

**The Epiphany of the Lord
January 6, 2019**

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
— *Isaiah 60:1*



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The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:00 am	January 7 † Joseph DeLuca
Tuesday 8:00 am	January 8 † Marta P. Ramirez
Wednesday 8:00 am	January 9 Communal Service
7:00 pm	
Thursday 8:00 am	January 10 † Bruna and † Italo DeRosa
Friday 8:00 am	January 11 † Joseph I. Bosso
Saturday 8:00 am	January 12 † Vincent Gagliardo Sr. † Maria and † Giuseppe Mazzaferro
4:30 pm	† Tony Sorich
Sunday 7:30 am	January 13 † Leo and † Rita Michelin
9:30 am	People of the Parish † Tessie, † Joseph and † Saviour Schembri
11:30 am	† Magno Sanchez

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Sunday Collection December 30, 2018

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 3,229.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,771.00
Church Project	\$ 405.00

If you make your offertory donation by check, without using parishioner envelopes, it would be most helpful if you placed your parishioner/envelope # in the "memo" section of the check.

This helps us input your donation to the offertory data system. **We will not be responsible for donations not credited due to missing envelope numbers (or not having a Sunday collection envelope.)**

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

Our goal is \$50,615.00. To date our generous parishioners have pledged \$37,041.00 leaving a balance of \$13,574.00. Any deficit will have to be paid for by the parish as well as any overage will be returned to the parish. The cut-off date for the Archdiocese finance office to physically be in receipt of 2018 donations is January 9, 2019. Any donations received after that date will be posted in the 2019 AAA.

End of Year Statements

We have closed the books on 2018. Please contact the parish office **in writing, or email stelizabethchurchsf@gmail.com** if you are in need of a year-end statement of your donations. We are able to provide statements to parishioners who have donated using **Sunday envelopes**.

The Maltese Society will have their next meeting on January 9th at 6:30 pm in Cantwell Hall.

Congratulations to our 2018 Parish Raffle Winners

First Prize	Carmelita Ouano
Second Prize	Rosario Cahandig
Third Prize	Cely Aben
Fourth Prize	M/M Thomas J. Perez
Fifth Prize	Norma Perez

**ST. ELIZABETH MALTESE SOCIETY
THIRTY FIFTH ANNUAL**

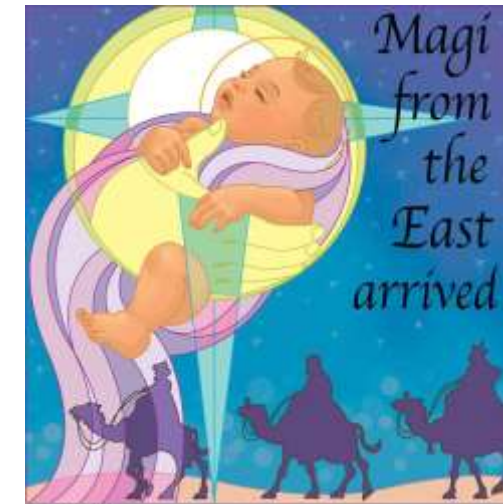
**ST. PAUL OF THE SHIPWRECK FESTA
SATURDAY-FEBRUARY 2, 2019
MASS: 4:30 pm
ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**

**Dinner: 6:00 pm in Cantwell Hall
Menu: Rotisserie Chicken, Salad,
Mostaccioli, Wine and Dessert
Wayland and Goettingen Streets, San Francisco**

**ADULTS: \$25.00
CHILDREN: (12 and under) \$10.00**

For Tickets Call:

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