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**SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - 7th JANUARY, 2024 - B**

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### FEEDING PROGRAM - for the Shut-Ins and the Elderly, is ongoing-

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The 2024 Calendars are here! The cost is \$20.00. They can be purchased from Mr. Gilbert Laudat at HFC, Rosie Aska at Villa, Margaret Louisor at Donovans, Jennifer Warrington at Saturday night, Daisybelle Riley at Potters and Arden Williams at Parham.

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### NEW YEARS COLLECTION

#### **CATHEDRAL:**

New Year's Eve: \$ 3,608.62

New Year's Day: \$ 1,189.01

**POTTERS:** \$ 185.75

**PARHAM:** \$ 528.40

**VILLA:** \$ 357.75

### **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION** **31st December, 2023**

	1st	2nd
Cathedral Saturday	\$2,454.04	\$ 860.89
Sunday 7:00 am	xxx	xxx
9:00 am	\$4,640.58	\$1,263.78
Potters	xxx	xxx
Parham	xxx	xxx
Villa	xxx	xxx
Donovans	xxx	xxx
Diocesan Schools	\$ 75.00	

Thank you for your generosity

## CATECHETICAL NOTICE

All Catechetical sessions have resumed. Parents please take note. A Blessed New Year to all our families. May your family life be renewed with faith, hope and love.

**SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD** will be celebrated on Sunday 21st January. Remember to prepare that special place for your Bible Enthronement.

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### Save the date!

Colours of Love will take place on Friday, February 9 2024. More information in the coming weeks! We thank you for your usual support and patronage!

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### **Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**

The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek epiphanies, which means "to manifest," "appear," or "make known." The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus, the Son of God, to the world. "Jesus is the Savior of the world."





## The Prayer of the Synod Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

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### PRAYER FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS :

**Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick,** we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. **We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again.** Amen.

Gillian Howie, Nelister Sebastian, Catherine Durand, Dion Thomas, Georgina-Glave-Toussaint, Catherine DeTouche, Edward Lewis, David Morris, Gweneth Bryan, Shanla Carr, Arnold Gomes, Auchland Jarvis, Jean James, Conrad Looby, Cecelia John, Justin Joseph, Carmen Ambrose, Tyler Lockhart., Joan Underwood, Cosmas Rowe, Andrea Brown, Latoya Edmun-Joseph, Rose Margetson, Niethia Dyier, Patrick Skerritt, Aaron Ryner.

## Lectio Divina

**READ:** Jesus was born in Bethlehem during the reign of Herod. The magi searched for the newborn king of the Jews. Herod, pretending to honor the child, instructed the magi to tell him once they found the child. The magi were overjoyed as they were guided by the star. They found the child and his parents. They worshipped the child, giving him gifts of gold, incense and myrrh. But they returned home through another way.

**REFLECT:** The magi searched for Jesus. It is God himself, through a star, who guided them in their search. Our search for the Lord will not always be a smooth sailing quest. There will be difficulties and challenges. Along the way, there may be obstacles that can derail our focus. In the Gospel, these obstacles are represented by Herod. The good news, nevertheless, is that God never stops guiding us. We only need to be open to the guidance he provides. Once we allow God to guide us, we will find true joy, overcoming every hindrance that prevents us from getting closer to Jesus.

**PRAY:** Let us pray for God's continuous guidance that we may overcome whatever prevents us from getting closer to Jesus.

**ACT:** Let us think of one particular beautiful trait which will bring us closer to God. Having in mind that God always guides us, let us begin practicing that trait, offering it to Jesus as we continue our faith journey this year.

## Ordinary Time

Ordinary time consists of 33 or 34 weeks outside the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The Sundays and Weekdays in Ordinary Time unfold the other mysteries of Christ that are not explicitly commemorated by the seasons. During this time the Church calls attention to Our Lord's ministry of preaching, healing, and liberating. These, in some way, become present to us as we listen with faith to the biblical readings every Sunday and indeed every day.

Of great importance, therefore, are the biblical readings, especially the gospel, during the Masses in Ordinary Time. When we listen to them we are enabled to listen to the preaching of Christ and experience the saving and healing power of his word. It is useful to keep in mind that his words and actions, which the gospel proclaims, allow us to paint the picture of our Father in heaven. We obtain knowledge of the Father through what Christ preached and performed.

Likewise, the Prefaces during Ordinary Time are worthy of our attention. They proclaim the wonderful works of God in creation and salvation history through Jesus Christ.

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary", but its message Sunday after Sunday, day after day, is not ordinary: it is always extraordinary, because it is about the person of Jesus Christ who reveals to us by his words and action the person of the Father.

**This Sunday's Readings**  
**7th January, 2024**

**First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6**

**Responsorial Psalm: Lord, every nation  
on earth will adore you.**

**Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6**

**Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12**

**Readings for Monday to Saturday**

**Monday 8th Isaiah 42: 1-4**

**Or Isaiah 55: 1-11**

**2nd Acts 10:34-38**

**Or 1 John 5:1-9**

**Psalm 29: 1-4, 9-10**

**Mark 1: 7-11**

**Tuesday 9th 1 Samuel 1: 9-20**

**1 Sam 2: 1, 4-8**

**Mark 1: 21-28**

**Wednesday 10th 1 Samuel 3: 1-10, 19- 20**

**Psalm 40: 2, 5-10**

**Mark 1: 29-39**

**Thursday 11th 1 Samuel 4: 1-11**

**Psalm 44: 10-11, 14-15, 24-25**

**Mark 1: 40-45**

**Friday 12th 1 Samuel 8: 4-7, 10-22**

**Psalm 89: 16-19**

**Mark 2: 1-12**

**Saturday 13th 1 Samuel 9: 1-4, 17-19;  
10:1**

**Psalm 21: 2-7**

**Mark 2: 13-17**

*Blessed Virgin Mary St. Hilary, Bishop  
& doctor*

**WHAT THE FIRST READING  
SAYS TO ME.**

Baptism does not give rebirth only, it also gives strength to keep moving. Water is essential for the traveler in the desert. Like the scoundrel and the wicked man in Isaiah, we may stumble in the desert of life. God's invitation is: "All you who are thirsty, come to the water," which is my word coming down like rain. It will keep you going if you expose yourself to it in daily Bible reading! For God's word never returns to him void but does his will, "achieving the end for which [God] sent it."

**WHAT THE SECOND READING  
SAYS TO ME**

All who are begotten by God, becoming children of God, are permeated by love. And those who love God also love the children of God. At baptism, we had the love of God placed in us as in a seed, and it bore fruit both vertically and horizontally toward God and neighbor. If we practice our faith by keeping the commandments, we end up victors over the world

**WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO  
ME**

When John the Baptist speaks of baptizing, he thinks of baptizing by immersion. When, through the priest, the Lord Jesus baptized you, he immersed you in the Holy Spirit. We should always be aware of our Source of Inspiration! Accompanying Jesus' baptism is a theophany (manifestation of God).

"Like a dove": a dove was the symbol of Israel. Filled with God's Spirit, Jesus is the representative of the new Israel of God. Using the language of vision, the author describes Jesus' awareness of his mission. It was a tremendous task that he accepted obediently. How do you see your call as a baptized Christian?

**KNOW YOUR CHURCH**

Hollywood star Shia LaBeouf was received into the Catholic Church with the sacrament of confirmation by Winona-Rochester, Minnesota, Bishop Robert Barron on Sunday evening.

The Capuchin Franciscans-Western American Province announced LaBeouf's confirmation on their Facebook account Tuesday.

"We are thrilled to share that our dear friend Shia LaBeouf has fully entered the Church this past weekend through the sacrament of confirmation," the statement said. "The Capuchin Franciscan friars are overjoyed to welcome him into the fold and witness his deep commitment to his faith journey."

LaBeouf's confirmation sponsor, Capuchin friar Brother Alexander Rodriguez, told CNA Wednesday that the actor wants to become a deacon "sometime in the future."

Rodriguez said that LaBeouf began entertaining the idea of the diaconate during his recent film "Padre Pio." In that film, LaBeouf played the titular St. Pio of Pietrelcina and Rodriguez played the role of a friar.

"He just spontaneously said, 'I want to become a deacon,' and he still feels that way," Rodriguez said.

The sacramental ceremony took place at Old Mission Santa Inés Parish in Solvang, California, the same Capuchin parish that LaBeouf first went to train for his role as a Franciscan friar in the "Padre Pio" film.

In Barron's previous assignment as auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, he oversaw the region containing Old Mission Santa Inés. Rodriguez said the two met during Barron's tenure as auxiliary bishop.

LaBeouf, 37, made headlines in August 2023 after he revealed in an 80-minute-long interview with Barron that his on-screen portrayal of Padre Pio led him to a love of the Catholic faith.

***"They opened their bags and offered him their gifts of gold, incense and myrrh."***







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