! Financial assistance is available.**

### **\*Jamaica Wish List\***

#### Raffle Sponsors:

We are looking for at least 5 Grand Prize Sponsor's. If you or your family sign up as a Grand Prize Sponsor of \$1,000.00 now, you could do your prize in payments starting in January 2010 and make ten \$100.00 monthly payments until October. You can sponsor your prize in your Family Name or in Memory of a Loved one. This also applies to all other raffle prizes. We just need your commitment.

#### Do you have time and talent?

Here is an excellent opportunity to share your talents. This year we would like to make some games for our children's area that could be used again in future Jamaica's. We need another Spin Wheel, perhaps a Mini-Golf Course or maybe a ball toss. Your imagination & talent are all you need! We will provide the materials needed.

#### T-Shirts:

Creative Artist this is for you! We are looking for someone to design our 2010 Jamaica T- Shirt, again your imagination & talent are all you need.

#### Game & Food Booths:

If you would like to run a food booth or game this year, now is the time to commit, so that we can make sure we have a tasty & fun variety.

#### Vendors:

If you have a product you would like to sell, we have a spot for you. There are only 2 spots available so reserve your space today.

To answer the call and assist in the areas above, to join a Committee, to reserve a vendor spot, run a booth, to sponsor a Raffle Prize or for general information please call Salvador Hernandez @ 366-2959 or Lupe Hernandez @ 366-0439 for information.

#### Other items on our wish list are:

- 1) New Fryers: we use these for our Lent Fish Fries.  
This is something that all the Parish organizations can use.
- 2) Bingo Board that lights up