

**MASS INTENTION FOR January 5– 13, 2019**

**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Saturday, Jan. 5 5:00 pm For All St. John Bosco Parishioners  
Sunday, Jan. 6 9:30 am For + Gregorio Lednor by Daisy Timan  
11:30 am For +John and +Gina Nika by their families  
Tuesday, Jan. 8 9:00 am For + Marcella Gillis by the CWL  
Wednesday, Jan. 9 9:00 am For + Jerry & + Shirley Commandeur by Mia  
Thursday, Jan. 10 9:00 am Mass with St. Elizabeth Seton School  
For + Bienvenido A. Lim by the Jimenez family  
Friday, Jan. 11 6:00 pm Confessions  
7:00 pm Mass, Benediction Community Mass Intentions

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

Saturday, Jan. 12 5:00 pm For Doreen Allen by Helen and Friends  
Sunday, Jan. 13 9:30 am For + Jaime & + Maria Araujo by Mike & Estrela  
11:30 am For + Gary Miller by Jeannine & Laurent Guindon

**IN 2018 WE CELEBRATED 54 BAPTISMS**

(Listed in order of dates celebrated)

*Nevaeh Naturkach-Parsch, Joel Igiwa, Omonigho Igiwa, Bianca Quidilig, Rojan Rodriguez, Caroline Daisy O'Grady, Brighdie O'Grady, Greyson Hayes, Wayne Leverington, Leah Dick, Daryle Proust, Melanie Botelho, Freyja Leverington, Josephine Kehrig, Moko Luzi, Dinel Luzi, Gabriel Blackburn, Darius Schappy, Rawleigh Klynstra, Landon Fleet, Jade Cuddahy, Victoire Yanse-Lemofouet, Sule Sule, Lado Sule, Wani Sule, Elijah Manalo, Rhet Mudryk, Philip Biko, Angelle Muhire, Delina G Michael, Zachary Alisaca, Oluwaseun Omobolanle, Oluwafirejimi Akinwale, Anika Buncaras, Bentley Lake, Wendy Leal-Carson, Joshua Sahabandu, Myonnah Magusib, Quinn Pare, Elsa Sutton, Oluwafiyibomi Akinwale, Daniel Coca Hernandez, Sofia Flores, Jahred Enriquez, Adriana Gelomzo, Cole Krawec, Kuei Chol, Cristiano Moreira, Erlene Gareza, Scarlett Townley, Jaymz Wyant, Ethan Thomson, Calvin Hogan, Faith Massey.*



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Saturday, January 19 5:00 pm Feast of Santo Nino followed by a pot luck dinner in the hall after Mass

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: January 18—25, 2019**

Sunday, January 19 7:00 pm Prayer Service for Christian Unity  
Please join us as Christians from separated communities gather together to pray for unity.

The theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity chosen by the churches in Indonesia is “*Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue*”. This theme is imperative due to the recurring situations that bring divisions and conflicts. Our unity in Christ empowers us to take part in the wider struggle for justice and to promote the dignity of life.

**CONFIRMATION Grade 6 or older** We offer two opportunities for you to register your son/daughter. Please mark on your calendars as they are important meetings.

Saturday, February 2nd @ 11 am OR Tuesday, February 5 at 7 pm

**In 2018 we had the joy of celebrating**

38 First Communions  
48 Confirmations  
3 Marriages

**We also sadly bid farewell to friends and family**

12 Funerals



**Message of the Holy Father for World Day of Peace**

January 1, 2019 ( part 1 of 2)

*Good politics at the service of peace*

“*Peace be to this house!*” In sending his disciples forth on mission, Jesus told them: “Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘**Peace be to this house!**’ And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you” (Lk 10:5-6).

Bringing peace is central to the mission of Christ’s disciples. That peace is offered to all those men and women who long for peace amid the tragedies and violence that mark human history. The “**house**” of which Jesus speaks is every family, community, country and continent, in all their diversity and history. It is first and foremost each individual person, without distinction or discrimination. But it is also our “**common home**”: the world in which God has placed us and which we are called to care for and cultivate. **So let this be my greeting at the beginning of the New Year: “Peace be to this house!”**

*The challenge of good politics*

Peace is like the hope which the poet Charles Péguy celebrated. It is like a delicate flower struggling to blossom on the stony ground of violence. We know that the thirst for power at any price leads to abuses and injustice. Politics is an essential means of building human community and institutions, but when political life is not seen as a form of service to society as a whole, it can become a means of oppression, marginalization and even destruction.

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**Message of the Holy Father for World Day of Peace  
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Jesus tells us that, “if anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all” (Mk 9:35). In the words of Pope Paul VI, “to take politics seriously at its different levels – local, regional, national and worldwide – is to affirm the duty of each individual to acknowledge the reality and value of the freedom offered him to work at one and the same time for the good of the city, the nation and all mankind”.

Political office and political responsibility thus constantly challenge those called to the service of their country to make every effort to protect those who live there and to create the conditions for a worthy and just future. If exercised with basic respect for the life, freedom and dignity of persons, political life can indeed become an outstanding form of charity.

**Charity and human virtues: the basis of politics at the service of human rights and peace**

Pope Benedict XVI noted that “every Christian is called to practice charity in a manner corresponding to his vocation. When animated by charity, commitment to the common good has greater worth than a merely secular and political stand would have.

Man’s earthly activity, when inspired and sustained by charity, contributes to the building of the universal city of God, which is the goal of the history of the human family”. This is a program on which all politicians, whatever their culture or religion, can agree, if they wish to work together for the good of the human family and to practice those human virtues that sustain all sound political activity: justice, equality, mutual respect, sincerity, honesty, fidelity.

In this regard, it may be helpful to recall the “Beatitudes of the Politician”, proposed by Vietnamese Cardinal François-Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận, a faithful witness to the Gospel who died in 2002:

Blessed be the politician with a lofty sense and deep understanding of his role.

Blessed be the politician who personally exemplifies credibility.

Blessed be the politician who works for the common good and not his or her own interest.

Blessed be the politician who remains consistent.

Blessed be the politician who works for unity.

Blessed be the politician who works to accomplish radical change.

Blessed be the politician who is capable of listening.

Blessed be the politician who is without fear.



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# Epiphany of the Lord January 5/6, 2019

**ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH**

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Parish Priest: Rev. Raja SDB

Deacon Jose Huevo

Mia Turlock

Theresa Wile

Pastoral Assistant

Pastoral Assistant

**PRAYER CORNER:**

Roger Joyal

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS**

Today’s Gospel tell a wonderful story. It’s a story of the journey of life, of guidance on the way, of delight in finding faith and God, of the intrigue of a greedy and jealous king, and of the good beating the bad. We like the end of the story when the wise men outwitted Herod.

**Star, at the Beginning and End:** The star started them on the journey and then guided them to the end. Like our faith. The star which shone at our baptism is the promise of God to guide us through life. Faith grows through the ordinary events of life. What can seem ordinary happenings can be extraordinary grace – the birth of a child in your family, the first time you fall in love, the people you meet who make a big difference in your life, success in a job, becoming a grandparent, anything creative in your life is a gift of grace from God.

The presence of your star may strike you when on a retreat and you learned to pray, a time you felt in vocation or any other way you really helped some people, or really listening and talking with someone and you realize you’re not the only one in life with problems.

**People are Stars of God:** At bad times when the star seemed dim but people helped; bereavement, crime in the family, addiction to drugs or drink, involved in suicide or abuse, illness – all the small and big awful things that darken life and dim the star. But still can you ask then – what was and what is your star? The light of faith is bright in the good and bad times of life. The word of God and the help of another is the star lighting your journey.

**Each of us has our own personal star guiding us** – the star of prayer, love, friendship, support...the star has a different name at different times. Be grateful for your star – and be grateful that you have been a star for others.

In the book of God, each of us is a star.

