They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary, his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18 – 25, 2016

The theme chosen for 2016 is ‘Called to Proclaim the Mighty Acts of the Lord.’ (cf. 1 Peter 2:9)

Begun in 1908, these days have been set aside each year so that Christians the world over may share the prayer of Jesus: “that all may be one... that the world may believe” (John 17:21).

Throughout 2016, join Christian everywhere in prayer “that they may all be one” joining our prayer with that of the Lord Jesus Christ.

For more information go to www.geii.org.

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**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:**

**Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord:**

Today we hear Saint Paul proclaim that he exercises stewardship of “God’s grace” for the benefit of the Christian community. Earlier in this letter to the Ephesians, he prayed they would come to realize the actual value of “these riches” of God’s grace they inherited.

This letter was written to remind, encourage, and spiritually motivate this Eucharistic community to appreciate just how immeasurably wealthy they had become to inherit a life in Christ.

What value do we place on our life in Christ? If someone asked us to put a price on this life in today’s currency, how would we respond? $100 million? $100 billion? Priceless?

Do we live as though our life in Christ is priceless?

*International Catholic Stewardship Council*

**Bake Sale**

The Columbiettes will hold their monthly Bake Sale after all Masses this weekend as they do the first weekend of each month.

The goodies can be found in front of the Church (weather permitting).
Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 2
8:00 am † Manuel de Silva
4:00 pm Holy Cross Parishioners

Sunday, January 3
8:00 am Holy Cross Women’s Club
10:00 am † Tony Zunno
12:30 pm † Heriberto Fernandez

Monday, January 4
8:00 am † Doug Sweeney

Tuesday, January 5
8:00 am † Paul Aman and Ellen Balleau

Wednesday, January 6
8:00 am † Joseph Delange

Thursday, January 7
8:00 am † Nicolau and Eliza Teixeira

Friday, January 8
8:00 am

Saturday, January 9
8:00 am
4:00 pm † Beverly Carr

Sunday, January 10
8:00 am Holy Cross Parishioners
10:00 am Sisters In Christ
12:30 pm † Heriberto Fernandez

Stewardship Reflection

“They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh…” - Matthew 2:11
Notice the distinct order of events in the Magi’s visit. First they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we presume to present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what gifts God might be asking us to share. But when we kneel before Him in prayer we will find the answer.

Attendance & Offertory for the Week of 12-20-15

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Thank You for your continued generosity.
Readings for the Week of January 3, 2016

Sunday  The Epiphany of the Lord
         Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;
         Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
        1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
        Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday Saint John Neumann, Bishop
        1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8;
        Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday Saint André Bessette
        1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
        Mk 6:45-52

Thursday Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
        1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, and
        15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday   1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;
        Lk 5:12-16

Saturday 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5, and
         6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday  The Baptism of the Lord
         Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11;
         Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10
         or Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30;
         Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7;
         Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Please go to our parish website for a further explanation of the Sunday readings:
www.holycrossrcc.com
March for Life

Holy Cross will have a bus trip to St. Augustine for the Florida State March for Life sponsored by the Diocese of St. Augustine. It is a one day trip.

Saturday, January 16, 2016

The bus will leave Holy Cross at 6:00am and return by 8:00pm. It is important to keep the pro-life message alive among our youth and their parents and all our parishioners.

Cost of the trip:
- adult (16 years old and up) - $35.00 per person;
- teens 12 - 16 years old - $20.00
- children under 12 years - trip is free

Children and teens must be accompanied by a parent or other adult at least 25 years old.

All are welcome to attend

Go to: www.marchforlifestaugustine.com for more information about the march. If you would like to make a contribution to assist in paying for the bus fare for a child/teen, please contact the office or Merlita Jones at 399-2043.

So What is the Presence of God Prayer Group we see listed in the bulletin each week?

This Ministry gathers together people of all ages who want to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ through praise and worship and have a desire to grow in their faith through teachings, Bible Studies, prayer and fellowship.

We gather each Tuesday evening at 7:00pm to say the Rosary in Rooms 12, 13 and 14. Then we have a meeting which lasts until about 9:00pm.

We also have a Healing Mass at 7:30pm preceded by Confessions beginning about 7:00pm on the Third Tuesday of every month.

We invite you to come join us!

Healing Mass

Father Richard McAlear O.M.I will have a Healing Mass Friday, January 15, 2016 at 7:00 pm at St. Catherine of Sienna Catholic Church, 1955 South Belcher Road, Clearwater.

Fr. McAlear has had a healing ministry since 1976. His gifts of teaching and healing are indicators of the healing love and tender mercy of Jesus – so badly needed in our world today. His ministry has brought him to every part of the United States and many countries throughout the world.

No registration needed

For more information, you may call Joyce Schaefer at 727-439-6423 or Marla Ustick at 727-512-3099.

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